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Editorial

Welcome to another great edition of your Rowde Village News. In this issue we have excellent reports and articles from the village's schools, clubs, societies and other organisations and one or two new features.

If you would like to know what bellringing is all about and how it all works then have a look at the excellent feature article on pages 20 and 21.

There are also some very good reports in the local news pages - there's Rosie Weeden's super account of her trip to Peru to work on community and conservation projects on pages 24 and 25, the visit to a local cafe by two stars of the Celebrity Traitors TV program on page 26, some good news about an approved speed restriction on the A361 at Caen Hill on page 26, an introduction to Deni Durant who is the new Parish Council Clerk on page 25 and a sad farewell to Alisdair Kennedy who was a well loved resident of Furlong Close for 32 years. You can read about him in his obituary on page 26.

The survey about the controversial Dunkirk Hill footpath has been repeated in this issue. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire on page 16 and send it back to the Parish Council.

The magazine itself has some news in that we have a new Advertising Manager taking over from Julie Baker. Her name is Lesley Henderson and her contact details are published in the next column. Julie Baker will be doing a handover for this issue and the next but I take this opportunity to thank her for all the great work she has done over the past 15 years. Without her efforts your free magazine would simply not exist!

And well done Jane Moss for submitting the very unusual cover photo, taken during the recent eclipse. Finally, please note that I now have an email address just for magazine use. It is rvneditor1@gmail.com

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.

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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The very unusual photo on the front cover was taken by Jane Moss during the recent eclipse. You've played a blinder there Jane, well done!

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MONDAY CLUB NEWS

Bromham and Rowde Day Centre for Older People

Monday Club members have been very thankful for the Hub's air-conditioned environment during this summer's heat waves. We have mainly enjoyed in house and local visitors over the past couple of months. Our 'Members' Musical Choices' mornings always go down well and in July we had the last group of songs and music from films – we are now collecting the next set of selections on the theme of 'Reminders of Summer' so hopefully these will cheer us up on dull autumn and winter days. Lesley treated us to a demonstration of summer flower arranging and Kate completed her slide show of Birds of Gambia – beautiful and colourful on both occasions! We also enjoyed music from Mistral, a local wind instrument group, which played a selection of popular songs that we could sing along to. Mistral have become regular visitors to Monday Club and we look forward to having them with us again in December.

What's coming up at Monday Club:

September 14th – our own Alan Pengelly singing, accompanied by his guitar

September 21st – the first set of 'Members' Music Choices' – summer theme

October 5th – A talk and slideshow about Venice from John Drew

We will be holding our annual autumn Fund Raising Event on Saturday 7th November in the Hub – we will be serving tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes and, as usual, there will be a raffle, Bottle Tombola, £1 in the bucket as well as various art, craft and charity stalls selling a selection of interesting things.

Anyone is welcome to come along and join us on Monday mornings from 10am for coffee, chat and entertainment or maybe you're interested in joining Monday Club – if so, please contact: Carol on 01380 850925 or Cathy on 850555.

ROWDE LADIES CLUB

On August 11th Members of the Ladies Club met in the Village Hall and started the afternoon by all enjoying an ice lolly as it was a very warm day! This was followed by a good 'Catch Up' over a cuppa and cake!

Raffle winner was: Mrs. C. Sault.

The next meeting was held on September 8th, again in the Village Hall and that afternoon we used our Senses by feeling objects in boxes, smelling various Herbs etc and remembering objects on a tray. Many thanks to Mrs. Morris for arranging these games. Winners were: Mrs. K. Brock, Mrs. C. Sault and Mrs. D. Buckland.

Raffle winner was: Mrs. C. Morris.

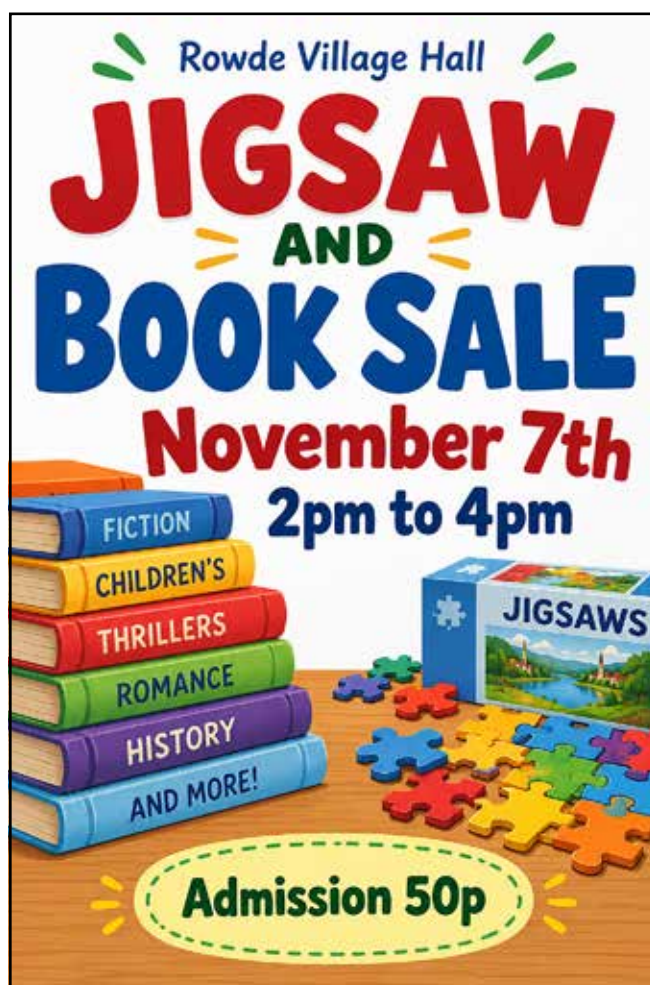
Next meetings - October 13th and November 10th and Christmas Dinner in December.

Di Buckland

ROWDE VILLAGE HALL

A Jigsaw and Book Sale will be held on Nov. 7th. in the Village Hall 2-4pm.

Admission 50p. (See poster below).



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

'Shuggie Bain' by Douglas Stuart

Shuggie Bain is the debut novel by Scottish American writer Douglas Stuart, published in 2020. The novel was awarded the 2020 Booker Prize, making Stuart the second Scottish winner in its 51 year history. Shuggie Bain was also a finalist in a number of other literary competitions.

The novel tells the story of the youngest of three siblings, 15 year old Shuggie, growing up with his alcoholic mother Agnes in 1980s post-industrial working class Glasgow, Scotland.

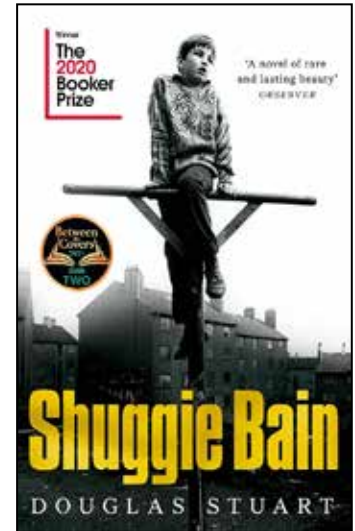
It is set in the Thatcher era, a time when Glasgow's coal mining and heavy industry collapsed, leaving widespread poverty and despair.

Shuggie's mother is a proud, glamorous woman who dreams of a better life, but she sinks deeper into alcoholism after her unfaithful husband abandons the family.

Shuggie's older siblings leave home to escape their chaotic home life whilst Shuggie remains to care for his mother. Shuggie struggles to understand his own identity and is bullied and ostracised for his effeminate traits.

The book explores an intense, unbreakable bond of love between a son and his mother, showing both the tenderness and brutality of living with a parent's addiction.

Those who had read the book found it a challenging yet quite compelling read. Whilst the book was not biographical it was said to be heavily inspired by the author's own childhood growing up in Glasgow. This in some ways made it a harder read but it was felt it gave insight into the complexities faced in families living in such difficult situations and the impact on the individuals and how they had to develop their own coping strategies in order to survive and overcome their adversities.



'The Artist' by Lucy Steeds

This is a debut historical fiction novel set in 1920's Provence in the aftermath of W.W.1.

At this time there were real world institutional barriers faced by female artists, excluded from prestigious institutions such as the Academie des Beaux-Arts in Paris.

Joseph Adelaide, a young journalist travels to the South of France hoping to write a profile of the reclusive celebrated artist, Edouard Tartuffe (Tata) whose works he greatly admires.

The rude, overbearing Tartuffe lives in a remote farmhouse with only his niece Ettie.

He had been known as the Master of Light and famed for his bright compositions but then he withdrew from the world of light and colour of his contemporaries like Paul Cezanne.

Tata reluctantly allows him to stay if he models for his new painting - "Young Man with Orange"

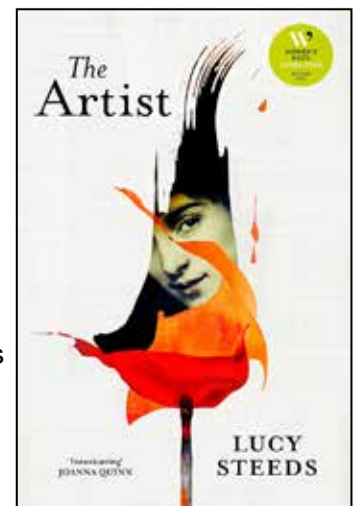
Joseph poses for hours and tries to get information from Tata and Ettie for his articles, eventually discovering some of their secrets and forming a relationship with the quiet, dutiful but very downtrodden Ettie.

His first article is a great success and good for business, so Tata allows him to stay for his next project - "The Feast" and he discovers an awful lot more about a very talented, Ettie.

"The Artist" is an intriguing and cleverly constructed story, beautifully written and a worthy winner of Waterstones Book of the Year award 2025.

For the first time ever, every member of the Book Club absolutely loved it.

Highly recommended!



ROWDEY COW NEWS



As we recover from the busy, hot Summer holidays we look forward to planning our Halloween, Charity & Christmas Events later this year.

We have waved our Summer Student Staff back to uni with our annual Rowdey Cow Rounders evening which was competitive as ever and we look forward to seeing them again at Half Term & Christmas! (photo at bottom of page)



Matthew from Furlong Close who has worked here on a Tuesday for over 10 years now has sadly retired but he has assured us he will be back to see us for his tea and ice cream! We would like to thank him and wish him all the best!

We would like to thank SB Mentoring students for providing us with the fantastic farm animal trail they made for our customers to complete throughout the summer holidays.

Our Welcoming Wednesdays, which originated from the Marmalade Trust's helping to combat loneliness week, have become a regular feature from 9.30-11.30 every Wednesday morning where you can come along with your crafts, crocheting or a good book and sit and chat or sit peacefully with a group of friendly people and enjoy some complimentary pastries.

Free Flake Friday is back on for after school treats every Friday.

On the evening of October the 10th we are hosting the charity, Fear Free's, Fundraising Fire Walk which anyone can enter or watch!



Then in half term we will have our Pumpkin Picking and Carving sessions and a fancy dress competition and some Halloween Crafts & Kid's movies too.

Our Breakfast with Santa tickets are about to go online and we are busy planning our Christmas Extravaganza evening on the 20th November.

We are excited to welcome our two newest residents next week when our two goats are arriving.

Our new Autumn Food Menu & Christmas Party Buffets created by Carl is being launched this week with some delicious new additions.

Karen is busy working on some Autumnal & Festive Ice Cream Flavours soon to be launched in the café. Charley has some fantastic Autumnal Hot Drinks ready for our customers too.

There is still plenty to enjoy here even though Summer is coming to an end so please keep coming to see us in the Autumn and Winter months

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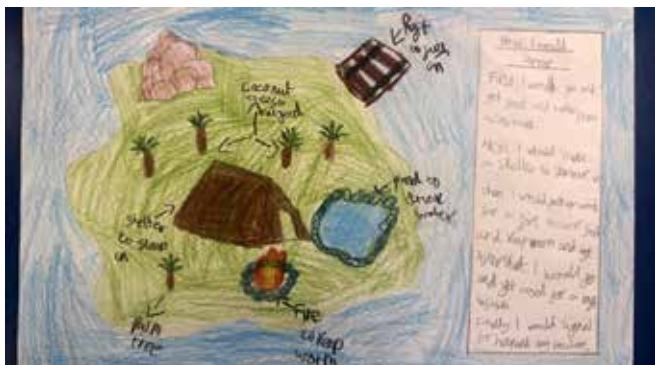
We have had a brilliant start to the new school year at Rowde C of E Academy. September is always a huge transition for children and families – new classrooms, new teachers, new routines and, for some, a completely new school – but it has been wonderful to see how quickly everyone has settled. School already feels busy, purposeful and full of life again.

Starting or changing school is a huge milestone at any age, and we are so proud of how brilliantly our new children have begun their Rowde journey – making friends, exploring their classrooms and quickly becoming part of our school family. Our Reception children have already been learning about our Rowde values and what it means to Learn, Grow and Love together, including thinking about having 'kind hands' when we play and learn with others.



As always, we have got straight into the brilliant learning our curriculum has to offer. Reading continues to sit at the heart of what we do, with carefully chosen books helping to bring learning to life across the school.

Our older children began Kensuke's Kingdom with a challenge of their own, designing a desert island and deciding



Across the school, we are continuing our focus on excellence and high expectations, encouraging children to take real pride in what they do. It has been lovely to see this coming through already in the quality of their writing, handwriting and presentation – even some fantastic name writing from our youngest children during their very first days in Reception!

We have started with Polish, initially learning Dzień dobry (good morning) and Dziękuję (thank you), with more words and phrases being introduced throughout the term.

Forest School is back!



We have welcomed experienced Forest School teacher Penny Lander, who will work with every class during the year, alongside supporting our teachers to develop further outdoor learning opportunities. Our Year 5 and 6 children have already enjoyed their first session, and it has been wonderful to see our outdoor area being put to such good use.

On Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October, we are holding a Careers Event and would love members of the village and

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY (cont'd)

Our bright start leads to their bright future

wider community to get involved. If you could spend a little time talking to our children about your job, career journey or experiences, please do get in touch. No job is too ordinary – our children love meeting visitors and discovering the huge range of opportunities that might be part of their futures. Please email me at alice.simpson@rowde.wilts.sch.uk if you can help.

Our Harvest Service will also take place at the church on Friday 16th October at 1.30pm, when we look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate Harvest and support Devides Foodbank.

Come and see us!

It is also that time of year when families begin choosing schools for September 2027. If you have a child who will be starting school next September – or know someone who does – we would love you to come and see what Rowde has to offer.

Our Play and Pastries at Rowde open events will take place on:

- Tuesday 22nd September, 9.30–11.00am
- Saturday 17th October, 10.00–11.30am

It feels as though the year has only just begun, but there is already so much happening! I continue to feel incredibly proud of our little school and the children, families, staff and wider community who make it what it is. At Rowde, we want our children to Learn, Grow and Love – achieving highly, enjoying rich opportunities and growing into confident, curious and kind young people.

If you are thinking about Rowde for your child, would like to see the school in action or think there is another way you could become involved in school life, please do get in touch.

Our door is always open.

Kindest regards,

Alice Simpson, Head Teacher





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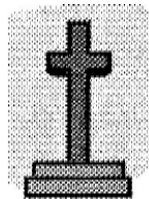
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Now we are just looking for someone to play occasionally (perhaps once a month, or less frequently) to cover the remaining Sundays, or when we have extra services.. This would mean acting as accompanist for church services (usually on Sunday mornings) 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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NEWS FROM THE MIND TREE CAFÉ

Not for Profit - Promoting Holistic Therapies in Rowde



Autumn has arrived - It is that time of year when the nights draw in and the leaves are beginning to change colours into the beautiful reds and browns. The Mind Tree Café would like to introduce Create Hope who are now working in partnership with us, they are joining us in running the project and supporting the community. Some of you may have seen and meet Catherine already, Create Hope is a Christian charity, offering emotional support to children, young people, and families, as well as therapeutic training to equip lives for good. Catherine also runs a lot of training for counselling and supervision.

Our community café is a welcoming place to pop in for a cuppa, homemade cake, a bowl of hot soup and a friendly chat. Whether you're meeting a friend, looking for a change of scenery, or just fancy some company. We'd love to see more of our Rowde community through the door this autumn — because sometimes it's the little moments of connection that make the biggest difference.

Our Café is open

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If you have any other fundraising ideas that would benefit The Mind Tree Café Community project, please let us know.

Our Memory Café is on the last Monday of each month, with the next 28th Sept - 9.30am – 11am. A new group for people living with any type of dementia and their family carers in and around Rowde. This is safe space to meet new people and to share your stories in a friendly non-judgemental environment – and enjoying a drink and homemade cakes. A contribution of £2.00 per person. **Booking is essential.** Please contact Lisa G lisagurr@themindtreecafe.org or enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

If you would like to hire Ash studio for your meeting or group, we have competitive prices. For more details and availability - enquiries@themindtreecafe.org

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Create Hope Counselling service is a Christian charity offering emotional support to children, young people, and families, as well as therapeutic training to equip lives for good. We recognise that every family is unique, and finding the right support for the challenges you're facing can often feel overwhelming. Please visit the website - <https://www.createhopeuk.org/>

Saturday Mornings - Energy Healing Treatments, please contact Laura via mail laura.vesajoki@gmail.com or call 07393 137169"

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

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

Monday afternoon – fortnightly - Flying Crane Tai Chi - October 5th, 19th. November 2nd, 16th, 30th. For more information call - 07786796159 or email - flyingcranetaichi@gmail.com

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Please check out our website for more events and classes coming soon – themindtreecafe.org

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The Mind Tree Café



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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Rowde Parish Council Update – August and September 2026

Parish Council meetings are held at Rowde Village Hall at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. Minutes are available on the parish website (www.rowdeparishcouncil.gov.uk) and on village noticeboards. Printed copies may be requested from the Clerk.

New Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that following an intensive recruitment process and interview day, Deni Durrant has been appointed as permanent Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Deni joins us with an extensive professional background in finance and contract management, having managed complex accounts in project and defence environments. She will officially begin her role on 28th September 2026 and will be undertaking local government training alongside her duties.

Rowde Common

The Parish Council was disappointed to discover that an unauthorised vehicle track made of geotextile, stone, and recycled road planning's was recently constructed across registered Common land near Berhills Lane for access into a private landowner's field without the knowledge or permission of Rowde Parish Council. Wiltshire Council Planning Enforcement have confirmed that this work constitutes operational development requiring planning permission. Because the track was laid on parish registered land, enforcement notices must technically be served on the Parish Council as landowner at the meeting on 9th September 2026, the Council unanimously resolved to instruct solicitors to initiate formal legal proceedings to halt unauthorised access, seek full recovery of legal costs and land damages, and ensure the Common is protected. Unfortunately, this must come out of the money from the precept,

Sports Field Changing Facilities; Grant Opportunities

The Parish Council has formally ratified the purchase of a 32ft x 10ft steel unit for £1,500 to be converted into sports field changing and toilet facilities. The project is funded entirely from ring-fenced reserves held since 2007 from the former Rowde Sports Field Association (£5,000) and Youth Council funds (£2,400), ensuring no general precept funds are used for the acquisition. Establishing this physical facility under Phase 1 creates immediate changing space for local teams while creating a permanent community asset. Having a functioning facility on site will make it significantly easier for the Council, local sports teams, or a newly formed Sports Field Association to demonstrate site viability and apply for external capital grant funding (such as Wiltshire Area Board or Community First grants) for future site improvements.

Footpath Safety: A342 Questionnaire

The Devizes Road (A342) footpath questionnaire is included again in this edition of the magazine. Residents are strongly encouraged to complete and return it to help the Council demonstrate pedestrian usage to Wiltshire Council Highways. Completed questionnaires can be emailed to the Clerk at: clerk@rowdeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) Register Expansion

Following a joint site visit with Wiltshire Council's Tree Officer, the Parish Council unanimously resolved to expand the official local Tree Preservation Order (TPO) register. The updated TPO adds several more oak trees located around the sports field and includes a Red Oak.

Planning Applications

Rowde Parish council are consulted on all planning applications that relate to the parish, we are one consultee and cannot alone determine the outcome of any application. The council's representation reflects local knowledge and material planning considerations to assist Wiltshire Council in determining applications.

Neighbourhood Plan

Progress on the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan is continuing with Regulation 14 public consultation projected for early 2027.

Community Engagement

The Councillor Attendance Register is now published on the parish website to enhance public transparency. At the September meeting, members discussed adding headshot photographs to councillor web profiles. As this is a recommendation rather than a statutory requirement, it was agreed that councillors who wish to include a photograph will have their profiles updated, while others will be represented by a silhouette placeholder.

Parish Steward Schedule

The parish council have monthly parish steward visits, the parish steward cannot use weed killer but can provide manual clearance of overgrown footpaths, Kerbs and gullies around the village closes and side roads. Parish steward visits will now be coordinated by Cllr Lines residents are invited to submit maintenance requests for inclusion on the monthly steward list. The A342 is a job that is too big for the parish steward.

Annual Governance: Accountability Return (AGAR)

The Council received an update confirming that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) accounts, variance explanations, and external audit submissions for 2025–26 have been successfully completed and signed off with external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

Councillor Vacancy

Following the retirement of Councillor Stuart Taylor, the Parish Council currently has a casual vacancy available for co-option. If you are interested in joining the Council, please contact the Clerk or Chair for an application form and co-option guidance.

Finance; Approved Expenditure

Alongside the regular pre-approved payment schedule, the Council approved and ratified the following recent expenditure items:

- PKF Littlejohn: External audit fee (£378.00)
- Playground Online: Replacement toddler swing seat (£143.42)
- Payroll Provider Setup: Administrative setup (£25.00)

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Help Protect the Footpath Between the Rowdey Cow and Devizes

Rowde Parish Council is reaching out to the community again as the previous questionnaire only received a handful of responses, we are trying to collect evidence about the footpath between the Rowdey Cow and Devizes.

Wiltshire Council Highways has suggested that this footpath is infrequently used. The Parish council believe that the path's poor and unsafe condition is the reason fewer people use it today.

We need your help to demonstrate how important this route is to our community. The information collected will be submitted to Wiltshire Council as evidence to support our request for repairs and ongoing maintenance.

1. Do you currently use the footpath between the Rowdey Cow and Devizes?

- ☐ Yes, regularly (at least once a week)
- ☐ Yes, occasionally (at least once a month)
- ☐ Yes, but only a few times a year
- ☐ Not currently

2. Before the footpath deteriorated, how often did you use it?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never

3. If you do not currently use the footpath, what is the main reason? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ The surface is unsafe or in poor condition
- ☐ It becomes muddy or flooded
- ☐ Vegetation makes it difficult to use
- ☐ I do not feel safe using it
- ☐ I use another route instead
- ☐ I was unaware the path existed
- ☐ I have mobility issues
- ☐ Other:

4. If the footpath were repaired and properly maintained, how likely would you be to use it?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Quite likely
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Not at all

5. What would you use the footpath for? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Accessing Devizes
- ☐ School journeys
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Other:

6. Approximately how many people usually walk with you?

- ☐ Just me
- ☐ 2 people
- ☐ Family group
- ☐ Walking group

7. Have you ever chosen not to use the footpath because of its condition?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please tell us why:

8. Have you experienced any of the following?

- ☐ Slips or falls
- ☐ Having to turn back
- ☐ Having to walk on the road instead
- ☐ Difficulty with a pushchair or wheelchair
- ☐ Difficulty due to overgrown vegetation
- ☐ None of the above

9. How important is this footpath to the community?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important

10. Please share any comments or experiences that demonstrate why this footpath matters.

Optional

Postcode:

Age Group:

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18–34
- ☐ 35–54
- ☐ 55–74
- ☐ 75+

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help Rowde Parish Council demonstrate the importance of this footpath and support our request for essential repairs and continued maintenance.

If you can, please take a photo of your completed questionnaire and email it to clerk@rowdeparishcouncil.gov.uk

In person you can cut it out of the magazine and give the completed questionnaire to any councillor, or bring it along to the meeting on the 14th October 2026.

If you need someone to collect the questionnaire from you then please call 07594652519.



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October/November 2026 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		
Sunday 4th	Trinity 18)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion & Harvest</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
10am	Service of the Word	Rowde
Wednesday 7th		
11am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 11th	(Trinity 19)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 18th	(Trinity 20)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 25th	(Trinity 21 - Bible Sunday)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Friday 30th		
<i>7pm</i>	<i>All Souls Service</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
NOVEMBER		
Sunday 1st	(All Souls)	
8am	Communion (BCP)	Rowde
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
10am	Service of the Word	Rowde
3pm	All Souls Service	Rowde
Wednesday 4th		
11am	Communion	Rowde
Sunday 8th	(Remembrance Sunday)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Service of the Word	Rowde
<i>3pm</i>	<i>Remembrance Service</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
3pm	Remembrance Service	Rowde
Sunday 15th	(2nd before Advent)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
Sunday 22nd	(Christ the King)	
<i>8am</i>	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>Sandy Lane</i>
10am	Holy Communion	Rowde
Sunday 29th	(1st Sunday of Advent)	
<i>10am</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday Communion</i>	<i>Bromham</i>
<i>6pm</i>	<i>Advent Service</i>	<i>Bromham</i>

Please contact either Rev'd Norma Fergusson or Helen Rawlings the Benefice Administrator if you wish to enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral.
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Church Opening Times

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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

Recently, we held a quiet day in St Matthew's – quiet, rather than silent as we shared some of our thoughts and prayers aloud. I find such times comfortable and comforting, but I read in the Church Times that three quarters of people find silence difficult and only one quarter would feel comfortable spending 24 hours or more in silence and off social media. Before you think – that's down to the young, it included 47% of what I discovered is called the Silent Generation (aged 81+) and 44% of Millennials.

Perhaps we adults need to re-learn how to be comfortably silent. We teach our primary school children to sit quietly and just "be" for a few minutes – should we give ourselves permission to do the same? Then we might really hear breezes and birdsong; discover the nuances we missed in conversation and need to follow up; allow ourselves to smile as memories resurface. In her beautiful carol, In the stillness (a setting of a poem by Katrina Shepherd) Sally Beamish reminds us of snowfalls, candle-lit churches and the hush of angels' wings. If we start practicing now, perhaps we'll be ready to hear them by Christmas?

Blessings, Norma

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

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3. Games, talks, activities, music, movement.
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Contact Carol Hindle (01380 850925) or Cathy Welch (01380 850555) for more details or to book your place.

Rowde Church Café Tuesday 10:45 – 12 pm.
Come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat.

Everyone welcome!

Craft, Coffee and Chat at St Matthew's, Rowde
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Bring & Buy at St Matthew's, Rowde

First Saturday of every month. 1pm to 3pm.

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 Susan Cannings at - susancannings305@googlemail.com or 01380 728128.

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 today, or contact the Benefice Administrator, Helen Rawlings on 07933 8171816 or helen@rowdebromhambenefice.co.uk.

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BELLRINGING IN ROWDE

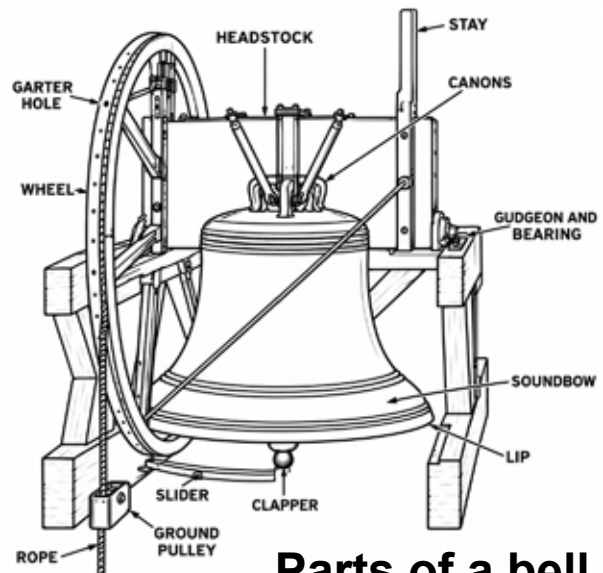
Bells have been calling people to church in England for well over a thousand years and English style bellringing as practised in Rowde, started around 400 years ago.

It's a hobby that draws people from all walks of life, gives physical and mental exercise in a friendly and sociable group, and performs a traditional service to the community. There are bellringers as young as ten and others in their eighties. If you can clap your hands above your head and below your waist and get into the ringing chamber (Rowde is up a short flight of steps) you could have a go.

So what is involved? Continental bells tend to be chimed, that is, swung back forth with the bell sounding on each half of the swing. There is little or no control on how fast the bells ring so clashing with each other is part of the sound. The familiar sound of English bells with each bell sounding distinctly and in a pattern

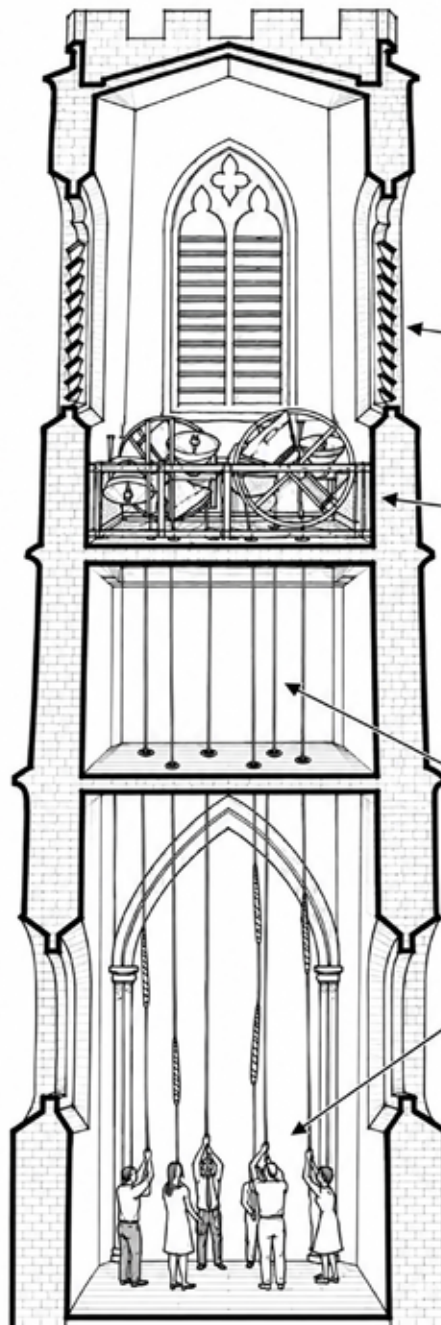
(when done properly!) is because the bells are hung in a way that lets them to turn through 360 degrees. This allows the bell to pause, for a moment or longer if desired which allows the speed of ringing to be controlled and gives the ringer the ability to change places in the sequence. The simplest sequence starts with the highest pitched bell (the treble) and works down to the deepest toned bell (the tenor). This sequence is called rounds. Changes to the sequence can either be called by a conductor or by working through a predefined set of changes which is called method ringing. Methods are a way of ringing a sequence of changes without repeating the sequence and many have wonderful old names. 'Grandsire' a very popular method and has been rung for over 350 years. My favourite name is 'Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles'.

Bellringing like many pastimes has organisations. Bell ringers refer to 'towers' rather than churches (you don't need to be a member of the church to ring the bells). Each tower with ringing bells has a 'band' of ringers lead by the tower captain, who organizes practises and



Parts of a bell

What's inside the tower?



LOUVRES: the baffle-boarded sound windows that spread the sound up and out. You can see these on the outside of the tower

BELFRY: the bells are hung in a wooden frame or metal frame with each bell fixed to a large wooden wheel that pivots on the frame. A rope is tied to the wheel spokes, runs partly round the rim and falls through holes and pulleys to the ringing chamber below

CLOCK CHAMBER: church clocks have huge mechanisms and need to be frequently wound-up

RINGING CHAMBER: ropes come down in a circle in order of bell-size (usually clockwise). Bell ringers stand in an inward-facing circle behind the ropes. Often you will find floor mats used to prevent rope wear, boxes for the shorter ringers, boards commemorating ringing and seats for extra ringers

Sunday ringing. Each tower is usually a member of a guild or association which are organized at county or diocesan level; Rowde is a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (SDGR). Guilds are often divided into branches, and Rowde is in Devizes branch.

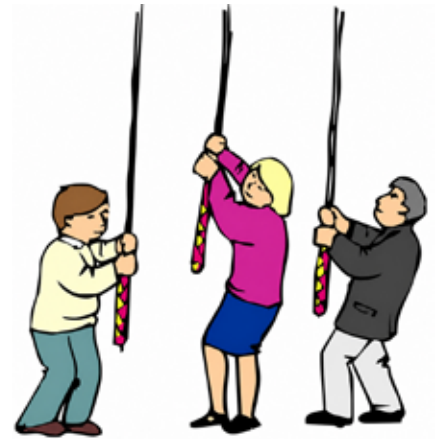
Devizes Branch is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and in October there will be many events around the branch culminating with a quarter peal being rung in all the towers in Devizes and many of the surrounding towers, Rowde included. This will be on the morning of 17th of October so expect some good ringing then.

On November the 7th in the afternoon during the regular bring and buy sale at Rowde Church (1pm to 3pm), the bells will be available. This will allow

people to see them being rung and maybe have a go to see if this fascinating hobby would be of interest,

If you would like to know more about ringing in Rowde, do get in touch with our Tower Captain Susan Cannings

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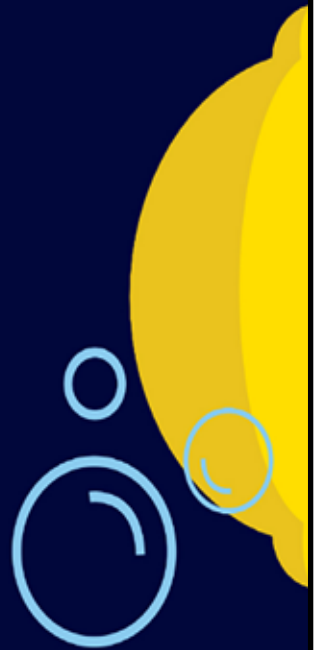
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AID FOR UKRAINE

If you have been following the story about Rowde's link to Aid for Ukraine, here is the latest update I have received on David Gaston's trips to Ukraine from Susan Gaston:

Many of you will have been shopping recently; children always seem to have a growth spurt over the summer and with the new school term, new shoes and longer trousers were probably on the list! We forget that these ordinary activities are often fraught with danger in Ukraine - the shopping mall in Kryvyi Rih was hit in August with many people killed and others badly injured or still missing. It was a 'double tap' - a second attack was launched a few moments later targeting the emergency workers there to help. At the beginning of September David drove an ambulance out to Ukraine full of medical and trauma equipment. The ambulance was provided by Aid for Ukraine Gloucestershire and went to a destination near Kyiv. Before that the aid was delivered to Lviv and near Sumy. The aid has been donated by Ukraine Freedom Company and individual donations and is mixed: specialist clothing for amputees; medicines; equipment to support frontline soldiers; sensory equipment for a children's hospital. This was an extended trip covering several thousand miles and fuel and travel costs were more than school shoes! If you are able to contribute towards David's future trips, please do. We are all playing a small part in making sure that one day everyone can go shopping safely. Thank you.

To donate go to www.gofund.me/david-bird-10mar



David Gaston has crossed into Ukraine over 50 times, delivering aid and moving refugees

FUN IN THE SUN!

Saturday 25th July saw the return of the Furlong Close Fête once again, and the residents of the Close along with the Mind Tree Café opened their doors for an afternoon of fun and entertainment, including the popular Dog Show.

We were delighted to welcome back Mark from the Button Tree with his beautiful jewellery, Julie Gibson with her fine work, Colin Davies' pyrography and crafts from Pauline, along with Amanda's decorative boxes, Marion's stunning bags, Sam's leather goods and Emma's delicate glass jewellery.

We were spoilt for choice with the range of activities on offer in the field to challenge and amuse, ranging from Alfie's "beat the goalie", the teddy Tombola, splat the rat, and face painting to name but a few, along with the raffle and beautiful plants from Julia Rogers, all serenaded with music from the Devizes Town Band.

In addition to goodies to eat and drink on-site, the Fête would not have been complete without culinary temptations for us to take home, ranging from Steve's honey, Carolyn's wonderful jams, marmalades and chutneys, homemade cakes from the Wansdyke Carriage Driving Group (RDA), and very delicious ice cream from the Rowdey Cow.

Altogether a very happy afternoon in the sunshine, and huge thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.

FROM ROWDE TO PERU!



A big Peruvian thank you from Rosie Weeden

I have not long returned from four incredible weeks in Peru with Camps International, where I had the opportunity to work on sustainable community and conservation projects, whilst exploring Peru's spectacular scenery!

The trip was something I had really hoped to do, but I couldn't have made it happen without the incredible support I received from so many people, from donating money and sponsoring me to helping with my fundraising efforts, including the opportunity to



chop donated wood from Beechfield Reclamation into kindling to sell at Poulshot Lodge Farm shop, including a quiz and Boogie Bingo!

During my time in Peru, I was able to get involved in helping a small village with plastering a community hall. We also painted the outside of a school and got to see first-hand the difference that a group of people can make when they come together to help others.

Living and working alongside the local community gave me memories and experiences that I will never forget, and I met some amazing people along the way!

I would especially like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our village and beyond who helped me get to Peru. Every donation, however big or small, made a difference!

Thank You, **Rosie Weeden**

NEW PARISH CLERK AND RFO



Hello, my name is Deni Durant, and I'm delighted to be joining Rowde Parish Council as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know the village and its residents much more closely and becoming a part of the Rowde community.

I bring with me a strong background in finance, with experience across public, education and commercial organisations. I am AAT qualified and have extensive experience in areas including budgeting, financial reporting, bookkeeping, governance and administration.

I am really looking forward to getting stuck in and supporting Parish Council in its work for the local community. I hope to bring a friendly, organised and approachable attitude to the role, together with the attention to detail and financial experience needed to ensure the Council's finances and administration are managed accurately and effectively.

Outside of work, I'm a mum to my six-year-old son, so life is certainly kept busy! We enjoy getting out and about, and I love travelling and discovering new places. When I have some quieter time, you'll usually find me baking in my kitchen or, weather permitting, exploring the beautiful Wiltshire countryside on foot.

I'm very excited to be starting this new chapter in Rowde and hope to meet many of you over the coming months. Please do say hello if you see me around the village — I'm looking forward to becoming a familiar face and playing my part in the Rowde community.

ITALIAN AIRCRAFT PRESENTATION



On Saturday 12th September, Carlo Zaccarelli gave an entertaining presentation on Italian Aircraft in St Matthew's church. The talk began with Leonardo Da Vinci's drawings of flying machines and ended with the Italian company called Leonardo which has a branch in Yeovil where our British helicopters are built. The event was very well attended, not only by aviation enthusiasts, but also by curious people, including a small child who enjoyed the afternoon, especially the Italian biscotti and panettone at the end. It was one of many fund-raising events for the church's restoration projects

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

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A361 SPEED LIMIT TO BE REDUCED AT CRASH BLACKSPOT

The A361 Caen Hill on the edge of Devizes near Rowde will see its speed limit brought down from the national speed limit to 50mph.

It is understood that work to install the new highways assets and implement the changes is expected to take place in spring next year.

Campaigners have highlighted a number of serious crashes on the stretch of road, which has been described as a "racetrack".



A woman was left with "serious injuries" after a huge crash on the A361 near Rowde following an incident in May 2025. (Image: Trevor Porter)

As recently as Saturday, August 22, Caen Hill was shut by police after a single-vehicle crash.

As previously reported, data from crashmap.co.uk shows that, between 2015 and 2024, there were nearly 30 crashes on the busy road between the junctions with Foxhangers and Mayenne Place.

The speed limit forms part of wider road safety improvements at this location and is expected to improve safety and contribute to reducing collisions. These include new traffic lights at the Marsh Lane and Devizes Road junctions, upgraded drainage and lighting, improved visibility, better pedestrian and cycle crossings, and a full resurfacing of the road. This is a detailed, long-term improvement scheme designed to address the root causes of safety concerns at Caen Hill, tackling flooding and drainage issues, and making the route safer and easier for everyone to use."

A traffic regulation order (TRO) proposing a new 50mph speed limit at Caen Hill was formally advertised on August 21, 2025 and was subsequently approved.

According to the decision notice on Wiltshire Council's website, eleven items of correspondence

were received. Of those eleven correspondents, six indicated that they supported the council's proposals, three raised comments on the extent of the project and two objected.

This will also be in conjunction with the redesign of the junctions and the addition of traffic lights already agreed by the last council and campaigned for by Cllr Tamara Reay for Devizes Rural West and Laura Mayes for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway.

CAFÉ VISITED BY 'TRAITORS'!



On Wednesday, September 2, rugby legend Joe Marler and comedian Joe Wilkinson were pictured at the Caen Hill Café during a water sports adventure.

The two Joes became friends during the inaugural season of *The Celebrity Traitors*, which aired before Christmas last year. The pair have teamed up to deliver 'The Friend Ship', exploring the latter's passion for canals, and the former's for fun. The show will see them travel across the UK, navigating waterways as they put their friendship to the test.

They were snapped posing with café staff.

OBITUARY

Alisdair Edward Gerald Kennedy

2nd October 1963 - 22nd August 2026

Alasdair, of Alder Bungalow, Furlong Close, was a well known and much loved resident of Rowde for the last 32 years. He will be very much missed by his family and all his many friends, family and carers.

A service to celebrate Alisdair's life was held on 17th September at Semington Crematorium followed by a buffet and light refreshments (kindly supplied by The Rowdey Cow) in Marsh Hall at Furlong Close where further memories and stories of Alisdair were shared.

Alisdair's family expressed their appreciation for all the kind messages of sympathy they had received and for everyone at Furlong Close's support in being there for Alisdair and for the parts they played in his long and very happy life there.

The closing collection in memory of Alisdair will support the work of 'The Friends of Furlong Close' and any further donations can be handed in to the reception office at Furlong Close.



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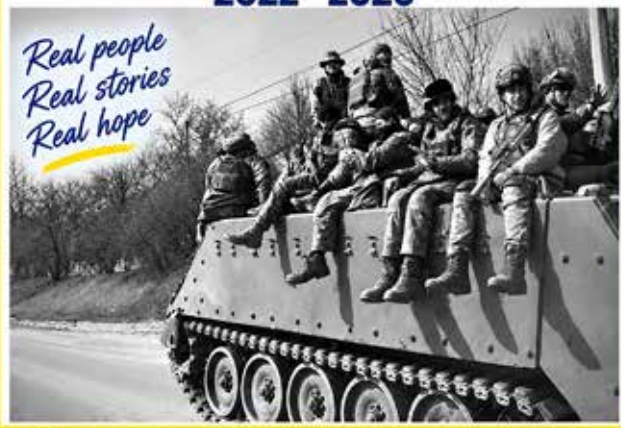
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Saturday 17th October at 10.00 – 11.30

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The Big Little Things In Life!

by Zöe Rucker

Are We There Yet?

I was watching Katarina Johnson-Thompson (KJT) being interviewed after the European Athletics Championships this summer when she said something that caught my attention.

"I've still got sand behind my nails and my body is still warm. I can't think about the future too much. I want to be in the moment."

I've been involved in athletics. I know how sport works. An athlete finishes competing and we immediately want the assessment. What happened? How did it feel? What happens next?

But KJT's body was still warm. She still had sand behind her nails. And she was already being asked to leave this experience and tell us about the next one.

I think we do this a lot.

A teenager walks out of their final GCSE or A-level and before the pen has metaphorically left their hand, someone asks, 'How did it go?' Closely followed by, 'When are the results?' Then, 'What will you do if you don't get the grades?'

They've only just come out of the exam hall.

We spend months looking forward to a holiday, arrive, unpack, find somewhere nice for dinner and, somewhere around day four, someone says, 'Where shall we go next year?'

We haven't finished this one.

Someone retires after forty years of getting up for work and almost immediately we ask what they're going to do with themselves.

A couple get married and we ask about the honeymoon. Then the house. Then children.

A baby arrives and we want to know whether it sleeps through the night. Soon we're waiting for it to sit up, crawl, walk, talk, start school.

And we don't just do it to other people.

Even on a lovely evening, somebody takes a photograph. Before the evening is over, we're looking at a record of something we're technically still doing.



There is a reason for this. Humans are very good at what psychologists call *prospection*: mentally putting ourselves into the future. It's an extraordinarily useful ability. It helps us plan, anticipate problems and organise our lives.

We can buy food for tomorrow, save for retirement, pack for rain and worry about an exam that hasn't happened yet. Our brains can effectively visit a future that doesn't exist.

But our brains can be too eager to get there.

We tend to treat milestones as gateways rather than places in their own right. An exam leads to results. Retirement leads to a new life. A birthday leads to the next decade. Finishing something leads to whatever we're going to do next.

Which means we can spend a surprising amount of our lives slightly ahead of ourselves.

KJT wasn't suggesting that what came next didn't matter. Quite the opposite. She also said, "I don't just want to be a participant."

That's what makes her words interesting. Ambition and being present aren't opposites. You can want more from tomorrow without rushing out of today.

Perhaps 'live in the moment' has become too polished a phrase to be much use. It sounds like something we're supposed to achieve, probably while sitting somewhere peaceful and breathing correctly.

So I'm replacing it with something simpler.

Has this actually finished yet?

The next time you're halfway through a holiday and discussing next year's, watching someone blow out their birthday candles and asking how it feels to be another decade older, or greeting a child emerging from an exam with questions about results, it might be worth remembering...

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Rural Crime

One thing I hear time and again when I meet farmers, landowners and rural residents is the frustration caused by rural crime.

Too often, people think of it as low-level offending or opportunistic theft. The reality is very different. Many of the offenders targeting our farms, businesses and rural communities are organised criminals. They travel across force boundaries, target valuable equipment and think nothing of the damage they leave behind.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, tackling rural crime remains one of my priorities. That is why I have invested £10,000 to provide around 280 forensic security marking kits for trailers used by farmers, landowners and rural businesses across the county. It is a practical step that will help deter thieves and improve the chances of stolen property being recovered.

Wiltshire Police is also working closely with the National Rural Crime Unit, neighbouring forces and partners through Operation Ragwort to identify offenders, disrupt criminal networks and protect our countryside.

But policing alone is not enough.

Hare coursing is a good example. Some people see it as little more than trespass or antisocial behaviour. The reality is that those involved are



often linked to organised criminal networks. Intelligence and enforcement activity has repeatedly highlighted connections between some rural offenders and other forms of serious criminality, including violence, drug offending, firearms offences and exploitation.

That is why I continue to challenge the wider criminal justice system to recognise rural crime for what it is. These are not victimless crimes and they should not be treated as lesser offences. When organised criminals target rural communities, the courts must recognise the wider harm they cause and ensure the punishment fits the crime.

Our rural communities deserve nothing less.

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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

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	15:13S	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

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Saturday	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
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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
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Sunday 12pm – 4pm (Food last orders 3pm)

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Sudoku (medium this month)

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

Last Month's Solution

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

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			
			1		
2					3
3					6

Last Month's Mini Sudoku Solution

4	3	5	6	2	1
1	6	2	5	3	4
2	4	1	3	6	5
6	5	3	1	4	2
3	1	4	2	5	6
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Church Coordinator

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Devizes Community Hospital

Tel: 723511

Chippenham Community Hospital

Tel: 01249 447100

Trowbridge Community Hospital

Tel: 01225 711300

Ladies Club

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Mrs Di Buckland, Tel: 723049

Local Councils

Wiltshire Council

Tel: 0300 4560100

Devizes Town Council 722160

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Tel: **07557887278**

cllr.l.wills@rowdeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Clerk - Tekla Hicks

Tel: clerk@rowdeparishcouncil.gov.uk

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SILLY JOKES

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Man - "Oh, I don't take them, I give them to my wife!"

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With the school day done, often he'd wait
And we'd run laugh and play, back to my garden gate
I remember as if it were yesterday
These childhood memories I keep to this day

Awakening youth, young carefree teens
Heads full of hopes, hearts full of dreams
He went to my father to ask for my hand
I was the happiest girl in all of this land
And so it did happen one fine day in May
I walked down the aisle while the organ did play
The vows that we took, the rings that we gave
And this plain white dress I keep to this day

Oh how we danced to an old fashioned waltz
The songs the band played are still in my thoughts
With your cheek on my cheek, your arms round my waist
That first night together my lips still taste
I seems so long ago and so faraway
Yet it all comes home on Remembrance Day

Soon the shadow of war lay long on the land
And like many a fine man Arthur held up his hand
Your Country needs you, all the posters did say
So with sorrow and pride I watched him march away
Some letters came home, till they sailed with the tide
To some foreign shore cross that channel so wide
I'd read his letter, each night I would pray
Each word I recall, right to this day

Then one day there came a knock at the door
A young man in uniform eyes to the floor
Alone in numb silence the words echoed round me
Presumed missing in action, God save King and Country
Now old letters and photographs call from a time
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