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## Editorial

Welcome to another bumper edition of your Rowde Village News.

This issue there are all the usual excellent reports and articles from the village's schools, clubs, societies and other organisations of course but there are also several interesting articles in the 'Local News' pages (24 to 31).

They have welcomed pupils into the new buildings at Silverwood school for the first time. Read about it on page 9.

There's a very 'fruity' article to read in edition 3 of the 'Big little things in life' series on page 21.

Michael Cornwell has given us an amazingly detailed and interesting article on pages 24 and 25, all about a soldier from Rowde and on pages 28 and 29 you will find a very comprehensive update on what's happening at The Mind Tree Café including all about the recent Apple Festival. I was there myself and it was great fun (and the cakes were scrumptious too!).

Possibly most important to the majority of us in the village is the update on the appeal that has been put in against the refusal of planning permission to build on land west of Sands Lane. Read all about it on page 30.

On the 6th of September, a coach full of happy residents and carers at Furlong Close went off for a day trip to Bournemouth. Check out what they got up to and see all the photographs on page 31 and on the inside back cover.

And finally, back due to popular demand, is the bus timetable. Check out the times and services on page 32.

***Mind how you go, Ed***

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### Contributors please also note:

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every second month.

***Inserts:*** Due to the extra work created by inserting leaflets into the magazine and the fact that the team is already stretched, we very much regret we are unable to accept requests of this nature except in very special circumstances, when there will be a small charge.

*Views expressed in this magazine are those of its contributors. They do not necessarily represent the views of the magazine's editorial team.*

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## Cover Image

The early evening photograph on the front cover was taken last month by the editor and is looking west down the canal from the bridge near the A361 dual carriageway.

## MONDAY CLUB NEWS

*Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People*  
Over the past couple of months we've kept both our minds and bodies busy at Monday Club.

We enjoyed a short seated yoga session led by Cathy and a gentle movement to music session led by Georgie. As well as chatting and sharing news and memories, we exercised our brains thinking of countries beginning with each letter of the alphabet, discovering that only the letter X doesn't start the name of a country.



We exercised our chuckle muscles while playing Beetle one week and sharing amusing tales from our workplaces another time - those nurses definitely had some stories to tell! Last week we had a visit from Chico Holton who played his guitar and sang songs from the 50s and 60s.

As ever we've had some delicious meals cooked by Serena and we also enjoyed fish and chips from the Greyhound last week.

***New members are always welcome, come along and join us. For more information contact:***

***Carol - 01380 850925 or Cathy - 01380 850555***

## ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On August 6th the 'ladies' went abroad to Poulshot and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon in the lovely garden of one of our members Mrs. Rose Stevens and her husband Pat. The weather was lovely after rain in the morning so we able to sit outside after 'having a go' at the treasurer hunt around the well-manicured garden. The winner was Mrs. C. Sault, runner up Mrs. C. Morris. Raffle winner was Mrs. H. Jones.

Rose and Pat then served us a lovely tea with home-made cakes and plenty of tea for which we thank them for a most enjoyable afternoon.

On September 10th we were back in the Village Hall where we had an afternoon of playing 'board games' i.e. Ludo, Snakes and Ladders. Shuv' halfpenny and Dominos. These caused much laughter and brought back happy memories of our childhood.

Raffle winner was Mrs. D. Buckland

The next meeting will be held on October 8th in the Village Hall where we will be choosing our menus for our Christmas Meal on December 3rd at The Bear Hotel, Devizes. At the November 5th meeting in the Village Hall we will be doing a Christmas activity.

***Di Buckland***

## ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

This month we have to say thank you to a lot of people. Firstly if you have been in the hall recently we are sure you will agree how good the interior is looking. This is due to the work by Laurence making a first-class job of decorating the whole of the lower floor, to Kelly and Kevin for making and hanging the lovely new curtains and cushion covers in the main room and to Mick and Maureen for re-varnishing the floors. To them all we say a big 'thank you' especially on how the work was done without having to close the Hall with the loss of bookings.

Another thank you to the Rowde Parish Council for giving the Hall the lovely new Notice Board in lieu of a donation from the Parish Precept and to the Craftsmen who made it and Mick for fixing it in place.

If you were not in St. Matthew's church on September 7th you missed a marvellous concert given by the Wiltshire Police Band. Musical numbers varied from an Abba Medley to Colonel Bogey and the Post Horn Gallop beautifully played by Chris and Roy, again a big thank you to all the members of the band plus several invited instrumentalists performing under the baton of their Musical Director Martin Perry. This was another combined event with St Matthew's P.C.C. who we are sure were as delighted as we are to have raised £119 each being the profit from ticket sales and the raffle.

BINGO - Those of you who have been having 'withdraw symptoms' since there has been no regular Bingo Evenings in the village will be pleased to know that starting Monday September 30th. There will be a Bingo session in the Village Hall each week 'eyes down' at 8pm. All welcome.

***Di Buckland***

# ROWDE BOOK CLUB

Meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month. Contact Ann on 01380 724788 for further info.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **'Three Sisters'** **by Heather Norris**

Three Sisters is a beautiful story of hope in the hardest of times. Heather Norris is the bestselling author of The Tattooist of Auschwitz and Cilka's Journey and this is her third best selling novel.

A novel based on a true story

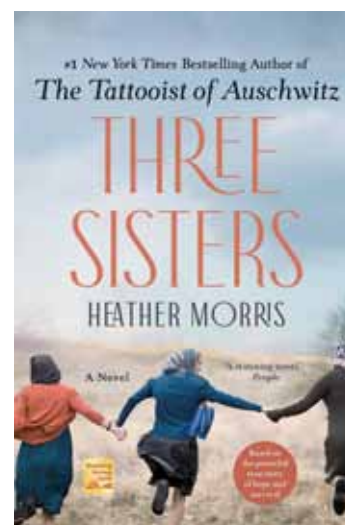
The three sisters, when they are young, make a promise to their father that they will stay together, no matter what. Years later, the eldest sister is ordered to Auschwitz by the Nazis. Cibi, the middle sister, remembers their promise and follows, determined to protect her sister, or die with her. Together, they fight to survive through unimaginable cruelty and hardship.

The youngest sister evades capture for a time, but eventually she too is transported to the death camp.

In Auschwitz-Birkenau the three sisters are reunited and, remembering their father, they make a new promise, this time to each other: That they will survive.

The book club members found this to be an easy to read thought provoking story.

**Berni Trigg**

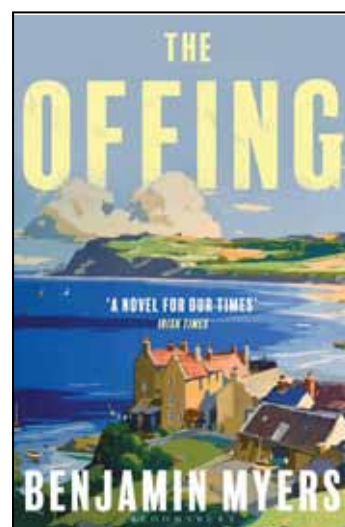


### **'The Offing'** **by Benjamin Myers**

Robert Appleyard is the narrator of this novel, telling the story of the summer when, aged 16 years old and not long after the end of the Second World War, he sets off from his mining village home in the County of Durham on a walking adventure. He makes his way across the northern countryside until he reaches the smuggling village of Robin Hood's Bay, where he meets Dulcie Piper, an eccentric, older woman who lives in a cottage with her dog, Butler. Dulcie and Butler welcome Robert to their home and over the summer Robert learns a lot about life, love, food and poetry. Dulcie and Robert form an unlikely but strong friendship which will have a profound impact on both of their lives.

The majority of the Book Club members really loved this book and had already recommended it to other friends and family members. It was described as a delightful and evocative read, full of warmth and kindness, with lyrical descriptions of the coastal landscape. There were, however, a few criticisms that some of the details were not historically correct and that the language could sometimes be a little 'flowery'

**Suzanne Jacobs**



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# ROWDEY COW NEWS



After a very busy Summer we are now entering our quieter period and we are busy preparing for Halloween and Christmas. The weather this week has been a mixture of showers and sunshine and we have been a lot quieter. As a result we have decided to trial closing on Mondays in term time through the Winter so we are currently open 6 days a week instead of 7.

The Summer was the busiest we have ever had and was helped by the unusually good weather at the start of the holidays. Unfortunately the sunshine couldn't extend throughout the whole of the holidays but was still better than previous years! We enjoyed hosting Jefferson's mini fair again and we attended some summer events with our Ice cream trailer and trike including the Warminster Ice

Cream and Bubbles Event, The Devizes Fulltone Festival and the Calne Bike Meet all of which were amazing. Our ice cream kiosk in the café garden was kept extremely busy on the sunny days. Our head chef Jess's new Summer Menu proved really popular with the customers.



We are holding our first ever Halloween Fancy Dress Bingo Event in Half Term on Tuesday 29th October at 5pm. There will be bingo, fancy dress, music, food, bar and apple bobbing! Tickets are just £2 each and can be purchased on our website.

We are currently busy preparing our Christmas menus and events and the details will be on our website and social media pages.

With the colder weather coming we have a new Autumn menu and the log burner will be lit to create a warm, cosy atmosphere on the fresher mornings. Karen is also busy creating some exciting new seasonal ice cream flavours.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you soon! **Sue**





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# NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

## *Building Community, Inspiring Learning*

Executive Headteacher - Mr Sean McKeown



We were all very pleased when the day finally came, when we could welcome pupils into the New building at Silverwood School, Rowde, this was the culmination of more than 6 years hard work.

There had been a lot of work and preparation over the summer to prepare the pupils and ensure that the building was ready for them for their first day, but no-one quite knew how the children would respond.

The answer was.... Like it was already their second home! From the moment they got off the taxis and inhabited the building, it started to feel like a school. The pupils took all the new changes in their stride and began enjoying their new surroundings immediately.

The clever design and layout means that the pupils have lots of space and all the facilities they could possibly need. We have been able to welcome more pupils and they have all had fun exploring and getting to know each other. It has been a real pleasure to watch pupils of different ages and medical/sensory conditions getting to know each other, supporting one another and playing and engaging.



It really has been a joy to behold them. We are learning everyday how this beautiful new environment enhances the children's lives and their education. We now have a building that matches its surroundings. The design of the building is such that it lets nature in at every opportunity. Massive windows show us the vista across Roundway down and our own outstanding wildlife within the grounds of the school.

New facilities such as a hydro pool, outside art studio, 4 soft play areas, two sensory rooms, Therapy and medical rooms with fully integrated hoisting systems as well as supersized classrooms and break out spaces means that we are going to be exploring for a long time yet! We will be holding an open evening to show local communities, parents and other interested parties, later in the year.

Great thanks go to Wilmott Dixon the builders and also Wiltshire Local Authority who have funded this 38million pound scheme. Which is already enhancing children's lives in Wiltshire.

**Becky Young**

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# NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

*Our bright start leads to their bright future*

At Rowde C of E Primary Academy, we have had a brilliant start to the new school year welcoming new families, and families back, after the long summer holidays. September is a huge transition for everyone, but we've done everything we can to focus on the children and get straight into the brilliant learning and opportunities our curriculum has to offer!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and children who have come into our Reception class – we are so proud of how quickly they have settled, going to full days after just three half days and starting their learning with optimism and determination. We have 22 in our Reception class this year and they are quickly making friends and learning our Rowde ways. We have set up our Year 6 buddies already, and our eldest pupils are already supporting our youngest pupils in a number of different ways including being out on the playground at break and lunchtime.



- Ash Class: Local Detectives and The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton
- Maple Class: Bronze Age to Iron Age and The Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta
- Cedar Class: Ancient Greece and Who Let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans
- Oak Class: WW1 (Battle of the Somme) and War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Over the summer, as always, we've been keen to make continued improvements to the school. We are really excited to be developing our Forest School provision this year as one of our teaching assistants is undertaking the training. To support with this, we've created a new spiritual garden, outdoor classroom and forest school area on our field. There are still improvements to make and equipment to buy, and we're excited to have been accepted for a Tesco in-store vote which will ensure we get some additional funding too. The vote will appear in stores during the first week in October 2024 until Mid-January 2025 so, as much as possible, please support us and look out for it in the following stores:



In our classrooms, we have started our topics for the term, based on high-quality, engaging and challenging books – we ensure reading is at the heart of our curriculum.

- Birch Class: All about Me with a range of texts including Stick Man by Julia Donaldson, Ruby's Sword by Jacqueline Veissid and Welcome to our World by Moira Butterfield



# NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

*Our bright start leads to their bright future*



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Whilst, it's not quite finished, the children are already enjoying using it as a quiet space during break and lunch times and classes have enjoyed story time listening to the windchimes, when it's not been raining!



However, on one rainy afternoon our Year 1 and 2 class took great advantage of a very large puddle on our playground – creating paper boats and refining their designs to they could float and sail successfully.



As the term goes on, we have a harvest festival, nativity, discos, a whole-school trip to the pantomime amongst other trips and visits to Dauntseys for dance, forest school and science. We will try to ensure that any community events are well-publicised if you would like to join us. We have a new, active Facebook page which you can find here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557694571198>

For any of you in the village who have children who are set to start in September 2025, then please come along to our open morning and/or evening to see our brilliant school and meet some of the team. You can call the school (01380 723991) or complete the form on the poster. I am also more than happy to show you around on a personal tour if you'd like to get in touch and we'll arrange.

**ROWDE C of E  
PRIMARY ACADEMY**



**Open Morning and Evening for  
September 2025 Admissions**

Please express your interest using the Microsoft Form below, or by calling the school office (01380 723991). <https://forms.office.com/e/v9COMfYK57>

The morning session will be a tour of the school with the Headteacher and to see our current Reception class in action! The afterschool session will be an information presentation and an opportunity to ask any questions and spend time with staff. When you arrive at school, please check in to the school office.

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Alternatively, if you have children of any age and would like to see us in action, then please be in touch and come and meet us anytime. We have an open-door policy at Rowde, and you are always welcome to come and have a visit. If you feel you have any skills or connections, or if you'd like to spend time with us, please do get in touch. I have also spent a lot of time updating the school website and it is now a wealth of information about us as a school, the classes and curriculum and our vision, values and ethos. If you have minute, do take a look: [www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk)

**Alice Simpson, Head Teacher**

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Can you spare an hour or so a month to be part of the Community Speed Watch Team? Training will be given.

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# Your Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on  
Wednesday 9th October 2024  
7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend

*Please visit the [rowdevillage.org](http://rowdevillage.org) website, the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page and the village noticeboards for a full set of minutes and confirmation of forthcoming Parish Council meetings.*

*If you would like to receive a hard copy of the minutes, please contact the Parish Clerk.*

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by email:  
[rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com) or on: 07752 724096

## Parish Council Meetings

There was no Parish Council meeting in August. The Parish Council met on 11th September 2024. The full minutes for this meeting are available on the website: [rowdevillage.org](http://rowdevillage.org) or upon application to the Clerk at [rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com), or 07752 724096.

## PLANNING

### Draft Gypsies and Travellers' Development Plan

The Parish Council discussed the consultation on the pre-submission draft of the Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers' Development Plan Document and the proposed traveller pitch at Oxhouse Farm (Devizes Road). The deadline for comments on the plan is 4th October 2024.

Residents are encouraged to consider the consultation documents and to comment on them.

### Sands Lane application appeal

The planning application to build up to 50 houses on Land West of Sand's Lane, Rowde (PL/2023/00386) was refused by Wiltshire Council at the end of 2023. The applicant has appealed against that decision. The appeal is now with the Planning Inspectorate.

The local community in Rowde is encouraged to share their views on the appeal. The original responses submitted on the planning application will be forwarded to the planning inspector. It is recommended that as many residents as possible write to the Planning Inspector.

Points to consider: Sands Lane is prime arable land which is outside of the settlement boundaries for the parish. The site also floods and was under water for three months this year. The Highways Officer was not happy with the potential increase in traffic on Cock Road.

The deadline for further submissions is 8/10/24.

## NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)

The new government is proposing reforms to the Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system. The government is looking to change the land supply requirements of local councils and is planning to build 1.5 million new homes.

There has been an uplift on housing targets in rural areas, where there may not be the infrastructure to support the huge increase. The government is proposing to increase Wiltshire's housing target by 81%. This is not representative of targets across the country. It is reported that Wiltshire's land supply has now fallen to 3.85 years. This will leave communities vulnerable to developer led building. Wiltshire Council is challenging the government to change the proposed number of land supply years required.

In Wiltshire Council's emerging Local Plan, Rowde would need to provide 67 new homes. However, the plan is caveated to say that due to local constraints on the NHS, and the lack of a doctor's surgery in the village, that the 67 houses could be built nearer the end of the plan which is 2038.

## DEVELOPMENT

### Haymeadow Way

Delivery of the Rollalong houses for Haymeadow Way is scheduled to start in the week commencing 23rd September. Wiltshire Council has asked for help from local residents to keep the road clear of parked cars along Springfield Road, Silverlands Road and Reed Place whilst the modules are being delivered.

- It was noted that pedestrians still can not access the permissive path behind the School near to the building site for Haymeadow Way, as the access point has now overgrown.

All applicants for the new houses must be registered to bid for the properties on the Homes4Wiltshire website.

Silverwood School: work has now been completed on the new build. The first new students started there on Monday 9th September 2024. Cllr Mayes confirmed that the process of reducing the speed limit outside of the school to 40mph is taking place. Cllr Mayes asked the meeting if there were any problems with traffic backing up onto the A342. There was nothing to report.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Planning application: PL/2024/064132 Rowde Court, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2NW. Single-storey side extension in a traditional 'Orangery' style with brick masonry walls incorporating painted timber window framing and French doors and a flat roof with cornice detail and two lantern features. Deadline for comments was 23/9/24

The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

## HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- Concerns were raised at the last Parish Council meeting about the speed of traffic travelling through the village and about pedestrians' safety.

- A complaint was made again about the missing 30mph speed limit sign on Marsh Lane. This has been reported again to Wiltshire Council.

- A further concern was raised about the dead trees that are on the grass verge along Marsh Lane, opposite the entrance to Furlong Close. There is concern that these could fall into the road, as some have already done.

- The Parish Council were asked about clearing the ditch on Cock Road, near to Wick Farm. L Wills agreed to raise this request at the next Operational Flood Group meeting in Melksham on 26th September.

- The Speed Indicator Device (SID) can be moved when more volunteers join the group. If you are interested in supporting the village in managing speeding vehicles, please contact Chris Greenwood, tel:07525 185514, email: [cj\\_g@me.com](mailto:cj_g@me.com)

- Community Speedwatch: The team can not come out to use the camera unless more people volunteer. If you are interested in being part of the Community Speedwatch Team, please contact Chris Greenwood on tel: 07525 185514, [cj\\_g@me.com](mailto:cj_g@me.com)

## NATIONAL GRID – CONSCIENCE LANE

If residents experience any problems with heavy construction vehicles on Conscience Lane, these can be reported directly to National Grid: [visualimpact@nationalgrid.com](mailto:visualimpact@nationalgrid.com): 0330 1340051.

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

Fete Committee will meet on Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm at Maundrell Close to start planning for next year's event. Please contact Barbara Zaccarelli ([barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarazaccarelli@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in being a part of the committee. The Fete Committee hopes that members of the Parish Council will join them for committee meetings.

Community event by Wessex Water: drop-in session at Devizes Library on Tuesday 5th November 2024, will be run between 10am-11am, with bookable slots available between 11.30am and 2.30pm.

## NOTICEBOARDS

The Parish Council has commissioned three new bespoke noticeboards, with great thanks to the Devizes Men's Shed for the labour. One will be sited in Tanis; another at the allotments. The third noticeboard was gifted to the Village Hall Committee for which the Parish Council has received a letter of thanks.

Dog owners – request for owners to act responsibly.

Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be under their owner's control at all times, and they are asked to be respectful of other people.

## FINANCE

- Monthly invoices for July 2024  
July 2024 invoices (total: £4,878.84)  
Admin costs: £2,308.19  
Ground's maintenance: £2,060.83  
Allotments: £231.10  
Fete celebration: £25.00  
Bespoke noticeboards: £253.72
- Monthly invoices for August 2024  
August 2024 invoices (total: £4,127.52)  
Admin costs: £1,812.18  
Ground's maintenance: £1,259.74  
Bespoke noticeboards: £1,055.60

## VACANCIES

- There are four vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled through co-option. If you can spare an evening a month and are interested in what happens in your village and you want to hear about it first, join the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## STAY CONNECTED!

Website at [rowdevillage.org](http://rowdevillage.org)

Facebook page: Check out the Parish Council's Facebook page for news and events. Managed by L Wills.

Contacts: The Parish Clerk can be contacted at [rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com), or by telephone: 07752 724096 in office hours. Parish Councillors can be contacted through the contacts page of this magazine.

## MY WILTSHIRE APP

- The more reports that are logged through 'My Wiltshire', the higher the priority the issue will be given.

- It is easy to report problems like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting in your area using the 'My Wiltshire' online form. Reports can be made anonymously, or you can register for free. Once you have registered, you can track the reports you have made, and receive notification once the work has been completed. The more residents report issues, the more likely we are to have them fixed.
- The 'My Wiltshire' page can be accessed through the Wiltshire Council website at: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting>

## CONCERNS

If you have any local concerns about footpaths, hedges, allotments, play facilities, or anything village related, we would like to hear from you. We value your input and suggestions and will try to help.

You can contact us through the Rowde Parish Council Facebook page, or by e-mail: [rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com), or by telephone: 07752 724096.

## POLICE MATTERS

If you need to report a crime: Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency. It is possible to follow the Police on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Parish Council meetings dates can be found in the village diary on page 41 of the magazine. Start time 7.30pm.

We invite all villagers to attend, to observe and to make use of the public question time in the meeting.

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## Wiltshire County Councillor for Rowde

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## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL - Useful phone numbers

|                                            |              |                                   |               |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Libraries:                                 | 01225 713000 | or mobile/outside Wiltshire:      | 01225 777234  |
| Parking:                                   | 01380 734812 | School admissions:                | 01225 713010  |
| Pest control:                              | 01380 734721 | School special educational needs: | 01225 718095  |
| Planning:                                  | 01380 734812 | School transport:                 | 01225 713004  |
| Recycling boxes - Hills Waste:             | 0845 6032085 | Social care – adults:             | 0300 456 0111 |
| Registration - Births, Deaths & Marriages: | 01225 713007 | Social care – children:           | 01225 773500  |
| Roads & pavements (Clarence) Freephone:    | 0800 232323  | Street care and cleaning:         | 01380 734849  |



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# October & November Worship in Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane

Services in St Matthew's, Rowde are in bold  
Services in Bromham and Sandy Lane are in *italic*



| Date/Time             | Service                                                   |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>OCTOBER</b>        |                                                           |                   |
| <b>Sunday 6th</b>     | <b>(Trinity 19)</b>                                       |                   |
| <b>8am</b>            | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                               | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <i>10am</i>           | <i>Holy Communion</i>                                     | <i>Bromham</i>    |
| <b>Sunday 13th</b>    | <b>(Trinity 20)</b>                                       |                   |
| <i>8am</i>            | <i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i>                               | <i>Sandy Lane</i> |
| <b>10am</b>           | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                     | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <b>Sunday 20th</b>    | <b>(Trinity 21)</b>                                       |                   |
| <i>10am</i>           | <i>Holy Communion</i>                                     | <i>Bromham</i>    |
| <b>Sunday 27th</b>    | <b>(Bible Sunday)</b>                                     |                   |
| <i>8am</i>            | <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>                               | <i>Sandy Lane</i> |
| <b>10am</b>           | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                     | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <b>Wednesday 30th</b> |                                                           |                   |
| <b>6pm</b>            | <b>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</b> | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>       |                                                           |                   |
| <b>Sunday 3rd</b>     | <b>(All Saints)</b>                                       |                   |
| <b>8am</b>            | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                               | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <i>10am</i>           | <i>Holy Communion</i>                                     | <i>Bromham</i>    |
| <b>Sunday 10th</b>    | <b>(Remembrance Sunday)</b>                               |                   |
| <i>8am</i>            | <i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i>                               | <i>Sandy Lane</i> |
| <b>10am</b>           | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                     | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <b>3pm</b>            | <b>Remembrance Service</b>                                | <b>Rowde</b>      |
| <i>3pm</i>            | <i>Act of Remembrance</i>                                 | <i>Bromham</i>    |
| <b>Sunday 17th</b>    | <b>(2nd Sunday before Advent)</b>                         |                   |
| <i>10am</i>           | <i>Holy Communion</i>                                     | <i>Bromham</i>    |
| <b>Sunday 24th</b>    | <b>(Christ the King)</b>                                  |                   |
| <i>8am</i>            | <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>                               | <i>Sandy Lane</i> |
| <b>10am</b>           | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                     | <b>Rowde</b>      |

Everyone is very welcome at all our services.  
Please visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for more information, check our church noticeboards or contact the Benefice Administrator at [sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com).

## Church Opening Times

Rowde Church: Mon to Sat 10am – 4pm;  
Sunday 10am – 4pm or after morning service.

Bromham Church: Daily 9am – 5pm

Sandy Lane Church: Daily 9am – 5pm

## A Message from Revd. Heather

As the summer fades, at St Matthew's we

have held our harvest festival – a time to give thanks for the bounty of the earth. But harvest festivals are not what they used to be. We are grateful for the food that the earth produces, but anxious about the effects of global warming and aware that with these gifts comes responsibility. We know there is much work to do to mend the harm we have done to our world.

The same is true of any gifts we are given, including the people in our lives. Do we see them as precious gifts or do we take them for granted?

The upcoming months bring the traditional times of remembrance, with All Souls Day at the end of October and Remembrance Day in November. All Souls is a time to remember loved ones who we no longer see and to think about what they meant and still mean to us. Perhaps it will also give us a focus on those we still see day to day. Do we cherish them and look after these relationships? Maybe this is the time to renew relationships that have become distant or slipped away and work to heal any rifts in our lives?

You are very welcome at our service Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) at St Matthew's on Wednesday 30th October at 6pm. Its aim is to remember everyone who has gone before us. If you would like the name of a loved one read out during the service do let me know. Our Remembrance Service is on 10th November at 3pm.

**Rev Heather Smith**

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Rowde Church Café Tuesday 10:45 – 12pm.**

Come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone welcome!

**Craft, Coffee and Chat at St Matthew's, Rowde Friday 2pm – 4pm**

Bring your own craft project or join in our jigsaw. All welcome! No entry fee. Coffee and cake available for a donation.

**Souper Saturdays at St Matthew's, Rowde First Saturday of the month, 12 – 1pm**

Come along and enjoy a choice of two soups (always one vegetarian choice) with a roll. Donation to St Matthew's welcome.

**Growing in Faith Wednesday evening 7:30pm – 9pm on Zoom (fortnightly, term time only).** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ruth on [ruthbray@outlook.com](mailto:ruthbray@outlook.com) so she can send you the links.

**Flower Arranging at Rowde**

Please contact Caroline Keevil on [ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk](mailto:ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk) or call 07860 148407.

**Choir at St Matthew's**

We practice from 6pm-7pm on the Fridays prior to a 10am Sunday service. Please contact Nicola Brown at [nicola\\_brown@talk21.com](mailto:nicola_brown@talk21.com) or 01380 722406.

**Bellringing at St Matthew's**

Please contact Michael Cornwell at [michael.cornwell@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.cornwell@btinternet.com) 07388 224129

**Open the Book at Rowde**

Contact Fran Hall on 07989758412

### CONTACT US

**Rector: Vacant**

**Associate Priest: (Funerals, baptisms and weddings) Revd Heather Smith on 07702**

**113544 or [revheathersmith@gmail.com](mailto:revheathersmith@gmail.com)**

**Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie [sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com)**

**During the current vacancy, please contact Revd Heather or Sarah if you wish to enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral.**

**Safeguarding Representative for Rowde: Michael Cornwell 07388 224129**

**Benefice Facebook page Churches of Rowde and Bromham:**

**[www.facebook.com/groups/439328832796693](https://www.facebook.com/groups/439328832796693)**

**Benefice website:**

**[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9690](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9690)**

**Diocese of Salisbury:**

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**Nicola Brown**

**Michael Cornwell**

## Church Flowers

We are a friendly group of people who enjoy flower arranging. It is fun, not onerous and an opportunity to keep our Church looking as it should – in particular at the time of special festivals.

As with any village some of our members move on to live elsewhere and new families move in. There have been quite a few changes during the two years of the pandemic.

We would welcome new members and, if you might want to consider joining us, please contact: Caroline Keevil on 01380.725483 or [ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk](mailto:ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk)

## Souper Saturday at St Matthew's, Rowde

**Saturday 5th October  
Saturday 2nd November**

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Come along and enjoy a choice of two soups (always at least one vegetarian choice) with a roll



Donation in aid of St Matthew's welcomed

# The editor goes 'OUT & ABOUT'

## COFFEE WISE CAFÉ

I was passing by Sainsbury's in Devizes last month when I was tempted in here for a quick coffee (and maybe a bit more, yum yum). I had my dog with me and they made us both very welcome.

Coffee Wise is a delightful little coffee shop which has been part of Travelwise in Devizes since 2009. With coffee shops in supermarkets, bookshops and even estate agents, why not in a travel agency?

Their coffee is the delicious, Bristol Twenty Coffee, and although they say it themselves, it is probably one of the best cups of coffee in Devizes. They have a range of delicious cakes (people apparently come in specially for their lemon drizzle) and a selection of freshly made sandwiches.



It wasn't the best weather when I visited so 'we' sat inside but for fairer days they have a very attractive outdoor seating area which is so pretty that it was painted by local artist, Simon Bishop and lots of people have remarked that it brings a taste of the Mediterranean to Devizes.

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# The Big Little Things In Life! Edition 3

## by Zöe Rucker

### 'Sloe Pros' and 'Autumn Juice'

I began writing a feature about personal achievement based on the Olympic and Paralympic Games; including some quotes from amazing athletes and share their impact. But, rather than make for entertaining reading, I felt it was more likely to highlight inadequacies of mere mortals like myself.

I will say, however, that the results of an unscientific random survey broadcast on BBC Radio 5 Live, done within a week of the 2024 Olympics finishing, revealed that 90% of people who were asked if they could get themselves into a position to compete at the next one in 4 years' time said, 'Yes! I'll leave that with you.

Instead, as Autumn dawns, I found a more seasonal episode to share representing a relatable personal achievement. After all, is it not the perfect time to climb and pick small berries from hedgerows and cram them into empty bottles and drown them with vodka or gin? Myself and a couple of accomplices definitely thought so.

I need to admit that apart from being responsible for searching around in dark spaces under our stairs for said bottles and turning them over a couple of times, I have absolutely no experience of making flavoured vodka or gin. And I'm certain those reading this will wince at the inadequacies of our method. But, please, bear-with...

It wasn't a planned activity. It was more a case of 'Oh! Those berries look like the ones people use to make vodka taste interesting, let's pick them. Let's make sloe vodka.' And so home we went with purpose to find the step ladders and plastic tubs.

The scene was ridiculous! Two long-legged, young ladies standing on domestic stepladders, reaching beyond their arms' lengths towards the dark, pebble-sized fruit hanging helplessly just within reach of their strong fingers while I ran between them catching the falling treasure.

We hadn't just picked any fruit. That would have been potentially dangerous. We made sure they were sloes

before we started by taking a photo and letting Google do the identifying for us. Google was sure we were picking *Prunus spinosa* – and so were we.

Later, with buckets full, we headed back, keen to begin the process we collectively believed to be the next step in making sloe vodka. We sliced the skins and forced them down the necks of any empty bottle we had to hand. We mixed rough amounts of sugar with vodka, merrily poured the liquid over the bottled fruit, corked the tops and, Voila! Sloe Vodka 2024 is in the making, due for drinking over Christmas. Great afternoon's work.



Now we just needed to leave them in the cold and dark, and remember to turn the bottles every so often.

A couple of weeks later, I was running up Roundway and came across a couple, baring walking sticks and a plastic bag between them. They were hovering around the base of a tall hedgerow bush baring fruits, very similar to the ones we had picked.

I stopped, keen to share the joys of making sloe vodka (or gin), and pointed out that they weren't likely to find many because we had picked them all! So I was a little surprised when the lady launched the crooked end of her walking stick around the neck of a high branch and pulled it to her, revealing very similar berries to ours. "You missed these ones!" she said gleefully. "They can be very tricky to pick from within the thorns of the hawthorn bush".

I couldn't remember any thorns. And the fruit we picked was much more accessible than these smaller, hard little berries knitted between protective leaves and spikes. I also noted the professionals with crooked walking sticks, not amateur, domestic stepladders.

It was clear that we had not picked sloe berries. Google was wrong. We had drowned damsons! But, I don't care. We had fun making them and I have a tip from the 'Sloe Pros' I met that morning: Some say the best time to pick sloe berries is after the first frost. This softens their skins. But, instead of waiting for nature, you can also just put them in the freezer to emanate the process.

We enjoyed climbing, picking, slicing and drowning our berries and now we wait in anticipation to taste what we have created in a few months. A personal achievement indeed. And in the words of the great Adam Peaty after gaining a Silver medal at the 2024 Olympic games: "I'm a winner in my head".

But, I've just realised (as I imagine the 'Sloe Pros' amongst you are shaking your heads) because you already know... our damson vodka isn't going to be ready for a whole year. Nooooo!!

**Happy Foraging.**



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# Local News



## FUN AND GAMES AT THE VILLAGE HALL



If you haven't heard already, the Village Hall is the place to be on a Wednesday afternoon. Starting at 2pm, a small crowd of enthusiastic players split up into tables of four, and pair off against one another for a game of Bridge.

Sometimes you can hear a pin drop, while at others there is the sound of raucous laughter over a bit of banter or friendly gossip.

There are people who have been playing the game for decades, while others have taken it up very recently. If you haven't played before it's endlessly entertaining, but perhaps not as difficult as you have been led to believe. If you have played Whist you are half way there. You'll already have a grasp of tricks and trumps, so then it's a matter of trying to work out how many tricks you and your partner are likely to make before play begins.

Anyway, if you fancy giving it a go, or have played before and have been thinking of taking it up again, come and join us one Wednesday. It makes for a very enjoyable afternoon. Along with the warm welcome, there's a cup of tea and a biscuit at half time. Not bad for a couple of pounds!

p.s. you'll need to become a member of U3A at some point <https://www.u3a.org.uk/about> (article supplied by David Cobley)

## THE STORY OF A SOLDIER FROM ROWDE

The Regimental Museum of the county's infantry regiment is undergoing a major refurbishment from November 2024 to March 2025 with the aim of using personal stories to illustrate the regiment's involvement in historical campaign's. One such person will be Sergeant Nathaniel Rudman of the 62nd (Wiltshire) Regiment from the village of Rowde.

The Regimental museum, the RIFLES (Berkshire and Wiltshire) called 'The Wardrobe' and located in Cathedral Close in Salisbury is responsible for the history of the Wiltshire Regiment and its numbered forebears the (62nd/99th Regiments).

The museum has been in this location since the 1980s and is planned to go through a major refurbishment later this year and into the next. The plan is to upgrade the museum, using the experiences of those who served as the centrepiece of the exhibition. As a result investigations are taking place to identify items of interest, with a story.

This brings us to Sergeant Rudman, who fought in the Peninsula Wars with the 62nd (Wiltshire) Regiment. During that period the link with the county was in name only with most of those who served in the regiment coming from all over the country and Ireland in particular. A medal in the collection was identified as a potential exhibit and the initial investigation showed that the medal holder, a Sergeant RUDMAN, came from Rowde in Wiltshire.



**Peninsular War Medal for Sergeant Rudman**



He enlisted into the 62nd (Wiltshire) Regiment on 23 July 1807, having been born in Rowde, Wiltshire and shown on enlistment as a labourer. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1812, then Sergeant the following year. In 1827 he was reduced back to the rank of Corporal, then the following year back to Sergeant. He was discharged on 27 November 1847 having served for a total of 18 years and 331 days. He served in the Peninsula War with the 2nd/62nd from October 1813 to the end of the hostilities taking part in the actions at Nivelle, Nive and Bayonne near Biarritz. He later served in America now with the 1st/62nd where the Regiment took part in operations in Maine against Fort Machias, and at Hampden up the river Penobscot serving from August 1817 until August 1823



*A sergeant of the 2nd/62nd (Wiltshire) Regiment in the Peninsula War*

On discharge at Chatham and after reference to the defaulters book he was appraised as 'His general character has been that of a good and efficient soldier, sober and trustworthy'.

On 2 February 1848 he received a permanent pension as an 'out Pensioner' of the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

He took up a position after discharge as the Quartermaster Sergeant for the Chatham Garrison. He died on the 1 June 1859, age 56. His will reported that his effects were less than 50 pounds.

*(article submitted by Michael Cornwell)*

## ROAD CLOSED FOLLOWING CRASH

Early on the morning of 28th August a car overturned on the A342 between Rowde and St Edith's Marsh, Bromham.



*Image by Wilts Specialist Ops*

The road was closed for several hours while police arranged recovery of the vehicle. Thankfully there were no serious injuries and the road was reopened later that afternoon.

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NORTH MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE COVERING ROWDE

There may be a few residents who are unaware that Wiltshire Council runs a mobile library service that stops at Rowde every four weeks on Thursdays, between 9.30am and 10am, in the High Street opposite Springfield Road.



The library bus has easy access with steps that convert into a platform lift for those who use wheelchairs or other walking aids. There is a hearing loop, and there are around two hundred large print books for the visually impaired. The library also has a selection of audio books (CDs) to listen to at home.

As expected, the library holds a wide selection of hardback and paperback books suitable for all ages including picture books for young children, and fact books and novels for older children and adults. If you cannot find a particular book to read, then go online and browse the catalogue at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries). If it is there, then you can order the book for the next time the mobile library visits Rowde.

Up to twelve books at a time can be borrowed on one card, which is ideal for families, and there are no charges for late returns. Please note however, that there is a £1 charge for pre-ordering books, and the audio books cost £1.90 each.

To become a member of Wiltshire's lending libraries simply go to any library (including the mobile library) and take with you a form of ID that shows your name and current address (e.g. a recent bill or a driving licence). You will receive a PIN number to use online, and a library card, which will allow you to borrow from, and return books to, any of the county's libraries.

Future dates of when the library will be in Rowde are available on the council's website, but for ease the dates are 19th September 2024, 17th October 2024, 14th November 2024, 12th December 2024, 9th January 2025, and 6th February 2025. If you wish to speak to someone about the North Mobile Library service, then please call Chippenham Library on 01249 650536.

Please consider using the mobile library as this service could be cut due to low turnouts, and then the convenience of having a lending library in Rowde would be lost to us.

*(article submitted by Sue Robson)*

## PLEASE USE OUR BINS PROPERLY Refuse Bins

There are three types of bins around the church yard; please use them as described below:

**Garden Waste:** The circular bins with No Lids (as illustrated below) are only for Garden Waste that you would use for your green wheelie bin at home.

Please do not put plastic ornaments or plastic flowers and wreaths that contain wire in these bins.

All we expect to see are cut wilted flowers.

Oasis is NOT biodegradable and is to be placed in a Household Wheelie bin.

**Household Rubbish:** The grey circular bins with lids and lined with a black bin liner are for rubbish that is not Garden Waste or Recyclable Rubbish. All the cellophane and the sachets that are used to wrap up the cut flowers you get from a florist is household rubbish. Oasis is Household rubbish.



## Recyclable Rubbish:

Any item that is recyclable is to be placed in the Blue top wheelie bin:

The PCC realises this is an emotive topic but wish to work with the public rather than having to enforce the Churchyard Regulations, so please work with us on the small matter of helping us to maintain the churchyard properly.

*(article submitted by Michael Cornwall)*



## ROWDE CARERS RECOGNISED NATIONALLY AFTER HOME SAVED

(Source - Gazette & Herald)

Two carers who work in Rowde have been recognised nationally for their work at a home saved by a community campaign.

Both Alan Watters and Laura Rawlings won big at the national Agincare Heroes Awards for their work at Furlong Close in Rowde.



75-year-old Alan Watters, from Rowde, triumphed in the Volunteer of the Year category while Laura Rawlings, from Devizes, was named Care and Support Worker of the Year.

The pair said they were shocked by their double victory. Mr Watters said: "We were absolutely gobsmacked but delighted as, in true 'Oscars style', the gold envelopes were opened and amazingly it was two out of two for Furlong Close. And apparently, it is the first time that anyone from Furlong Close has even made it to the awards ceremony."

Alan added, "In our eyes though, all the residents, workers, and helpers at Furlong Close in Rowde are heroes."

Furlong Close was saved from closure in 2022 following a two-year campaign by villagers and family members.

Thankfully Agincare Enable stepped in and took over all the accommodation buildings and an

admin block from Hft and now provides valued support to almost 30 vulnerable adults.

And the further good news is that the remaining buildings and land, including horticultural areas and a one hundred apple trees orchard, have more recently been taken over by The Mind Tree Café, a not-for-profit wellbeing centre, providing low cost counselling and also giving office and studio spaces for independent local businesses. Mr Watters also does volunteer work for them.

## CHILDREN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER CRASH AT DANGER SPOT NEAR ROWDE

(Source - Gazette & Herald)

Three people, including two children, were taken to hospital as a precaution after a crash at a known Wiltshire road danger spot on 10th September. The two-car crash happened at the A361 Caen Hill near Rowde which is due for safety improvements by Wiltshire Council. The crash closed the road for three hours in both directions at the Poulshot turning, resulting in "gridlock" through Rowde by diverted cars.

The incident happened when a car coming from Poulshot pulled out in front of the car on the A361



**The A361 at Caen Hill (image by Google Maps)**

Some expressed concern online about the safety of the road stretch. One said: "Vehicles speed down Caen hill in an attempt to overtake. They make it difficult for traffic to exit from Whistley especially anyone turning towards Rowde and for anyone joining from Poulshot." Another said the road has been raised several times after similar incidents, adding: "There is an inherent sightline problem with the turn out of Poulshot which can cause you to not see cars coming down the hill as they can be 'hidden' behind a car in the 'slow lane'."

Wiltshire Council announced on July 15, 2024 a £2 million boost to road safety schemes. As well as the Black Dogs crossroads, this included Caen Hill. Councillor Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways, said at the time: "The rest of the funding will be spent on pedestrian crossings and other road safety improvements around the county, including in Winsley near Hartley Farm and at Caen Hill in Devizes. The work will take place during 2024 and 2025."

## THE MIND TREE CAFÉ CIC

Promoting holistic Therapies at Furlong Close, Rowde.

A not-for-profit community interest company set up with the purpose of promoting mental health and well-being in a variety of ways.

Success is in community not in isolation.

### Upcoming Events

- Saturday 26th October 2pm - 5pm Herb and Aromatherapy Workshop, please contact [www.naliniwellness.com](http://www.naliniwellness.com)
- Saturday 12th October 10am - 2pm Fused Glass Taster Workshop (£52) please contact [lindarowe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindarowe@hotmail.co.uk)
- Saturday 16th November 10am - 1pm Fused Glass Christmas Decoration Workshop (£70) please contact [lindarowe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindarowe@hotmail.co.uk)
- Saturday 30th November 2pm - 5.30pm Christmas Fayre in partnership with the Friends and Family of Furlong Close. We are interested in quality crafters who might like a table (£20) please contact [enquiries@themindtreecafe.org](mailto:enquiries@themindtreecafe.org). This will be an exciting event with something for everyone, Father Christmas, presents, festive music and carols to welcome in the festive season.
- Sunday 8th December Christmas Wreath Workshop, details to follow...
- Monday Evenings - Pilates, please contact Suzan via email [suzijj@rocketmail.com](mailto:suzijj@rocketmail.com) or call 07833 976362
- Tuesday Evenings - Yoga, please contact Ginny via email [yogawithginny@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithginny@gmail.com) or call 07973 517029

\*Please check with the instructors before attending for spaces and suitability.

- Meditation Course running in the autumn on a Wednesday morning from 10.30 - 12pm (£48 for 6 weeks). Please email [enquiries@themindtreecafe.org](mailto:enquiries@themindtreecafe.org) or pop down on a Monday or a Thursday between 10am and 4pm to register your interest.

### Apple harvest and open day 2024

The apple harvest and open day were a huge success, the rain stayed away and the apple pressing demonstrations were popular. We have enough apples to produce the apple juice that was enjoyed last year. We felt it important that you see the progress we are making and are part of our plans. Thank you to all our helpers and for the donations of cakes, and helping with posters, we couldn't do it without you.

We are very grateful to the Probation Service for helping Simon, our Outdoor Spaces Co-ordinator, to maintain the orchard. The probation service has agreed to come fortnightly to help in the orchard and with

any inside painting jobs. Thank you to Mo for donating both the beautiful bench and the outside table and chairs.

Thank you to Freya who has helped with all kinds of jobs at The Mind Tree Café this summer and at our apple harvest.

Thank you to your editor Alan for his support and for the apple harvest signage.





## Communication

Thank you to Jane for the donations and for letting us know that not everyone is able to access our information through Facebook, Instagram and the website. We have now enlisted the help of the community to put information on various notice boards and other places in the village. We have also put posters up on the windows of the foyer, facing outwards.

We have had conversations with Community First who did the survey regarding our beautiful space, we will continue to work with them and the community to bring as many wellbeing activities as possible into the space. We will soon be a drop off point for Wiltshire Digital Drive who repurpose and recycle unwanted tech to benefit those of might not have access to devices. We let you know when this is available.

Thank you to Heidi from Arthe and to James for the tech support.

## Room Rental

We have therapy rooms to rent and a studio for hire. If you wish to run an activity or workshop or hire the space for training do contact us on [enquiries@themindtreecafe.org](mailto:enquiries@themindtreecafe.org) for more information. Our rates are very competitive. Thank you to Hugh and Judy for donating some lovely artwork to enhance our spaces.

**Introducing Bindi Beyer** - Bindi is a qualified therapist who runs her private practice from one of our therapy rooms. Bindi can be contacted via the counselling directory online.

**Lisa Gurr** runs her private practice from here. Lisa can be contacted via the counselling directory online.

**Welcome to Hannah Cantellow** - Hannah is a very skilled artist and printmaker. She offers courses, workshops, studio membership and art for sale. Please contact Hannah via her website [www.hannahcantellowstudio.co.uk](http://www.hannahcantellowstudio.co.uk). You can also find her on Facebook and Instagram.

## Low-cost counselling service

Clients have been benefitting from the low-cost counselling service. We have several therapists delivering this service, if you or anyone you know is interested then please contact us on the email below. The cost is £10 for an initial assessment and £25 for a 50-minute session. If you are able to pay more, please support us by doing so. The sessions are weekly. We can offer up to 10 sessions.

We have been talking to the GP surgeries and Wiltshire CIL who are both signposting our services.



Email – [enquiries@themindtreecafe.org](mailto:enquiries@themindtreecafe.org)

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## THOUSANDS OF DRIVERS CAUGHT SPEEDING

(Source - Gazette & Herald)

Wiltshire Police revealed some updated statistics recently that show how they are tackling road safety issues in the area.

This included a roundup of the Community Speed Watch teams' work, with the support of police, in Devizes, Great Cheverell, Market Lavington, Rowde, Seend, and Worton.

In total, 4,021 letters were sent to drivers between July 2020 and August 22, 2024, warning them about the speed they were travelling in Community Speed Watch areas.

Between January and August this year 322 drivers were offered a speed awareness course, 33 were handed a fine and points and eight were reported to court

## LAND WEST OF SANDS LANE, ROWDE – APPEAL AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

As many of you will know, the planning application for 50 houses at the field on Sands Lane (Ref: PL/2023/00386) was refused by Wiltshire Council on the 5th February 2024.

The applicant has recently appealed against this decision. Anyone who registered their comments as part of the original application was notified of this by Wiltshire Council on the 3rd September including details on how they can comment on the appeal. However, we thought it might also be useful to put together some information concerning the appeal and how you can contribute.

The appeal will be decided by written representation, rather than a hearing, and the closing date for comments is 8th October 2024. The inspector will see all letters that were submitted as part of the original application process.



If you wish to make a representation, the Inspector will only take into account information and evidence that is relevant to the appeal. The Council's 'officer report' on the planning portal for the original application may be helpful in identifying issues that are likely to be relevant at appeal.

The Planning Inspector will determine the appeal based upon the circumstances at the time they make their decision. Importantly, since the appellant lodged their appeal and submitted their 'Statement of Case' document, it has been established that Wiltshire Council can no longer demonstrate an up-to-date housing land supply. This means that the appeal will, in all probability, be decided under the 'tilted balance' planning rules (National Planning Policy Framework para 11d). In short, this means that in reaching a decision, there will be a presumption in favour of development, unless the Planning Inspector believes that the harms caused by this development 'significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits'. The Council's Planning Department have indicated to us that they are seeking legal advice as to whether the housing land supply situation is critical to their defence and will be looking at our appeal, along with a number of others, over the coming weeks.

For anyone new to the village, we have a Facebook Group called 'Say no to development at Sands Lane, Rowde' where we outline some of the key arguments which we believe are still pertinent to the case. These include: traffic safety risk in the surrounding roads; groundwater flood risk on site; and the fact that the landscape proposal represents a substantial extension of the village into open countryside.

To view the original application documents, including the officer's report, as well as all of the appeal documents, go to the Wiltshire Planning Portal: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019oxhyAAA/pl202300386> or search online for sands lane rowde planning

To register your comments on the appeal, the link to the Inspectorate's Appeals Portal is <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> and enter the Sands Lane case number 3348191. Alternatively, you can send your comments to The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN, quoting the Inspectorate reference.

General information about the appeal process can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-procedural-guide> or by searching online for procedural guide planning appeals.

Further information about responding to appeals, including how to submit printed documents and photos can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-dealt-with-by-written-representations-taking-part> or by searching online for guide to appeals by written representation.

Jon and Kate Gray

## FURLONG CLOSE DAY TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH

On Friday 6th September a coach full of happy Furlong Close residents and carers set off for a day trip to Bournemouth, in the pouring rain.



Undeterred by the weather they feasted at Harry Ramsden on arrival, where they enjoyed a two course lunch of their choice, with drinks. Unsurprisingly the most popular choice was fish & chips with mushy peas followed by sticky toffee pudding with custard.



This was followed by entry to the Bournemouth Oceanarium, with the wonders of marine life. Surrounded by sharks, turtles, stingray, jellyfish and a wide variety of marine life, they explored the underwater tunnel, aquariums and the open areas

among penguins, alligators and otters, with opportunities to observe at feeding times.



Some of the group took the opportunity to walk around Bournemouth, with weather protection of course!

Despite the weather, a wonderful day was reported. Someone apparently claimed to have seen some sunshine but it may have been a mirage! They later returned to Furlong Close happy and content.



This day trip was totally funded by the "Friends of Furlong Close" fundraising group, which included the collections and donations from the funeral for long term Furlong Close resident Ali Duncan, together with returns from the "Furlong Close Summer Fête" in June.

Ali, who sadly passed away last December, was one of the original residents at the opening of Furlong Close nearly 30 years ago. Many thanks to Ali's Family for nominating the "Friends of Furlong Close" as beneficiaries of the very generous funeral collections.

Also, many thanks to all who contributed to this wonderfully successful day.

*(article submitted by John Gale)*

**See more photos on the inside back cover. Ed**

# Bus Timetable

| Weekday                           | 33     | 33    | 33    | x33   | 33    | x33   | 33    | x33   | 33    | 33    | 33    |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chippenham Rail Stn               | 06:55  | -     | -     | 10:15 | 11:05 | 12:15 | 13:05 | 14:15 | 16:00 | 16:35 | 17:30 |
| Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 8        | 07:00  | 08:35 | 09:35 | 10:21 | 11:11 | 12:21 | 13:11 | 14:21 | 16:08 | 16:45 | 17:37 |
| Chippenham, Cemetery              | -      | 08:38 | 09:38 | 10:24 | 11:14 | 12:24 | 13:14 | 14:24 | 16:11 | 16:48 | 17:40 |
| Derry Hill, School                | 07:09  | 08:44 | 09:44 | 10:30 | 11:20 | 12:30 | 13:20 | 14:30 | 16:17 | 16:54 | 17:46 |
| Sandy Lane                        | -      | -     | -     | 10:34 | -     | 12:34 | -     | 14:34 | -     | -     | -     |
| Calne, Strand                     | 07:15  | 08:52 | 09:52 | -     | 11:26 | -     | 13:26 | -     | 16:26 | 17:03 | 17:52 |
| Bromham, Greyhound                | 07:27  | 09:06 | 10:06 | 10:40 | 11:40 | 12:40 | 13:40 | 14:40 | 16:40 | 17:17 | 18:02 |
| Rowde, Cross Keys                 | 07:34  | 09:13 | 10:13 | 10:47 | 11:47 | 12:47 | 13:47 | 14:47 | 16:47 | 17:24 | 18:09 |
| Devizes, Market Place, Bus Island | 07:40S | 09:18 | 10:18 | 10:52 | 11:52 | 12:52 | 13:52 | 14:52 | 16:52 | 17:29 | 18:14 |

| Weekday                        | 33     | 33    | x33   | 33    | x33   | 33    | x33   | 33     | 33    | 33     | 33     |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Devizes, Market Place, Pelican | 07:55  | 09:25 | 10:25 | 11:25 | 12:25 | 13:25 | 14:25 | 15:15S | 16:10 | 17:45  | 18:15  |
| Rowde, Cross Keys              | 08:01  | 09:30 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 13:30 | 14:30 | 15:18R | 16:15 | 17:50  | 18:20  |
| Bromham, Greyhound             | 08:10  | 09:37 | 10:37 | 11:37 | 12:37 | 13:37 | 14:37 | -      | 16:22 | 17:57  | 18:25A |
| Chittoe Turn                   | 08:15  | 09:42 | 10:42 | 11:42 | 12:42 | 13:42 | 14:42 | -      | 16:27 | 18:02  | 18:29R |
| Calne Strand                   | 08:27  | 09:51 | -     | 11:51 | -     | 13:51 | -     | -      | 16:36 | 18:09  | 18:37R |
| Sandy Lane                     | -      | -     | 10:44 | -     | 12:44 | -     | 14:44 | -      | -     | -      | -      |
| Derry Hill, School             | 08:33x | 09:57 | 10:48 | 11:57 | 12:48 | 13:57 | 14:48 | -      | 16:42 | 18:14  | 18:42R |
| Chippenham, Cemetery           | 08:39  | 10:02 | 10:53 | 12:02 | 12:53 | 14:02 | 14:53 | -      | 16:47 | 18:18  | 18:46R |
| Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 3     | -      | 10:07 | 10:58 | 12:07 | 12:58 | 14:07 | 14:57 | -      | 16:51 | 18:21  | 18:49R |
| Chippenham Rail Stn            | 08:50  | 10:12 | 11:03 | 12:12 | 13:03 | 14:12 | -     | -      | -     | 18:25R | 18:52R |

## Key

x = Operates via A4, not Derry Hill village

S = Operates to/from Devizes School at 0743 and 1510 on schooldays

R = Request set down only

A = Operates via A342, does not enter Bromham village

No service on Public Holidays

| Saturday                          | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33    |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chippenham, Rail Stn              | 07:20 | 08:40 | 09:40 | 11:25 | 13:25 | 15:25 | 17:10 |
| Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 8        | 07:24 | 08:45 | 09:45 | 11:32 | 13:32 | 15:32 | 17:16 |
| London Road, Cemetery             | 07:27 | 08:48 | 09:48 | 11:35 | 13:35 | 15:35 | 17:19 |
| Derry Hill, School                | 07:33 | 08:54 | 09:54 | 11:41 | 13:41 | 15:41 | 17:25 |
| Calne, Strand                     | 07:39 | 09:02 | 10:02 | 11:49 | 13:49 | 15:49 | 17:31 |
| Bromham, Greyhound                | 07:51 | 09:16 | 10:16 | 12:03 | 14:03 | 16:03 | 17:43 |
| Rowde, Cross Keys                 | 07:58 | 09:23 | 10:23 | 12:10 | 14:10 | 16:10 | 17:49 |
| Devizes, Market Place, Bus Island | 08:03 | 09:28 | 10:28 | 12:15 | 14:15 | 16:15 | 17:54 |

| Saturday                       | 33     | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33    | 33     |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Devizes, Market Place, Pelican | 08:10  | 09:35 | 10:35 | 12:35 | 14:35 | 16:35 | 17:55  |
| Rowde, Cross Keys              | 08:15  | 09:40 | 10:40 | 12:40 | 14:40 | 16:40 | 18:00  |
| Bromham, Greyhound             | 08:21  | 09:47 | 10:47 | 12:47 | 14:47 | 16:47 | 18:07  |
| Calne, Strand                  | 08:32  | 09:59 | 11:01 | 13:01 | 15:01 | 17:01 | 18:19R |
| Derry Hill, School             | 08:38  | 10:05 | 11:07 | 13:07 | 15:07 | 17:07 | 18:24R |
| London Road, Cemetery          | 08:43  | 10:10 | 11:12 | 13:12 | 15:12 | 17:12 | 18:29R |
| Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 3     | 08:47  | 10:15 | 11:17 | 13:17 | 15:17 | 17:17 | 18:33R |
| Chippenham, Rail Stn           | 08:52R | 10:20 | 11:22 | 13:22 | 15:22 | 17:22 | 18:38R |

| Sunday                         | x33   | x33   | x33   | x33   | x33   |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chippenham, Rail Stn           | 09:32 | 11:32 | 13:32 | 15:32 | 17:32 |
| Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 8     | 09:37 | 11:37 | 13:37 | 15:37 | 17:37 |
| London Road, Cemetery          | 09:40 | 11:40 | 13:40 | 15:40 | 17:40 |
| Sandy Lane                     | 09:47 | 11:47 | 13:47 | 15:47 | 17:47 |
| Bromham, Greyhound             | 09:53 | 11:53 | 13:53 | 15:53 | 17:53 |
| Rowde, Cross Keys              | 10:00 | 12:00 | 14:00 | 16:00 | 18:00 |
| Devizes, Market Place, Pelican | 10:05 | 12:05 | 14:05 | 16:05 | 18:05 |
| Sunday                         | x33   | x33   | x33   | x33   | x33   |
| Devizes, Market Place, Pelican | 08:55 | 10:55 | 12:55 | 14:55 | 16:55 |
| Rowde, Cross Keys              | 09:00 | 11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 | 17:00 |
| Bromham, Greyhound             | 09:07 | 11:07 | 13:07 | 15:07 | 17:07 |
| Sandy Lane                     | 09:14 | 11:14 | 13:14 | 15:14 | 17:14 |
| London Road, Cemetery          | 09:21 | 11:21 | 13:21 | 15:21 | 17:21 |
| Chippenham Bus Stn - Bay 3     | 09:25 | 11:25 | 13:25 | 15:25 | 17:25 |
| Chippenham, Rail Stn           | 09:30 | 11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 | 17:30 |

## Bus service improvements in Devizes 2024



### From April

- Town Service revised to include Lay Wood and Hopton Industrial Estate, plus extra journeys in service 1C in the late afternoon and on service 1A on Saturday mornings.

### From 1<sup>st</sup> September

- Some journeys on service 2 renumbered X2 and revised to take a faster route to/from Salisbury via Stonehenge.
- New Sunday daytime service introduced on service X33 between Devizes and Chippenham.
- Extra journeys introduced on service 273 between Devizes, Melksham and Bath.
- Experimental peak hour journeys on Wiltshire Connect service 100 between Devizes and Marlborough deleted due to lack of use, to enable more DRT journeys to be provided at that time.
- Wiltshire Connect demand responsive service revised on Saturdays to only operate between 8am and 7.30pm.

### From 15<sup>th</sup> September

- Major increase in frequency to service 49, with two buses per hour from Devizes to Swindon during the daytime on weekdays, plus later journeys in the evening.
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## Goodbye Summer

*a poem by Rowde's Barbara Zaccarelli*

The days are getting shorter,  
Autumn's on its way,  
"Whatever happened to summer!"  
I heard somebody say.

We did have a few lovely days,  
But now those days are gone,  
Then one day in September,  
The forecast said "Full sun!"

With sun cream and sandals,  
We packed a little bag,  
And took the train to Weston,  
Yes, Weston-super-mud!

The tide was in, the sun was out,  
When we reached the beach,  
Off came the socks and sandals,  
And I paddled with bare feet!

The water felt quite warm,  
The sound of waves so soothing,  
But best, was that vast stretch of sand.  
I found it really moving.

I mused the last time I was there,  
A hot mid summer's day,  
Families enjoying gentle waves,  
Little children at play.

But today was also special,  
With no one else at all,  
The sea continuing peacefully,  
Its endless rise and fall.

I tried to hold that moment,  
Like Wordsworth's inner eye,  
So in winter I can visualise,  
This scene I'd left behind.

Let's make the most of sunny days,  
As autumn leaves appear,  
And don't feel sad that summer's gone,  
Christmas will soon be here!

# LAURA MAYES YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR ROWDE



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**Facebook: Laura Mayes – for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway**

## **New Government Proposes 81% Increase in New Housing Target for Wiltshire**

I want to update you on the new Government's proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework because I believe it could have a detrimental effect on Rowde.

For some years all political parties have advocated building more houses. Wiltshire Council has taken a very detailed and measured approach to planning new development through the Local Plan Review. It sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years and is the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire. Our revised draft plan features increased environmental protections, including all houses must be zero carbon, boosting small-scale energy generation such as solar, and increasing biodiversity. The plan also requires 40% of all new greenfield housing developments of 10 homes or more, to be affordable, with greater flexibility to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand, but those developments will still need to be proportionate to the size of a village.

However, the new Government's proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework are the opposite to Wiltshire Council's strategy. Plans to increase house building in Wiltshire will result in an extra 23,385 houses built in a 15-year Local Plan period. A new housing target system is proposed which will inevitably see most of these houses built on green fields and, in some cases, green-belt sites in rural England.

One direct adverse consequence of the proposed changes is that developers will be even more firmly in the driving seat and will be able to decide what is built and where. This will result in more "identikit" out of settlement developments being built without the necessary supporting infrastructure. The deliberately slow progression of some sites by developers has enabled them to argue that land supply targets have not been met, even though the council has delivered 400 more houses a year than existing government targets required. This is particularly worrying as the owner of the Sand's Lane development has appealed against Wiltshire Council's refusal. The proposed changes will make it harder for Wiltshire Council to defend their decision.

The consultation has closed now, but I can assure you that Wiltshire Council has submitted strong concerns about the proposed changes and the Leader has had a meeting with the current Housing Minister to add weight to our worries.

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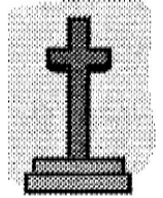
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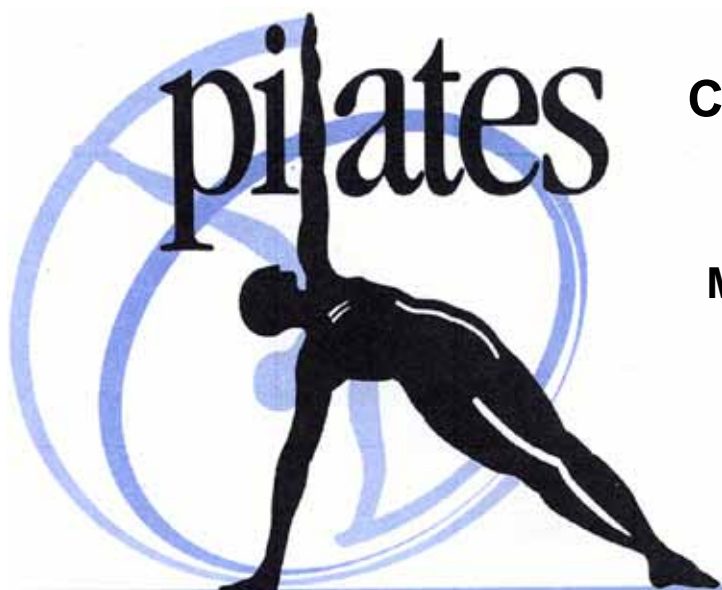
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**Alan Watters, Editor**

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# YOUR PCC PHILIP WILKINSON

## FIRST DRAFT OF NEW POLICE AND CRIME PLAN IN DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PCC Philip Wilkinson's Police and Crime Plan – a blueprint for the strategic policing and crime priorities for the next three years – is now being drafted following an extensive public consultation, including public engagements and youth representation.

Launched in July for a period of 4 weeks, the Use Your Voice survey enabled residents of Wiltshire and Swindon to have their say on different aspects of policing, including which areas of policing are most important to them, their perception of crime rates over the past three years and how they think Wiltshire Police could improve the service it provides.

This feedback is now being analysed as the first draft of the new police and Crime Plan is being produced, ahead of being made available for residents' feedback. Mr. Wilkinson said: "With development starting on my Police and Crime Plan 2024-2028, we are working to incorporate national priorities, inspectorate requirements and advice from the Chief Constable – as well as the invaluable from Wiltshire and Swindon's residents.

"I will ensure the new plan is streamlined and provides strategic direction and framework, greater clarity on success and performance, and how I want to strengthen our response areas that have emerged nationally and locally such as rural crime and retail crime.

"Just last week, the HMICFRS Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) report highlighted the improvements made since 2022. However, there is still much work to be done in some key areas across the Force – and I will ensure my updated Police and Crime Plan will enable Wiltshire Police to further deliver those improvements needed."

The first draft of the new Police and Crime Plan will be published at the end of September, with all public feedback to be submitted via a form on our website.



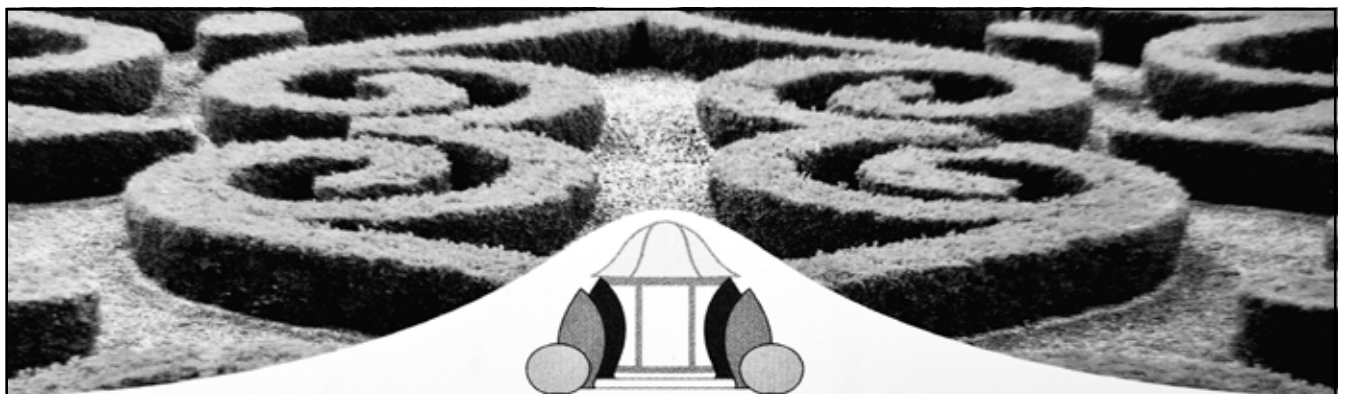
The PCC will also be taking the draft to numerous events and stakeholder groups including the Community Safety Partnerships and Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board before the final draft is presented to the Police and Crime Panel in November.

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# LETTERS

## MAGAZINE RECEIVES THANKS

The Rowde Village News has again given brilliant coverage to the "Furlong Close Fête" and "Mind Tree Café" on pages 26 to 29 of the August/September edition.

*Many thanks and best wishes,*

**John Gale**

## THANK YOU TO ROWDE VILLAGERS

Dear villagers of Rowde,

Thank you. Your generous support helped the Seend Flower show celebrate its 75th anniversary in style. This year we had 574 exhibits and around 500 visitors coming to see them. We'd like to thank Rowde Cottage Bees for their raffle donation of honey and congratulate a young boy in Rowde who achieved two first places in the children's categories. One for a funny faced pizza and another for a model made from recycled materials.

The Seend Flower show is held every year alongside the Seend Fête. In 2025 it will be on Saturday 9th August. The time to start preparing is now, there are lots of different classes from fruit



and vegetables to flowers and floral art craft, needle craft, home baking and produce, arts and crafts, photography, model making and children's entries. Although village based, we welcome entries from the wider community. Look around the website for all the information and see all the pictures from 2024.

**Ann Blake, Seend Flower Show Committee**  
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## Mini Sudoku (difficult this month)

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### Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

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# Quick Reference Contacts and Village Guide

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## Allotments

Please contact Rowde Parish Council

## Bell Ringing

Contact Michael Cornwell  
on 07388 224129  
michael.cornwell@btinternet.com

## Charities

Silverwood School Charity Trust  
silverwoodcharity@silverwood.  
wilts.sch.uk  
[https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/  
charity-trust](https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/charity-trust)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/  
silverwoodchar](http://www.facebook.com/groups/silverwoodchar)

## Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:  
Sarah Leckie  
sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

## Church Choir

Contact Nicola Brown:  
nicola\_brown@talk21.com  
01380 722406

## Church Wardens - vacant

## Doctor

For list of doctors contact the  
Health Commission, Pans Lane,  
Devizes, Tel: 0300 111 5717

## Football

John Dalley, Tel: 727094

## Footpaths

Please contact Rowde Parish  
Council

## Garage

Slades of Devizes Tel: 727755

## Hospitals

Devizes Community Hospital  
Tel: 723511  
Chippenham Community Hospital  
Tel: 01249 447100  
Trowbridge Community Hospital  
Tel: 01225 711300

## Ladies Club

Held in Village Hall and meet at  
various dates in the month at 2.30pm.  
Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

## Local Councils

Wiltshire Council  
Tel: 0300 4560100  
Devizes Town Council 722160

## Neighbourhood Police Team

Jo Newbury Rural Beat Manager  
PCSO Georgina Dodd  
Ring 101  
Google devizes npt to contact the  
team on  
[www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)>devizes

## Parish Council

Chair - **Lisa Wills**  
Tel: **01380 730078**  
Clerk - Mrs Rebekah Jeffries  
Tel: 07752 724096

## Playing Fields

For playing field bookings  
please contact the Parish  
Council Clerk on 01380 501919  
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

## Police

Devizes Police Tel: 101

## Pubs/Restaurants

George & Dragon, Tel: 723053  
Rowdey Cow Cafe, Tel: 829666

## Rowde Book Club

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788

## Rifle Club

Practice Wednesdays, Matches  
Thursdays in Village Hall.  
Laurence Plumb, Tel: 728174

## Roads/Pavements

'My Wiltshire App or 03004560100

## Rowde Court Studios

Ann Swan, Tel: 01380 724788  
Alan Watters, Tel: 07886870053

## Rowde Village News

Alan Watters, Tel: 01380 724788 or  
07886870053 [watters.alan@gmail.com](mailto:watters.alan@gmail.com)

## Rowde Village Hall

Enquiries - Tel: 07926952631  
Bookings - 722497 (after 6 pm)

## Rowde C of E Primary Academy

High Street, Rowde SN10 2ND  
Head teacher 723991

## Silverwood School

Head Teacher  
Tel: 850309

## Agincare at Furlong Close

Tel: 721309

## Church Flowers

Caroline Keevil  
[ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk](mailto:ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk)  
Tel: 725483  
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## TAXI

J Dalley 07592 063789

## Toddler Group

Village Hall Thursdays 9.30-11.30

## Veterinary Surgeries

Estcourt - Tel: 723687  
McQueens - Tel: 728505  
The Paddock - Tel: 813202

## Website

[www.rowdevillage.org](http://www.rowdevillage.org)  
[rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Youth Club

Josh Wills  
[rpc.joshwills@gmail.com](mailto:rpc.joshwills@gmail.com)

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