

# The Link

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



**JUNE 2023**

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A Special Father's Day Service

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# Church Reflection, News & Events

## REFLECTION

Having lived in the parish for 6 years, I've always been astonished to read about the huge range of activities and groups reported on each month. So many people are involved in so many things that benefit our communities.

This demonstrates very practically the theme of **service**, which was such a feature of the Coronation in May.

Right at the start of the ceremony in Westminster Abbey, we heard the exchange between the King and Samuel Strachan, Child of His Majesty's Chapel Royal and the King: "Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings". "In his name and after his example **I come not to be served but to serve**". Recently I came across a helpful acrostic explanation of what it means to serve.

To serve is to...

- **Support:** this includes helping folk, younger or older, to deal with life's challenges. There are so many ways this happens across the villages.
- **Encourage:** we all need this! How often have we felt a lift just from a friendly "hello"? Pope Julius II was sent a young artist with the following testimonial: "*This is Michelangelo. His nature is such that he has to be drawn out by kindness and encouragement but, if he be treated well and love shown to him, he will accomplish things that will make the whole world wonder*". Indeed!
- **Resource:** the number of clubs, societies, groups, teams, different kinds of provision provided within our parish is astounding. I remember listing them all on post-its and sticking them on a window a few years ago, as part of our research on church partnerships with the community– not much light was getting in by the end of that exercise!
- **Value:** our people, our places, our history – we have so much to be thankful for in this beautiful part of Somerset, with all its biodiversity. From litter picking to reducing our carbon footprint, we are living out our values.
- **Equip:** providing what we need, to do whatever we need to do. It's certainly my experience that I can find someone who can lend me what I need around here!

So, thank you to everyone who serves, in any of these ways. You enrich all of our lives. Nelson Mandela described the African concept of Ubuntu as "*the recognition that we are only people because of other people*". Service only has meaning in community, as we serve each other.



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For Christians, as we serve others, we are serving Christ, whose ultimate act of service was to give himself for us. We can be assured that he notices every act of service, whether big or small, public or very private:

*“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”*  
(Matthew 10:42)

*Fergus Stewart*

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## NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

Hopefully you heard the bells ringing over the Coronation weekend. It was great that the learners who only started last November were able to join in and ring on such a memorable occasion.



On the Coronation Day bells were rung across Hardington Vale in Farleigh Hungerford, Rode, Norton and Hemmington.

As a bell ringer it has given me (Sally) the opportunity to feel part of national events like the Coronation and the Queen’s funeral last year.

Please see page 6 for an update on the Church Renovation and Appeal.

*Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett*

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## SPECIAL JUNE CHURCH EVENTS AND SERVICES

4<sup>th</sup> June – Rogation Walk – see page 34 for details.

18<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day Service – see page 36 for details.

For full details of all June Church Services please see inside the back cover of this magazine.



# Parish News

## RODE HALL MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURES

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, as highlighted in last month's Link and elsewhere, the Village Hall Committee held a meeting in the Hall to discuss the idea of a joint amenity in Rode, combining the functions of the Hall and the Pavilion and with a separate space for the Scouting groups, to be located on the Playing Fields.

The meeting was called to understand whether, if such a joint facility were to be realised, the sale of the Hall for this purpose would be supported. This would mean the Village Hall would be sold and the proceeds put towards the new facility, but that the Hall would remain in use for the Village until any new facility was ready. Following the Hall's Governing Conditions, "*the inhabitants of the age of Eighteen Years or upwards of the Parishes of Rode, Woolverton and Tellisford*" were invited to a meeting to vote on the Hall's proposal and, if agreed, to confirm "*by a majority of such inhabitants present at such Meeting*". The meeting was attended by 58 people, with representation from all three parishes. The vote was preceded by a very useful discussion with a range of views expressed.

The following Resolution was agreed: "*to explore the viability of the project to collocate the Hall, Pavilion and (as a separate space but collocated) the Scout groups and, (on the understanding that) if it proceeds, to discontinue the use of the Hall in its current location when the new facility is ready, to dispose of its assets to contribute to the new project and to continue the charitable objects of the Hall in its new location.*" 44 votes for yes, 7 for no and 7 abstentions.

While the proposal is to explore the co-location of the Hall with other facilities in a new location, the Hall Committee's firm intention is to ensure that the Objects of the original Trust will continue to be honoured. This means any new premises will uphold the original intention of the Trust, i.e. to provide for the "*physical and mental training and recreation and social and moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Rode, Woolverton and Tellisford in the County of Somerset and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions...*".

This decision from the community in support of the Hall Committee's proposal now means that the Joint Committee can now move forwards to test the viability of the project and to develop more tangible plans, with village consultation and engagement to follow in due course.

*Kate Robinson and Mark Dymond*  
on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

## LATEST BUS NEWS

**£2 BUS FARE CONTINUES UNTIL NOVEMBER 2023** - The Government has

announced that its very successful £2 Flat Fare scheme will now continue through to November.

This means it only costs £2 to go on the D2 to Bath or to Frome. Morning, noon and (late) night. And that's now seven days a week.

On the X34, it's £2 to Frome and only £2 all the way to Chippenham (that surely must be one of the longer journeys for just £2).

The £2 fare is already attracting a lot of extra users for our village bus services. But remember the maxim: **USE IT OR LOSE IT ...** so please **'BUS IT'** whenever you can.



**FREE BUS TRAVEL ON FIRST BUS D2/D2x - THURSDAY 1ST JUNE** - We

are pleased to announce that First Bus will be giving FREE travel on the D2 / D2x on Thursday 1st June! June 1st is during the school holidays so that could mean a bargain day out with the family!

Travel to Bath, Frome or anywhere in between - just turn up and travel for free from 4.30am till the last bus of the day. No tickets, vouchers or codes needed - just hop on the bus. It's really that simple! For more information:

[www.facebook.com/Favbug](http://www.facebook.com/Favbug)

*Peter Travis*

Frome and Villages Bus Use Group



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## ST LAWRENCE CHURCH ROOF RENOVATION AND APPEAL

Things are moving on with the planned renovation of the roof of St Lawrence. This first phase is the Chancel roof. Following a meeting with the Contractor, whose tender has been accepted, it is hoped that work will commence in October this year.



Formal permission has recently been obtained from the Diocese and thanks to the Richard Oatley Foundation, funding is in place for this phase.

The next step is to have a bat survey carried out. This is a legal requirement. We have previously understood that we have a summer roost of long-eared bats. That remains to be confirmed, but they have become active again since the middle of May. Essentially, what the survey should establish is where the bats are getting in and out; we can then determine whether the roof works will affect them and what steps are necessary.

The Appeal to the village for funds has now reached a little over £43,500 including Gift Aid and matched funding. Our target was to raise at least £50,000 from the village. We, therefore, need another £6,500 to achieve that target. We are sure that there are many people who intend to donate but have not got around to it yet. If this applies to you, we look forward to hearing from you. All donations are much appreciated and very gratefully received.

*Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett*

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## RODE CHAPEL CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The Meeting Place held a last minute Coronation Tea and Cake Party in Rode Chapel on the Sunday of the Coronation weekend.

The event was well attended and we were spoilt for choice with the wonderful selection of cakes so many thanks to all those who provided them. The afternoon was enjoyed by everyone who came.

The Tea Party was followed by a music led Service based on kingship.

*Valerie Parker*

## “OUT OF THE BLUE” LATEST

Things are moving apace on the Panto front!

Costumes and props are coming on nicely and it would be fair to say that they are going to create quite a stir when they appear on stage at showtime come October, particularly in the case of Richard our Dame and the rather unusual outfits that have been created for certain cast members.



In a first for us, we are recording the songs that have been specially composed for “Out of the Blue”, and by the time you read this, most of the tracks will have been put to bed. It would be fair to say that singing on stage is quite a daunting challenge, but everyone has enjoyed the experience and there are most definitely some fine vocalists amongst them.

A lovely team atmosphere is developing and as always new friends are being made and hitherto talents discovered, and there is no doubt that everyone is really getting stuck in and enjoying the experience so far, regardless of whether they are first timers or old hands.

By the middle of June we will have increased the number of rehearsals and the plan is for everyone to be off the book by the time we get to the school holidays, although some bribery and whip cracking maybe required to achieve this goal.

From September we will be working in the Village Hall which will allow us to we will focus on stage movement and the detail of the characterisation and performance and of course the sets will be coming together as well and they are going to look terrific.

All being well, this will also be when tickets will become available for the 3 shows in October ( Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st ), but details of how to get them, cost etc, will be made public before then.

*Gary Holloway*

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## 200 CLUB

The April 200 club has been drawn, the winners are as follows:  
1st Prize £50 - Sharman Flindall  
2nd Prize £25 - Lucy Clayphan

*Jan Jupp*

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## ONE YEAR DONE

It has been a year since I was elected to represent Frome North. And what a remarkable 12 months it has been! I have learned, grown, and explored, and loved every (almost) moment of it.

**What I have learned about Frome North:** Although each village, town and hamlet have their own personality, there is a strong sense of community across the area. The commitment to neighbours, the environment, heritage and local business has been wonderful to experience.



Each parish council is a collection of skilled, experienced, and enthusiastic people who are focused on only one thing – to make life better for everyone in their community. The amount of work these councillors put into everything they do, is often not noticed, or acknowledged, but utterly remarkable, and I know very much appreciated.

**What I have learned about myself:** As we get older, we become more comfortable in our own skin. I wonder if this is more about acceptance of the world, people, and ourselves. Although I have always been aware of my strengths and weaknesses, in my role as a Somerset Councillor I have found myself completely absorbed in what I love doing – learning. I want to know and understand people, processes, systems, and groups. Unless I have a foundation of how things (and people work), I cannot help, support, and grow (as a person and to be a better councillor) either.

I often reflect on our corner of the county and believe this to be not only an interesting part of Somerset, but it is also incredibly dynamic, forward-looking, and innovative.

**To give you a flavour of what my role has be sprinkled with:** Litter, potholes, paths, rivers, sport for young people, the elderly, buses, gardening, planning, parking, housing, fly-tipping, libraries, school placements, gritting, lighting, HGVs, business development, markets, road repairs, bridges, fire strategies, licencing, our Ukrainian community, and hosting the first (or many) Parish Roadshows, and more.

**I have had the greatest pleasure meeting with:** Fair Frome, Active and InTouch, deafPlus, Health, Heritage and Green Connectors, Focus Frome, the ME Association, Aging Well, Rode Climate Community, Frome Market Health Hub, BANDS (Bath Autism and Neurodiversity spectrums), Frome Birth Talk,

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Aging without Children, Skill Up Somerset, Bus Partnership, SpeedWatch, Royal British Legion, Frome and Somerset Chambers of Commerce, Village Agents, Frome College, and Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership. And the year ahead is already filling up with more opportunities to meet with amazing organisations that have an impact on our lives, daily.

I have drunk hundreds of cups of tea and decaf lattes, and eaten way too much cake and biscuits, but every meeting has filled me with joy, and a list of action steps to take.

My aim is simply to ensure I am doing what I can to support these organisations, and to connect the community with them and each other.

The foundation of who we are is how we fit into the collective, and the impact we can have on it.

Here's to a very exciting second year representing you, learning even more, and hopefully making a difference.

*Dawn Denton*

Somerset County Councillor for Frome North

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## CORONATION YARN BOMB

As many people will have noticed the postbox in Rode was yarn bombed for the Coronation.

Thanks go to Chris Lowe, Gail Stinton and Diane Party for their fabulous knitting skills.

The idea was hatched at the Rode Chapel Craft Club which meets on Thursday afternoons.

It seems that the topper has made many people smile. The Mirror newspaper also included it in their feature on Coronation yarn bombing.



Watch this space to see who will star on the next yarn bomb.

*Valerie Parker*



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## NORTON ST PHILIP CONCERT SERIES

On April 29th, we welcomed **Sarah McQuaid** to NSP for the second gig of her UK tour. The audience came not just from H.V. but also from Frome, Trowbridge and Bristol. A review entitled '*To Church With Sarah Again*' by Mark Studden, was published on the 'Afterword' the following day, part is reproduced here with permission:

"Last night's gig was another tour-de-force. I can't remember the last time I saw an artist open their show with an a cappella song delivery that hung everything on staggeringly accurate voice control and pitch perfection." "Sarah's ability to control, with great sensitivity, the volume and intensity of her vocal delivery is a wonderful asset – she got our attention, everyone was captured in the moment, and she used the silence of the room and the rapt engagement of the audience to drop everything down to a careful whisper, bringing emphasis to the critical lyricality of her song. At the end of the first number, in that tiny gap between breath and applause, I heard someone at the front – only 20 feet way – mutter a quiet "Wow". I knew then, even as I'd known before she started to sing, that the next hour and more would bring even greater delights. We heard smatterings from several of her back catalogue, all of which are laden with little gems. In her usual style, each song is introduced with a brief explanation of its provenance."

"We were treated to more of Sarah's songs, plus several covers of other writer's material. We heard a Dylan song (Tangled Up In Blue) given a fast, sparkling, effervescent bravura performance that made me grin like a fool, a heartfelt and sensitive performance of a John Martyn song (Solid Air) wherein I could clearly catch the lyric for possibly the first time I've ever heard the song performed, and an exquisite version of Ewan MacColl's perennial The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. Every single one of her covers is a revelatory melding of the quality of the chosen song with Sarah's outstanding and very personal delivery."

Shortly after this concert, on May 4<sup>th</sup> we were treated to another magnificent Lunchtime Concert. This featured saxophonist **Iain Ballamy** and pianist **Huw Warren** - the Force was certainly with them!

We now look forward to the return of the **Band of Pilgrims** at our Lunchtime Concert on June 1st when we will again be serving coffee and cake from 12.30pm.

For details of the full programme of future concerts please see page 34).

*David Lockley*



## THANK YOU...

I would like to thank all those of you who marked my recent retirement from Beckington Family Practice with your very kind words, cards and generous gifts. For those of you who made a financial gift, I was delighted to receive a beehive and lots of bee-keeping equipment to get me started.

Thank you! It has genuinely been my privilege and pleasure to have been able to practice the vocation that I love here.

When I arrived in 1997, we had 7,200 patients (now 11,200), 3 surgery buildings (now 2) and we would drop everything and leave our surgeries to be first responders to a heart attack or to assist with the delivery of a baby at Frome Victoria Hospital.

So much has changed, including faces, and with the NHS now facing the biggest challenges I have known in my 33 years as a doctor I am encouraged that I leave the practice in good hands, with a great, caring team doing their best.

It has been an extraordinary privilege to walk along the way with many, many people, as they have faced medical challenges or their final illness. I would like to thank all of you who have so trustingly shared your stories with me.

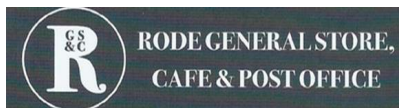
Each one of us is wonderfully unique and I am going to miss those personal encounters but hope that I will continue to meet some of you in other contexts or when I return as an occasional locum GP.

*Dr John Beaven*

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## CHANGES HAVE BEEN AFOOT AT

If you've not ventured in to see us for a while you may be surprised!



We are now dedicating more of our space to the Café, more tables and some armchairs too now! We will still be stocking all the essentials in the General Store and the Post Office carries on as ever.

Come and check it out, hope to see you soon...

*Sam Baker*

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## LAVERTON NEWS

Well here we go with my final Laverton News. Likely you will have heard that Martin and I are moving from Laverton to Norton St Philip in the not too distant future. I've loved covering the 'goings on' in Laverton over the past few years and I have a lot of people to thank for their help and assistance. It's almost ten years since we turned up at Row Barn on a wet and dreary day in August 2013 but we had such a sunny welcome from our immediate neighbours Mhairi and Sara we knew we were going to be happy in this very special place.

I've been looking back over the past ten years and remembering all the fun times we've had! Laverfest, then the lovely village wedding of Matt and Suzy, a couple of quizzes including Norma's birthday quiz, numerous church fetes and bazaar's, the opening of the book exchange, welcoming our Ukrainian friends and probably the icing on the cake, the Platinum Jubilee celebrations last year, when just about everyone in the village and their families came together to celebrate. Talking of fetes - please make a note of this year's Fete on Saturday 22nd July see page 37 for more details.

**Book Exchange Book Sale and Coffee Morning** - Despite the damp and dreary weather we were very pleased to see so many people here to raise funds for Dorothy House. Thank you to everyone who made cake, bought cake and ate cake and relieved us of a lot of books! Thanks also to those of you who helped erecting gazebos in the rain, washing and clearing up. Special thanks have to go to Mark and Maria for running the raffle in its entirety and to Emma for helping to sort books after the event. We raised an amazing £411.42 and we were able to donate the remaining children's books to NSP school. Thank you everyone!



So that's it folks, Norton St Philip awaits! Take care.

*Jackie Moss*

**Editor's Note:** Very sad to see the last issue of Jackie's Laverton News but not I trust the last of Jackie and Martin! Many thanks for all the time and effort you have put in to keeping us informed of that part of H.V. during the last few years Jackie. All my good wishes for the future go with them to their new home.

# Parish Health & Wellbeing

## GP NON-URGENT ADVICE SYSTEM VIA ACCURX

As a Practice we are always looking for ways to improve the services we offer, and a new initiative we have introduced is a way to contact us via an online form, cutting out the need to wait in a telephone queue. These online requests are picked up by the reception team, who direct them to the most appropriate clinician for triage.

You do not need to have online access via the NHS app for this service to work, you can simply go on our website and fill in the template provided.

You are also able to complete this on someone else's behalf, for instance children or someone you are caring for.

Should you not have access to the internet or have difficulty with the new system but would still be interested in filling out a form, you can call reception on either 01373 830316 or 01373 464731 and a member of the team will be able to fill this out on your behalf.

We can still be contacted in the usual way via the telephone system, but we anticipate that this new system will reduce the number of incoming calls to the surgery, as well as ensuring patient queries and requests are logged on the system promptly, in the patient's own words, for the attention of a clinician.

Please remember that if you need urgent assistance then call 999 or for non-emergency queries out of hours call 111.



# Parish Environment

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

**Proposed Solar Farm in Rode** - The drop-in event in the village hall on May 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended, with representatives from the company promoting the solar farm (Low Carbon) available to answer questions. And clearly there are some significant issues for parishioners to consider in relation to this proposed development.

On the one hand the solar farm would provide additional sustainable energy, which is vital if we are to address the climate emergency. On the other hand there are some very real local concerns (including the scale of the proposed development, potential loss of agricultural land, etc).

In addition to the displays at the drop-in event, Low Carbon has delivered a brochure to all local households and set up a website containing information about the proposal.

For those that are interested in finding out more, CPRE Somerset also has some very useful information on its website:

[www.cpresomerset.org.uk/news/solar-power-in-somerset/](http://www.cpresomerset.org.uk/news/solar-power-in-somerset/)

**Great Big Green Week** - The plans for the Great Big Green Week are close to being finalised. Events in and around Rode are part of the wider national event, and also included as part of Frome's Great Big Green Week.



Locally, the following will be taking place:

- A series of talks in Rode Memorial Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June entitled “How do we tackle the Climate Emergency?”. We're delighted that the headline speaker this year is Sarah Dyke, lead member for Environment & Climate Change on Somerset Council.
- A repeat of the “Green Open Doors” event held last year on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June (which includes guided tours of Tellisford Mill\*).
- “Veggie Week” – local pubs will be promoting their vegetarian and vegan meal options during Great Big Green Week, and some will be offering a few extra special veggie treats! Pubs taking part are The Cross Keys, The Mill at Rode, The Foresters (Beckington), The Woolpack (Beckington) and the Full Moon at Rudge.

# Parish Environment

- The Scouts will be undertaking a Litter Pick in the village on Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

\*If you are interested in the tour of Tellisford Mill, you will need to book in advance (places are free but limited to 12 people per tour). To book, go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for “Tellisford Mill”.

It’s also worth checking out other events in and around Frome – a copy of the Frome Great Big Green Week brochure is available from the Post Office, The Cross Keys, and The Mill at Rode. You can also access a downloadable pdf version – go to the Frome Town Council website, and search for Great Big Green Week.

Full details of all the local events will also be posted on the village Facebook site in the coming days.



**Get Involved/Keep in Touch** - The Climate Emergency Group has a monthly newsletter, which now reaches 60 subscribers!

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/4b503e0ba20c/initial-sign-up> (sorry for the rather un-friendly web address!)

The Climate Emergency Group is 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 that could be worth exploring, please get in contact. And – if you’d like to join the Climate Emergency Group, you will be very welcome!

Our next meeting is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall (7pm start).

*Jim McAuliffe*

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**Editor’s Note:** If you have any old tech you’re no longer using see page 42

# Parish Youth News & Events

## 1<sup>ST</sup> RODE SCOUT GROUP



It's our Annual Barn Dance, 1<sup>st</sup> July, see page 37 for details – hope to see you there! Now for some details of what we have been up to!

**EXPLORERS:** The Rode Explorers would like to say a big thank you to Richard for giving us a “behind the scenes” tour of Raves from the Graves record shop in Frome. It was an interesting and nostalgic evening surprisingly we have 3 Explorers who own and play their own record player/ vinyls.



The Explorers are winding down a little this month due to exams, we wish them all the best of luck with those but are looking forward to our narrowboat weekend with a group from Guernsey in October and 7 of our Explorers have World Jamborees in August so busy time for everyone.

Again we wish them all the best with their various exams and trips but most of all to have fun and enjoy their very special opportunities, can't wait to hear all about them. *Claire Le Page*

**SCOUTS:** Scouts have been busy!



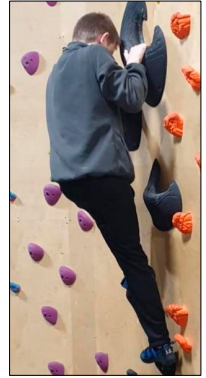


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In the past couple of terms we have been bouldering, kite flying, fire lighting and s'mores making, line dancing, night hiking and model making just to name of few of our activities.

Many challenges have been overcome and multiple badges have been deservedly awarded.

Fun times! *Pandora Jacobs*



**BEAVERS:** Bristol Avon River Trust invited our Beavers out on a trip to learn about our local river and see what invertebrates could be found. They all had a great time looking for and identifying the creatures they caught and then finished the session building mini rafts out of natural materials that could be found and then racing them down the river. *Becca Beavers*



# Parish Youth News & Events

## FRANS LATEST

We had a right royal knees up at the FRANS Coronation Party in the Park last month. Despite the slight hitch of a fly away marquee and threatening downpours we managed to catch the sunshine and celebrate a new reign without rain. All the children seemed to have a blast with crafts, bouncy castle, music, football, and cake! Some enterprising BFGs (year 4) also managed to take on the challenge of face painting, raising even more money for the school. One day we may see them in the boardroom with Sir Alan. We raised about £700 pounds in total which was amazing.



It's always good to know how the fundraising helps the school. We're pleased to say that just last month we paid for fifteen new MacBooks which will be a fabulous resource for the children; one that otherwise would not be possible to provide under governmental budgets.

In June we will continue our fundraising with some Friday cafes after school on the Mead in Norton St Philip. When the weather is fine these are a great way to end the week and start the summer weekends so we are looking forward to more fun(draising) in the sun, see page 35.

If you would like to help towards school fundraising we welcome any donations at any time, even direct transfers, payment details: Friends of Rode and Norton Schools, Account number: 31419160, Sort code: 309875





# Parish Youth News & Events

## **CALLING ALL NEW FOOTBALLERS - BOYS & GIRLS ...AND LATEST ON OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL**

Freshford United Youth F.C. has now finished the season after a very good year with all age groups doing well in their leagues and looking forward to summer tournaments now.

We are already planning for next season and are looking for new players in all ages and will open the door to children who are starting Primary school in September 2023 to start the next age group with training every Sunday Mornings. We will have a team in every age group from Under 5's to Under 15's (Minus Under 12's unfortunately) plus our Adult team. Every team train weekly with most age groups playing regular games in the Mid Norton & District Youth League.

All teams are looking for more players of all ages, abilities, boys and girls so even if you want to test it out and not commit, we can offer a free tester session for 2 weeks to see how your child gets on before you have to commit to anything.

We also have our summer Festival of Football on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July (see page 41) up at our pitch in Freshford opposite Homewood Hotel & Restaurant which will host over 100 teams entering the tournament in what is always a great weekend so please feel free to come along and support our teams or watch some exciting football. There will be food and drink served all day and a Large Raffle with various prizes.



We have a footfall of over 2,000 people on the weekend and every person attending will be given a program for the weekend - we are looking for sponsors if any local businesses are interested in this. We are still looking to add prizes to the Raffle and if any individuals or businesses would like to be so kind as to donate a prize it would be very welcome.

Please contact me - details below – if you would like information or like to get involved in any of the above.

As always, we welcome any support from the village and if you want to keep up to date with what is happening information is always available on our website [www.freshfordunitedfc.com](http://www.freshfordunitedfc.com)

*Chris Birlison*

Club Manager

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## RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time  
9.30-11.30pm  
Rode Chapel



## Parish Gardening

My two obsessions as I write this: the Irises that flutter and shimmer outside the back door and the sweet peas that haven't yet been planted out and are protesting in a rather mutely tragic way, still wedged into their specially-bought-for-the-purpose root training pots. They've been imprisoned since Boxing Day. Be kind. Don't judge me. Please.

The bed of Irises is at its absolute peak this morning, almost all of the buds open, with more appearing further down the stems. They seem very tall this year and I'm pleased they've survived last year's lifting and dividing - I know they like this tough love every four years or so, but actually doing it feels very risky after years of beautiful flowering. Still, all is well and the lifting and division brings further rewards - yet more Iris babies for a bit of planted border - creep in the orchard. The plan is to enjoy the Iris flowers and then once they've gone, mingle poppies and nigella with the glaucous sword-shaped foliage to catch the morning sun. Nigella is a thug when it gets going, but easy to weed out, whereas in my experience poppies generally refuse to germinate if you sow the seed, as opposed to them deciding to seed themselves somewhere else altogether, so I can only (as ever) live in hope...

I should add that the original Iris mothership started partly as a result of a generous gift from my neighbour Sara Jocelyn, who over the years has donated many foundation plants for new gardens in Laverton. The other Irises were from gardening jobs for clients where lifting and dividing produced more Iris babies than strictly necessary. Reader, I filched them. Moving on swiftly. Happily



they're all the same colour (Iris Jane Philips, I think?), and they create a rather gorgeous haze of pale but clear lavender blue. And I'm very happy with them, truly I am. Although...there's a lot of interest in the Benton Irises at the moment - varieties which have very subtle colourings (code for sometimes quite "off" colourings?) and were bred by the artist Cedric Morris at his house Benton End during the 1940s and 50s. They were 'lost' for many years but have now

been rediscovered and are being bred by new nurseries - expect to see quite a bit of coverage of them at this year's RHS Chelsea, especially the show garden created by Sarah Price.

And as for those sweet peas... What can I say? Definitely going into the ground this weekend, once I've cleared the space for them, set up the hazel poles, disentangled their tendrils and spoken very nicely to them and asked their forgiveness. They're the essence of high summer for me. On Boxing Day I put a seed in each pot and dream of the summer, now it's nearly here. Happy days!

*"Muddy Fingernails"*

# Parish History

## RODE - COMMANDER ARTHUR MAYNE NOAD, ROYAL NAVY

Commander Noad was born in Rode in 1809 and he lived at Southfield House.

The stained-glass window below, to the right, which can be found in St Lawrence Church, represents the Parable of the 'Good Samaritan' and was subscribed to by the village in memory of him.

He was the son of Emily Mayne of Exeter and Thomas Whitaker Noad and in his lifetime he was very active in the restoration of St. Lawrence Church. He died on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1882; age 74 years and he is buried here in St. Lawrence Churchyard.

(Contributed by Lieutenant Commander David Harries, R N and Mrs Dawna Pine).

Below are some details of his life taken from A Naval Biographical Dictionary by William R. O'Byrne. Esq., 1849

Arthur Mayne Noad entered the Navy on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1823, as First-Class Volunteer on board the TWEED (28 guns, Captains Fred Hunn and Lord Hon. John Spencer Churchill); in which ship he was for upwards of seven years employed, the greater part of the time as Midshipman, on the South American, Irish, North America and West India, and Cape of Good Hope stations.



In April 1831, having passed his examination in July 1830, he was appointed Mate of the RATTLESNAKE (28 guns, Captain Charles Graham), being fitted out for the Pacific, whence he returned in November 1833.

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He next, in May 1834, joined the CHILDERS (18 guns, Captain Hon. Henry Keppel), with whom he served on the Mediterranean and African stations (nearly four months of the period as Acting-Lieutenant) until May 1838. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of the following June he was officially advanced to the rank of Lieutenant.

His last appointments were—7<sup>th</sup> May 1839, to the SERINGAPATAM (42 guns, Captains John Leith and William Ward Percival Johnson), which ship was paid off on her return from the North America and West India station in November 1841—and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1842, to the ISIS (44 guns, Captain Sir John Marshall), at the Cape of Good Hope.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> July in the latter year, while engaged in hoisting out the launch at Port Natal in South Africa, preparatory to the embarkation of the 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Lieutenant Noad sustained a dreadful accident in consequence of the boat's lifting-hook breaking.

He suffered a dislocation of the right hip, had both bones of his leg fractured, and received such severe contusions of the right shoulder and arm that "mortification was apprehended."

After being buffeted in this lamentable condition at sea for 12 days in very hard weather. he was put on shore and sent to the hospital at Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope.

In the following December he was invalided out of the Navy; and on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1843 he was awarded a pension. Agent—Joseph Woodhead, 1 James Street, Adelphi, London.

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Our thanks to our "Rode History Man" Peter Harris for the above. Without him we would not be able to have these snapshots in to the history of Rode and its former residents.

Peter is a published author on the history of Rode and his books are usually available at Rode General Store.

On the following page we have another piece on local history - dating much further back – from another regular Link contributor, Anthony Battersby of Tellisford.

**Editor's Note:** We would very much like to feature more articles on the history of the parish and other parts of Hardington Vale too (particularly within the area covered by The Link) – if you can help with this please do get in touch.

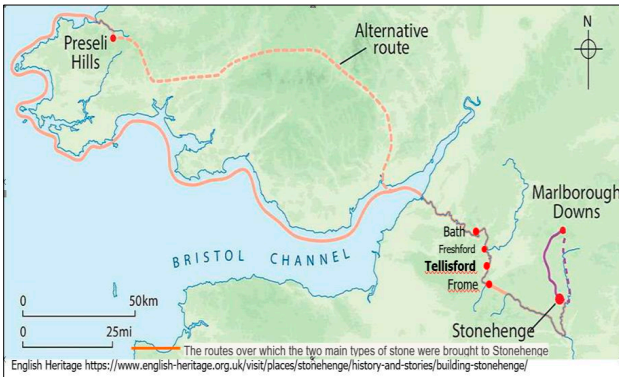


# Parish History

## TELLISFORD - HOW THE BLUESTONES GOT TO STONEHENGE

Imagine it is spring 4,500BC news come upriver from the north, some 80 big stones weighing 2 to 4 tons each are being moved to create a monument up on the chalk hills to the south east. There is much to do, trees have to be felled to provide rollers and rails and to clear the path. Lots of people will be needed to move the stones. The ground will have to be levelled especially where the stones leave the Frome river valley to cross over to the Wylie river valley. The shortest point between the two rivers is 6 miles between Frome and Crockerton. The gradient along the Avon and Frome valleys is gentle, Frome is only 66m above sea level, so this route rises at a rate of 2m per mile.

The stones could have been dragged along the banks of the Avon from the Severn, then at Freshford up the Frome valley. At Frome the going got a lot tougher, the gradient increases to 40m per mile as the stones had to be hauled over the watershed to the Wylie at Crockerton.



It is thought that timber railways were constructed to give a smoother bed for the stone's rollers to roll on. An advance party would be needed to find the

best path, recruit people and provide food. Then a group would clear the forest and level the ground to receive the timber rails, a second group would lay the rails, a third group would then roll the stones along the railway so that the second group could then lift the rails from behind the stones and relay them to start the process all over again. All the while another group would be gathering food, preparing it and providing meals.

For many years in 4,500BC our valley must have been a very busy place. Maybe the flint tools we found when restoring Tellisford Mill were dropped by those workers. Nice thought.

*Anthony Battersby*

# Parish Business

I have lived in Rode for the last couple of years and play in two bands, namely, "Sweet Machine" and an Abba tribute band "SOS". Both of which have played in the Rode village hall.

I am currently writing the music and songs for October's Rode panto and help run the local Cub group.

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*Richard Churchyard*



# Parish Groups

## RODE OVER 60'S

On May 11th we took our first coach trip of the season. The weather smiled kindly on us for our visit to Portland Bill and the Emporium at Wardon Hill. The drive through Portland with views of Chessell Beach was amazing!

We arrived at the Lobster Pot Restaurant which is situated very near the lighthouse in time for a lovely fish and chip lunch. Tables had been reserved by committee member Tom Ryan, a wise man as the restaurant became very busy!



Afterwards a stroll around the base of the lighthouse, a good breath of sea air and an ice cream for most of us. The visibility was very good and we watched the fishing boats circling shoals of sea bass.

We then moved on to our afternoon destination - the Emporium at Wardon Hill trading post. An interesting place, aptly named! We browsed around the bric a brac, jewellery, clothes etc and a very nice garden centre. Many of us (me included) carried away lots of plants at very reasonable prices. We enjoyed afternoon tea before setting off back to Rode. The raffle was drawn. A very nice enjoyable day out!

The next meeting is our coach trip to Sidmouth Thursday 8th June. A popular destination with members. If anyone would like to join us please ring Pat Smith on 830559. Visitors are very welcome. Members £18, Visitors £20.

*Gail Stinton*

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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.



There is no need to book or to commit to coming every week. All abilities too, we all help each other. Weekly on Thursday afternoons, 2-4 pm at Rode Chapel.

*Val Parker*

**Editor's Note:** See page 9 for some news on what some members of the Group have been up to!



# Parish Groups

## RODE WALKING GROUP

The 4 mile walk in May took us from Westwood to Stowford, along the river to Farleigh Hungerford, continuing to follow the river to Iford Manor and returning to Westwood. A delightful walk with very little rain but plenty of mud!



Next month sees us walking on Tuesday 13 June. Although returning to the Iford/Freshford area we start in a different place, the car park adjacent to the A36 at the end of Branch Road that leads to Hinton Charterhouse. Meeting at the usual time of 10 am we walk downhill through Friary Wood to the river following it to Iford Manor. After crossing the river we walk back along the opposite bank in the direction of Freshford where we cross again and climb back to the car park. This distance is approximately 4 miles, however an extension can be taken through Freshford for a coffee stop at the shop/cafe. Please contact me if further details are required or for transport arrangements.

*Liz Dinnis*

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N.B. This will be the last Tuesday walk, from July the monthly walks will be on THURSDAYS, the first date being Thursday 13 July.

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## MONDAY LUNCH CLUB 🍷

Please make a note of the dates for June and July Lunch Clubs:

- Monday 5th June
- Monday 3rd July

Our next meeting is 5th June 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 - all of this served by the fabulous Year 4 children from Rode School!

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

# Parish Groups

## RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB - GARDEN VISITS

We were lucky that the first garden visit on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May proved fine and many members and a few guests met at 6:30 pm outside a townhouse in Devizes. Although the frontage was not wide this garden proved to be a hidden treasure of plants and sculptures.



To the front of the house there was a gravel garden with plants springing from it in wild abundance, including many scented herbs. Once round in the long back garden, the planting was lush with an interesting tree canopy, climbing shrubs and perennials interspaced with ground cover plants. The mixture of flowering plants like roses and peonies with tulips, alliums and other spring-time plants provided a wide colour palette but it was the wide choice of unusual specimens of interesting shaped and coloured leaved plants that caught the eye. Interspaced with small sculptures and arrangements of broken pots this added enjoyment to exploring this garden. There were many varieties of heucheras and hostas, cleverly arranged in pots; all without any holes. The owner told us she kept them in wire wheeled plant movers and the slugs and snails seemed to avoid climbing them. A large specimen of a plant commonly named spotty dotty was much admired. We all agreed it had been an interesting garden to visit with ideas we could use in our own spaces.

Next month we are visiting Kettle Farm Cottage. There are still places available for our day trip by coach on 10<sup>th</sup> July to Rosemoor, the RHS Garden in N.Devon. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will be leaving Rode around 9:00am and returning about teatime. The cost for non-members is £20 and members £15. To book or for more information please contact Averil on 830686 or our new email address is [rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.org](mailto:rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.org)

*Sharman Flindall*

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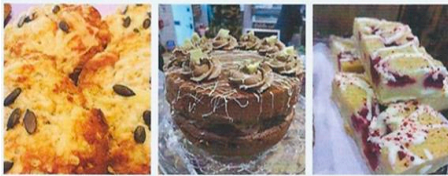
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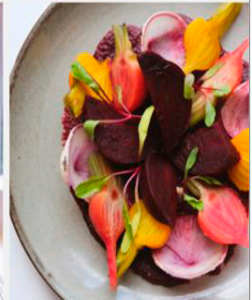
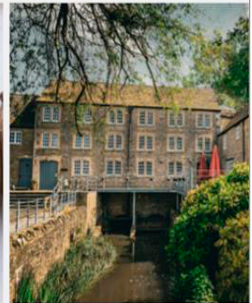
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# Parish Food & Drink



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## PARISH RECIPE

### **PINSA ROMANA WITH ARTICHOKE, BURRATA CHEESE & TOASTED HAZELNUTS – BY BEN TOLLWORTHY OF SOMERSET FOODIE**

Pinsa Romana are a type of pizza base, and as the name would suggest they come from Rome. They're made from a blend of different flours including wheat flour, rice flour and soy flour, this makes them beautifully crispy and really easy to digest. These flat breads are incredibly tasty and versatile, you can drizzle them with olive oil, sprinkle over some rosemary and salt crystals and enjoy them just as they are. Or top them and create your own pizzas.

I'm a massive fan of summery, fresh 'pizza bianca'. In this recipe I've used Burrata which is a gloriously creamy and indulgent cheese from Puglia. Cooking Burrata would be a crime but tearing it apart over a freshly cooked pizza base with some peppery rocket and a fruity extra virgin olive oil is just heavenly. I've added in some artichoke hearts, and a few sun blushed tomatoes and toasted hazelnuts. This recipe is delicious - well worth a try!

Serves 4/5

3 x Pinsa Romana Bases	125g Hazelnuts, toasted and lightly crushed
1 x Pack Burrata Cheese (3 x 100g), defrosted at room temperature	A sprinkling of Guajillo Chillies, finely chopped (optional)
280g Artichoke Hearts - sliced	70g Fresh Rocket
100g Sunblushed Tomatoes - sliced	A good drizzle of Extra Virgin Olive Oil
6tbsps Basil Pesto, defrosted	

1. Fully defrost the Pinsa Romana pizza bases at room temperature.
2. Pre-heat your oven and a pizza stone or baking tray to its maximum temperature. You want to try and recreate a pizza oven by having something hot to cook the Pinsa Romana on. I actually find that the bottom part of the oven works best.
3. Drizzle some extra virgin olive oil over the Pinsa and using your hands, rub it all over to create a thin coating. Then spoon over a couple of tablespoons of pesto and smear that all round the base, leaving a small gap along the edge.
4. Scatter over some artichoke hearts, sun blush tomatoes and guajillo chilli and cook in the hot oven for 4-5 minutes. This time will vary depending on how hot your oven is, but you want the edges to start crisping up a little.
5. Remove the Pinsa from the oven and let it cool for a minute. Tear up one of the balls of Burrata and scatter over with some rocket and a few roasted hazelnuts.
6. Finish with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and enjoy.

Go on... cook something new this week!

# Forthcoming Parish Events

## **NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH MUSICAL CONCERTS DETAILS & DATES**

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

- **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

**Evening Concerts:**

- **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.

Hardington Vale  
Rogation Walking The Parish 2023  
Sunday 4 June



### **Laverton - Hemington**

(3.8 miles - easy/moderate)

2.00 pm set off from the church at Laverton - via Hardington

3.00 pm onwards ... arrive at Hardington - short talk

### **Hardington - Hemington**

(1.3 miles easy)

4.00 pm onwards ... arrive at Hemington for tea  
- contributions (£5) to CCT

for more information please contact Michael Fowler on 01373 834925

Everyone is welcome including non-walkers and well-behaved dogs



## Forthcoming Parish Events

FROM JUNE 9TH JOIN US FOR  
FOOD, DRINKS & SWEET TREATS,  
FUN, FOOTY & FRISBEE @

FRIDAY  
**CAFE**

THE MEAD  
NORTON ST PHILIP  
3:15pm ONWARDS

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME (CAKES, BAKES & HELPING HANDS)  
KEEP AN EYE ON SOCIALS FOR UPDATES

IN AID OF FRIENDS OF  
RODE & NORTON SCHOOLS **F.R.A.N.S**

SAVE THE DATE FOR  
**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK**

10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

SEE PAGES 14.15 FOR DETAILS

# Forthcoming Parish Events

**Father's Day Service**  
Sunday 18th June 10:30  
Norton St Philip Church  
Fun activities: cookie decorating, crafts,  
cards-making, refreshments, and an  
informal family-friendly service.  
Everyone is included – families and individuals –  
**ALL are WELCOME!**

## Forget-me-not Café

When? June 19th 2.30 – 4 pm (3rd Mon of every month)

Where? St Philip and St James Church, NSP

Come and enjoy a cuppa and friendly people to chat with

**NEW: we now have puzzles and board/card games too!**



We have a great café team who are looking forward to meeting you!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Contact Jo for more information

[321jorobinson@gmail.com](mailto:321jorobinson@gmail.com) 01373 831381

**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 next Rode Hoedown is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and it would be great to hear from you...

Contact Mike Salmon on  
07818 097030/[mikesalmon123@icloud.com](mailto:mikesalmon123@icloud.com)  
OR  
Jonathan Bowler on  
07340 221152/[jbowlerii@icloud.com](mailto:jbowlerii@icloud.com)



Talking cafes are a place to meet new people, make friends and chat to a community sign poster about activities, support groups and services in your community ...and coming to Rode!

Sadly due to unforeseen delays the date for first "Talking Café" still to be confirmed at time of going to print – look out for details in Rode Post Office and other venues and on Rode facebook once June details are confirmed.

# Forthcoming Parish Events

## The Annual Barn Dance

at Osborne's Barn  
a Scouts Fundraiser



1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Gates open from 6.30pm

Peter Barnes with

The 'Road Worthies Barn Dance band'



Music and dancing from 7pm

- Real Ale Bar
- Cayford Pulled Pork Rolls
- Barbecued Hot Dog Sausages
- Vegetarian Options
- Ice creams
- Raffle

Tickets available from the Post Office  
or on line at [Ticketebo.co.uk](http://Ticketebo.co.uk)

£12.50 adult and £7 child

## GARDEN FETE

SATURDAY  
22 JULY



10.30 - 12.00

IN AID OF



ST MARY'S CHURCH  
LAVERTON

PLANTS, PRODUCE & BRIC-A-BRAC

BRING  
& BUY

ENTRANCE: £1  
FOR COFFEE  
& BISCUITS

BOOKS  
RAFFLE

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE  
LOCAL GROUPS ACTIVITIES TOO?

THERE ARE DETAILS IN THE  
GROUPS PAGES OF THE  
MAGAZINE AND IN THE BACK  
PAGE DIARY...

WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE AND  
HELP PROMOTE MORE GROUPS  
AND EVENTS...

JUST SEND IN THE DETAILS TO  
[gillhilleonard@aol.com](mailto:gillhilleonard@aol.com)

# Noticeboard



Frome Pride is an annual celebration of LGBTQIA+ people, run by the community of Frome and the surrounding area. In 2022 they ran the UK's shortest Pride.

In 2023 they are holding the first ever Frome Pride Season. Throughout June, local businesses, performers and residents of Frome will be coming together to show their love and appreciation for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Find out more on their website: [fromepride.org](http://fromepride.org)

**Friends of St George's  
BECKINGTON  
OPEN GARDENS  
SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**2pm – 5pm**

**£5 (children under 12 free)**

**Start outside the  
WOOLPACK**

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**Teas and Plant Stall**

**No dogs please.**



## Events



Visit [somersetwildlife.org](http://somersetwildlife.org) to find out more about these June events and much more...

THE GREAT SOMERSET WILDLIFE COUNT

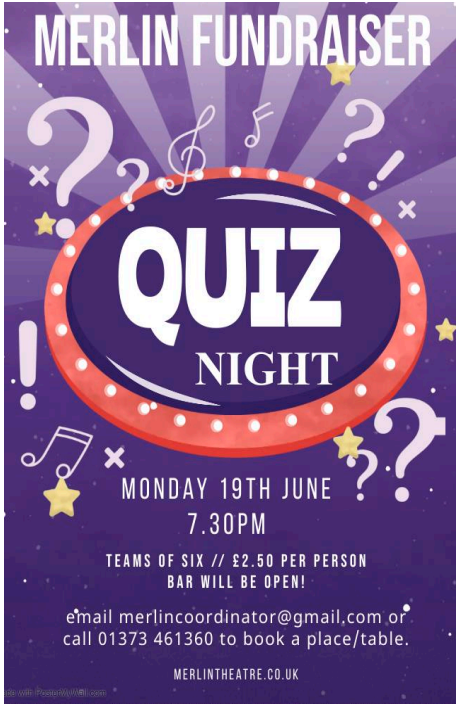
# The Big Count 2023

16th – 25th June



# Noticeboard

**MERLIN FUNDRAISER**



**QUIZ NIGHT**

MONDAY 19TH JUNE  
7.30PM

TEAMS OF SIX // £2.50 PER PERSON  
BAR WILL BE OPEN!

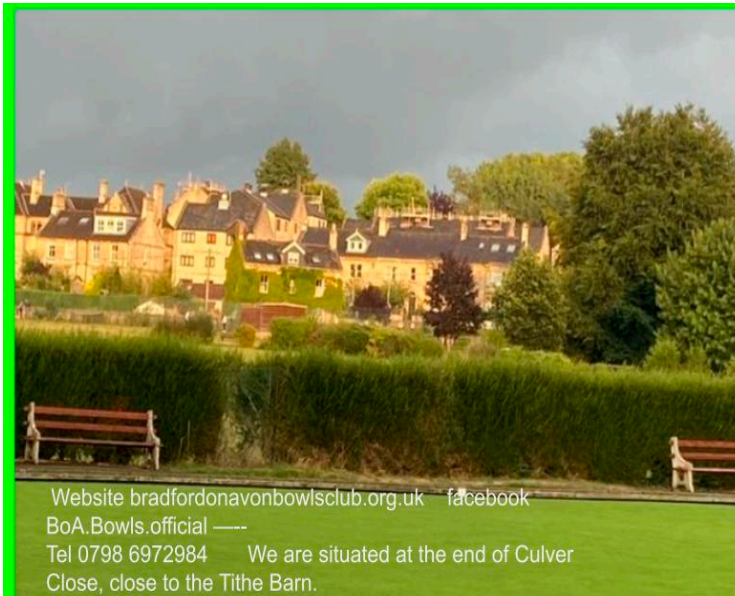
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call 01373 461360 to book a place/table.

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**BRADFORD  
ON AVON  
BOWLS CLUB**

**NEWCOMERS  
WELCOME!**

**TRY US FOR  
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**FRIDAY'S  
FROM 28th  
APRIL @  
5.45pm**

**Facilities:  
clubhouse, bar,  
food, fun and  
friendly  
company.**

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BoA.Bowls.official

Tel 0798 6972984 We are situated at the end of Culver  
Close, close to the Tithe Barn.

# Noticeboard

## YOGA & REIKI WORKSHOP

With Stephanie Harrison and Fleur Cooper

Sunday July 2nd, 2-5pm  
Kula Yoga Studio, Bath

£50pp  
including tea and cake!

Come and practice Yoga with experienced Hatha Yoga teacher Stephanie and enjoy a unique, hands-on healing Reiki session with Level 2 Reiki practitioner Fleur.

You will experience for yourself how perfectly Yoga and Reiki compliment each other and can take you to a deeper level of relaxation.

The workshop is taking place in a spacious, beautifully renovated church with wooden floors and gorgeous big windows which let the Sunshine in!

**\*\* EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - £45 BEFORE 1ST JUNE!! \*\***

To book contact Stephanie directly:

**E: [yogawithstephanieharrison@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithstephanieharrison@gmail.com) T: 07780 601 381**

**<https://www.facebook.com/yogawithstephanieharrison>**

# Noticeboard

## BRADFORD ON AVON FLOWER CLUB

In **June** there will not now be a Club demonstration night due to other Club commitments, sorry to disappoint but inot too long to wait till the next demonstration: **7.30pm Holt Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. Refreshments available + a raffle for the flowers. Visitors welcome, price £7.50.

For more on Club news check our Facebook page (Bradford on Avon & District Flower Club), or you can contact our Club Chair, Sharon Ecob, on 01225 309208 with any enquiries.

## F.U.F.C. Festival of Football 2023



At Browns Park, Freshford, BA2 7TB

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*8:30am till 12pm*

Under 12's & 13's 6-a-side Competition

*12:30pm till 4pm*

Under 14's, 15's & 16's 6-a-side Competition

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

*8:30am till 11:30am*

Under 6's & 7's 6v6 Festival of Football

*11:30am till 3pm*

Under 9's & 11's 6-a-side Competition

*3pm till 6:30pm*

Under 8's & 10's 6-a-side Competition

**BBQ, Ice Creams, Snacks, Hot & Cold Drinks**

**Grand Raffle with wide range of prizes.**

**Small admission fee at Parking Gate (includes programme, entry and parking)**

Wide range of Food & Drink served all day plus other activities to keep the family entertained.

If interested contact Chris on 07738 741477 or [cb@dentons.net](mailto:cb@dentons.net).



# Noticeboard

## YOU TOO CAN DONATE YOUR OLD TECH...

There was no shortage of donations at the second Tech Amnesty held at Frome Town Hall a couple of months ago, the weather may have been chilly, but the steady stream of people resulted in an even bigger haul than the first amnesty!



145 smart phones, 41 tablets, 76 laptops were just some of over 300 items that were donated in order to be refurbished and given to someone who needs it in our community or to be sustainably recycled. In addition the Health Connections team at Frome Medical Practice received several refurbished items that had been collected at the December amnesty, ready to make their way back out into the community and starting helping people become digitally connected.

If you missed the amnesties there are two permanent drop off points in Frome:

Frome Town Hall, open Mon-Thu 9am-5pm and Fri 9am-4:30pm.

Welsh Mill Hub, open every day from 10am-4pm.

Please remember, if you are donating an Apple device, please ensure it is free from iCloud lock as we are unable to turn these into donations or return them to you.

Take a look at the lists below for items that are welcomed:

### Devices to donate

Laptops\*

Tablets\*

PCs\*

Mobiles/Smartphone\*

Servers\*

Hard drives\*

Games consoles and accessories\*

Digital Cameras\*

### Items that can't be donated

CRT screens/displays/monitors\*\*

Plug in telephones\*\*

Keyboards and mice\*\*

Printers\*\*

Photocopiers\*\*

Fax machines\*\*

Scanners\*\*

All in one printers\*\*



\*Including if relevant power supply, AC adaptor, mains power and ancillary accessories to allow re-use.

\*\* All these can be handled in the other Household Waste Recycling Centre streams however bear in mind some may still be data bearing and need data wiped.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
RODE MEMORIAL HALL  
ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7.30 pm

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## CONFIRMED

### **Present:**

Cllr Andy Pickett (AP) – in the Chair, Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Peter Travis (PT) and Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB).

**In attendance:** Hugh Williams – Clerk and no parishioners.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Salmon, Cllr D Denton and Cllr A Boyden (County Councillors)

**2. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March were approved. There was concern over the minute 15 regarding David Warburton and this is dealt with in minute 14 of these minutes.

**3. Co-option of new Councillor:** Moira Punt was co-opted onto the Parish Council and this brings the Council up to full strength. She signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and would complete the Notice of Registerable Interest Form.

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

**6. Report from County Councillors:** Cllr D Denton had circulated a report to the Councillors but no issues were discussed at this meeting.

### **7. Actions from previous meeting:**

- i. Trees: Merfield/The Mead:** The Clerk confirmed that these were due to be pruned on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The work was going ahead despite the sad death of David James.
- ii. Hoedown:** The Hoedown on 26<sup>th</sup> March had collected around 40 bags of rubbish plus old tyres from around the village. JB reported that the waste had been collected as agreed by Mendip and thanks were given for its help. The next Hoedown was planned for 30<sup>th</sup> April and would probably concentrate on litter clearance again. Discussion was held whether the village still had credit for another street sweep by Clive Harrington (Note: it has been confirmed we do). It was agreed to consider where and when this should be done.
- iii. Footpaths to and from Church Farm:** JM reported that he had failed to make contact with Mendip as his emails and calls had not been returned. It was uncertain whether Simon Trafford was still employed by Somerset. (Cllr Denton would be asked to investigate). The developer is not interested in the path outside the Church Farm development and although

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agreement indicated it was the developer's responsibility the path from the development to the S106 land appeared not to be maintained.

- iv. **Road verges:** The issue extended beyond roundabouts and it was agreed that both Beckington and Norton St Philip should be approached on this issue to add weight to contacting Somerset to try and get something done about the litter along the roads in the area.

## **8. Climate Change Group:**

- i. **National Green Week:** JM reported that this was taking place between 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June with Rode planning to re-run the green open doors day where people could show off green initiatives on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. There would also be talks on the afternoon of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June in the Memorial Hall. Discussions were ongoing regarding a 'veggie week' during which the Cross Keys, The Mill and other pubs would be offering vegetarian meals. Frome was also doing similar things during the week. JM reported that there were now 53 subscribers to the green newsletter.

- ii. **Rewilding:** AP that the digger had been hired and the surface removed from the area by the Memorial Hall and at the same time the ditch had been cleared. Thanks were given to the Osbornes and John Flindall for the help they had given. The digger hire costs were approved by the meeting. Part of the area had been smoothed and part left rough and when seeded it would be seen which performed best. (Again, seed costs were agreed). A proposal for a drainage pipe to be put in the ditch was to be considered at a subsequent meeting.

9. **Playing Field:** The soil from the cleared area had been put on the playing field S106 land. The plan to extend the cricket pitch had been agreed but work to level the area within the S106 land had still to be done and it was agreed the Playing Field Chairman should be approached to request that some of the S106 monies be used to get this done. The meeting also felt that at the same time a request to get the remaining S106 land developed as had been originally agreed should be made. Apart from some tree/bush planting along the boundary fence little had been done in the last year. The Clerk would write to Steve Eyles.

## **10. Highways:**

- i. **Drainage repairs:** Lower Street drainage works had now been completed and work was due to commence on the High Street.

- ii. **Street Lighting:** The Clerk reported that the survey results indicated that residents were in favour of turning roughly half the lights off at midnight (128 in favour, 11 against and 4 no opinion). The Clerk would draw up a final list of lights to be turned off; some changes had been requested by residents. Somerset were compiling accident figures for Rode and once these and the final list was agreed the Police would be consulted over the proposal to turn off street lights. Once approved Somerset would be approached to action the turn off.

- iii. **A36 Slip Road:** Cllr Denton was still working on this and would progress after Easte.

## **11. Planning:**

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## **i) New applications:**

None

## **ii. Somerset decisions:**

**2023/0313/TCA:** Reduce height of willow by approx. 5 metres and reduce lateral branches by up to 2.5 metres and remove dead wood and split and hanging branches – Halfpenny Row. Approved. This work was due to be carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

## **iii. Appeal ref: 3292838:**

Planning proposal to build up to 49 dwellings on Barbara’s Field, Church Lane. The decision was still awaited.

**12. Website:** Slow progress was being made on this as the Clerk and JM admitted they had had little time to work on this. It was likely this would now not be launched until sometime in the summer.

**13. Buses:** The new timetables had been printed and distributed to all parishioners. There were now more buses coming through the village than there had been for many years. First Bus were looking at ways to increase usage but the £2 flat fare helped. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Peter Travis for all the work he had done to get a good bus service for the village. The meeting agreed to fund all future printing of revised bus timetables.

**14. David Warburton MP:** There was discussion over the wording of the phrase ‘and that he theoretically was still an MP even if performing no duties’, it was agreed that this should stand but it was noted he was now more active again so is not now correct.

The meeting was pleased that David Warburton had replied to the concerns over his inactivity. It was agreed to accept his offer to meet with Councillors and he would be asked for possible dates. It was agreed that prior to a meeting Parishioners’ concerns/questions would be sought to be raised with him. Additionally, PT also reported that David Warburton had responded to him on a bus issue.

**15. Solar Farm:** A large 49.9 MW farm was being proposed on land off Bradford Road, Rode Hill and near the A361. A consultation on this proposal was due to start soon and a meeting with Rode residents was to be planned. There could be financial benefits for the PC. It was agreed that discussions on this should be not made until the consultation started.

## **16. Financial matters:**

**i. Asset Register:** The asset register, previously circulated to Councillors, was approved with amendment proposed by Mike Salmon.

**ii. Internal Auditor:** It was agreed to appoint Alan Aked as internal auditor for this year.

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

Passion for Somerset CIC (Somerset flag)	£16.20
P Travis for Frome Printers (bus timetables)	£155.00
Zonkey Solutions	£1,197.00

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Clerk Salary £247.29  
HMRC PAYE £60.40

**17. Parish Meeting/AGM:** It was agreed to hold this on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.

**18. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed .....

Date .....

Print .....

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
RODE MEMORIAL HALL  
ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT 7.30 pm**

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**UNCONFIRMED**

**Present:**

Cllr Mike Salmon (MS) – Chair, Cllr Andy Pickett (AP), Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB) and Cllr Moira Punt (MP)

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

**1. Parishioners Participation:** Concern was expressed over the new proposed solar farm as only the views from the proposer, Low Carbon, had been circulated and with the initial consultation due to close on 25<sup>th</sup> May the Parish Council (PC) was asked if it could circulate more information. It was noted that the PC had given information on the Zoom call on 10<sup>th</sup> May and Consultation afternoon in the Memorial Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> May but if any other body wished to provide information on solar farms the PC would publicise these as well. The PC would be given the opportunity to reflect the views of parishioners once the planning application was submitted to Somerset but currently was not in a position to reflect any views for or against the plan. Discussion was held whether a body such as the CPRE could inform villagers on this issue and this would be up to parishioners to arrange. The PC could not be seen to be promoting views either for or against as this could invalidate any future comments at the planning consultation phase.

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**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr J McAuliffe and Cllr D Denton (County Councillor)

**3. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April were approved.

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

**5. Actions from previous meeting:**

- i. Trees: Merfield/The Mead and Halfpenny Row:** The trees along The Mead had now been cut down and the tree on Halfpenny Row pruned back.
- ii. Hoedown:** The Hoedown on 30<sup>th</sup> April had again concentrated on litter picking. Less was collected this time and another Hoedown was planned for 28<sup>th</sup> May which would include some weeding along with a litter pick.
- iii. Footpaths to and from Church Farm:** No progress had been made however the state of the path which was the responsibility of the Parish Council around the children's play area was in a very poor condition and more or less unusable. It was agreed the PC would get quotes to have either a 'tarmac' surface or boardwalk built along this stretch.
- iv. Road verges:** There had been some improvement along some of the roads. It was agreed JB would contact Somerset to enquire what had been done and what plans it had for verge cleaning.

**6. Climate Change Group:**

**i. National Green Week:** It was confirmed that presentations on Climate Change/Emergency would be made in the Memorial Hall during the afternoon of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Additionally, there will be 'open houses' showing off a range of initiatives on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**ii. Rewilding:** The seed had been sown on the area by the Memorial Hall and this would be monitored.

**7. Highways:**

**i. Drainage:** The repairs to the drains in Rode were now complete.

**ii. Street Lights:** The meeting agreed the final list of lights to be turned off at midnight. The Police were to be approached with the list along with the accident figures supplied by Somerset to obtain approval for the turn-off. The meeting expressed some concern over the accident figures that Somerset had recorded for the Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction as these appeared to have omitted a several known accidents. It was agreed all future accidents would be reported to both the Police and Somerset.

**iii. A36 Slip Road:** Cllr Denton was still chasing this as there had been no response from National Highways.

**iv. SpeedWatch:** The trial was still ongoing by Gloucestershire Police and Somerset and Avon were assessing the results. It was expected this should be completed in a couple of months after which Auto Speed Watch devices could be approved. The Clerk was asked to chase up Somerset regarding the new posts for the current SID to be installed as agreed last year.



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**8. County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Boyden reported that the Bradford Road/Rode Hill improvements should be in place by the end of June as these had been agreed. He said that there had been no update on the 20mph restrictions in the village and this would be chased up. The LCN meeting was planned for June and would be a mixture of in person and online meeting; the Chair agreed he would remain as the Rode representative and PT agreed to deputise if necessary.

He added that there was a 'screening letter' available in connection to the Bluebell Wood Solar Farm proposal which gave a lot of useful information and it should be read.

Finally, he reported that Farleigh Swimming Club was looking to get the stretch of the River Frome it used designated as official Bathing Water; which would put pressure on Wessex Water to reduce pollution. The PC backed this initiative.

## **9. Planning:**

### **i) New applications:**

**2023/0625/TPO:** To reduce the height of oak tree by 1.5m and branches by 2.5m and two ash trees by 1.5m in height and branches by 1.5m – Langham House. There were no objections to this on-going work at Langham House.

### **ii. Somerset decisions:**

**None**

### **iii. Planning Appeals:**

#### **2021/0071/OTS ref: 3292838:**

Planning proposal to build up to 49 dwellings on Barbara's Field, Church Lane. The Planning Inspectorate had rejected the appeal and the meeting expressed its thanks to Cllr Barbi Lund, Cllr Jim McAuliffe and Cllr Peter Travis for the work they had done in getting this rejected. The meeting agreed that the money spent getting Context Planning to help, had been money well spent as the views of Rode Parishioners had been upheld. (The cost to parishioners was under £10 per household for each of the last 2 years).

#### **2022/0932/VCR ref: 3312171:**

Planning proposal by Autograph Homes to sell 'affordable' homes on the free market at Church Farm. The meeting agreed it did not have an opinion on this proposal and would not make any further comments.

**10. Buses:** The flat rate £2 fare had seen an increase of 15% in bus use. However, this flat rate was due to end at the end of June and there was a big uncertainty over what will happen to the bus service. It was agreed the PC would write to Bristol Water regarding the extended closure of Church Lane which had affected bus services – the works had continued over the bank holiday weekend due to lack of tarmac.

**11. Playing Field:** The Chair of the Playing Field Committee had responded to the Parish Council's concerns over the S106 land and the possible funding of the levelling of an area to extend the cricket outfield saying these issues would be discussed fully at its next meeting in mid-June.

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**12. David Warburton MP:** The Clerk had sent an email to David Warburton requesting a meeting with the Parish Council but had not had a response. It was agreed the Clerk should chase this up during w/c 15<sup>th</sup> May. Issues for discussion would include River Frome water quality, bus fares and services.

**13. Bluebell Wood Solar Farm:** This had been discussed under the Parishioners' Participation.

## **14. Financial matters:**

**i. Insurance:** The meeting approved the new quote from BHIB for the annual insurance.

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

Downlands Tree Surgery	£660.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£792.00
Somerset Association of Local Councils	£35.00
Clerk Salary	£242.36
HMRC PAYE	£60.40
R B Carpentry Services	£100.00
A Pickett (Digger and seeds for rewilding area)	£280.44

## **15. Any other business:**

**Conservation Area and Neighbourhood Plan:** AP reported that he had reviewed the Conservation Areas for Rode which basically were two areas; one in the centre of the village and the other along the Frome Road. An extension to cover the whole of the village, i.e. merging the two areas into one would be best but it would be difficult to justify including all roads. However, there were areas which should be included and this was agreed. Initial approaches would be made to Peter Harris for historical information and Context Planning would be contacted with an initial hour consultation on what they could do to help.

The Neighbourhood Plan should be reviewed and updated; this had been highlighted by the Inspector at the Planning Inspectorate hearing during the Barbara's Field appeal. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting in late June/July to discuss this fully. Councillors were asked to review the current Plan. Again, some professional advice might be required.

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

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Signed .....

Date .....

Print .....

Website: [rodevillage.com/parish-council](http://rodevillage.com/parish-council)

# ...and finally

## WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

Where near Hardington Vale, would you see this scene?

Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph? It was Woolverton from the field next to Rockabella.



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## POEM OF THE MONTH

Strawberries that in gardens grow  
 Are plump and juicy fine,  
 But sweeter far as wise men know  
 Spring from the woodland vine.  
 No need for bowl or silver spoon,  
 Sugar or spice or cream,  
 Has the wild berry plucked in June  
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
<b>Thursday 1 June</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 4 June</b>	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Informal Breakfast <b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Holy Communion <b>Laverton</b> , Holy Communion <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Meeting Place	F & R Stewart J Robinson C Walker
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 6 June</b>	9.45 am 5.00 pm	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Ecumenical Holy Communion <b>Laverton</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 7 June</b>	8.30 am 5.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 8 June</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 11 June</b>	9.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	<b>Tellisford</b> , Matins <b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Informal Breakfast <b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion (+ baptism) <b>Laverton</b> , Matins	F & R Stewart J Robinson
<b>Monday 12 June</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 13 June</b>	5.00 pm	<b>Tellisford</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 14 June</b>	8.30 am 5.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 15 June</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 18 June</b>	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	<b>Farleigh Hungerford</b> , Holy Communion <b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Holy Communion <b>Norton St Philip</b> , Family Father's Day <b>Laverton</b> , Matins	C Walker/M Harrison C Walker/M Harrison J Robinson/B Day
<b>Monday 19 June</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 20 June</b>	5.00 pm	<b>Laverton</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 21 June</b>	8.30 am 5.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 22 June</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 25 June</b>	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	<b>Tellisford</b> , Holy Communion <b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Informal Worship <b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion <b>Laverton</b> , Matins	J Robinson/C Walker B Day J Robinson/C Walker
<b>Monday 26 June</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 27 June</b>	5.00 pm	<b>Tellisford</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 28 June</b>	8.30 am 5.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 29 June</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	

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Sun 4 Jun	2pm Rogation Walking see page 34 for details
Mon 5 Jun	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 27 for details
Thu 8 Jun	Rode Over 60s Trip (guests welcome) see page 26 for details
Fri 9 Jun	3,15pm Weekly (term time) Café in the Park Restarts see pages 18 & 35 for details
Tue 13 Jun	10am Rode Walking Group see page 27 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 49 for details
Fri 9 Jun	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
10 – 18 Jun	“The Great Big Green Week” see page 14/15 for details
Sun 18 Jun	Father's Day 10.30pm Special Father's Day Service see page 36 for details
Mon 19 Jun	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 36 for details
Thu 22 Jun	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR JULY LINK</b>
Sun 25 Jun	1.55pm Rode Hoedown see page 36 for details
Fri 30 Jun	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys s
YEAR PLANNER	
Sat 1 Jul	6.30pm Rode Barn Dance see page 17 for details
Mon 3 Jul	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 27 for details
Mon 10 Jul	Rode & District Gardening Club Trip (guests welcome) see page 28 for details
Thu 13 Jul	10am Rode Walking Group <b>NB</b> Change of day see page 27 for details
Sat 22 Jul	10.30am-12.30pm Laverton Summer Fete see page 17 for details
Mon 28 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY - Summer Bank Holiday
Mon 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Christmas Day
Tue 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Boxing Day
Mon 1 Jan	BANK HOLIDAY – New Years Day

WASTE COLLECTIONS		Jun 2023					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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