

# The Link

The magazine for Rode, Tellisford, Woolverton and  
Farleigh Hungerford, part of Hardington Vale



**MARCH 2023**

More Good News on Local Bus Services  
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St Lawrence Church – It's Future and History  
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Just Some March Events... "Abba" & H.V's First Colour Run!  
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and much more local news and info too...

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Dear Readers

My thanks to all who have already organised a subscription to The Link for 2023/2024, commencing in April. Unfortunately there have been issues with some, as is explained below by Caroline. We very much hope that all can be resolved before our April edition to ensure delivery of all subscribed magazines.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the lovely feedback that has been received from some readers, it's very much appreciated.

*Gill Leonard*

Editor

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## **THE LINK ANNUAL 2023/2024 SUBSCRIPTION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

We have had an excellent response to the renewal of Link subscriptions and are delighted to also welcome a number of new subscribers.

Subscription money is due by 25<sup>th</sup> March at the latest to ensure the delivery of your April issue of The Link, so if you haven't paid already please do so as soon as possible. Rode Post Office has spare subscription envelopes if needed.

We are having difficulties because some subscribers who have paid by bank transfer appear to have not completed their subscription envelope and dropped it into Rode Post Office. This means that we have no address for the household that has paid, and it cannot, therefore, be allocated to a distributor. In some cases, it is easy for me to trace the address, but I have several subscriptions with no address. If you think this may apply to you, please drop your envelope into the Post Office.

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Thank you for your cooperation and for subscribing to the magazine.

*Caroline Williams*

Link Subscriptions Coordinator

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# Church Reflection, News & Events

## REFLECTION

Spring is a wonderful time of new life and hope. As we see the trees budding and blossoming and the days get longer. Easter is also just round the corner when we remember the Hope that Jesus gives us of resurrection and life after death, of forgiveness and a fresh start.

*All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
'Twas God that made them all*

*Each little flower that opens  
Each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colours  
And made their tiny wings...*

This is easy for us to sing in the comparative peace and beauty of the quiet Somerset countryside. Yet we know all too well the brokenness and hurting of the wider world. The horrendous loss of life in Turkey and Syria in the recent earthquake. The continuing war raging in Ukraine now entering its second year. As well as on going civil war and terrorist insurgency in Afghanistan and Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Sudan, Mali and Iraq...

It could be easy to despair. Yet I found it profoundly moving that in the midst of rescuing people from the earthquake despite the staggering losses, every time one person, one mother, one new born child was rescued alive there was huge rejoicing. Let's learn from this example and however challenging our circumstances seem to be - try to see the good that can be celebrated, the hope that is there and how that gives us fresh joy in life and the future.

*He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is the Almighty  
Who has made all things well*

*All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
'Twas God that made them all*

'Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see'  
Hebrews 11 v 1

*Caroline Walker*  
Rector

# Church Reflection, News & Events

## NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

At the end of January we held our United Service in St Lawrence and as is traditional after Services of this type we head to a local pub for Sunday lunch.

This time we went to The Mill and over 30 of us enjoyed a lovely Sunday lunch. Thanks go to Susie for organising it and for the team at The Mill for accommodating so many of us and putting on a lovely lunch.



You may have heard the bells ringing early in February one Thursday. This was a quarter peal (a specific number of changes on the bells) rung by a visiting band. we do get requests from ringers all around the country to come and ring our bells and there will be another visiting band at the beginning of April, so listen out then.

Mothering Sunday falls on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March this year and we will be holding a Communion Service on that day at 10.30am so we'd love to see as many mums at the Service to celebrate all they do throughout the year.

There will be refreshments served after the Service and posies of flowers will also be distributed.

Elsewhere in this month's Link you can read about the long and interesting history of our village church (pages 24/5) and the project to re-roof it (page 9). This project is steadily moving forward as explained and we will keep you up to date as it progresses.

*Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell*



Do you know who Jesus is and why He is relevant today?  
Do you know what Christians believe and why?  
Do you know what the Bible is about?

Would you like to know more?

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# **Church Reflection, News & Events**

**The Parish of Hardington Vale**  
**Farleigh Hungerford, Hemington, Laverton,**  
**Norton St Philip, Rode, Tellisford**

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## **Notice of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 19:30**

**To be held in Norton St Philip Church**

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the word.
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022
4. Matters arising from the Minutes

### **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**(note: All residents of the Parish of Hardington Vale and all those on the Electoral Roll may vote)**

1. Election of churchwardens (Parish Wardens)

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**(note: only those on the Electoral Roll may vote)**

1. To receive the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022
2. To appoint an external examiner
3. To receive Annual Reports (as published in Hardington Vale News 2023)
4. Deanery Synod Report
5. To elect representatives to the Deanery Synod (see note over page)
6. To receive the Electoral Roll Report
7. To elect members of the Parochial Church Council (see note over page)
8. Rector's remarks

Tony Day, Secretary to the Parochial Church Council  
Hardington Vale

# Church Reflection, News & Events

## UPDATE FROM BETHANY BOWERMAN

I receive news from Bethany, the daughter of our former Associate Priest, Andy. Her latest news, see below, will I hope be both heartwarming and of interest to those who knew them.

*Caroline Walker*

January 2023 - A little over four weeks ago I was about to begin a discipleship training school with Youth With a Mission.



Since then I have been welcomed into such a kind hearted community where my British accent has been surprisingly popular and learnt so much more of who God is as well as who he says I am. I've come to see the power of the Gospel in a new way and am continuing to grow in hearing God's voice for myself.

Each week so far there has been a different teaching focus including titles such as: Freedom, Pure Heart and Cultures of Revival. During Father Heart of God week I was particularly impacted by the truth that God doesn't look for the qualified but rather qualifies the willing.

In a society with a culture of comparison that's so focused on the idea of being 'good enough' it is easy to undervalue ourselves or think that we are not qualified enough to do something. However we are all called to go into the nations spreading the Good News of God regardless of our own qualifications because it is through his strength not ours.

**‘So he said to his disciples, “The harvest is large but there are few workers to gather it in” Matthew 9:37**

Another teaching that specifically spoke to me was on the culture of celebration, that focused on how to emulate the life of Jesus by walking in joy, celebrating an individual's value and speaking words of life. It reminded me that Jesus lived a life of celebration bringing the joy of heaven to release life into humanity. From this the topic of choosing a cheerful heart was especially helpful as well as thinking of joy as a perspective rooted in the love of Jesus, based on eternity and firmly planted in our identity in Christ.

I'm so expectant of what else God is going to show me over the next few months, what I'm going to learn and the friendships I am going to further develop.



# Church Reflection, News & Events

I've now found out where I am going on outreach, which is very exciting! I will be part of a pioneering team touring South Korea with a focus on Youth and Young Adult ministry.

This means that we will be leading a lot of youth events, meetings, small groups and services where we are involved in both the worship and teaching. We will be coming alongside young people who may have faced hardships or injustice and offer support. I'm particularly passionate about providing an alternative narrative in terms of self image and self hatred for teenage girls, through a workshop we have been learning in my track: Lifebearers.

I'd like to thank those who have supported me through prayer and financial gifting. Both are hugely appreciated,

I am very grateful for your kind messages of support and generosity. If you feel led to I'd appreciate if you could continue to partner with me in prayer particularly for the following:

- Continued growth and deepening of my faith
- Discernment in regards to teaching
- The development of closer friendships and fellowship
- My outreach team, specifically for unity and for clarity in what God's vision is for our work in Korea
- The planning process for our touring of Korea

*Bethany Bowerman*



Mothering Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30am St Lawrence Church, Rode  
A Communion Service to celebrate our Mothers  
Posies &  
Refreshments!

The poster features a green border and four heart-shaped arrangements of pink and white roses in the corners.



 Last Sunday of the Month  
CrossYoga @Norton St Philip Church  
Gentle yoga with Christian meditation to deepen your experience of God. ALL are welcome.  
Bring a mat and blanket. Wear comfy clothes.  
Sign up: [carolinehwalkerebtinternet.com](mailto:carolinehwalkerebtinternet.com)  
Jan 29  
Feb 26  
March 26  
5-6pm  
Optional donation £5

The poster has a blue background with a central image of hands in a prayer position.

# Church Reflection, News & Events

  
**Palm Sunday**



**Sunday April 2nd**

Walk through the village of Norton St Philip with palms following 'Jesus', his disciples and their donkey

Meet 10.25a.m. in the car park of The George Inn

Concludes on the green outside the church

Refreshments at the end in the church  
(if wet all - including donkey - in the church)

**Maundy Thursday 6th April**

## Agape Meal

re-enact a Passover Meal

St Philip and St James church - 6pm

Eat a meal together

*Share Communion*

To help with catering please let us know if you are hoping to come

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Beth Harrison 834086



**TELLISFORD ALL SAINTS**

12hours of Prayer

9am - 9pm



**Wednesday April 5th**

- creative prayer ideas provided
- time for quiet reflection and prayer
- drop in anytime during the day

## EASTER DAY CELEBRATION!!!

*St Lawrence church*

*Rode*

**SUNDAY 9th April**

*Holy Communion*

10.30am

**He is Risen! Hallelujah!!!**

**An Hour at the  
Cross**

**2 - 3pm**

**St Philip & St  
James**

**Norton St  
Philip  
prayer and  
reflection**

Walk of Witness

meet outside

Rode Chapel at

10am

Concluding

at

St Lawrence

Rode

church with short

service at 11.00



**GOOD  
FRIDAY  
events  
across  
the parish**

**7th**

**April**



## LAUNCH OF ST LAWRENCE CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

We will soon be sending out full details of the above, so will be brief in what we say here. As previously published in News from St Lawrence:

THE HEART  
OF R  DE

- The current best estimate of the cost is £400,000.
- The Richard Oatley Foundation have very kindly pledged £300,000.
- A further £100,000 therefore needs to be raised.

One resident has recently pledged to match aggregate donations from other residents up to a total of £25,000.

Steady progress has been made with the practicalities of the project as follows:

- The church architect has drawn up the necessary plans and detailed specification.
- An application for permission to carry out the work (known as a Faculty) has been submitted to the Diocese.
- The first phase of the work (the Chancel roof) has been put out to tender.



St Lawrence is an historic and beautiful building.

More of its history is set out by Peter Harris in this month's Link. It is 150 years since the roof received this kind of overhaul.

Please read the Appeal details when they arrive and see whether there is anything you can do to help us raise this money.

We cannot do it on our own: we need your help, please.

*Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett*

# Parish News

## RODE'S BUSES TO GET EVEN BETTER



The Government has just announced bus funding (through the Bus Recovery Grant) is to be extended by a further 3 months through to June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is something Rode Parish Council, had lobbied the Government to do (as had scores of other councils across the country).

The new £2 single fare will also be extended through to the end of June. As a result, First and Faresaver will maintain their current bus services through Rode, including the trial of the greatly increased D2 bus services through Rode that First introduced last October.

First has also announced that it will be introducing new late evening services (Monday to Saturday) from Frome to Rode (and onto Bath), these will be in addition to the current late evening services from Bath (and onto Frome). The current and the new evening services through Rode are because of financial support from the new Somerset County Council.

Additionally from April, First are increasing Rode's Sunday D2 bus services, both to Frome and Bath That's because more people are using our Sunday buses.

But if we are to keep Rode's much improved bus services after June 30<sup>th</sup>, then we will need to keep using our buses just as much as each of us can.

A new bus timetable showing bus times from April 1<sup>st</sup> will be produced by Rode Parish Council later this month and delivered to homes around the village by our Parish Councillors.

*Peter Travis*  
Rode Parish Council

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## SCOUTS BANGERS & BINGO

Many thanks to all those who were able to come to our Bangers and Bingo night in January. A great time was had by all, especially those that won cash prizes.

We raised £1,200 for our Group funds which will be used for the benefit of all our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

*Howard Russell*  
Group Leader



## PAVILION IS BACK OPEN ... NEW CRICKET SQUARE ... AND VILLAGE EVENT ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

The necessary remedial work on the Playing Field Pavilion has now been completed and it is open to the public. The Pavilion is once again available for hire.



Bookings can be made via [rodepfbookings@gmail.com](mailto:rodepfbookings@gmail.com)

The cricket pitch is being readied for the new season, which will see the cricket square repositioned moving it further away from the houses on The Brewery.

No event is currently planned at Rode Playing Field on May 6<sup>th</sup> to mark the Coronation, but a fete is planned for June 17<sup>th</sup> (the King's official birthday) and this is expected to include a Beer Festival, a children's tea party and other activities.

*Peter Travis*

Rode Playing Field Committee

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## RODE PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

January Lottery winners below - drawn by Cross Keys staff and customers:

1<sup>st</sup> - £50.00 .... David and Elaine Walsh, Rode.

2<sup>nd</sup> - £25.00 .... Mike Benson, Rode.

3<sup>rd</sup> - £25.00 .... Jerry Bond, Rode. Kindly donated back to P. F funds

Sunday Roast for two, courtesy of Mark & Hannah; Peter Harris, Rode.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 and two Sunday roasts, possible all for £1.00 per ticket! And remember you are supporting the Playing Field (which needs all the help it can get right now!) when you buy your ticket.

Tickets on sale at the Post Office, or directly from Jane and I.

Next draw Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. March. If anyone would like to do the draw or witness it, then please feel free to do so. Just ask.

*Keith Sharman*

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# Parish News

## RODE DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATE

The project to undertake various vital drainage improvements in the village has unfortunately been delayed.

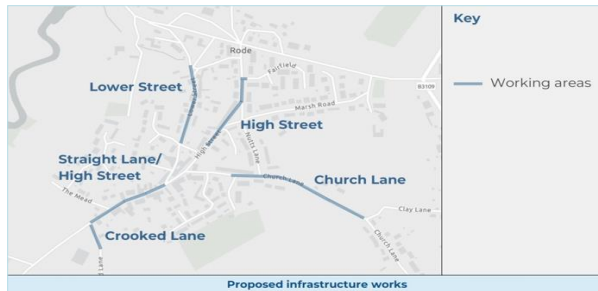


## Rode Drainage Project

The initial funding allocated by the **Somerset Rivers Authority** (SRA) was insufficient to deliver the extent of works that were felt crucial to the long term flood resilience of the village. Rising fuel prices and costs of materials were partly to blame, but the extent of the required infrastructure improvements was also greater than anticipated. Fortunately, the SRA Board approved additional funding last autumn which was great news, and has allowed the full project to proceed.

It had been hoped to commence the works in November, but a number of issues pushed the start date into this year. The Rode project was then combined with a similar project in Beckington, and work commenced last month on the Beckington element which has helped to ensure costs are minimised whilst still delivering the full project scope. The nature of the work involves dealing with very old, underground infrastructure, and this can present unforeseen challenges....whilst progress in Beckington is good, it is not yet possible to provide specific dates for the Rode element of the project.

Mendip District Council has, however, confirmed that the full scope of works in Rode is not at risk, and the fact that Mendip ceases to exist as a statutory body at the end of the month will not impact delivery.



As soon as dates for the Rode project are confirmed these will be communicated to residents via letter and updates on the village Facebook site.

This project is led by Calm Engineering, on behalf of Mendip District Council and partners:



If you have any queries or would like to contact us, please e-mail [caroline@calmengineering.co.uk](mailto:caroline@calmengineering.co.uk) quoting **Rode** and we will get in touch.

## CONCERTS IN NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH

The church in Norton St Philip is proving to be an excellent venue for music, appreciated by a loyal and a growing audience.

Our Lunchtime Concerts take place on the first Thursday of the month, 1pm to 2pm. Tickets are £5 available on the door. Details of our March concert and a full listing of what we have coming up in 2023 are on page 31.

Alongside the popular lunchtime concerts we now also have a number of evening events and an afternoon event.

If you would like to help out with these concerts we would love to hear from you. We particularly would welcome assistance with:  
Publicity (by word of mouth or by sharing on social media)  
Helping to provide refreshments -lunchtime concerts soup/tea/coffee/biscuits.  
Washing/clearing up after the events.

As with all areas of life “many hands make light work”. If interested please contact me on 01373 834414 or Nick Sorensen on 07745 456646, we'd love to hear from you!!

*David Lockley*

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## 200 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

We drew the January 200 club at the Bangers & Bingo event, which was very well supported.



The results for the January draw, drawn by Willow ( granddaughter of Sam at the Post Office) were:

1st prize £50 Tracey Mulcrone  
2nd prize £25 Wendy Gould

*Jan Jupp*

Editor's Note: Jan spotted that the December 200 club results in the February Link were incorrect and apologises for her error. The prize was £25 (as usual) and not £285 as stated. My apologies also for not picking up on the larger amount when proofreading.

# Parish News

## FRANS LATEST

There was a fabulous turnout at the first FRANS Quiz Night in February held in NSP, we were delighted at the community response to support our school.



Many put their brains on the line, the final scores were tight with ‘Andy Winneriz’ taking the inaugural crown closely followed by a local fugitive assistance ‘The Tommy Lee Royce Cycling Club’. We raised nearly £700 and thank all who made this possible.

Coming up this month is the Colour Run, we’ll be holding this on Sunday March 12th at 11am on The Mead at NSP see page 33 for details.



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## LAVERTON NEWS

We’ve been so fortunate lately to witness, on several occasions, an amazing Barn Owl flying low over the nearby fields - see page 22 for a very interesting and informative piece by Laverton’s ‘Hedwig’.

Heart-warming to hear Laverton Ukrainian friends are doing well and settling into Frome. I attended the recent Ukrainian Awareness Day in Frome hosted by Frome Council’s Social Facilitator at the refugee hub. It was informative and interactive, focussing on their culture and stories about how life’s changed for the people of Ukraine. Also Bono and The Edge from U2 performing in Kyiv Subway May22 and collaboration of Pink Floyd with Andriy Khlyvnyuk of Ukrainian band Boombox (new song “Hey Hey Rise Up” and both on YouTube).

Defibrillator latest - training date from The Friends of Frome Hospital still TBA.

*Jackie Moss*



## WISDOM, SELF-CONTROL, JUSTICE, AND COURAGE

Many projects have been paused until we have our unitary council. I need to remind myself that things will not be smooth from April 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll need time to bed into the new organisation. But your local councillors are here for you. You elected us to be your voice. And as always, I will do my best to support you, guide you in the right direction and be your Frome North representative.

In his Law 631, Plato speaks of the Divine Goods of Wisdom, Self-Control, Justice, and Courage. Every day, behind the scenes at the Somerset Council, officers and members are exercising these in preparation for the fast-approaching Vesting Day on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We all have different views of these aspects of life, but what we can all agree on is that together they lead to happiness. And although happiness is a deeply personal experience, when we are happy within ourselves, we offer so much more to the community. The collective becomes vibrant, engaging and thrives when we are happy souls.

What about self-control? The 'Debate not Hate' campaign, launched by the Local Government Association aims to highlight the abuse and intimidation that 7 out of 10 councillors have experienced in their role. Democracy is only democracy when we talk, share, explore and create together. When we kill the conversation with hate, our great nation becomes a dictatorship or a Communist state. Yes, democracy is not perfect, but as Churchill said, it's the best we have. I would rather fear what we could become without it, than what it is. Self-control encompasses so much of what Plato's Divine Goods are built on - kindness, compassion, open-mindedness and understanding.

The global theme for International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March) is 'Embrace Equity'. Why not 'Embrace Equality'? Well, there's more *wisdom* and *justice* in the word 'equity'. Equality's simply about giving everyone the same resources. But we are all different. We've varying needs. 'Equity' is recognising these differences and allocating resources accordingly, with the goal of having an equal outcome. The global theme of 8<sup>th</sup> March extends beyond the gender conversation. It touches every area and scope of life. 'Embrace equity' is an invitation to consider how this exists in our personal lives and in our unconscious bias. The hope is that it provokes fruitful and positive conversation.

Do get in touch if you are struggling to access support and services, don't know where to turn, or just to share ideas. Enjoy the Snowdrops and the Daffodils!

*Dawn Denton*

Somerset County Councillor for Frome North

# Parish Ecology

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

**Public Transport** - One of the key objectives this year is to support the provision of good local public transport, so it's great to hear that the Bus Recovery Grant has been extended for another three months, and the £2 single fare offer will also continue until the end of June. More on this on page 10.



**Insulation** - One of the best things we can do for the planet (and our energy bills) is to ensure our homes are properly insulated. This is especially the case in a village like Rode, where many of the properties are old, and don't benefit from double glazing, well-insulated walls, or proper loft insulation.

Our own house is a particularly good example of a poorly-insulated home! So last year we took advantage of a scheme run by the Centre For Sustainable Energy (CSE) and purchased a subsidised Retrofit Survey. As a result we've made various minor, relatively cheap changes - e.g.: installing a "chimney sheep" to reduce heat loss via an open fireplace. However, to make a meaningful difference to the energy efficiency of our home we've had to start investing in the fabric of the building... the first step we've taken is to install secondary glazing. The option of replacing most of our windows with double-glazed units seemed impossible (due to conservation area legislation) - so we opted for an alternative. This should reduce heat loss through our single-glazed windows by around 70% and has been installed by a West Country based firm who've developed a system using plexiglass (a lightweight equivalent to glass used in the aeronautical industry) to provide a second layer to period windows. There are, obviously many other options in this field. Secondary glazing has had a poor reputation (either from an aesthetic perspective, or in terms of its insulating properties) we've been impressed with the results on both counts.

If you're interested in improving the insulation in your home, there are plenty of resources on-line – in particular on CSE's website (go to [www.cse.org.uk](http://www.cse.org.uk) and click on the "Resources" tab). Or, for a more detailed dive into the whole subject of retrofit, the Net Zero Carbon Toolkit is a good read. It was prepared primarily for local authorities (Mendip DC has adopted it), but the section on Retrofit is a very useful guide for individuals looking to make changes to their own homes [www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/2ddb125k/net-zero-carbon-toolkit.pdf](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/2ddb125k/net-zero-carbon-toolkit.pdf)

**Just Stop Oil - What is it? What are they trying to achieve? Should I get involved?** Last year our Group carried out a survey in Rode to better understand villagers' feelings about climate change... nearly a quarter of the electorate replied. 98% of respondents agreed human activity is either partially or wholly responsible for climate change, and 79% agreed that we need drastic

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change to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Since then we've had COP27, and this stark warning from the UN Secretary General: "We are in the fight of our lives. And we are losing. Greenhouse gas emissions keep growing. Global temperatures keep rising. And our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible. **We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator.**"

Individuals, groups and governments around the world are reacting to the threat of climate change in different ways... e.g. in the UK, Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to ensure our government commits to ending all new licences for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels. Their campaign includes the use of non-violent civil disobedience, which can obviously be controversial. Here in Rode some residents have decided the issues are so important that they need to join movements such as Just Stop Oil. Di Bligh is one of those, and she has offered to host a talk and discussion about the issues. So - if you're keen to understand what Di's doing and why - please come and join us. A brief history of civil disobedience and an outline of what Just Stop Oil is trying to achieve are included as is an opportunity to provide feedback, in groups and individually at the end. The Talk is at Rode Memorial Hall - **Wednesday 5th April 7.30pm**. Refreshments provided. The talk is free - should be a fascinating evening!

**Another "Big Green Weekend"** - As you may recall, last September we held one, organised in conjunction with representatives from Beckington & Norton St Philip. Our intention is to run a similar set of events in 2023 - the planning is just beginning. This year we aim to also work with the Frome "Great Big Green Week", which takes place **10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June**, coinciding with the nationwide event of the same name. If you'd like to get involved in planning, and/or you have an idea for a community activity/event, please drop me a line.

**Get involved/keep in touch** - The Climate Emergency Group now has a monthly newsletter - we've reached the 40 subscribers milestone! If you'd like to join them, drop me a line at the email address below, or enter this link in your browser: <https://mailchi.mp/4b503eoba20c/initial-sign-up> (sorry for the rather un-friendly web address!). The Group's still small, and therefore the capacity to deliver projects on our own is limited. Primarily we aim to "initiate, inform, educate, encourage..." But we can also act as a focal point for residents to come together to deliver projects as a community. If you have an idea worth exploring, please get in contact. And - if you'd like to join the Climate Emergency Group, you will be very welcome! E: [jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com)

*Jim McAuliffe*

# Parish Health & Wellbeing



Stroke is a sudden and life-changing event, and is a leading cause of death and disability in the UK.

Over recent years, there have been significant advances in proven, highly effective methods of stroke treatment and care. After NHS Somerset's Stroke Strategy review in 2019, we identified a need to evaluate current acute stroke services in Somerset. Acute hospital-based stroke services is the specialist hospital care people receive in the first few days and weeks when they first have a stroke.

Our ambition is to develop services so that the people of Somerset receive timely interventions and are able to access world-class care, regardless of where they live.

We believe that by improving the way stroke services are delivered, we can enable better coordination of care, ensuring all patients have access to the right help, in the right place, at the right time.

We want to work closely with local people on the development of these services. We're committed to understanding the needs of our local population to make sure we can continue to deliver the best possible health and care services in Somerset.

NHS Somerset is running a public consultation to gather feedback about the future of acute hospital based stroke services in Somerset, from people living in Somerset and people who use Somerset hospitals. The consultation runs until midnight on Monday 24 April 2023.

We want to hear your views on the future of hyper acute and acute stroke services in the county.

For more information visit: [somersetics.org.uk/working-together/stroke](https://somersetics.org.uk/working-together/stroke)

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**CONSULTATION HAS STARTED**

NHS Somerset is running a public consultation about the future of acute hospital based stroke services in Somerset, from people living in Somerset and people who use Somerset hospitals.

**How do I have my say?**

Between 30 January 2023 and 24 April 2023, you can tell us what you think by completing a questionnaire online or in person.

[somersetics.org.uk/stroke](https://somersetics.org.uk/stroke)

Logos for 'Fit For My Future', 'SOMERSET', and 'NHS' are visible in the top right corner of the poster.

There are a variety of ways to have your say. To complete an online survey and to find details of public meeting locations visit: [Somersetics.org.uk/working-together/stroke](https://somersetics.org.uk/working-together/stroke)

We are also hosting an online public event to present the proposal and invite engagement between members of the public and the team who are responsible for the proposal. Please join us to hear more about the proposal and take part in a public conversation.

## Join the Conversation

Wednesday 8th March, 3pm – 4.30pm

Online meeting -join via Microsoft Teams

\*\*\*For details to join the meeting, please RSVP using details below\*\*\*

Please RSVP to confirm your attendance

and to receive details for joining the meeting online

telephone us 01935 384 124 or email [somich.fitformyfuture@nhs.net](mailto:somich.fitformyfuture@nhs.net)

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## FREE ONLINE SELF-MANAGEMENT COURSES

NHS England South West is offering free online self-management courses to support people living in Somerset and the South West who have an autistic child, who are living with long Covid or waiting for hip or knee surgery.



The Hope Programme courses are based on positive psychology, mindfulness, and cognitive behavioural therapy. They are between six to eight weeks long, supported by trained facilitators, and they can be accessed online at any time during the programme. There are also several other UK-wide self-management courses available. Visit: [www.h4c.org.uk/courses](http://www.h4c.org.uk/courses)

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## THE KINDNESS FESTIVAL AND THE GOOD HEART

Neither are in the parish but definitely worth checking out so please take a look and find out more on pages 42 and 44 of our Noticeboard...

# Parish Youth News & Events

## THE EXPLORERS HAVE BEEN BUSY



The Explorers are keeping very busy this term playing skittles and toasting smores on their log burner, checking out the Chinese takeaways for Chinese New Year, enjoying a first aid challenge and celebrating an international evening by making pancakes, building Eiffel Tower with spaghetti and jelly babies, eating donuts the Australian way (upside down), converting a variety of currencies and practicing the Tim Tam Slam - please do google, it's worth a go.



We are looking forward to going to London to play live monopoly next week as well as all the amazing camps and Jamborees along with a potential weekend on a narrowboat/skydiving in a wind tunnel.

Explorers are for ages 14-18, if you are interested in joining or know anyone please do get in touch.

*Nick, James, Tim and Claire*  
Explorer Leaders

# Parish Youth News & Events

## RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time

9.30-11.30pm

Rode Chapel



## TOTS and TOYS



Our baby and toddler group is open Wednesdays 9.00 am - 10.45 am at St Philip and St James Church Norton St Philip, No booking needed.



If you have just dropped your child at pre-school or school and you are on your own, you are welcome to pop in for a coffee and a chat with friends even for a few minutes. £2.00 per adult to include coffee and cake. Please bring your own refreshments for your child.

Open term time from 8:45am

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Beckington Baptist Church Hall  
www.beckington-pre-school.co.uk  
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# Parish Wildlife

## THE BARN OWL

We all love owls. Cuddly versions are the second best sellers in toy shops (after teddy bears). Social psychologists tell us why. For an animal to be this



Photo taken in Laverton by Martin Moss

popular it has to be a caricature of man. It must share various features such as a vertical posture and a flat face with big eyes at the front. Let's face it everyone has a gran, great gran or elderly aunt who looks "owl-like" through their reading glasses. But the real owl isn't quite as cuddly. Underneath that fluffy exterior it hides sharp talons and a ruthless beak. These are rodent killing machines!

In Laverton we are blessed by populations of Barn, Tawny and Little Owls. We hear all of them during many nights of the year. But it's the Barn Owl's love of dusk and dawn that makes it the most visible to us. You'll rarely hear a Barn Owl coming. It ghosts quietly into view. That is why before barns were invented they were known as Ghost Owls....

Barn Owl's need three things to thrive:

- Lots and lots of field voles (with a few common shrews and wood mice thrown in). They absolutely love field voles. An average pair raising a family of owlets eats a whopping 4,000 a year.
- Somewhere to nest safely.
- No long periods of very cold or wet weather.

So, to encourage Barn Owls we need plenty of areas where field voles can nest and thrive (at least until they get caught by a barn owl!). Field voles really like rough grassland i.e. areas of fields where grass has been allowed to grow long in the summer and dies down and collapses naturally in the autumn and winter. This leaves 3-4 inches of dead grass that field voles love to burrow in and hide away. They quickly leave areas where grass is cut or grazed any lower than this.

In Laverton this winter we've seen an increase in Barn Owl sightings over areas which have been left as rough grassland. When an owl needs 4,000 voles a year it will very quickly find areas which are to the voles liking! Even the smallest areas left as rough grassland can become of interest. It's worth the effort (in fact no effort because you just leave the grass!). When a Barn Owl ghosts by hunting, you'll know why. For more information on Barn Owls visit: [www.barnowltrust.org.uk/](http://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/)

*Hedwig*



# Parish Gardening

Look I don't want to scare you, but gardening - it's a dangerous business. I've just spent a few hours pruning the fruit trees and while I at the top of the ladder, I resisted the urge to reach those tantalizing out of each branches... I took a tumble from the top of a step ladder a couple of years ago and was very lucky the ground below had been heavily mulched so I had a soft-ish landing and thankfully no broken bones. But this reminds me to stop and think about some basic safety measures to prevent accidents/injuries in the garden - rather than getting all gung ho the minute the sun comes out and the chain saw beckons.

So, some simple (very obvious?) thoughts on how to look after ourselves:

- Wear gloves - not just for thorns, nettles, thistles and prickles but for irritating saps from certain plants (Euphorbia, I'm talking about you) as well as those exciting finds of broken glass, tin cans and old china cups
- Think about wearing goggles to protect your eyes - yes it sounds a bit silly but so is poking out your eye on a cane and spending hours in A&E.
- Check your tools (1) - blades work better if they're clean and sharp - blunt tools can be quite a bit more dangerous than the properly sharpened.
- Check your tools (2) - put them away safely, keep the safety catch and covers on and know exactly where you've put them - don't have a general dumping container for everything so that each time you rummage in a dark corner of the garage or shed for your gardening gloves (see above) you find instead the sharp pointy end of some implement that stabs you.
- Tetanus jab - make sure you've had yours and any boosters you're due.
- Always have someone footing the ladder and definitely check, double-check that your ladder is stable before attempting work at any height.
- If you feel a slight wobble when you're standing on the 2nd rung of the ladder, get down and repeat the safety check/double-check (see above). Then give yourself a pat on the back for avoiding a trip to A&E.
- Mind your back - poor posture and over-estimating your strength or getting fixated on finishing a particularly punishing job can lead to lots of unplanned trips to osteopaths/chiropractors.
- Repetitive strain injuries - ditto. It's good to move from one job to the next fairly frequently - from weeding to sweeping, to pruning then back to weeding etc so you don't get stuck on the same movements for too long
- Sunburn - yes, it happens to the best of us and it's not always trivial...

Needed in our gardener's toolkit - Gloves; eye goggles; stable surface for ladders plus a ladder footer; watch to remind o switch activity; organised tool box to store sharp tools; blade sharpeners and tool cleaning kit; suncream and phone number of a great osteopath, chiropractor or massage therapist to keep us going. Eternal youth would also be helpful.

*Muddy Fingernails*

# Parish History

Given the works required to maintain St Lawrence Church, Rode, it seemed the perfect time to include an article about the history of the church.

We are very lucky to have our local history man, Peter Harris, to call on for such things and once again he has delivered. Many thanks Peter.

Part 1 follows, Part 2 will be included in our April issue.

## **The History of St. Lawrence Church (Part 1)**

The earliest knowledge we have of the likelihood of a church in Rode is from the Domesday Book.

This records that in the time of both Edward the Confessor (1042 to 1066 AD) and William I (the Conqueror) (1066 to 1087 AD) a cleric by the name Rumbald (or Reginboldald) was priest of both Frome and Rode.

The present Church had at least one predecessor, as evidence of an earlier, smaller building was found during the last major restoration in 1872/4. Two fragments of Norman twisted column and a small piece of plain moulded stone (possibly from an even earlier building) were saved and are now mounted above the door on the north side of the Vestry. The earliest record of a clergyman being presented to the living of Rode is that of John de Thorendon in 1226 AD.

The listed building record considers the existing building to date from the late 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> century. It is perhaps not a coincidence that c1470, after a century of absence, the Lordship of the Manor (then held by John St. Maur) returned to Rode, making his home at Seymour's Court, just 500 metres south of St. Lawrence.

The earliest remaining parts of the church are the wagon roofs of the south and north aisles, the north doorway and the tower.

There is evidence of bells in the church as early as 1532, when Thomas Byrnt made his will leaving a cow to Rode church and some money to the bells.

At the east end of the south aisle there are the signs of a medieval chantry chapel of unknown dedication, where prayers would have been said for the souls of the departed who had given funds for such ceremonies.

Remaining features include a richly carved wall tomb, inside which local tradition has it that the remains of one of the great St. Maur family rest.

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Renovation work in 1872/4 revealed a beautiful medieval mural depicting the Virgin Mary and other coloured decorations on the plaster in the area around the tomb.

A piscina (used for washing communion vessels) was found there and replaced in the wall. Overhead, on the roof beams, is a pierced boss where a lamp had hung over the altar. The Reformation, in the mid-16th Century, brought the suppression of such chantries, and the lavish decorations were covered over or removed. Indeed, in 1575, land in Rode that provided funds for fuelling and maintenance of the chantry lamp, then in the possession of Thomas Webbe (Lord of Rode Manor), was confiscated by the Queen.

The earliest memorial in the church is painted on wood. It is to John Helliard, who died in 1623 He was the father of Nathaniel, the priest installed at Rode in 1617. Nathaniel died 28 years later having served the parish through the turbulent period of the civil war.



On the top of the sturdy tower is a small, railed turret, known as the “King’s Chair”, from which (if village tradition is to be believed) King Charles II, after the battle of Worcester on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1651, surveyed the countryside to see if any pursuing Parliamentary troops were in the vicinity.

Whether this is true or not, it is certain that our Church of St. Lawrence, and the thousands of villagers who have worshipped here over the centuries, have seen a broad canvas of our country’s history unroll before them, and who knows what is yet to come?

*Peter Harris*

# Parish Business

I have been building websites for over ten years and in marketing for many more. I grew up in central London, loving the historic character of the city and enjoying walking everywhere, getting to know it well. I found it difficult to think of my life as a career path and so kept saying 'yes' to opportunities that came my way.



This involved living in Cape Town for seven years and America for over fifteen years,. My job at that point kept me travelling extensively throughout Asia, Australia, Europe and USA. Perhaps oddly (although Life has always proven wise),

I landed in Pembrokeshire, Wales for over three and a half years. This is where I met my husband who will say it was a miracle that we actually did manage to meet (he living in Rode) as my sense of direction is not exactly reliable. I moved in with him that same year, on the High Street and have absolutely loved living in Rode ever since.

A highlight work wise was to design and implement the first day spa for the athletes during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta within the Athletes Village. A very large spa with treatments, saunas and a relaxation area. Apparently, providing something for the athletes to do when not training or competing had been a large problem. The spa proved extremely popular, and we were booked solid. I was then invited by the Sydney Olympic Committee to create an even larger spa for the 2000 Games. This too was completely booked for the six weeks of the Games.

I recently launched Bright Ideas Work – [www.brightideaswork.co.uk](http://www.brightideaswork.co.uk); I create logo's, ads, flyers, effective websites, business cards and invitations.

My experience in marketing and design can be useful for anyone seeking a new logo or website, to stand out from the crowd and clearly state what your company offers. In my experience many a small, successful business (particularly in the trades) does not have the time or inclination to focus on getting their credibility online.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions:  
[office@brightideaswork.co.uk](mailto:office@brightideaswork.co.uk)

*Pandora Jacobs*

# Parish Groups

## RODE WALKING GROUP - 2ND TUESDAY IN THE MONTH

Last month a smaller than usual group of us enjoyed a very pleasant and interesting walk around Bradford on Avon on a dry and sunny day.



Led by Rode's own historian, Peter Harris, we started at the Tithe Barn and climbed steeply up through Newtown, passing The Old Brewery and also rows of weavers' cottages, to find The Hermitage, also known as St Mary's Chapel Tory. We descended by various steps and alleyways to Holy Trinity Church and then visited the old Saxon Church nearby.

The next walk will be on Tuesday 14 March in the historic village of Mells following the village trail of 2.5 miles.

Starting at Mells village shop at 10 am, we will take in the War Memorial, St Andrew's Church, the Lock-up, the Reading Rooms, Little Green water point, the Almshouses and other points of interest, finishing with coffee at the village cafe.

This trail mainly follows roads and tarmac paths so we shouldn't get muddy!

I look forward to seeing you all, and possibly new members, on the day.

*Liz Dinnis*

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## RODE CRAFT CLUB

We each bring long whatever we are working on, share ideas and skills and enjoy each other's company over a cuppa and biscuits.



Weekly on Thursday afternoons, 2-4 pm at Rode Chapel.

There is no need to book or to commit to coming every week. We have knitters, embroiderers, crocheters, card makers, leather workers and cross stitchers. The list goes on! All abilities too, from 'new to' crafters to the experienced. We all help each other.

*Val Parker*

# Parish Groups

## MONDAY LUNCH CLUB 🍷🍴

So you may ask - what exactly is Monday Lunch Club??

Well - Lunch Club is a very friendly gathering for Rode villagers who have reached the slightly mature age of 60/70/80 years old - and my goodness some are 90 years! - it's great to get out, have a healthy, home cooked meal (£5 per person) and have a natter with your pals and neighbours!!

It's held once a month usually on the first Monday of the month. We have the added bonus of the Year 4 children from Rode School come and help us with their impressive service skills and raffle calling - what's not to like?!

Our next meeting is 13th March when we look forward to seeing all our regulars and new members at The Village Hall, 12.15pm... £5 for a freshly cooked 2 course meal, bring your own wine or tippie of preference if you fancy a drink with it (the Hall is Licensed) - so, don't sit at home on your own - come and meet new friends and have a great meal at the same time!!

Please let me know well in advance if you'd like to come - just give me a ring. If you need help with getting to the Hall please let me know and we can arrange transport. Please bring cash as we have no facility for card payments.

Look forward to seeing you there!

*Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team*

T: 01373 830836 / 07828 600095

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## OTHER CLUBS/GROUPS NEWS AND INFO WELCOME...

News and information about other clubs and groups in the parish is great to have for our readers.

If you'd like us to include details of a club you're involved or if you're thinking of starting a group we'd love to help in promoting it... do get in touch.



*Gill Leonard*

Editor

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## RODE OVER 60'S

Meeting held on Friday 10th February, Rode Memorial Hall - The Sahara Sisters with Rachel Terry came to demonstrate and inform us of the origins and customs of this form of dance.

Rachel has lived and worked closely with Egyptian dancers in Luxor and the wider world. The ladies dressed in beautiful heavily beaded costumes performed several dances gracefully. Rachel informed us these dances (performed mainly by men) were originally forms of communication between villages who had different dialects. Then women looking for husbands. Over time many cultures developed their own versions. For example gypsies who travelled widely. The wearing of coin decorated belts showed wealth.

The straight shift style tunic dress called a "galabia" evolved to allow more movement side slits gave way to very wide gathered skirts, sometimes containing 25yds of soft very fine material.

Some members were "persuaded to have a go" they found the art of isolation-keeping the upper body still while gyrating the hips very difficult ! Many women have found benefits using these movements to their general wellbeing by reducing pain.

The ladies shared examples of costumes and explained how they are constructed, a bra like top had rubber from tyres in it to form the cups. They were very inventive, using anything they could find!

It was an informative, fun afternoon enjoyed by all! Refreshments of sandwiches and cakes were served and the afternoon ended with the raffle.

Our next meeting is our Annual Dinner to be held on Friday 10th March, 6 for 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Members were given acceptance forms to be completed and returned including member's contribution of £12 each towards costs, to any committee member.

Birthdays for March:

2nd March, Mrs. W. Harrison and Mrs. T. Lewis.

26th March, Mrs. G. Kneebone and Mrs. G. Stinton.

29th March, Mrs. V. Parker.

Many Happy Returns to you all.

*Gail Stinton*

# Parish Groups

## RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The first meeting of the Gardening Club was well attended with many people signing up for the coming year.



There were Suttons catalogues for members to take home and peruse, offering club members 50% off seed prices and 15% off all plants.

Helen Curwen welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speakers, Mary and Terry Baker from Atworth Nurseries to talk about their favourite plants.



They are famous for their foxgloves, which have won many gold medals at Chelsea and also peonies that win gold medals at the RHS show at Hampton Court in mid-summer.

They talked about and showed pictures of both but the range of plants they propagate is much wider: Terry's main passion is shrubs and they offer many choices including magnolias, deutzias, roses, and hydrangeas.

Clematis, salvia and hollyhocks were among the many perennials discussed. We were all invited to visit the nursery from March and there were seeds and foxglove plants for those keen to start sooner.

The pattern of our meetings will be similar to last year with talks in the months when evening are darker and visits to gardens from May to September, including a day trip this year to RHS Rosemore in July.

Membership is £20 per year and the next meeting will be the AGM on March 13<sup>th</sup> when Geoff Hobson will talk about orchids and looking after them.

Come along for a 7:00 pm start and bring your orchid if you would like advice on caring for it.

New members are always welcome as are guests (£3) and if you would like more information contact Averil Morrow on 830686.

*Sharman Flindall*



# Forthcoming Parish Events

## 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH

### NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH CONCERT

**The Orfeo Ensemble** - Suzanne Swainson (violin), Jim Swainson (viola) Muriel Daniels (cello), Charles Hetherington (piano), Ann Hetherington (vocals). A concert of music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert plus a selection of three English songs. 1pm – 2pm. Tickets are £5 available on the door and at

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/573220>



## FURTHER CONCERTS DETAILS AND DATES

**Lunchtime Concerts** - These take place on the first Thursday of the month, 1pm to 2pm. Tickets are £5 available on the door.

- **2 March: The Orfeo Ensemble** - Suzanne Swainson (violin), Jim Swainson (viola) Muriel Daniels (cello), Charles Hetherington (piano), Ann Hetherington (vocals). A concert of music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert plus a selection of 3 English songs. Tickets also available at [www.wegottickets.com/event/573220](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/573220)
- **6 April: Young Waters** - Haunting harmonies, toe-tapping rhythm and twisted folk.
- **4 May: Iain Ballamy (saxophone) and Huw Warren (piano)** - Internationally acclaimed ECM recording artists Iain Ballamy and Huw Warren.
- **1 June: Band of Pilgrims** - Back by popular demand... but this time it's the full band!
- **6 July: Poetry and Music with Josephine Corcoran and Guests**

### Saturday Afternoon Concert: Saturday 20 May at 3pm

**Night River Presents: DG Solaris** - DG Solaris is a fantastic and widely celebrated singer songwriter based in Frome who will be performing a rare afternoon concert in the church. Expect fine songwriting, a beautiful voice and unique guitar playing in our most acoustically stunning church. This concert is open to all ages. Tickets available at [www.wegottickets.com/event/572312](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/572312)

### Evening Concerts:

- **Saturday 29 April 7.30pm - An evening with Sarah McQuaid** Tickets on sale at [www.wegottickets.com/event/563876](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/563876) or from David Lockley (01373 834414). £12 in advance or £13 on the door.
- **Saturday 7 October - Hungrytown** Americana/celtic singer-songwriters
- **Saturday 25 November - The Magnificent AKs.** The singing blokes of Ashton Keynes who can lower the tone, be supremely silly and move you to tears in one evening.

# Forthcoming Parish Events

**MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

## **SOS: ABBA TRIBUTE BAND GIG!**

Yes, a fantastic night of Abba-tastic tunes, fun and frolics is coming to the Village Hall on March 4th.

SOS are a fantastic tribute band headed by our very own Richard Churchyard (better known as Toad) and they have kindly agreed to fit us into their busy touring schedule.

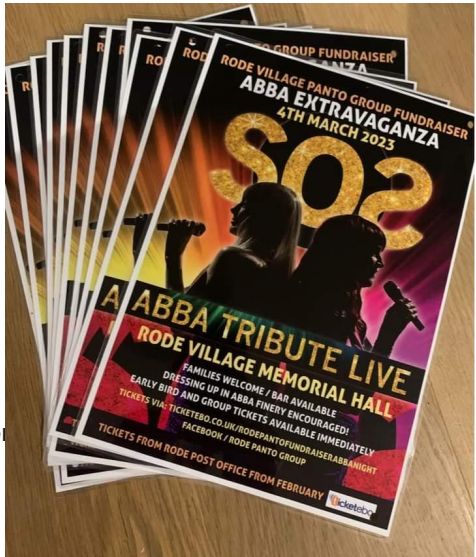
Fans of the Swedish superstars of all ages are welcome to strut their stuff from 7.30pm, and there will be a bar to ensure you can refuel after demonstrating your best moves on the dance floor. 70's and ABBA inspired dress is strongly encouraged.

Tickets are available via the link on the Rode Pantomime Group Facebook page, or from Rode P.O. or from Raves from the Grave in Frome.

Early bird and group tickets are available at £10 a head, but after that the ticket price will be £12.

The money raised will go to helping us to fund the next Panto production scheduled for October and the money raised from that will be going to village organisations and local charities.

When



Time for me to find my sequins!

*Gary Holloway*

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*HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LOCAL GROUPS ACTIVITIES TOO?*

*THERE ARE SOME DETAILS IN THE MAGAZINE AND IN THE BACK PAGE DIARY... WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE AND HELP PROMOTE MORE ...*

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# Forthcoming Parish Events

## MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> FRANS COLOUR RUN

Coming up this month is the Colour Run, we'll be holding this on Sunday March 12th at 11am on The Mead in NSP.

It promises to be a big family friendly fun event in line with the Indian festival Holi, marking the coming of spring.

There will be a short loop with 'colour stations' where you will be showered with coloured dust.

You can do the 'loop' as many times as you fancy and at the end you will be a walking (or still running) work of art.

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# Forthcoming Parish Events

17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

RODE ROXY FILM - "LIVING"

Already with a whole load of awards and with a screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro, this film seems to be Bill Nighy's finest hours to date.

He plays a buttoned-up bureaucrat in 1950s London, who decides that he would like to achieve something for once, instead of just endlessly pushing paper.

A group of ladies have come into the Public Works office, asking to have a hazardous area in their neighbourhood transformed into a children's playground. With nothing to show for his decades of service, the formerly ineffectual Mr Williams makes it his personal mission to push the job through before he dies.

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*"Bill Nighy lands his perfect role at last."* The Times

Adam Harris

# Forthcoming Parish Events

## MARCH 20TH FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

*Forget-me-not Café* 

When? - 20<sup>th</sup> March **THIRD** Monday of every month) 2.30 – 4 pm

Where? - St Philip and St James Church, NSP



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321jorobinson@gmail.com 01373 831381

## MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> WHO KILLED THE CARETAKER...?

For one night only we ask the residents of Rode to be the super sleuths of the Southwest and work out who killed the Caretaker. Yes, we are back again in March with another murder mystery play. This is our follow on from our successful one night only 'Who Killed The Holiday Rep?', staged in February 2022.

You can guarantee that there'll be many familiar faces amongst the cast and we do require some audience participation to work out 'Who Killed The Caretaker?'.

### Who Killed the Caretaker...?

A return of the Murder Mystery Evening:

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm

in the Memorial Hall



Tickets available from the Post Office:

£10 per adult including a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits

£5 per child including a soft drink and cheese and biscuits

Profits to The Heart of Rode

This is a family event and everyone can join in the fun.

Tickets are available from Rode P.O. and come at the very reasonable price of:

£10 per adult including a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits  
£5 per child including a soft drink and cheese and biscuits.

Profits from this year's Murder Mystery play will be going to The Heart Of Rode (see our News from St Lawrence on page 5 with details of our new fundraising project).

Please come and support us.

*Sally Pickett*

# Forthcoming Parish Events

26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
RODE  
HOEDOWN



**RODE HOEDOWN**

Interested in helping to keep Rode a great place to live? Got ideas of things to do? Willing to help out once a month for 2 hours?

The Rode Hoedowns are re-starting on 26 Mar (Litter Picking) and it would be great to hear from you.

Contact Mike Salmon on  
07818 097030/mikesalmon123@icloud.com  
OR  
Jonathan Bowler on  
07340 221152/jbowlerii@icloud.com

26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
BRITISH SUMMER TIME



10<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
BIG GREEN WEEK



17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (TBC)  
RODE FETE  
See page 11

# Parish Food & Drink



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# Parish Food & Drink

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# Noticeboard

## FROME GEARS UP FOR ITS 2ND ANNUAL KINDNESS FESTIVAL

Since the beginning of the year, the volunteer Kindness Crew have been coming together on Sunday afternoons to plan the town's second Kindness Festival. Taking place from 5 – 11 March 2023, the Festival aims to bring together young and old to celebrate, practice and explore the power of kindness to improve mental and physical health, transform relationships and strengthen communities.



A new feature for 2023 is the Kindness Challenge, which invites local schools, businesses, families and friends to make the Festival their own by devising and carrying out actions – both big and small, seen and unseen - that share the transformative power of kindness. The Town Hall, local library and Frome Sports & Fitness are among the many organisations taking part. At the end of the Festival the Challenge will be celebrated with a big party and an exhibition at the Town Hall.

Each day of the Festival has a kindness-related theme, and events range from a Caravan of Kindness to a West Country afternoon tea with Radio 4 presenter Claudia Hammond. There will be a debate about Kindness in Social Media, a film extravaganza, and clothes swaps for children and adults, including a catwalk where eco-conscious shoppers can be photographed in their new outfits. On the streets there will be live music, pop-ups and a flash mob featuring a specially commissioned Kindness Dance. “The scientific evidence is that simply watching someone else doing something kind can set a ripple of positive change in motion. As Aesop said: No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.”

Far too much going on in the Festival to have all the details here! Do please visit the website [www.thegoodheart.uk](http://www.thegoodheart.uk) and find out about all that's going on including The Kindness Challenge...

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## BRADFORD ON AVON FLOWER CLUB

The next Flower Club demonstration will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, when we have Selena Denham coming to demonstrate, her theme for the evening is “My Family”. As usual the demonstration will be held at Holt Village Hall beginning at 7.30pm, there will be refreshments available on the evening and a raffle for the flowers. Visitors are very welcome, price £7.50.

# Noticeboard



## Frog and Toad Spawn Count 2023



Last month, we were hopping with excitement to let you know that the species count for the Great Somerset Wildlife Count was LIVE!

The Frog & Toad Spawn count is off to a good start, but we really need more people to get involved to make sure this brilliant species count is a success, and that we collect a meaningful amount of data from around the county.

The count runs until the end of March, giving you plenty of time to get out there and counting those shiny clumps of frogspawn and long pearls of toad spawn on your walks and outdoor adventures! Sign up and download our FREE Frog & Toad Count pack. This will make sure you're ready to unleash your inner citizen scientist and contribute to really important data and information to help our watery friends and protect the habitats they call home.

To join in visit [www.somersetwildlife.org/wildlife/great-somerset-wildlife-count/frog-toad-count](http://www.somersetwildlife.org/wildlife/great-somerset-wildlife-count/frog-toad-count)

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### EAST SOMERSET RAILWAY COMMUNITY 2023 OFFERS!

**Dementia Friendly Events:** Sunday May 7, Sunday July 16 and Sunday 10 September. Cost £11 for both the person living with Dementia and their carer. Booking required.

**Care Homes:** ESR-focused talks are available free of charge

**Community Groups:** Illustrated talks are available to community groups, free of charge

**Duke of Edinburgh Programme Young Volunteers:** Volunteering opportunities may be possible Thursdays 4-5pm only.

**Volunteers Recruitment Day:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March to explore the various roles available (plus complimentary coffee & train ride!). 10-1pm

Anything of interest? Contact Lisa [education@eastsomersetrailway.com](mailto:education@eastsomersetrailway.com)  
Trains, tickets and timetables? [www.eastsomersetrailway.com](http://www.eastsomersetrailway.com)



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*Jill Meikle*

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# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL

ON TUES 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30 pm

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### UNCONFIRMED

**Present:** Cllr Andy Pickett – in the Chair (AP), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR) and Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM)

**In attendance:** Hugh Williams – Clerk and 1 parishioner.

**1. Public Participation:** Concern was expressed over a large pothole on Crooked Lane but it was thought this might have been reported as it was now marked up. Thanks were expressed for the double yellow lines at the Rode Hill/High Street junction but a question was raised regarding the gap in one set of these. (The Clerk agreed to ask Somerset about this).

Gigaclear had been approached regarding installing ultrafast broadband and had responded this would be at end of 2023. PT commented he had just spoken to Gigaclear and had been informed work should start in quarter 2 and be complete at the end of quarter 3 this year.

Special thanks was given to JM and all the others who had put the case for not developing Barbara's Field at the two day Hearing in January.

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Salmon, Cllr J Bowler, Cllr B Lund (District Councillor), Cllr A Boyden (County Councillor) and Cllr D Denton (County Councillor)

**3. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

**4. Declarations of interest:** None.

**5. Planning – Appeal Hearing:** The Hearing had taken two full days, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January and it was thought the PC had presented a good case against the development of Barbara's Field, with JM and Context Planning doing well. There was some disappointment that Mendip had not done as well as hoped defending their decision to refuse the planning application. There was considerable concern that should the application be approved by the Inspector the S106 agreement appeared to have been prepared without any input from the Parish Council. The S106 would cover Brown's Ground and it appeared this would be given to Somerset Council with the village having no say over it. The PC could decide that it did not want to take on Brown's Ground and leave it to Somerset to retain as an open space. It was noted the Inspector still had to visit the site before making her final decision and she had been offered the opportunity to see the site from the historic buildings on Bradford Road, which she had verbally accepted. This might help her decide against the development. AP said he would be informed when she was coming to visit.

**6. Report from County Councillors:** Cllr Denton and Cllr Boyden had reported on road gritting in Somerset and it was clear due to budget restraints

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

this could become more limited. It was unclear whether the village grit bins would in future be filled free of charge. Pressure to grit the D2 bus route was still being applied but it was doubtful this would succeed in Rode.

It had been agreed that Rode would form part of the Frome LCN, which would be composed of 18 Parish Councils. Concern had been expressed that the LCN Planning Board would not have enough power with major decisions being taken by Somerset.

## 7. Actions from previous meeting:

- i. **Trees: Merfield/The Mead:** Cllr Lund had sent a letter to Mr James regarding the trees and had a response from Mrs James who was getting a tree surgeon to look at the trees. Hopefully action would be taken. The Clerk agreed to write to Mrs James thanking her for acting so quickly.
- ii. **Footpaths to and from Church Farm:** JM reported that he had engaged with the Enforcement Officer at Mendip on the path but it had now gone quiet. He added that Autograph Homes had agreed to commit to delivering everything on the Travel Plan to the residents on Church Farm. There was little the PC could do, as it was not part of the S106 agreement, but up to Somerset to enforce.
- iii. **Hoedown:** The poster prepared by JB was approved but it was agreed that it should only have the March and April dates on it. Further Hoedowns would be arranged for the summer and autumn but it was agreed not to hold them monthly.
- iv. **Tree on Halfpenny Row:** A quote for cutting 5m off the height and removing a number of branches of the contorted willow had been submitted and it was agreed to accept this quote and get the work done.

**8. Climate Change Group:** It was agreed to continue to rewild the area by the Memorial Hall. AP had circulated a quote to remove the top four inches of grass/soil and it was agreed this should go ahead along with clearing the ditch at the back of the area. The soil could be put on the S106 land at the playing field. The meeting approved up to £200 for digger hire.

## 9. Highways:

- i. **The Sportsman:** There had been no S106 agreement for this development as it was less than 10 dwellings. There was a substantial sum held from this development and it was thought this could be used to improve the drainage on Clay Lane which had not been resolved.
- ii. **Street Lighting:** The Clerk had circulated a proposed list of lights that could be turned off at midnight. This list ensured lights at junctions remained on and also no road would be left in total darkness. The main concern would be in winter when it would be darker for those going out before dawn. However, there were benefits to wildlife, reduced energy consumption to help combat climate change etc. with reduced lighting and it was agreed the Clerk would draft a questionnaire for approval and circulation of the village.

## 10. Planning:

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## **i) New applications:**

**2023/0131/TCA:** Reduce magnolia, plum and apple trees all by 1m – 5 Lower Street. No objections.

## **ii. Mendip decisions: None**

**11. Playing Field Constitution:** AP reported he had spoken to the solicitor, David Kirby, regarding the invoice and clarified it. Following discussions with Steve Eyles (Chair of the Playing Field Committee) it had been agreed the Parish Council would pay 60% of the invoice, the PC being custodians should pay the larger portion. The meeting agreed to this payment.

**12. Buses:** The new timetables had been circulated to all the village. It was reported that the Department of Transport had replied to the PC regarding extending the bus support grant saying no decision had yet been made. This was disappointing as the end of March was approaching fast.

**13. Website:** The construction of the new website was proceeding and photographs of the Councillors were being supplied. Access to the new site would be available to the Parish Council prior to its approval and it going live.

**14. Coronation Weekend:** There was little support to doing anything major over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> May as it was less than a year since the Jubilee celebrations. A possible party for children was discussed. It was agreed to discuss this again at the March meeting.

**15. Conservation area:** It was agreed to relook at defining the Conservation Area for Rode as currently the village centre and along the A361 were covered but there were listed buildings not in the current Conservation Area. It was agreed to try and protect the village as a whole.

## **16. Financial matters:**

**i. Yearly expenditure:** The Clerk said that the annual expenditure would exceed £25,000 again this year and that an external audit of the accounts would be required.

**ii. Grass cutting:** The quote from Eagle Grounds Maintenance was accepted but the Clerk was asked to go back to them as an extra area of the playing field would require cutting following the moving of the cricket square. AP agreed to determine this extra area.

**iii. Payments:** The following payments were agreed:

Context Planning (Pre-Hearing work)	£4,080.00
Frome Printers (bus timetable)	£160.00
Clerk Salary	£241.85
HMRC PAYE	£60.40
Context Planning (attending Hearing)	£5,910.00
DK Legal (60% of playing field constitution fee)	£576.00

## **17. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

# ...and finally

## WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

Where in Hardington Vale, would you see this scene?

Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph? It was Farleigh Hungerford Castle,



### Sudoku

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### Last Month's Sudoku

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## POEM OF THE MONTH

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers in the flowers today;  
 And give us not to think so far away  
 As the uncertain harvest; keep us here.  
 All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
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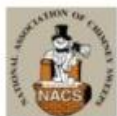
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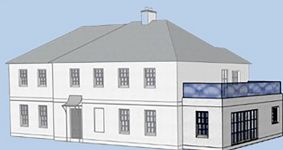
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Thursday 2 March	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 5 March Lent	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Informal Breakfast Rode St Lawrence, Holy Communion Laverton, Holy Communion Rode, Chapel, Meeting Place	F & R Stewart J Robinson C Walker
Monday 6 March	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 7 March	9.45 am 5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8 March	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 9 March	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 12 March	9.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford, Matins Rode St Lawrence, Informal Breakfast Norton St Philip, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins	F & R Stewart C Walker/M Harrison
Monday 13 March	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 14 March	5.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 15 March	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 16 March	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 19 March Mothering Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford, Morning Worship Rode St Lawrence, Holy Communion Norton St Philip, Family Service Laverton, Matins	J Robinson M Harrison/S Kivett B Day/J Robinson
Monday 20 March	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 21 March	5.00 pm	Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22 March	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 23 March	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 26 March	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford, Holy Communion Rode St Lawrence, Informal Worship Norton St Philip, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins	C Walker/F Stewart J Robinson/M Harrison C Walker/F Stewart
Monday 27 March	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
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Sat 4 Mar	7.30pm Abba Extravaganza see page 32 for details
Mon 13 Mar	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 28 for details
Tue 8 Mar	7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page XX for details
Fri 10 Mar	6 for 6.30pm Rode Over 60s see page 29 for details
Sun 12 Mar	11am FRANS Colour Run see page 33 for details
Mon 13 Mar	7.00pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 30 for details
Tue 14 Mar	10am Rode Walking Group see page 27 for details
Fri 17 Mar	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode 7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy see page 34 for details
Sun 19 Mar	Mother's Day
Mon 20 Mar	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 35 for details
Fri 24 Mar	<b>APRIL LINK COPY DEADLINE</b>
Sat 25 Mar	7.30pm Murder Mystery see page 35 for details
Sun Mar 26	1am British Summer Time begins - Clocks go forward one hour
Fri 31 Mar	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 11 for details

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Fri 7 April	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday
Sun 9 April	Easter Sunday
Mon 10 April	BANK HOLIDAY – Easter Monday
Mon 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY – Early May Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY – Coronation of Kings Charles 11
Sat 17 Jun	Rode Village Fete TBC see page 11 for details
Sun Jun 18	Father's Day
Mon 29 May	BANK HOLIDAY - Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 28 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY – Summer Bank Holiday



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