

Rowde Village News

A photograph of a suburban village street with a double rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is very bright and spans most of the width of the image. Below it, a secondary, fainter rainbow is visible. The street is paved and has several cars parked on the left side. The houses are mostly brick with dark roofs. In the background, there are green hills under a cloudy sky.

October/November 2025



Editorial

Welcome to another great edition of your Rowde Village News and may I also welcome new residents to the village.

In this bumper issue, with four extra pages, 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 (26 to 33) including the visit to Silverwood school by Princess Ann on page 29 which is also featured by the school on page 8.

Also in the local news pages you will find a great report on Maureen Hiscox's 90th birthday celebrations on page 32 (see her on the page opposite too) and you can read all about a local cyclist's epic charity ride on the same page so well done James! On top of that, on page 26 you can read about how a wasp caused a traffic accident in the village!

We have some exciting events coming up in and around the village. They are all promoted in this issue and include the Christmas Market at Furlong Close on 22nd November which is featured on page 4.

There's another great poem entitled 'Time' by our very own Alan Pengelly on page 17 so I hope you have 'time' to read it.

Fairly new to the village and the magazine is Jenni's Affordable Acupuncture. Check out her very informative article on page 30 and her advert on page 22. I have already had a couple of sessions myself and must say they were the most relaxing times I have had in a very long time!

Finally, if you would like to see anything in particular featured (or not featured) in the magazine please let us know via the magazine team's contact details on this page.

Mind how you go, Ed

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Contributors please also note:

The deadline for articles and any changes to advertisements is the 15th 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.

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Cover Image

The front cover photograph was taken by me, the editor, from Rowde Court on 28th August. My office/studio window on the third floor looks out over Springfield Road and I was very lucky to capture the double rainbow as it appeared like this for only a couple of minutes. I think the pot of gold may well have been in the school grounds or possibly somewhere near the Rowdey Cow but unfortunately the rainbow disappeared before I could go out and look for it!

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

The A.G.M. was held on June 4th in the Village Hall and it was very encouraging to see several parishioners present.

The Chairman Mr. B. Cross presided over the meeting and reported on the past year's activities. The Treasurer Mrs. M. Burbidge presented the audited Annual Accounts and the Secretary Mrs. Buckland reported on the various bookings and groups using the Hall.

The outgoing Committee were re-elected en bloc and four new members were elected to serve on the Committee which was very pleasing.

At the first Committee meeting the Officers were elected:

Chairman - Mr. B. Cross

Treasurer - Mrs. M. Burbidge

Secretary - Mrs. D. Buckland

A Ploughman's Lunch will be held on October 11th (See separate notice).

Di Buckland

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

At their meeting held on August 12th the members stretched their brains answering two quizzes. The winners of the Nursery Rhyme Quiz were Kay Brock, Stella Loader and Hazel Eurie and the Biscuit Quiz were Joyce Swift, Rose Stevens, Brenda Watson and Chris Sault. The Raffle winner was Rose Stevens.

In September members went to Studley Grange Garden Centre near Swindon and enjoyed 'browsing' the various departments (some making purchases), ending the visit with Tea and Cake!

The next meeting will be held on October 7th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall when we will be 'creating' something with Air dry clay!

The November meeting on November 11th will again be in the Village Hall when there will be a Halloween Quiz and we will be choosing our Menu for the Christmas Meal in December.

Di Buckland



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ROWDE BOOK CLUB

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

BOOK REVIEW

'The Mercies'

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The group gathered for our latest book club meeting to discuss *The Mercies*, a novel set in 17th-century Norway. The story centers on a remote fishing village where, after a devastating storm kills all the men, the women are left to survive and rebuild their community. The novel delves into themes of female resilience, community, religious extremism, and the dangers of fear-fueled suspicion—particularly during the witch trials of the time.

Reactions to the Book: **Opinions were divided.** Some of us (myself included!) really loved the book, appreciating its detailed history of the time and the dynamics of the women and their fight for survival. Others found it slow-paced and felt less connected to the characters, describing them as unsympathetic or distant. A true book of two halves!

Discussion Highlights:

Women and Power: How the women in the village navigated the sudden power vacuum and took on new roles, reshaping the fabric of their community.

Religion and Fear: The destructive impact of religious extremism and how it fostered fear, leading to dangerous accusations and social fractures.

Maren and Ursa: Their evolving relationship was a central focus—tender, brave, and deeply challenged by the world around them.

Setting vs. Reality: The stark contrast between the beautiful, haunting landscape and the brutal, often tragic reality of life on the island.

We enjoyed some wine, plenty of good conversation, and were all delighted to see Jane.

Next Book: *Perfectly Correct* by Philippa Gregory.

Geraldine White

'Perfectly Correct'

by Philippa Gregory

A novel of personal politics, passion and pigs set against a backdrop of 1990's feminism and earnest academics.

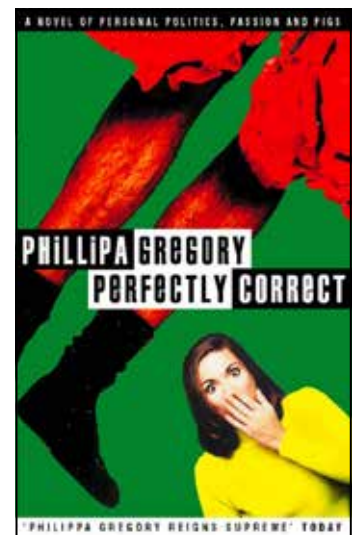
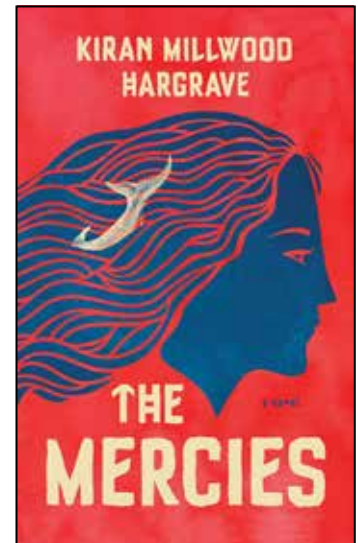
Louise is a lecturer at a Southern English university who lives in a country cottage inherited from her aunt and has maintained an affair with her best friend's husband for years. When an old traveller moves into her orchard her life starts to change.

It is a satire of 1990's feminism and the lives of academics who take themselves too seriously.

Whilst having some light moments of farce provided in the main by the traveller, and uninspiring romance in the guise of a farmer, it is an implausible tale wrapped up somewhat abruptly with a predictable ending.

There are perceptive points made about people's perspectives and attitudes, and parts feels like a personal social commentary drawn from first hand experiences of the politically correct attitudes at the time. However, overall the book is an unusually mediocre read from an author renowned for her historical novels.

Frances Ball



ROWDEY COW NEWS



As I write this we are just recovering from a hugely busy and sunny Summer Holidays! It was unusual to have the combination of sunny weather and Summer Holidays at the same time and we enjoyed some of our busiest days ever! Jefferson's mini fair brought a selection of Bouncy castles, slides and mini golf which was enjoyed by customers and staff! We attended some lovely events with our ice cream trailer and trike including the Calne Bike Meet, the Fulltone Festival, the Warminster Bubbles & Ice cream event and the Keevil Roots Festival.



Now it has become quieter as the schools have gone back we have been busy with our Christmas preparations! We have 6 sessions of Breakfast with Santa with tickets available online. We have our Christmas Trees ordered and ready to arrive in November which we will be selling and we have our first ever Christmas Lights Turn on Event planned for Friday the 22nd November. We are offering private hire of the whole café with a Festive Buffet for Christmas evening functions this year.

The Christmas Tree Light Switch on will feature a special visit from Father Christmas, Marshmallow Toasting, Festive Food and Drinks, Stalls galore, a cosy Christmas Film for the children and Christmas Crafts.

We are going to be stocking up on pumpkins for October Half Term for some fun pumpkin carving sessions. We have some pumpkin spiced flavoured ice creams and hot drinks and are busy creating some



festive flavoured ice creams ready for December! We are excited that our new Winter Menu will be starting on the second week in October.

We are hosting our last Slip and Grip Car Meet of the year on 12th October where we will be hosting Work and Military Vehicles, super cars and vintage and all things interesting! The last two car meets have brought in a huge variety of beautiful cars and we are happy to say that we will be back hosting more car meets next year starting in the Spring!

As the nights are drawing in we will be slightly shortening our opening hours in October. We also have some weekday offers to encourage our customers in when the weather is not as good. We have a Monday club where we offer 10% discount for all customers aged over 60. We have Teacake Tuesday where there is a two for one teacake offer, Waffle Wednesday, Toddler Thursday with free babycinos and Fish Friday!

The fields are still dry enough for the animals to stay out most of the time at the moment although the barns are ready for when the colder wetter weather arrives for the animals to shelter in.

We thank you for all your support through the Summer and hope you will continue to visit us in the winter months! We will have the fire lit, delicious food and drinks and look forward to welcoming you!

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NEWS FROM SILVERWOOD SCHOOL - ROWDE CAMPUS

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HRH The Princess Royal Officially Opens Silverwood School's Rowde Campus



On 8 September 2025, Silverwood School was honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to officially open the new Rowde Campus a landmark moment in the school's history.

The state-of-the-art facility is purpose-built to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It features 33 modern classrooms, dedicated sensory rooms, a hydrotherapy pool, and outdoor learning spaces all thoughtfully designed to promote inclusive, engaging, and supportive learning experiences.

During her visit, The Princess Royal toured several classrooms, where she warmly interacted with pupils and staff, taking a keen interest in their learning and daily routines. The visit concluded with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark this significant occasion.



The event was also attended by Wiltshire Council officials, local councillors, representatives from Willmott Dixon and AHR Architects, and members of Silverwood's governing body and board of trustees.

This special day celebrated more than the opening of a new building, it was a testament to the vision, collaboration, and dedication of everyone involved in creating a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.



Natalie Parker



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Business over Breakfast (BOB) is a friendly and supportive group which has been helping businesses get established and thrive for over 15 years. We meet twice a month at the Bridge Inn, Devizes, over breakfast to exchange referrals and share good business practices.



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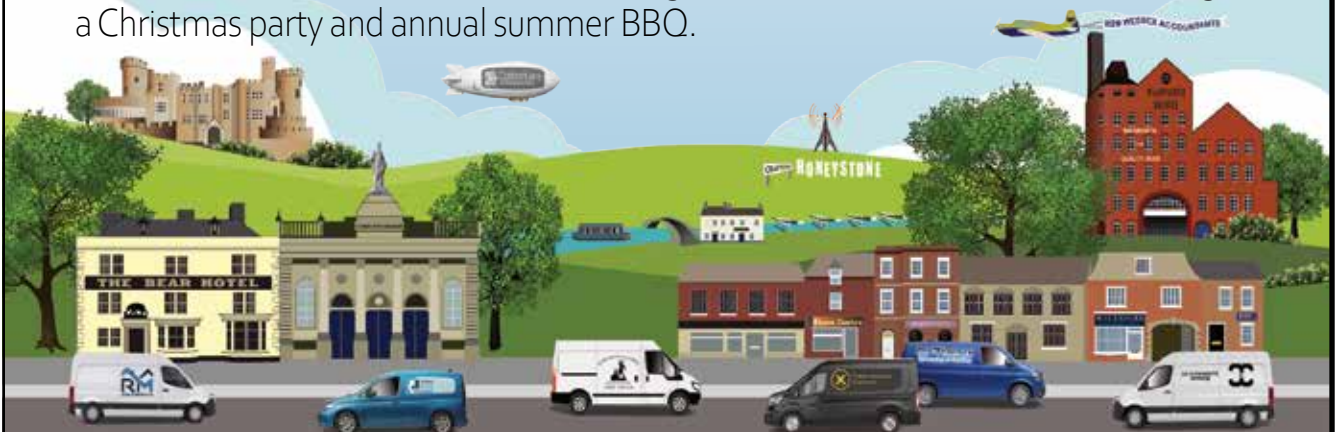
Training & Mutual Support

We have a series of training events and encourage members to have their own 121 meetings to build strong and mutually supportive business relationships.

Great Fun Breakfast



The quality of the BoB breakfast is renowned and there is always good-humoured banter. We also meet outside the meetings for 121s and social events, including a Christmas party and annual summer BBQ.



To arrange a visit and to ensure that the category you are interested in is available please email us today.

e: committee@bob-devizes.co.uk

w: bob-devizes.co.uk

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 23 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.

We also welcome a new class teacher – Mr Harry Fowler – who has transferred from Wansdyke to teach Year 1. He is leading on phonics and early reading, too, and is already making a marked impact on our school. For the second year this year, we are also working with student teachers to support them as they begin their career in education. 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 (Reception): 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
- Willow Class (Year 1): Journeys and Mrs Armitage by Quentin Blake
- Poplar Class (Year 2 and 3): The Caribbean and Coming to England by Floella Benjamin
- Cedar Class (Year 4 and 5): The Romans and Romans on a Rampage by Jeremy Strong
- Oak Class (Year 6): WW1 (Battle of the Somme) and War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

To start their new topic, Poplar Class created some beautiful Caribbean sunset paintings using wax crayons and water colours – they are doing a brilliant job of brightening our corridor!



I wrote to you last year about us setting up Forest School this year at Rowde. We now have a trained leader – Mrs Barilli – and thanks to the Tesco grant and the donation we received from the proceeds of Rowdefest, we have an amazing collection of tools and equipment. Our first class doing their 6 sessions for the term, Year 4 and 5, have started already! I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who supported Rowdefest and, as a result, supported us in improving this important part of our provision at Rowde.



NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future



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 an 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 2026, then please come along to our open morning to see our brilliant school and meet some of the team – we hope that having this on a Saturday morning will make it easier for you to attend. I am also more than happy to show you around on a personal tour if you'd like to get in touch (head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk) and we'll arrange.

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

Alice Simpson, Head Teacher



Join us for play and pastries at Rowde

If you're interested in joining our Rowde family, for September 2026 or before (we have spaces in all year groups), we would love for you and your child/ren to join us for our open events this autumn!

There will be more events in November, but this Saturday morning will include refreshments, a tour of the school and an opportunity to play.

Alternatively, please email to arrange a tour of the school on a different day and time - head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk

Saturday 18th October 10.00 – 11.30



Please see more information about our school on our website: <https://www.rowde.wilts.sch.uk/>





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Your Parish Council

**The next Parish Council meetings will be on
Wednesdays 8th October 2025 and 12th November at
7.30pm in Rowde Village Hall**

Everyone is welcome to attend

Please visit the 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 or on: 07752 724096**

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council met on 20th August and 10th September 2025.

Your Parish Council Team

New Councillors

Rowde Parish Council welcomes Mr Shane Skelhorn and Mr Stuart Taylor onto the Parish Council through co-option.

Clerk

The Parish Clerk has resigned from her post. She will work until 30th November 2025.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

- Cllr Mayes informed the Parish Council at the meeting on 20th August that there is a public consultation on speed reduction on Caen Hill, with the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 50mph. The consultation began on 21st August 2025. The details of the plans will be available on the Traffic Regulation Order consultation section of the council's website.
- Wiltshire Council is also consulting on their new Council Plan. Details are available on the Wiltshire Council website. It is an opportunity for residents to give their feedback on the proposed plan covering the next 10 years.
- Cllr Mayes updated the September Parish Council meeting on the happy occasion of The Princess Royal officially opening Silverwood School. Cllr Mayes attended the event in her role as the Chairman of Wiltshire Council and also due to work she carried out in her previous role as Head of Children Services. The Parish Council Chairman, Lisa Wills and the Clerk also attended the event. Cllr Mayes encouraged Councillors and residents to visit Silverwood School if they get an opportunity to.
- Cllr Mayes is still pursuing a speed reduction outside of Silverwood School, down from 50mph to 40mph.
- It was noted that the Gypsy and Traveller Plan strategy is being reviewed by the new County Council administration.

At the Parish Council meeting, the following items were discussed:

Highways & Footpaths:

Local support needed for pavement re-instatement of Devizes Road

The pavement under the encroaching grass verge along Devizes Road has degraded to such an extent that it will need to be replaced. This pavement is on the list for total reinstatement, however, there is no budget available at Wiltshire Council for the work to be carried out. The Area Highways Engineer reports that this work will cost approximately £50k. The budget for the whole Devizes and Pewsey area is £80k per year.

Wiltshire Council do not consider it a well-used path. It is down to the parish to prove this is not the case.

Wiltshire Council suggested that the Parish Council carry out a survey in the village of people who walk the Devizes Road footpath and those that would walk it if it was reinstated to a reasonable width. The Parish needs to categorically prove that the pedestrian route would be used on a regular basis, in order to justify the expenditure.

Discussion on the Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D)

It is reported that on average 92,500 vehicles travel on the High Street, Rowde, in one month. At night, drivers come through village doing 40/50mph on average. The Parish Council supported the purchase of a second Speed Indicator Device (SID), approximately £2,500.

J Wills raised concern about the speed limit approaching Rowde from the direction of Devizes. It was commented that the speed limit should be 30mph from the entrance to the Rowdey Cow, on Devizes Road. C Greenwood has reported this as an issue to Inspector Garrett from Devizes Police, along with the need to revise signage along Devizes Road.

Update on Community Speedwatch

C Greenwood met with the county Community Speedwatch lead on Friday 12th September to discuss potential new Community Speedwatch sites. The parish could have the speed camera every month.

Update from Local Highways Footpaths and Infrastructure Group (LHFIG) on 3/7/25

The Parish Council asked for a traffic review to be carried out in Rowde, along the A342, with particular concern for pedestrian safety. LHFIG asked the parish to complete a traffic survey requesting the village to have a metro count. The Clerk has completed three metrocount requests for locations around the village.

Other Highways matters

C Greenwood has met with A Cadwallader, Highways Area Engineer, covering the Area Boards of Devizes and Pewsey. The following highways issues were discussed:

- Springfield Road is on a major reinstatement list for resurfacing.
- The Marsh Lane junction with Springfield needs the white lines reinstating.
- The missing 40mph roundel before Marsh Lane Cottages will be replaced
- The ironworks along the A342 need checking - anything above 60mm requires the Utility Company to rectify the problem.
- Conscience Lane will continue to be patched. The materials used on the recent reinstatement were of inferior quality, which is why it keeps breaking up.
- Enforcement action is being taken to reinstate the highway alongside Buena Vista on Devizes Road.

Footpaths

Rowde19 footpath link up

The Clerk has reported the footpath ROWD19 as overgrown. Wiltshire Council has responded to say that this is a dead-end route and is a very low priority. They have closed the case. In the meantime, Mid Wiltshire Ramblers are pursuing a link between footpath ROWD19 which is a dead end with BROM40 to create a continuous path.

General footpath updates

- It was noted that the permissive path from the Rowdey Cow to Marsh Lane has been diverted around the new Haymeadow Way estate. The maps that are located at the Rowdey Cow end of the path, Board Corner and the new entrance off Reed Place/Haymeadow need to be updated to show the new route.

C Greenwood has contacted the tenant farmer who has cut back around the permissive footpath entrance off Devizes Road.

- The Clerk has reported crops growing across the footpath ROWD6 from Tanis to Silverwood School. Wiltshire Council has informed the landowner (13/6/25)
- The Clerk has reported crops grown across the footpath ROWD5 & ROWD2 Rowdefield. Wiltshire Council has contacted the land agent (30/6/25).

Update on meeting to discuss Tanis footpath

A new working party has been formed to move the project forward.

PLANNING

Update on Neighbourhood Plan

C Greenwood and the Clerk attended a meeting of the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan Group on 19th August 2025. Rowde needs to look at producing policies to go into the Neighbourhood Plan, for example around transport, leisure, or matters of importance to the village. The Clerk attended a further meeting on 16th September.

There will be a public consultation on the draft plan at regulation 14 stage, which is planned for early 2026. This is a pre-submission consultation and publicity period which must run for a minimum of 6 weeks.

Update on Haymeadow Way

The Chairman noted that all properties have been allocated. We look forward to welcoming people to their new homes.

Planning applications

PL/2025/04873 Football Ground, Sands Lane, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2QW. Full Planning application: Proposed sports pavilion to support playing field. Deadline for comments 23/9/25. The Parish Council encourages residents to comment on the application.

PL/2025/04729 Plot 1 Berhills Lane, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 1SU. Full Planning: Change of use to traveller's site, regularisation and extension of existing building as dwelling. Deadline: 24/7/25. The Parish Council objected to the application, mostly on grounds of access across the Common to the site.

PL/2025/05792 Marsh Cottage, Marsh Lane, Rowde. Full planning permission Retrospective planning application for Carport to be used to work on vans to convert to campervans. Deadline for comments: 8/8/25. The Parish Council had no objection to the application subject to conditions of there being a decontamination zone on site.

PL/2025/05508 Seven Acre Field, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2LU Removal/variation of conditions Variation of condition 1 and 2 of PL/2021/09262 to provide a single additional dog exercise session. Deadline 6/8/25. The Parish Council objected to the application on grounds of access concerns to the site and asked for a traffic review of Devizes Road.

PL/2025-06349: Listed building consent: Jacobean House, High Street, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2PN: Repair/replacement of existing cellar floor. Deadline 3/9/25. The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

PL/2025/06440: Full planning: Oakwood Stud, Marsh Lane, Rowde, SN10 2NW: Permanent retention of rural worker's mobile home. Deadline for comments: 10/9/25. The Parish Council objected to the application. They did not consider that there was a need for there to be a permanent residential building on this site.

PL/2025/02032: The Cross Keys, High Street, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2PN Cross Keys pub. Altered access, demolition of existing storage building, conversion of former public house (sui generis) into a Use Class E(a) retail unit with customer parking, retention of an existing dwelling above the pub, and construction of two detached Use Class C3 dwellings with associated amenity space and car parking. This application has been approved.

PL/2025/02799 1 Manor Farm Cottages, High Street, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2ND. Amended plans: Erection of detached carport, two-storey side extension access and hardstanding. Deadline for comments 16/9/25. The Parish Council supported the application.

PL/2025/06807 Upper Foxhangers Farm, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 1RE. Full Planning application: Change of use of existing holiday to residential annex. Deadline for comments 25/9/25. The Parish Council had no objection to the application.

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Planters

Thank you to Steve Smith who has donated a bulk bag of compost, currently sited at the entrance to Manor Farm. If compost is needed in the other planters around the village, Mr Smith will move the compost to that location.

Playing field

Thank you to J Dalley for refurbishing the goal posts on the large playing field. The paint was kindly donated by J Rymes.

Devizes Town Football Club have expressed their interest in using the football pitches for their youth matches.

Playgrounds

Residents are respectfully reminded not to walk their dogs through the children's play areas in the village or the large playing field. These are areas for everyone to keep healthy and active without the health risks that are associated with dog waste.

- The RoSPA safety reports have been received. There is some recommended remedial work, including replacement of damaged wet pour material.

- A new bin has been installed at Silverlands play area with thanks to R Wills & S Skelhorn

There are reports of household waste sacks being deposited in the public litter bins around the village. Please do not dump household waste in these bins. It costs the parish collectively a lot of money to keep emptying these bins. It also means that the bins are constantly overflowing.

Allotments

- The Parish Council thanked the landowner who has dug a ditch in his field, which is adjacent to the allotment car park. A question was asked whether a channel can be dug into the ditch from the allotment car park side.

- A question was asked about when drainage work at the allotments will be completed. Some drainage lanes are still to be dug from the trench into the car park and then backfilled. The Parish Council has consented to this work being completed.

- The hedge in the playing field has been flailed free of charge, with kind thanks to a local farmer.

- The fence that borders the allotments with the car park has been replaced in part.
- An allotment holder raised concern that the rules at the allotments are being broken, for example overgrown plots are not being tended.

FINANCE

Monthly invoices

Monthly invoices for June 2025 (total: £5,164.35)

Admin costs: £2,055.77

Ground's maintenance: £1,194.96

Village improvements: £146.24

Donations: £125

Allotments: £1,642.38

Monthly invoices for July 2025 (total: £3,990.52)

Admin costs: £1,923.77

Ground's maintenance: £1,100.50

Donations: £125

Allotments: £841.25

Monthly invoices for Aug 2025 (total: £3,468.64)

Admin costs: £1,920.09

Ground's maintenance: £1,298.55

Allotments: £50.00

Playing field: £200

STAY CONNECTED!

Website at 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, 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/mywilts-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, or by telephone: 07752 724096.

National Grid

If you have any questions for the VIP project team, or if residents experience any problems with heavy construction vehicles on Conscience Lane please call 0330 134 0051, or email: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

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 45 of the magazine.

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

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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

Time

by Rowde's Alan Pengelly

There was a time when
time was on my side,
when days seemed longer
and nights flew by,
where life was so simple
and we hadn't a care.
My world was right here,
there was no elsewhere.

Back in that time when
it was still my friend,
at the start of the road
that had no end.
Folk were the salt of the earth,
pure humankind
and said 'the future awaits,
just don't look behind'

Then time tapped on my shoulder
'let's be moving along'
it was then that I noticed
that the child was gone,
the road narrowed
with a slight incline
and you noticed a burden
when you first towed the line

Then time said 'Better hurry'
so I picked up the pace,
an involuntary entrant
to the human rat race.
The road was rougher,
the going was tough
and the more I gave
seems it wasn't enough.

As time rolled on
with stress and strain,
no peace, no solace
to ease the pain, no time to think,
no time to decide
which path to follow
to dodge life's landslides.

There's a fork in the road
around the next curve,
time said 'hold on
and keep your nerve',
with no time to think
I veered to the right,
time didn't say
it was wrong or right.

Further on up the road
and out of the blue

someone knelt by the roadside
to lace up her shoe.
I stopped and said
'You been waiting here long?
With a magnetic smile she said
'Thought you'd never come'

With a wink, time said
'Guess you chose the right track'
and as years rolled by
we never looked back.
You became my companion,
you became my wife,
As time ticked away,
the best years of our lives.

Even Old Father Time
can't rewind the clocks,
so who'll be my taker
when the ticking stops?
Gabriel's good grace
or the Reaper's cold call,
throwing dice for my soul,
winner takes all.

Church Flowers

We are a friendly group of people who enjoy flower arranging. It is fun, not onerous, no big commitment and an opportunity to keep our Church bright and welcoming to congregations, the Café on Tuesdays, the Friday afternoon tea party and visitors. We especially need more flower arrangers for the big Church Festivals. If you might consider joining us, please contact Caroline Keevil on 07860.148407 or ck@carolinekeevil.co.uk

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October/November 2025 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	
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 1st		
11am	Mid-Week Communion	Rowde
Sunday 5th	(Trinity 16)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
10am	Service of the Word	Rowde
Sunday 12th	(Trinity 17)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 19th	(Trinity 18)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 26th	(Last after Trinity)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Friday 31st	(All Souls)	
<i>6pm</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
NOVEMBER		
Sunday 2nd	(All Saints)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
10am	Service of the Word	Rowde
Sunday 2nd	(All Souls)	
3pm	Service	Rowde
Wednesday 5th		
11am	Mid-Week Communion	Rowde
Sunday 9th	(Remembrance Day)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
3pm	Service	Rowde
<i>3pm</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 16th	(2nd before Advent)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
2.30pm	Come and Praise	Rowde
Sunday 23rd	(Next before Advent)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 30th	(First of Advent)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Benefice Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
6pm	Deanery Evensong	TBC

Everyone is very welcome at all our services.
Please visit www.achurchnearyou.com for more information, check our church noticeboards or contact the Benefice Administrator at helen@rowdebromhambenefice.co.uk.

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 Rev'd Norma Fergusson

I have a lovely book of meditations for the church year by Michael Stancliffe called *Stars and Angels*, and several of them are about gardens. As our friends will testify, I am better at reading about gardens than creating them but even I can pick up the many references to gardens and gardening in scripture, from the Garden of Eden onwards. And Stancliffe reminds us of St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians: *You are God's garden*, which encourages me to think that, however parched or over grown with weeds we may become at times, God will not give up on us until we are as pleasing as he intended.

Stancliffe also points out that gardens need walls, not as obstacles to growth but to protect our freedom to grow, and, of course, that they need water to give them life. And, if we are God's gardens, then surely our walls are our Christian values and our water is Christ himself? But the thing which really caught my imagination was when I read that there are no flowers in God's garden, but there are trees of every kind that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. Biblical gardeners spent their time creating shade where people and animals could find rest and shelter from the heat of the day.

So the question Stancliffe wants us to ponder, and which I thought I'd share with you, is: if we are God's garden, where are the trees? Perhaps they are our church buildings, those places of rest and quietness where people can come for rest and shelter from both literal and metaphorical heat? Perhaps they are the people to whom we turn for advice or comfort in times of trial? And if so, then the most telling question of all is, can we also be trees for others so that they can flourish, too?

The Rev'd Norma Fergusson

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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.

Bromham & Rowde Monday Club

Here are the five things that you need to know about what we do to entice you to come and join us!

1. Friendship, chat, fun and laughter.
2. Delicious two course home-cooked meal every week.

3. Games, talks, activities, music, movement.

4. **Every Monday 9.30am-1.00pm Bromham Clubhouse** - transport available (£2).

5. £12 includes meal, tea/coffee/biscuits - with full funding available to eligible people.

Contact Carol Hindle (01380 850925) or Cathy Welch (01380 850555) for more details or to book your place.

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

We are pleased to be back after the summer break. Please bring your own craft project or join in our jigsaw. All welcome! No entry fee. Coffee and cake available for a donation. All welcome.

Flower Arranging at Rowde

Please contact Caroline Keevil on 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 nicolabrown678@gmail.com or 01380 722406.

Bellringing at St Matthew's

Please contact Michael Cornwell at michael.cornwell@btinternet.com 07388 224129

Open the Book at Rowde

Contact Fran Hall on 07989758412

Photography

Photographs may be taken during services or events by a member of the Church; these may be used on our Facebook page, A Church Near You, The Hoot, Rowde Village News and/or other forms of media. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please speak to a member of the welcoming team on duty on the day, or contact the Benefice Administrator, Helen Rawlings on 07933 8171816 or beneficerowdebromham@gmail.com

CONTACT US

Rector: Vacant

Associate Priest: Vacant

Benefice Administrator: Helen Rawlings
beneficerowdebromham@gmail.com 07933 8171816

During the current vacancy, please contact Helen 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

Benefice website:

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St Matthew's Church, Rowde Musicians wanted!

We have a lovely piano, organ and electric keyboard at St Matthew's, and as a result of advertising in this magazine, we are now lucky enough to have a pianist who plays for one service a month.

Now we are just looking for someone to play occasionally (perhaps once a month, or less frequently) to cover the remaining Sundays, or when we have extra services..

This would mean acting as accompanist for church services (usually on Sunday mornings) and possibly choir practices (currently on Friday evenings) at St Matthew's Church.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact:

Nicola Brown (choir leader) on 01380 722406

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The Big Little Things In Life!

by Zöe Rucker

The Great British Bluff: Why We Pretend to Know What You're Talking About

If there's one thing you can rely on in British conversation, it's that nobody wants to be the person who doesn't know what you're talking about.

We've all played it. You're mid-conversation, someone drops a name, a place, a cultural reference you've never heard before, and the correct thing to do would be to say, "Sorry, what's that?" But no. Admitting you don't know is up there with chewing with your mouth open or queue-jumping — an absolute social disgrace. We will go down with the ship before revealing ignorance.

Our national motto could be: Keep Calm and Pretend You've Seen It. Seen what? Doesn't matter. Could be a TV series, a landmark, or a minor 14th-century rebellion — we'll nod safe in our unwritten rule: context will bail us out later.

It's not lying. It's... conversation maintenance. The British view of small talk is that it's like a delicate ecosystem: one false move and the whole thing collapses.

Suppose you stop to say, "Oh, sorry, I've never heard of that," you've just lobbed a conversational brick through a greenhouse. Everyone freezes. Someone shifts in their seat. Tea goes cold. And you? You've just become the person who didn't know.

There's also our long-standing cultural obsession with general knowledge. Pub quizzes, panel shows, Trivial Pursuit — we treat having a brain stuffed with miscellaneous facts as a marker of moral worth.

Never mind if you can't do your own taxes; as long as you know the capital of Burkina Faso, you're a national treasure. So not knowing something in the moment isn't just an information gap; it's a small moral failing.

And so, we bluff. We become masters of the slow nod, the knowing smile, the neutral "Mmm, yes" that works for both enthusiasm and mild disapproval. We perfect the trick of throwing in one vague phrase — "Ah yes, that was quite something" — which buys us enough time to work out if the person is talking about a BBC drama or a military coup.

There's a special point in our bluffing when the ignorance is so total that it has to be physically masked. This is where our mannerisms come into play:

- The Slow Sip of a drink — buys five extra seconds to work out if the other person is talking about a new Michelin-starred chef or a serial killer.
- The Sharp Inhale Through Teeth — suggests agreement, mild concern, or the



memory of a similar situation we are 100% making up on the spot.

- The Chin Nod of Gravitas — deployed when the topic sounds important, often accompanied by narrowing the eyes as if remembering "something similar back in '97."
- The "Well, Quite" — the Swiss Army knife of British bluff phrases; works equally for art criticism, political scandal, or someone describing a new compost bin.

- The 'Let's Not Get Into That' Chuckle — ideal for when we have no idea what the person's on about, but we want to imply we could talk about it at length if we wanted to.

These are conversational chameleons, equally valid for a Netflix series, a major political scandal, or the sinking of the Mary Rose.

By the time the average Brit reaches adulthood, they can nod through a conversation about Hungarian cinema, Brexit trade implications or the finer points of artisan bread-making without breaking a sweat.

The truth is, we don't bluff because we're deceitful — we'd rather stay ignorant than face the awkwardness of interrupting your conversation.

So the next time you find a Brit nodding intently, eyes slightly glazed, murmuring "Absolutely" every few seconds — we're just doing our thing.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile Library Route H visits Maundrell Close in Rowde between 9.30am and 10.00am on the following Thursdays:

16th October 2025
13th November 2025
11th December 2025
8th January 2026
5th February 2026
5th March 2026

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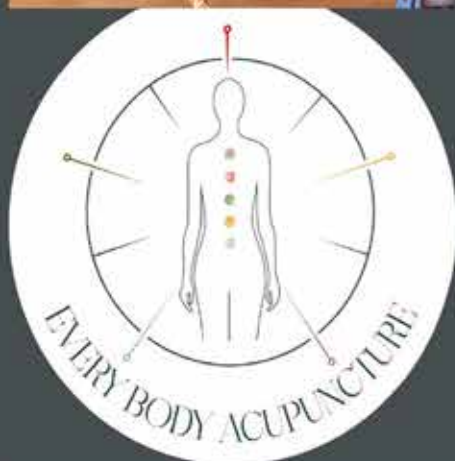


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Rowde Events and the Mind Tree Cafe
would like to invite the seniors of the village to a
festive afternoon tea at The Mind Tree Cafe.

Do you know someone who is over 70 who finds it
hard to get out, lives on their own, does not see many
people or don't have family nearby?

We'd love to welcome them to our free festive
afternoon tea filled with:

- 🥧 Mince pies, sandwiches & treats
- 🎵 Seasonal music & cheer
- 💬 Friendly company and conversation

If you know someone
who you think might like to attend please contact us
by email on rowde.events@yahoo.com

This event will be funded by profit from RowdeFest
and The Mind Tree Cafe
and will be run by volunteers.

Donations of mince pies, festive table clothes
and napkins etc. welcome,
as are volunteers.



Volunteers Needed



We are looking for people who are passionate about inclusion and want to help raise awareness across Wiltshire.

Project
will begin
on:

**SEPT
22ND**

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Sharing and promoting the project locally & online
- Helping to organise and arrange community events
- Connecting with local businesses & services
- Supporting outreach so more families know about us

Volunteering also gives you the chance to share your own business and how you support neurodivergent adults and families across Wiltshire/UK.

Together, we can build stronger support and visibility for the community in Wiltshire.



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FAQs

1. WHAT IS THE INCLUSION SUPPORT HUB WILTSHIRE?

It's a community project for neurodivergent people, their families, and carers. The Hub isn't just an online directory — it's also about building awareness, connecting people with inclusive businesses, and creating opportunities for collaboration across Wiltshire.

2. WHO IS IT FOR?

For neurodivergent adults and young people, their families and carers — and also businesses or organisations who want to be more visible and connect with the neurodivergent community.

3. WHAT WILL IT DO?

Right now, we're focusing on spreading the word, collaborating with local businesses, and supporting inclusive events so families know what's out there. By January 2026, we'll launch a directory website to bring everything together in one place.

4. IS IT A CHARITY?

No, it's a community-driven project with a social purpose. Free services and charities will always be listed for free, while other members can choose from affordable paid options when the directory launches.

5. WHEN DOES IT START?

The project officially begins on 22nd September 2025. The directory website will be developed afterwards, but the Hub activities (outreach, volunteering, collaboration) start right away.

6. HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Volunteer to help spread the word locally or online.
- Collaborate as a business or service provider to raise awareness and promote your support for neurodivergent people and their families.
- Share events, resources, or services that the community should know about.



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Local News



WASP RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT AT FURLONG CLOSE!



On the morning of 4th September my sister felt faint whilst driving down Marsh Lane. She pulled over after turning into Furlong Close and immediately fainted. Whilst unconscious, the most probable event, as suggested by an attending police officer, was that her foot fell onto the accelerator which caused her car to lunge forward and end up in the shrubs directly in front of her.



After being roused by Agincare staff, she climbed out of the car boot and the ambulance crew treated her for an extreme reaction to a couple of wasp stings which happened just before she got into the car and fainting after she pulled over being the start of the reactions. She was further treated at RUH and released later the same evening.



My sister and I would like to thank the staff at Furlong Close for coming out to help her and who called 999. All three emergency services were on the scene almost immediately.

Cathy Pearce



24 WINDOWS OF CHRISTMAS

We are looking for residents to decorate a window in any way they wish and each night the windows will be illuminated from 6pm until all 24 are done.

We are a proud village and without us pulling together it won't work and we know people like to visit the homes during December so please contact us if you are interested in taking part by decorating your window.



Lisa Taylor

1 Ferris Close, Rowde

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THE MIND TREE CAFÉ CIC

Promoting holistic Therapies at Furlong Close in Rowde.

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." - **Brian Solis**

The Mind Tree Café is a Not-For-Profit community interest company set up with the purpose of promoting mental health and well-being in a variety of ways.

Donations and your support are crucial to help The Mind Tree Café to support as many people as we can, and to help us keep growing and giving back. Go fund me <https://gofund.me/bcc39437>

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 4.30pm
- 01380 608456

Please be aware we may be with a client or in a meeting but will endeavour to answer the phone wherever possible.

The Café



Current opening times are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday – 9.30am to 4pm.

New on the menu is our orchard fruit crumbles and homemade soups, which will warm our bellies and comfort our souls.



We have a variety of affordable gifts, plants and artwork available to buy, these are great for treats for yourself or friends and Christmas is coming, so why not be an early bird, before they all go.



17th December we are working in partnership and holding the afternoon tea for the older adults of Rowde in The Mind Tree Café. 3pm - 5pm. More information coming soon (see poster on page 23).

Low-cost counselling service

Clients have been benefiting 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 - enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

We still have positions for more volunteers to support us and to keep the project going. Again, we want to thank all the lovely volunteers that are working for us and those that are joining our team. If you are interested in supporting us with volunteering your time in the Café, or other areas of the project, please contact us on enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

Community Puzzle

Introducing our community puzzle which you will find in the foyer. Community puzzles are a great way to meet others and keep your mind active. We dare you to walk past without trying to complete some of it.

Upcoming Events and Services for the Autumn

- Herb and Aromatherapy Workshops, Saturday 4th October 2025 <http://www.naliniwellness.com/> Tel: 07432 404229
- Apple Harvest and Community Event in association with The Salvation army, DOCA (Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts) and other partners – 20th September, 11am - 2pm.
- Fairy Light Lampshades Workshop - Saturday 1st November 2pm. £40 All materials included. Max 8 people. <https://www.aimeealicepayton.co.uk/workshops>. For booking and payment please contact enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

- Christmas Market with Furlong close residents and The Mind Tree Café - 22nd November 2.30pm – 5.30pm. We have a variety of different stalls, music, raffle and our Café is open so you can have lunch or a snack in between buying all your Christmas presents. If you would like to hire a stall, please contact Lisa and Lisa – enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

- Our annual Christmas wreath workshop is on 6th December from 11am - 2pm. All materials are included (we only use natural materials). This is a fun and relaxing workshop, no perfection required. Hot drink and mince pie included. Price - £43.00 all proceeds go back into The Mind Tree Café. To book and pay please contact Lisa and Lisa enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

- 17th December we are working in partnership and holding the afternoon tea for the older adults of Rowde in The Mind Tree Café. 3pm - 5pm. More information coming soon.

- Affordable Community Acupuncture – Every Thursday morning, 10 am - 1pm To book your space, please visit the website www.everybodyacu.co.uk

- Massage and Aromatherapy with Nalini – every Thursday, for more information and to book an appointment, please contact - <http://www.naliniwellness.com/> Tel: 07432 404229

- Massage and Aromatherapy with Irene – every Friday, for more information and to book an appointment, please contact - ireneburford@sky.com

- Monday Morning - Yoga with Naomi - 10am – noon. For more information and to book a place please call Naomi on 07727 124097.

- Monday Evenings - Pilates, please contact Suzan via email suzijj@rocketmail.com or call 07833 976362

- Monday Evenings- PSG Choirs, please contact www.psgchoirs.co.uk or phone Will Blake on 07751 697388

- Tuesday Evenings - Yoga, please contact Ginny via email yogawithginny@gmail.com or call 07973 517029

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

Working in Partnership

We have teamed up with Wiltshire Digital Drive to offer a drop off point for unwanted laptops and technology, they recycle this to provide equipment to people in digital poverty, which is a lifeline for those who need access to computers for work or learning.

We now have a clothes recycling bank on site, this will provide an opportunity to dispose of unwanted clothes in an environmentally friendly way but also raise money to support The Mind Tree Café.



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 for more information. Our rates are very competitive.

We also have a good audio-visual system in our studio, an 85-inch screen on a trolley, if you wish to deliver training or events that require this, please contact us for information.

We also offer catering for your meetings, please contact Lisa and Lisa on enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

We would also like your help in gaining reviews for our project if you have time, please can you go onto our google business page and facebook and add a review.

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ROYAL VISIT TO ROWDE

The Princess Royal visited Silverwood School's new build Rowde campus, which first opened in September 2024, to mark its opening one year on.

She was greeted by children and staff and also met representatives from Wiltshire Council while touring the facility, before saying a few words.



She said: "My congratulations and best wishes, and I really do look forward to the future of this site and what it can do."

The opening of Silverwood School's new campus marks a major investment in education services for children in the area with special educational needs.

Executive headteacher Sean McKeown said: "The visit shines a light on the importance of this school and the community it serves. The journey today has been exciting, challenging, and at times daunting. From the beginning it was clear this was never going to be an ordinary school, this is a place where children and young people can become their best selves. The building is a legacy that will outlast all of us and transform lives for generations, we have created a centre of excellence that will support children with special educational needs across the county."

Cllr Jon Hubbard, cabinet member for children's services, education and skills, said the royal visit was a proud day for Silverwood School and Wiltshire Council, which invested over £30 million into opening the Rowde campus last September. He added:

"This marks the end of the beginning for this school, it was fantastic to see the Princess Royal and the young people's response to her. To see them crowding at the windows and practising their Royal waves was just marvellous to see. What was really special was it was clear she had a knowledge of the SEND arena and spoke with real authority."

Cllr Hubbard believes the Rowde campus will play a key role in improving SEND provision across Wiltshire.

He said: "It is an absolutely fantastic resource, it sets the standard for what I would like to see being delivered for all young people across Wiltshire. That will be a long journey, but this is a base from which we can deliver across the county, and I'm determined we will see more provision across Wiltshire. The important thing is wherever possible we deliver education to children as close to home as we can."

Report source - Gazette & Herald

See also Silverwood School's report on page 8.

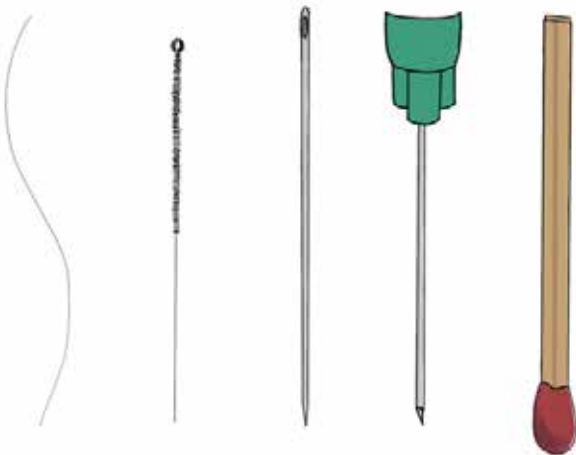
DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF ACUPUNCTURE

Many people have heard of acupuncture, but not everyone knows what it really involves or how it could help them. At its heart, acupuncture is a safe and natural treatment that works to restore balance in the body, supporting both physical and emotional wellbeing.

Originating in East Asia thousands of years ago, acupuncture has steadily grown in popularity in the UK, and today it is recommended by the NHS NICE guidelines for conditions such as chronic pain, migraines, prostatitis and hiccups. It is also increasingly chosen by people who simply want to manage stress, improve sleep, or take a more proactive role in caring for their health.

What happens during a treatment?

An acupuncture appointment begins with a chat about your health and lifestyle, so that your treatment can be tailored to your individual needs. Very fine, single use sterile needles are gently inserted into specific points on the body. These needles are much thinner than those used for injections about the width of a human hair and are usually barely felt at all. Many people describe the experience as calming and deeply relaxing.



Is acupuncture safe?

Yes. Acupuncture is performed by Jenni who is a fully trained and accredited practitioner who has been educated to degree level and has undertaken additional training in treating sports injuries, and chronic pain. She is a member of the British Acupuncture Council. Only single-use, sterile needles are used, and every treatment is carried out with professional care and attention. Patients often find that not only does acupuncture help with specific health concerns, but it also improves their overall sense of wellbeing.

Does it work?

Over the past two decades, numerous clinical studies have shown acupuncture to be effective, particularly for managing chronic pain. Beyond the research, many people continue to choose

acupuncture because they feel the positive effects in their daily lives with results such as less pain, reduced stress, and a greater sense of balance.

Making acupuncture affordable

Traditionally, the cost of one-to-one acupuncture sessions has been a barrier for many people with most appointments costing £60. At the Mind Tree we use a multi-bed clinic which is based on how acupuncture is carried out in China.

A warm and welcoming space where several people can receive treatment at the same time.

This shared setting helps keep costs down, making acupuncture more accessible while still ensuring everyone receives personalised care, appointments at the multi-bed cost £20-30 depending on your financial situation.

For those managing long-term conditions, regular acupuncture can become an important part of their self-care routine. The multi-bed model allows people to continue benefiting from acupuncture without it breaking the bank.

Why try acupuncture?

Whether you are living with ongoing pain, dealing with stress, or simply curious about improving your overall wellbeing, acupuncture offers a gentle and holistic approach. It works alongside conventional medicine and is increasingly recognised by health professionals as a valuable part of modern healthcare.

What is the Mind Tree cafe?

The Mind Tree Cafe is a not-for-profit community interest company which currently runs a cafe on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and offers low-cost counselling with a view to offering other wellbeing services in the future.



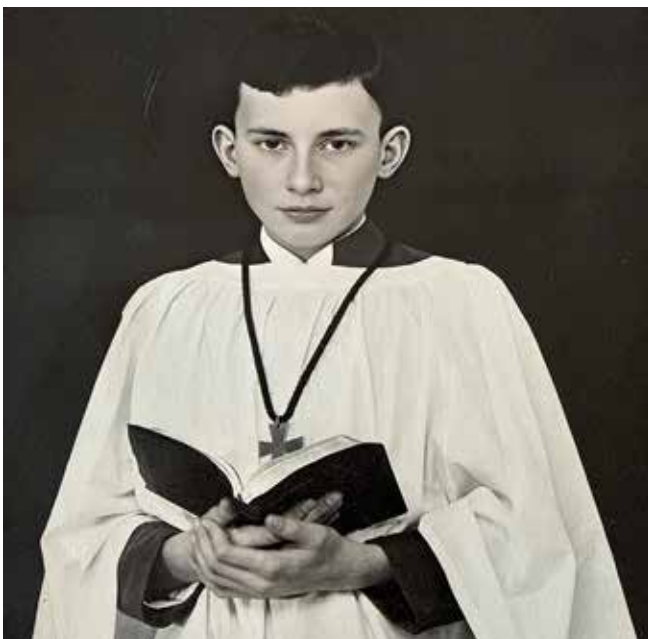
Every Body Acupuncture offers Free 15 minute consultations to see if acupuncture could be right for you. Multi-Bed Acupuncture @ The Mind Tree Cafe every Thursday 9:30-1pm
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OBITUARY**Col. Richard Mark Baker****13 January 1954 – 19 May 2025**

Mark grew up in Rowde and the surrounding villages, the son of a local policeman, Mac Baker, and his wife June.

He went to Devizes Grammar School and then on to Welbeck, the army sixth form college. From there he went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst where he was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Transport, subsequently embarking upon a full military career. He left the army in 2009 to take up a post of Captain of Invalids at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, home to about three hundred army veterans, before retiring to Rowde in 2017.

His links with Rowde were strong. He was Christened in Saint Matthew's Church where he sang as a choir boy for a number of years. It



is also where he learnt to ring the church bells alongside his father.

His ashes are now laid to rest in Rowde churchyard where his parents, grandparents and great grandparents are buried.

He was very happy to return to Rowde after many years of absence and found peace and tranquillity in this beautiful village.

He is survived by five children, nine grandchildren and his wife, Jane.

APPLE HARVEST

Lisa and Lisa of The Mind Tree cafe would like to thank everyone involved in this year's apple harvest. Lots of apples were picked on 20th September and there was a good community feel around the whole project.



A BIG BIRTHDAY FOR MAUREEN!

This year marked a very special milestone for one of Rowde's most beloved residents. Maureen Hiscocks celebrated her 90th birthday on Tuesday, 26th September 2025 — and what better way to celebrate than with a surprise coffee party in her honour!



Maureen is usually the one serving others at St Matthew's Tuesday Café, but on this particular Tuesday, she was gently told to just come along — no need to serve coffee. What she didn't know was that her friends, family, and the regular café-goers had been secretly invited to celebrate her birthday with her. The morning turned into a joyful and heartfelt gathering, full of love and laughter.



Maureen was born in Salisbury in 1935 and educated at South Wilts Grammar School for Girls. She joined the Police Force in 1956, serving first in Swindon for five years before being posted back to Salisbury and later to Trowbridge. There were only twelve police women in the county then. They went about their duties armed with a pen, a notebook and a whistle. It was in Trowbridge that she met her husband, Lexi, who was also serving in the Police Force. Maureen resigned from the Force in March 1964, and the very next day, she and Lexi were married in Salisbury. When Lexi retired in 1979, the couple moved to Rowde, where they became well-known and well-loved members of the village.

Maureen has continued to dedicate her life to service. As a member of the WRVS (Women's Royal Voluntary Service), she helped cook and deliver meals on wheels. She also served on the Village Hall committee, was a member of the Ladies' Club, and volunteered at the village community shop.

At St Matthew's, Maureen was a church warden for many years and still plays an active role in the church community, including helping to run the very Tuesday coffee mornings she thought she was simply attending that day.

Her 90th birthday celebration was a wonderful and well-deserved surprise, with all the invited guests and a few extras turning up to mark the occasion. It was a fitting tribute to someone who has quietly given so much to so many, and is greatly appreciated by our village community.

(See Maureen in full colour on the inside front cover! Ed)

WOOHOO! WE DID IT!!!



Three mountain bike adventurers made the 100km (61 miles) off road from Walton-on-Thames to Brighton and Hove Lawns for this year's BHF's London to Brighton Off Road Bike Ride. Absolutely epics day riding in the Surrey and Sussex countryside - officially my longest offroad ride. Massive thanks to Martin Phillips and Alan Coom for being the perfect team-mates making it all the more fun journey. Thank you so much for the generous sponsorship totalling over £800 at this point. Still time if you'd like to contribute to the British Heart Foundation's life saving research. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-chappell-2>

James Chappell, Rowde Court



MAUREEN AND JACKIE WALKING FOR CHARITY!

Maureen Hiscocks and her daughter Jackie Wiltshire took up the challenge to walk 30 miles in September to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Their initial target was £150 but at time of writing they already had over £1000 in donations. Most had come through their Just Giving Page. Jackie said "If mum doesn't accompany me every day she walks a mile round the village with friend Sandy. So brilliant of her now she is 90!"

Jackie put a post on her FB page every day with pics of where they had walked that day and gave an update on money raised. They walked round Bowood Estate, various stretches of the canal, Lacock, Hillworth Park, Avebury and Newark Park and friends often joined them. More recently Jackie went off to Crete but continued to walk there with a friend every day.



Wiltshire Buildings Record, a charity that has a growing and very detailed database of the county's vernacular buildings – and which is based at Chippenham's History Centre – is seeking new members.

For further details please go to

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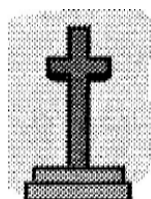
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I am here to offer advice and support so please get in touch:

Email: laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07855 819343

Facebook: Laura Mayes – for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway

I am writing this article from my home office that overlooks my neighbour's apple tree. The branches are groaning with fruit – careful pruning, spring rain and the warm summer has clearly delivered results.

The newly extended school at Silverwood, Rowde is another example of a project that has come to fruition after people working together. It was over eight years ago that I started to lead the initiative to expand the number of special school places for Wiltshire's children when we realised demand was growing. The team at Wiltshire Council spent many months consulting with parents, young people and staff to create a plan that would improve the lives of children with Special Educational Needs. I am very grateful to the Rowde community for your support to extend the old Rowdeford School

to create the incredible campus we have on the site, now called Silverwood School.

We were honoured that the HRH The Princess Royal came to officially open the school at the beginning of the new term. I was presented to her in my role as Chairman of Wiltshire Council and had a good opportunity to discuss how the project started when I was Cabinet Member for Children's Services. I was delighted the Chair and Clerk of Rowde Parish Council met Her Royal Highness, along with other Rowde residents who have supported the school for so many years. It was a joyous day, and it was clear she was very impressed with everything she saw.

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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

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Calne Strand	08:27	09:51	-	11:51	-	13:51	-	-	16:36	18:09	18:37R
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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
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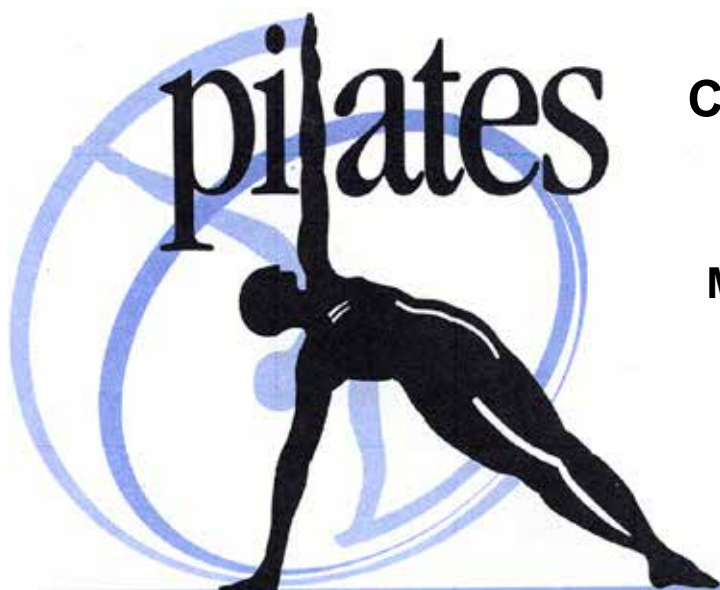
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LETTERS

STOP PRESS - NATIONAL AWARDS FOR FURLONG CLOSE STAFF

At the Agincare Heroes awards ceremony held in the magical grounds of the Chewton Glen Hotel in the New Forest, the Outstanding Leader of the Year was won by Rosie Dally and the Furlong Close Supported Living Team gained a Highly Commended award. **(more next issue - Ed).**

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Yours Aye, **Michael Cornwell**

(see Mark's obituary on page 31)

Concert

featuring

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	9		8		7		3	
	7	2	3		5	1	9	
		5		4		8		
		8				9		
			1		2			
			9		8			
1			5		4			7
4		7				3		8

Last Month's Solution

9	1	4	8	2	7	3	5	6
2	7	6	1	5	3	9	8	4
5	3	8	9	6	4	7	1	2
8	9	2	5	1	6	4	7	3
6	4	3	7	8	9	5	2	1
1	5	7	3	4	2	8	6	9
4	8	5	2	9	1	6	3	7
7	6	1	4	3	5	2	9	8
3	2	9	6	7	8	1	4	5

Mini Sudoku (difficult this month)

Insert the numbers 1 to 6 in the blank boxes so that each of the six separate areas of the puzzle and each line vertically and horizontally contains each number only once.

					2
	5			4	
6					
		3			
1					4
		4	2		3

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

3	5	2	6	4	1
4	6	1	2	5	3
5	3	6	1	2	4
2	1	4	3	6	5
6	4	3	5	1	2
1	2	5	4	3	6

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Church Coordinator

Benefice Administrator:
Sarah Leckie
sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

Church Choir

Contact Nicola Brown:
nicolabrown678@gmail.com
01380 722406

Church Wardens - vacant

Doctor

For list of doctors contact the
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Devizes, Tel: 0300 111 5717

Football

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Footpaths

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Council

Garage

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Hospitals

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Trowbridge Community Hospital
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Ladies Club

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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
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Parish Council

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

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Website

www.rowdevillage.org
rowdeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Youth Club

Josh Wills
rpc.joshwills@gmail.com

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