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Farleigh Hungerford, part of Hardington Vale



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Church Reflection, News & Events

REFLECTION

Oddities and Misfits - My daughter in London gets a Vegetable Box once a week called Odd Box. It comes crammed full of delicious fresh fruit and vegetables and also recipe ideas. She has a limited choice in what she can have.

There is also a leaflet explaining why these items are "odd" and not fit for supermarket shelves i.e. too small, too large, wrong shape, etc., etc. If these vegetables don't fit the exact norm, the supermarkets throw them out to join the mounting and iniquitous mound of food waste.

Thankfully Odd Box scoop them up and deliver to grateful customers. They deliver in Bath and if there was enough interest in our village I think they would come out with vegetable boxes to us as well.

Jesus often mixed with people that polite and strict society of his time would have considered odd...misfits...outcasts. In other words people who were cast out. He loved them and enjoyed their company. He could see their potential where others couldn't or wouldn't. Consequently he was severely criticised for it by the teachers of the law and the religious elite. After one such encounter in Luke chapter 15 Jesus told three of his most famous stories; the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost (sometimes called prodigal) son.

They all tell of something lost that is found ; a sheep that has strayed: a coin that has been forgotten somewhere and a son who rejected his home and family and only came back when he was desperate and starving. He told these stories to illustrate the fact that God loves everyone regardless of perceived merit, or alternatively being seen as a misfit or a bit odd. We are all loved by God without conditions. And let's face it there are times when we all feel a bit odd or a bit of a misfit, or a bit lost, and the good news is that the creator has love and room for us all.

Jesus came to show us who God is and explicitly said if we look at him we will see the character of God, or the creator or the divine spirit, or whatever name you choose. This is why Jesus is such good news.

If you ever have the urge to find out a bit more about him start with the gospel of Luke in a modern translation. You might well be surprised to find out how relevant his life and stories are to our present predicament, and how great is God's love and compassion for us all.

Barbara Day

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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

We are writing this shortly after the funeral of Robin Bishop was held there on 19th June. The bells were rung in half-muffled form at the request of the family, because Robin always enjoyed hearing them. It brought home the importance of maintaining this beautiful building for such special occasions.



The St Lawrence Roof Appeal documents were delivered to every house in the village. If you had in mind to respond, but have not done so yet, we look forward to hearing from you. We will be having a bat survey shortly and plan to start on the chancel roof in the Autumn. We have the necessary funding in place for that, thanks to the generosity of the Trustees of The Richard Oatley Foundation, but there is a lot more to be done.

A lot of people are involved in the smooth running of the church and we are very grateful to our army of volunteers: organists, flower arrangers, cleaners, bell ringers whose efforts are greatly appreciated and without whom the church would not function in the way it does. If you feel you'd like to volunteer in some way then please do contact us to find out more or how we could use your skills! (Sally 831796)

We hope you are enjoying hearing the bells being rung on a Tuesday evening (as a backdrop to the clay pigeon shooting in the summer months!), this has become our regular practise night and we are delighted so many learners have decided to have a go at campanology. In time we hope to ring at more Sunday Services.

Our church Services pattern will continue as planned throughout the summer although there will be no Breakfast Church in August due to holidays.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell



**Would you like to be part of our
Hardington Vale choir to sing for Harvest
and Carols?**

If you would we would love to have you...

**Contact Caroline Whitehead for further
details caroline@whatcombefarm.com
01373 471642**

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Sunday 23rd July
United Holy Communion Service
Sea Sunday
St Philip and St James
Norton St Philip
10.30am
Guest speaker
Revd Canon Andrew Wright - Secretary General



Caring for seafarers
around the world

Everyone very welcome to come and hear more about the work
of Mission to Seafarers
Refreshments after the service

NewWine

Local churches changing nations

26th - 30th July
WORSHIP, TEACHING, RESOURCES
and so much more.....

A group of Christians from across the villages that make up the parish of Hardington Vale are hoping to go and camp at Kent Event Centre, in Maidstone, to experience the rich variety of Christian worship, teaching, resources and time to relax together.

Why not come along with us?!

For more information contact Caroline Walker 01373 834258

RODE DEFIBRILLATOR

Currently the defibrillator in the phone box on the High Street is out of service. A new defibrillator has been ordered and will replace the current one so that we have a working defibrillator again in the village.



The defibrillator has to be checked at least once a month and we are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to take on this task to ensure it is in good working order. If we have three people looking after and reporting its condition this should be a light load for them.

If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact the Parish Clerk, thank you.

Hugh Williams

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RODE CHAPEL GARDEN PARTY

July 15th 11:30 – 3pm

As you may be aware the Chapel is having repair work done to the windows over the school summer holidays. With this in mind we have decided to have a Garden Party to celebrate before the work starts.



The Quiet Garden is looking beautiful thanks to the hard work of Gail and Pauline, so the Garden Party will be an opportunity for people to come along and admire it whilst eating a ploughman's lunch or drinking a cuppa with a piece of cake.

There will be a few stalls to browse plus LIVE MUSIC to listen to.

If there are any volunteers who would like to help on the day, or make a cake, please don't be backward in coming forward – your Chapel needs you! Any funds raised will go towards the window repairs.

Rode Chapel Team

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ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME UPDATE

Nicky Robinson Moore and I have decided that we will be stopping after our next 100 boxes are sent. Over the last few years, we have sent in excess of 1000 boxes to either the Christmas Shoebox appeal, or the Rotary Shoebox Scheme.

Both of us have thoroughly enjoyed collecting, and organising fund raising to enable us to send these boxes to various parts of the world where a huge variety of items are in desperate need. This could not have been possible without the huge generosity of Rotary Groups in Keynsham and Frome, friends, family, and villagers.

Many thanks to you all.



If, there is anyone who would like to continue, and has the space to store the items?? (you do need plenty of space). Please contact one of us and we can try and help: sarahgurr26@hotmail.com / nickydivadiver@googlemail.com

Sarah Gurr

MAKING DECISIONS

I am sure you know people who make decisions simply because they are 'anti' something else. I find this difficult to comprehend. I prefer to use positivity to weigh up my options and then make a choice because I am in favour of or 'pro' something else. In my role as a Somerset Councillor, I have very little opportunity to make decisions that will impact lives. Our Conservative Group is in opposition, so with only currently 35 votes in a council meeting of potentially 110, we do not have the power to change much.

But, since 1st April this year, I have been on the Planning East Committee. This is basically the old Mendip Planning Board. It is not its own entity as part of the District Council anymore, but a regional department of the Somerset Council. It functions as it did before, but just with different email addresses, letter heads, titles, and website.

I found my first planning meeting very difficult. I tossed and turned the night before and ruminated for days afterwards. Had I made the right decision? Was there something I missed which would have swayed me the other way? I have to keep in mind, 'You can't please everyone all of the time.' I realised I need to reflect more deeply on my values. If I am clear about what I stand for and

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believe, decisions are so much easier, aren't they? I broke it down to understand my process and what drives those who are applying for planning.

Firstly, I believe in the individual taking responsibility for themselves and their decisions. People submit planning applications to protect, provide for and enhance their own lives, families and of those they love. But when individual rights override those of the collective, the individual needs to take a step back. Community is what drives me, how I live my life and decisions I make. The 'greater good' forms the foundation of who I am.

We, as a human race, are arrogantly and single-mindedly, living without enough consideration for our planet. In the UK are really showing the way in our long-term thinking. But we do need to acknowledge that there is always more to do, and that our decisions need to align with our commitment to our planet. All my life I have been the one in the room that follows all the rules. As a child I got annoyed with my mother driving the wrong way in a parking lot, and a friend making a paper airplane when we were supposed to be doing sums in a quiet classroom. Rules and laws keep us safe, make things fair and give us freedom to live our lives more fully. Yes, I have broken rules and laws, (as we all have), but I was devastated when I got my first (and only) speeding fine while on holiday in Australia, and my first (and only) parking ticket in the Wells parking lot. I am a 'goody two shoes' and bloody proud of it.

Many decisions in my role on the planning committee are based, more importantly, on law, regulation, policy and strategy. If we do not follow what we have written in our 'statute books', there will be anarchy. And that is not a pleasant idea. So, how do I align my values with my decision making on the planning committee?

- I use the law and policy to guide me.
- I consider why the person (or organisation) has put in a planning application.
- Does this impact our planet negatively?
- In this situation, what is the greater good?

I have noticed that my Conservative colleagues and I often vote the same. Not because we've discussed a planning application before (which would make us pre-determined - thus not allowed or even legal), but because we share the same values. The weight we place on each of our values will be different, but when I look across the room at the officers, and other planning committee members of different political colours, I think to myself, what do they 'hang their hats on'?

Dawn Denton

Somerset Councillor for Frome North

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200 CLUB

The results for the winners of the May 200 club draw are as follows:

1st Prize: £50 Bethany Restorick

2nd Prize: £25 Gill Leonard



Jan Jupp

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in April 2023, drawn by staff and customers in the Cross Keys:



1st - £50.00 ... Pat & Alan Batcheldor, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... Richard Priest, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Steve & Amanda Eyles, Rode

Sunday Roast for 2, courtesy of Mark and Hannah ... The Jupp Family, Rode.

Playing Field Lottery winners in May 2023, drawn by staff and customers in the Cross Keys.

1st - £50.00 ... Nigel Hellier, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... George Swalwell, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Lisa Restorick, Rode

Sunday Roast for 2, courtesy of Mark and Hannah ... Gordon Roberts, 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 Monday 31st July. If you would like to do the draw or witness it, then please just turn up at the Cross Keys on draw night at 8pm.

Keith Sharman

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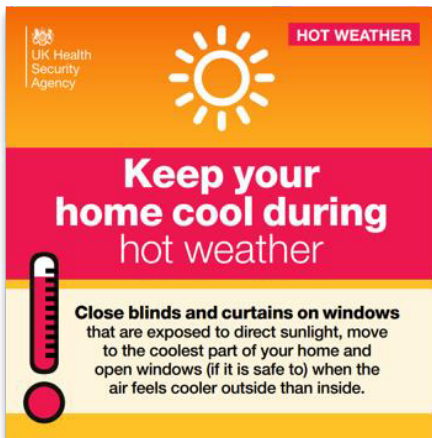
BFP GP APPOINTMENT BOOKING CHANGES

From 3rd July, please complete an online form when requesting a GP appointment. This applies to on the day and routine doctor's appointment requests. All nurse and health care assistant appointments will still need to be booked via the telephone.

On our website homepage <https://beckingtonfamilypractice.co.uk>, select 'Contact us Online'. This will open a link to a short form for you to complete with some details for the reason of your appointment request. 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, you can still 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.

All medical issue request forms will be reviewed and assessed by a doctor or advanced nurse practitioner on the day. You may receive a text, phone call or be invited to come for an appointment at the surgery. Please ensure you keep your phone with you and be aware that phone calls from the surgery will display as 'No caller ID'.

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



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Want your family to be healthier and happier without spending a fortune? Step this way...

Are you worried about your family's sugar intake? Or finding it hard to eat well on a budget? Maybe you're struggling to get the kids to eat their fruit and veg?

Healthy Steps helps families take small steps to improve their health and wellbeing.

Take our quiz, and sign up to receive tailored weekly emails giving you easy and practical ways for the whole family to eat better and move more.

To make sure the information is right for you, the programme starts with a quiz which helps you decide which topic – reducing sugar, 5 a day, or meal planning – is most relevant.

Small steps that add up

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Speak to your doctor if you are worried about cancer



If something in your body does not feel right, and you are worried you might have cancer, speak to your doctor.



Most people who speak to their doctor find out it is not cancer.



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THE RODE HOEDOWN – WEEDS AND LITTER!

So...having missed the last issue of The Link to report on the Hoedown, I thought I should provide a brief report on recent events.



To recap, two Hoedowns have taken place since the last report: 30th April and 28th May.

The April Hoedown focussed on Litter Picking again. We cleared the stretch of road between The Mill and the old Bird Garden entrance and between the Bradford Road and Rode Hill crossroads down to the layby near to the Rode Hill Fishery. Ultimately, we managed to fill more than a dozen bags that were kindly collected by idverde (Mendip District Council's waste management contractor)

For May, we had people litter picking and weeding. The Hoedown actually kicked off somewhat earlier than normal as Gill and Jeremy cleared the tall grass around the Bradford Road and Rode Hill crossroads to improve visibility in the morning.

For the litter picking, we were grateful for the enthusiasm shown by young Jacob who set off to hunt out rare and strange items of litter along Straight Lane. He showed immense stamina by lasting the full two hours of the Hoedown and his highlight was a discarded mobile phone.



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The remainder of the May '23 Hoedown crew consisted of stalwarts Moira and Dario and new arrivals to Rode, Elizabeth (Lizzie) and John. Along with members of the Memorial Hall committee, we made short work of clearing the weeds around the Memorial Hall car park. Unfortunately, I didn't take any 'before' pictures. But the pictures below show the end results.



The opportunity was also taken to improve visibility by cutting the tall grasses at the junction of the High Street and Rode Hill.

It would be great to have even more volunteers for future Rode Hoedowns – the July Hoedown will be on Sunday 30th - so please do contact Mike Salmon (mikesalmon123@icloud.com) or myself (jbowlerii@icloud.com), if you'd like to volunteer or if you have ideas of work that can be done by the Rode Hoedown.

We are currently planning to renovate the old telephone box containing the books and defibrillator.

As that will involve sanding and a couple of coats of bright red paint, it's likely that this will be done separately from the Hoedown. Again, volunteers for sanding or paint coat 1 and paint coat 2 would be greatly appreciated.

An idea for a future Hoedown is to clear the village orchard in readiness for picking fruit and also to make space to plant new trees/bushes to replace those that had not survived.

Jonathan Bowler.

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CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

Great Big Green Week - During June we held a number of events as part of Great Big Green Week, the UK-wide celebration of community action to tackle climate change. This included:

- A series of talks in Rode Memorial Hall on Saturday 17th June,
- A repeat of the “Green Open Doors” event held that we first held last year,
- Guided visits to Tellisford Mill,
- A focus on our local pubs and the great “veggie” options they provide,
- Plus the Scouts’ fantastic Litter Pick.

The three excellent presentations in the Memorial Hall were well attended (around 40 visitors at peak), and the talks elicited lots of audience interaction, which was great to see. The “headline” speaker was Sarah Dyke (Lead Member for Environment & Climate Change on Somerset Council) who provided a comprehensive overview of all the actions that Somerset Council is taking to address the climate emergency. We also hosted a talk from the Centre for Sustainable Energy (on the practical steps to take to make your home warmer, more energy-efficient (and therefore cheaper to heat), and less carbon-intensive. Then Terry Pinto (an “Eco-Architect” based in Frome) provided a fascinating look at a whole range of local projects, show-casing low carbon housing. If you missed the talks but would like a copy of any of the presentations, drop me a line [my contact details are at the foot of this article].



It was great to see the Scouts doing such an excellent job – not only tidying the verges and the playing fields, but also contributing to the reduction in greenhouse gases (as a good proportion of the litter collected can be recycled).

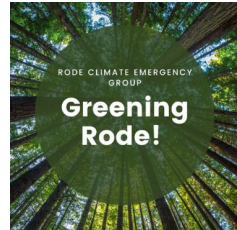
The guided visits to Tellisford Mill were once more very popular, with all three tours being “sold out”. The feedback from attendees was very positive, with a high level of support for the expansion of hydro power in the UK. The Mill at Tellisford produces around 280 MWh of electricity per annum, and there are a number of potential new hydro sites being investigated locally (e.g.: at Clifford Farm, Beckington).

Finally, a big “Thank You” to all those who took part – whether that was hosting your property for visitors, helping at the Memorial Hall, delivering leaflets, litter-picking, attending the events yourself, or simply choosing a “veggie” option at the pub instead of meat...

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Incidentally, if you're keen to learn more about local green initiatives, Frome Town Council is holding an event on 19th July – see details below:

Get involved/keep in touch - The Climate Emergency Group has a monthly newsletter, which now reaches around 70 subscribers! If you'd like to join them, drop me a line at the email address below, or enter this link in your browser: 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!

Jim McAuliffe

E: jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com

RODE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The main aims of the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) funded work in Rode have been to reduce flood risks to more than 25 properties (in Long Street, High Street, The Brewery plus the primary school) and nine roads, and to enhance parts of the local environment through techniques of Natural Flood Management (NFM).

This project grew out of an earlier SRA-funded programme of investigations into sub-catchments across Mendip that could benefit from extra maintenance. Work in Rode has been delivered by Montel Civil Engineering Limited on behalf of the former Mendip District Council and designed by Calm Engineering.

The works commenced in March 2023 and included.

- removal of debris, jetting and CCTV
- replacement and repair of culvert soffits
- structural lining of drainage pipework
- replacement of drainage pipework
- root cutting and root removal
- clearing ditches and improving connections

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We are pleased to announce that the project team has now completed all scheduled contracted works to successfully deliver the agreed outcomes to reduce the risk of flooding to residents and properties in Rode. Below are some interesting details of some of the contracted works being completed:

High Street - The site team have worked in various locations on High Street to replace gully connections and carrier drains, remove and replace lengths of damaged pipes and jet clean and install structural liners to existing pipes.



Lower Street - Prior to Montel commencing on site, CCTV investigations of the culvert were completed which discovered the footway above part of Lower Street was held up by a timber beam construction.

To improve this section, Montel's site team were required to remove the degraded existing timber beams and replace them with concrete units, to provide a long-lasting structure. This area was subsequently resurfaced, and the footway reopened.

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In addition to: Clearing highways ditches along Crooked Lane and clearing roots and installing structural liner to the existing pipes in Church Lane.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the local community and express how grateful we are for the patience and cooperation you have shown in the lead up commencement on site and whilst the project was underway and traffic management measures were in place.

The project and site team have worked extremely hard to achieve maximum efficiency to complete the contract to the highest of standards in the fastest possible timescales within the required budgets.

Please visit our hub for further details on the background and progress of our wider Flood Risk Management Projects in the Mendips:
MENDIP FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (arcgis.com)

Parish Youth News & Events

FRANS FRIDAY CAFES

FRANS have been busy this month with after school cafes at Norton St Philip. They have proved to be a veritable success and the sun has shone every week; long may that continue. Cafes are open to the whole community, it's a great way for the community to get to know each other while the children can play. We serve drinks, cakes, lollies and other sweet treats along with a hot food option and fruit. Consider teatime covered!



There's always a colouring table, ball sports and the park to keep the young ones engaged.



One week we were treated to an x-games type display from some NSP bike champs and occasionally we have had the red arrows fly past.

We welcome any donations of cakes too if you are a willing baker. All proceeds go to the school.

We have a few more cafes that will be running before term ends - following dates and locations:

Rode Playing Field - Friday 7th July

Norton St Philip - The Mead - Friday 14th July

Rode Playing Field – Friday 21st July – NB a larger end of term event see below

On the last day of term (Friday 21st July) we will be running a slightly larger scale cafe at Rode Playing Field. Plans are yet to be finalised but there will most likely be BBQ, games, drinks and more.

Please come along if you'd like to support the school.
From 3pm onwards.



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1ST RODE SCOUT GROUP



SCOUTS - A recent adventure for the Scouts was a trip on Bradford-on-Avon canal in a very long narrow boat and a four-day camp. The Scout motto is 'Be Prepared' and this was true at every level, from the logistics to the many activities. There was canoeing, archery, climbing and a Scout favourite of cooking plus much more. *Pandora Jacobs*



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BEAVERS - Recently our Beavers enjoyed themselves with their science workshop, we were lucky enough to have “Chemical Cress” from Fun Science Bath come and help with their experiment badge. Which includes making slime, potions and a lot of hair raising on the Va De Graff generator.

We've got lots of great activities planned for the remainder of this term which results in many badges being earned! An exploration up at Heavens Gate, a village hike, litter picking and our very own Beavers Sports Day! *Becca Harris*



EXPLORERS - The Rode Explorers are all busy with exams so have had a break in June but business as usual in July with some car mechanics and a wide game.

We are also very proud of our 7 Explorers (see following page) who are off to various Jamborees in Korea and Kenya this summer. They have been working hard fund raising and preparing for their trips.

We wish them a safe and amazing trip. *Claire Le Page*

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Below are our 7 Explorers off to Jamborees, left to right: Jessica Brown, Harry Davies, Ben Gilliard, Amelie Nicholls, Grace Peachment, Julie Pickett and Sam Rottenbury.



Some of the Explorer's thoughts on their forthcoming trip...

"I'm looking forward to seeing the wonders of the African wilderness and learning about the lives of the people who live there. I hope to learn about their culture and learn about the elephant's lives" *Ben Gilliard*

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people from all around the world and learning about different cultures and ways of living. I'm also looking forward to doing all the activities and having lots of fun!" *Grace Peachment*

NORTON ST PHILIP PRE-SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

Come for an afternoon of family fun on Saturday 15th July at the Mead in Norton St Philip, 2-5pm. With special guest Farmer Tom from Tractor Ted!

All welcome, and there will be food, drinks, games and more! See page 39.

Norton St Philip Pre-School Committee.

Editor's Note: See page 41 for details of FUFC Festival of Football.

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On July 8th the Summer Reading Challenge launches! The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays. It can be joined in person or online and is for both devoted book lovers and those who are new to reading – everyone is welcome!

Get Ready and sign up and at a local library or online. Visit your nearest library branch today to sign up your child for the Reading Challenge. They will be presented with a special collector folder to help keep track of their progress. They can also sign up online via <http://bit.ly/SRCRegister2023> to take part in Somerset Libraries.

You can find out more on the Summer Reading Challenge website at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> and additionally register there for additional games and activities for children to take part in.

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RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time

9.30-11.30pm

Rode Chapel



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RODE CRICKET CLUB – UPDATE

Having missed the deadline for June's edition (sorry Editor!), there are six matches to report on this month.

Sunday 14th May: First game of the season was, as it was last season, away to Stour Provost in Dorset.

We were blessed with a brief interval of fine weather among the spring rains. Rode batted first on a small ground and had high expectations with a strong batting line up ... but rather subsided to 86 all out of just 26 overs (it was supposed to be a 40 over match).

Notable performances among this carnage were 28 from Adam Kwasnicki, 11 from Lawrence Gripper and 15 from Julian Wotton. Stour Provost made short work of the total and we were back in the Cross Keys for an early pint!

Wednesday 17th May: Our first home game was against Heytesbury and Sutton Veny Cricket Club, a team we did not play last season, but who have a strong reputation, so expectations of a win were limited.

One of the great aspects of restarting Rode CC last season was the number of father/son combinations in the team as we gradually hand over to the teenagers as they come through.

However, an unexpected pairing of Lawrence and Peter Gripper featured in this game, as father Peter, visiting son Lawrence, agreed to play for the first time in some years to help us out with the numbers for this match.

HSVCC batted first, making a total of 108 in their 20 overs, restricted by good bowling from Julian Wotton (1 for 8 off three overs), James Pickett (1 for 11 off 3 overs), a superb 1 for 4 from 4 overs by William Wotton, and 1 for 13 off 3 overs by the author.

This represented a gettable total, and Rode, playing the ever more popular "Bazball" style of cricket raced to 74 for 2 after 10 overs, well ahead of the required rate. James Pickett (20), Julian Wotton (32) and Oliver Fussell (20) were the key architects of this great start, but once they had departed we regularly lost wickets and runs dried up.



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We were, however, still in it as the final over started - 2 wickets in hand and just 2 runs needed. Young William Wotton scored a single off the first ball of the over, but second ball saw for our number 10, clean bowled. Peter Gripper – having kindly performed the role of scorer throughout our innings until that point – strode out to the middle with 4 balls to go, 1 run required, 1 wicket in hand. With all the calm confidence that only experience gives, Peter nonchalantly pushed the first ball he faced into the covers, the fielder fumbled it, Peter ran through for a single and the match was won!

A great moment and a superb – if nervy – win was ours! The Australian dressing room in Edgbaston was not as jubilant as we were that night as anyone who was in the 'Keys will attest.

Wednesday 31st May: Frome Incidentals were the next opponents at the Rode Playing Field fortress. Again, we fielded first and Frome Incidentals set a challenging 147 of their 20 overs, Julian Wotton's figures of 2 for 14 off 3 overs the pick of the bowling, well backed up by son Nicholas' 1 for 10 off 2 overs. James Pickett and Lawrence Gripper opened the innings, and James – having hit a blistering 81 off 58 deliveries for Horningsham the previous Sunday – carried on where he left off with 24 off just 10 balls (first three were dots, next 6 all went for 4). Just when it seemed the opposition had no answer, he went for a 7th consecutive boundary off the tenth ball, fell just short, and was caught on the boundary rope. James Goldstraw hit a superb 40 not out, but again little resistance from the middle and lower order left us some 30 runs short of our target.

Wednesday, 7th June: Witham Friary were one of just two sides we managed to beat last season, so we had a proud unbeaten record to defend for this season's fixture here in Rode.

On this occasion, we batted first and absolutely dominated the bowling, ratcheting up 135 for 2. James Pickett (48) and Rich Page (20) opened, getting us off to a great start before Julian Wotton (43 not out) and Ollie Tucker (9 not out) saw us through to the end of our 20 overs.

Witham started well with their opener scoring a blistering 46 before the author (1 for 20 off 3 overs) managed to beat him in the flight with one, clean bowling him. James Goldstraw (1 for 25 off 4 overs) and Greg Love (1 for 19 off 3 overs) were the other wicket takers as Witham resisted but fell well short at 112 for 4 (a run out being the 4th wicket).

Two wins from 4 matches for Rode – terrific start to the season!

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Wednesday, 14th June: Poplars were the next opponents at the Rode Playing Field. Batting first – and batting superbly – they racked up 168 for 6. Young George Bunce took 2 for 17 in 2 overs, Nicholas Wotton 1 for 25 off 4 overs, Rich Bealing 2 for 17 off 2 overs, and Harry Medlicott 1 for 12 off his one over.

This total was very daunting, but Rode put together a creditable 140 for 8, thanks to a terrific 38 from Harry Medlicott – a name to watch for the future!

Wednesday 21st June saw the return fixture against Frome Incidentals, who as a nomadic team play only away fixtures, so this was our 5th home game in a row! Having been outplayed by them back in late May (see above) we had “realistic expectations” on ourselves!

Sure enough, batting first we slipped to 50 for 6 off the first 10 (Bazball not working on this occasion!) before sensible and effective batting from Nick Wotton (6), Charlie and Chris Blanchett (15 not out and 6 not out respectively) and Rich Bealing, showing some remarkable and brutal strength, smashing 5 boundaries (three 4s and two 6s) in his rapid 28. This took us to 110 for 9 off our allotted 20 overs – significantly more than we had feared just one hour earlier.

Excellent opening bowling from William Wotton – as is increasingly expected from this young man – with just 1 run from 2 overs, well supported by his father Julian (1 for 14 off 4 overs), put the pressure on Frome Incidentals from which they never recovered.

In truth, they showed brilliant spirit in giving all their team a proper role in the game, including one of our young players, George Bunce, who had kindly agreed to play for them due to them being a player short and who batted very sensibly and effectively for his 9 off 18 balls. As a result of this approach, their big hitters came in with the required rate up around 8-9 per over, which set up a grandstand finish. In the end, they reached 99 for 9 off their 20 overs giving Rode their third win of the season!

So, as we reach the midpoint of the summer, Rode have won three, lost three. Watch this space to see if we can improve that win rate...

Big thanks to all our players for their efforts and great spirit in which all our games are played – then discussed/dissected/replayed in the pub afterwards!

Anyone who wants to join in the fun please do let me or Julian know (07775 805546/ 07775 598429).

Andy Pickett

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RODE WALKING GROUP - 2ND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH

Our June walk had to be amended due to the hot and humid weather. We started from the advertised place above Freshford but kept to woods and shady places where possible and shortened the walk. After a refreshing stop at Freshford cafe we took rather overgrown footpaths back to the car park.



Our July walk takes place on THURSDAY 13 July from Bradford on Avon. Meeting at 10 am at the far end of the station car park we will walk along the river towards Avoncliff where there will be a coffee stop at The Cross Guns. Returning to BoA by the canal path, deviations always a possibility!

Please contact me if you would like to join us or have difficulties with transport.

Liz Dinnis

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MONDAY LUNCH CLUB 🍷

Our next meeting is 3rd July 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 tipples 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

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RODE CRAFT CLUB

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.



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RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB - GARDEN VISITS

On Monday 12th June twenty one members and guests visited Kettle Farm Cottage in West Ashton. We were blessed with a fine evening as we assembled outside the garden, which despite being at the end of the lane and surrounded by fields, had limited parking. We were welcomed by the owner Jenny Woodall who with her husband has only been in residence for six years.

The garden, of approximately two thirds of an acre, has been designed and developed by Jenny from a field and comprises a curvaceous lawn surrounded by well stocked and varied herbaceous borders which can be viewed either from the lawn or a peripheral path around the whole garden.

The predominant plants at the time of our visit were swathes of Nepeta, Achillea, Phlox, Day Lillie, Echinacea, Rudbekia and of course roses. One rose (Lady of Shallot) in particular kept appearing as we walked round and when asked why she had so many of the same variety Jenny explained that this was due to failed deliveries, replacements being sent and original orders turning up!



Jenny was keen to emphasise that all the money raised by opening her garden goes to the various NGS charities which include McMillan Nurses, Marie Curie, Parkinsons, Perennial and Horatio's Garden. Jenny is only able to accommodate small groups and ours was at the top end of her capacity. So if you were unable to visit with us and would like to do so on another occasion with one or more friends you would be very welcome. Telephone: 01225 753474 (£10 Admission). I am assured that the garden is also worth visiting later in the summer/autumn when there will be a different display of plants.

Meanwhile, there are still seats available on the coach for our visit to Rosemoor, the RHS garden in North Devon, on Monday 10th July, departing Rode at 9am. Cost to non-members £20 and members £15. Please contact Averil Morrow on 01373 830686 or Tracey at rodeanddistrictgardenclub@outlook.org

Helen Curwen

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RODE OVER 60'S

Our second coach trip this year was to Sidmouth on Thursday 8th June. We were a rather select group in a large coach but the gods were certainly smiling on us as the sun shone the whole day, which hasn't always been the case on previous occasions. After a very welcome and refreshing coffee stop at Cartgate Services we set off again eager to get to the seaside and we arrived in good time to research our options for lunch. Some of us alighted on the front while others chose to stay on for the coach to take them up the hill to explore the beautiful Connaught Gardens.



It was good to see the restaurants doing well, with holidaymakers and locals enjoying the sunshine from beneath parasols and that lovely freshness of sea air.



There was also the perennial entertainment of people-watching; small people playing on the sands and much larger ones laying up trouble for themselves in later life. As we "oldies" know, anything we enjoy is obviously harmful and there will be a reckoning in later years. Many of us having indulged in tea and cake or cream tea, another health hazard I fear, we made our way back to our waiting coach and, after the raffle, we were on our way home in air-conditioned comfort. It was a very good way of spending a day.

Our next and last trip this year will be to Poole, on Thursday 13th July. Fares for members £18, visitors £20. The coach leaves the village green at 9.30 am. Visitors are always very welcome and, if you would like to come along, please phone Pat Smith on 830559.

Birthday greetings this month go to: Mr Keith Bertenshaw (1st), Mrs J Carter (8th) and Mrs A Rudman (21st). We hope you each have a lovely day.

Ros Dymond

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RODE - Further to last month's information about Commander Arthur Mayne Noad this month we have the contents of a letter he wrote to his mother Emily, at Southfield House, Rode, when he was a young man. The letter was written in 1835 by then Midshipman Arthur Mayne Noad RN whilst on duty in the Mediterranean Fleet.

The letter has been painstakingly transcribed by Peter Harris, our Rode historian – our thanks Peter. A copy of the original letter was sent to Peter by Dave Collins, a descendant of Arthur Noad's cousin Thomas Collins.

Salamis May 25th 1835

My dear Mother,

Your letter of March reached me by the last packet, and I intended to have answered it by the same boat. But the Admiral ordered us to sea immediately much to our annoyance as it was the night of the Naval ball and would hear of no excuse. Go you must. We took despatches to the Dardanelles for Lord Ponsonby and waited 7 days for his answer. We amused ourselves by examining the ruins of ancient Troy.

We were then directed to join H M S Portland at this place for further orders. But we fell in with her at sea and ordered to proceed to join the Admiral at Malta keeping a good look out not to miss him in the night in case he should have left Malta for the Piraeus. We fell in with the Admiral and Squadron at the entrance of the Archipelago, making the best of their way to Salamis to be present at the Coronation of Othon King of Greece, which was intended to have taken place on the 1st of June, but I believe it is now postponed for some time longer, the Crown not being ready, in fact I believe he has not sufficient Funds to purchase it. However the Regency expired on the 1st and he will be proclaimed King.

I have been very much amused since our arrival here, wandering over the Ruins of the Ancient Temples, the Acropolis etc, all of which are now being cleared of all rubbish and guarded, to prevent any further mutilation by the curiosity of strangers. They are also making great improvements in the City of Athens which was a complete heap of ruins a few years ago and is in fact little better now. But they are building in every direction and in about ten or twelve (years?) it will be I have no doubt a very flourishing place.

The Greeks do not seem to be fond of their King, they think that he favours the Bavarians too much, they do not like his having two or three Bavarian regiments in his pay, they have not been accustomed to such high taxation as is found necessary at present to pay their way, which they say is taken from the "lean Greek and given to the fat Bavarian." We are under orders for Smyrna and sail half an hour after the arrival of the Packet. She has been due here 5 days and great fears are entertained for her safety.

With regard to my drawing, I will endeavour if possible not to draw before September next, tho' June and December would suit me better, however I will

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give you timely notice should I be obliged to. All Government Bills are paid now the last weeks of March and September. I am glad you have let the land so well, and hope all your hopes will be realised. We expect to have a visit tomorrow from the King, as the Medea Steamer is ordered to be ready to embark him. May 26th The long wished for Packet has just arrived safe and sound having been detained in England till the 8th May, which fully accounts for her late arrival. I expect we shall soon be off. I am delighted to hear that Aunt Creswell is so much better and sincerely hope that the change of scene will restore her to her former self. I should like much to hear from poor Mary but that I suppose is quite out of the question when you write her be sure to remember me kindly to her. I hope Sydney has well considered, before he gives up one concern to embark in another, but I think there is very little fear of his doing so rashly, as he has a calculating genius. I daresay he would rather settle anywhere than in Exeter. What does Uncle C say to it, does he approve of it?

When does Mary Anne's Marriage take place? I suppose soon give my kind love to her and wish her joy for me, is it settled where they are to live? as soon as anything turns up you must let me know all particulars. I am sorry to hear that Aunt Maria still continues poorly but hope the summer and a few pleasant excursions will bring her round again. I saw Caroline a few days before we left Malta she was quite well and looking much better than I have seen her for some time, she kindly gave me half a quire of paper with views of Malta, the first of which is the "Double Calesse" which is a very uncomfortable kind of carriage – it jolts one almost to pieces, the next letter will be a view of the Grand Harbour. Capt. Hunn and Family are also well, they gave a grand ball to all the officers of the Army and Navy the night before the departure of the Fleet. They kept it up till 5 o'clock when the officers of the squadron went onboard their respective ships, the signal was made to proceed to sea. They all desired to be kindly remembered to you. I must now bid you adieu! (as the band has just sounded to Quarters) with kindest love to all friends at Road and its neighbourhood, by the bye you did not tell me who they have at Beckington for a curate God bless you my dearest Mother

and Believe me as ever

Your Affectionate Son

Arthur Noad

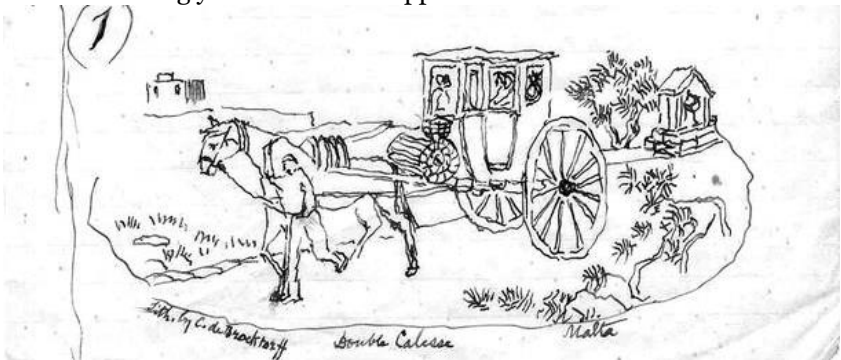
May 29th Our sailing orders have been countermanded and I do not know now where we shall go. Yesterday being the day appointed for the celebration of His Majesty's Birthday we all fired a Royal Salute and received a visit from Othon King of Greece. It was one of the prettiest sights I ever saw, immediately on the Steamer appearing in sight with the Grecian Standard at the Main, all the ships manned yards and fired 21 guns. It was one continued roar, the different coloured flags and now and then a peep of the men on the yards thro' the smoke had a very pretty effect. The English Fleet consisted of Caledonia 120, Edinburgh 74, Malabar 74, Revenge 74, Canopus 84, Thunderer 74, Vernon 52, Medea

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Steamer Hind cutter, and last tho' not least, the Brig. The French, one 74, one Frigate, one Corvette, and two brigs. Only fancy all these Vessels firing at the same time. If he had been the greatest Monarch in the Universe he could not have had greater honour paid him.

He is a very gentlemanly young man, well made but not handsome, about 5ft. 7. He was highly delighted with his reception. June 2nd I went yesterday to see the King proclaimed. It was a very warm day, so I went on shore rather early and rode slowly up to Athens in company with 1st Lieut. We arrived just as the procession was about to start and had a full view of His Majesty. He was dressed very plain in sky-blue uniform with silver Epauettes, he was proceeded by his household and officers of state, all in sky-blue uniforms and a body-guard of Lancers. The procession passed thro' two files of soldiers under Triumphal Arches which extended from the Palace to the Church a distance of about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. They went into the Church where the King (tendered) his oath and the regency resigned their office. Te Deum was then sung and 101 guns fired by the artillery. He then returned to the Palace where he was received by all the officers of the Foreign Powers, who tendered him their congratulations. I felt very much for him poor young Man. It must have been a very fatiguing day for him, he was incessantly bowing and scraping to the Multitude as they passed. In the evening the Town was brilliantly illuminated and 101 guns again fired. Such a gay scene had not been seen in Athens for many a day. But by far the grandest Sight was the shipping which were all dressed from one end to the other with different coloured flags of all Nations and of all sizes (firing together 21 guns, it made a tremendous uproar) all assembled to do honour to His Majesty the first King of Modern Greece.

I believe I have told you all the news. We do not know where we are going but rather expect to remain here for the next Packet. The Admiral is so very close that we seldom hear many hours before we sail. He is obliged to be so, for we are very well watched. The Packet sails for Malta today so I must bid you once more adieu wishing you health and happiness.



Parish Friends & Family Notices



DAVID JAMES

03.10.1945 - 26.03.2023

David passed away in Bath after a long battle with cancer. He had lived in Rode at Merfield House since 1998.

Although born and raised in Frome, his career as an Engineer took him all over the world as far afield as Calcutta and Colombo, the USA and Australia.

He was particularly proud of the work he did in London on the King's Cross tube station redevelopment and later in his capacity as an advisor to the Mayor of London on aspects of transport in London (TFL).

As an acknowledgment of his long career he became a member of the Worshipful Company of Engineers and was awarded the Freedom of the City of London.

David was a keen footballer in his youth, captaining Frome Town and Yate and also playing for Yeovil. His love of sport was reflected in his lifelong support of Wolverhampton Wanderers and he was a regular at Bath Rugby matches.

David is survived by his wife Jan - they celebrated 50 happy years of marriage last year.

He is also survived by their three children, Matthew, Anna and William and four grandchildren.



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FRIDAY

CAFES

FRIENDS OF RODE & NORTON SCHOOLS

We have a few more cafes that will be running before term ends - following dates and locations:

Rode Playing Field - 7th July
NSP - The Mead - 14th July
Rode Playing Field - 21st July
(NB 21st larger end of term event)

See page 18
to find out all about them...
See you there!

NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH 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.

- **6 July: Poetry and Music with Josephine Corcoran and Guests**

Josephine Corcoran is a writer, originally from the north west of England and now based in west Wiltshire. Josephine will be reading from her latest collection of poems 'Love and Stones': poems of love, family and the climate crisis, set in a Wiltshire landscape of standing stones and henges in the days of heatwaves, a global pandemic and turbulent times. Visit: josephinecorcoran.org/ to find out more. Music will be provided by Nick Gould (guitar) and Graham Dent (piano) plus some special guests.

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- **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

Saturday July 15th
Rode Chapel Garden Party
11:30 am – 3 pm



Ploughman's lunches, cakes, hot & cold beverages,
books, raffle, bottle tombola, lucky dip and more, plus

Live Music

Saturday
15th July

Churchmead
Norton St
Philip

Summer Family Fun Day!

Special guest @3pm:
Real-life Farmer Tom
from Tractor Ted
Bouncy Castle
Ice Lollies
BBQ / Drinks
Summer Trail & Games



2pm – 5pm

Fundraising event for
Norton St Philip Pre-school

Forget-me-not Café



When? July 17th 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!

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Forthcoming Parish Events

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SATURDAY
22 JULY



10.30 - 12.00

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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!

We now have a date for when the start will begin in Rode...

5th September at Rode Chapel

More details to follow.

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 30th July and it would be great to hear from you...

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

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



At Browns Park, Freshford, BA2 7TB

Saturday 8th 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 9th 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 keep the family entertained.

We're getting very close to our annual Summer Festival of Football over the weekend of 8/9th July 2023 at Browns Park, Freshford with tournaments for every age group as well as other entertainment for the family plus lots of food, drink, snacks, sweets and Ice Creams available all weekend.

We're currently full in all age groups with a maximum occupancy of teams entered so it should be a good weekend of football with 100 teams entering.

If you have a business that would like to have a stall and presence for the weekend we are looking for more activities for people to do over the weekend or even a trade stall selling items or promoting your business, just get in touch to find out more.

This event brings a large footfall of over 2000 people throughout the weekend so we are looking for any businesses who want to place adverts in the weekend programme that is distributed to all arriving at the event as well as donations/prizes/vouchers for the raffle and a substantial donation/prize/voucher can be in place of a free advert.

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

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Club Manager

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FROME'S ACTION ON CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY @ 6.30-9PM
FROME FOOTBALL CLUB

In 2019 Frome declared a climate emergency and held public events to create a town climate action plan.

Come and find out how we are doing as a community, the projects that are already happening and how we can accelerate our progress to becoming a greener, healthier and more resilient town.



Free light supper from 6:30pm
Let us know you're coming:
bit.ly/climate-supper



Frome



DRONES WITH CAMERAS

There have been reports of a drone flying into gardens in The Old Brewery.

It is a civil offence to fly less than 50m from a person or property.

The police have advised that there is also a case for trespass, security, harassment and data protection issues when the drone operator persists in flying so low in a garden and, despite being shoed away, refuses to leave.

It is distressing to worry about being stung by an angry wasp. When the wasp turns out to be a peeping tom, it's not much better. Is not an English man's home his castle?

Old Brewery Resident

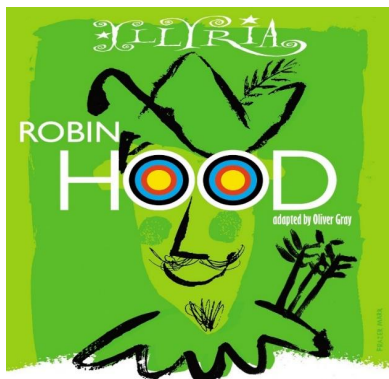
FROME BANK CLOSURES



Following hard on the heels of HSBC and NatWest, Barclays is to close in August. This impacts residents, who will struggle to get advice and support with banking matters, and impacts businesses handling cash and, equally, wanting to explore loans and discuss business issues. To explore these issues, Edventure Frome has hosted two meetings which have been well attended by business owners, those with relevant skills and experience in financial services, and those in the third sector - who are all keen to find a solution.

Following this a new community organisation is being set up - Prosper Frome - and they are looking at the practicalities of establishing a community finance hub in Frome which might include a central post office, a change club, finance connectors, financial signposting, brokering peer to peer small loans and grants and related financial services, guidance and support. To learn more visit www.prosperfrome.org

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Sunday 30th July 2023 6.30pm

Illyria is back! This summer, the award winning company presents Robin Hood, an action packed heist for the whole family. This fast moving production delivers huge laughs, swashbuckling adventures, and well deserved revenge!

While good King Richard is away fighting the crusades, his friend Robert Fitzooth, under the assumed name of Robin Hood, resolves to relieve corrupt landowners of their wealth, to ruin the inept Sheriff of Nottingham and to do all he can to prevent the power-mad Prince John from seizing the throne.

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Pack a picnic and join us for a fantastic performance in the beautiful grounds of historic Manor Farm in Wiltshire. **Gates open: 5.30pm. Performance approx. 1hr 50mins (inc 20min interval). Seating IS PROVIDED. Picnics welcome. Licensed Bar.** Suitable for ages 5+ (younger children also welcome!)

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Please do not pull over and loiter on Rode Hill anywhere in front of the junction with the High Street, either on or just downhill of the double yellows.

When turning right, it isn't always easy to see if it is clear. If a car is loitering in this area, there is nowhere to go, once committed, if another car speeds down from nowhere.

Even now that the verge has been mown, this spot should only be used when temporarily waiting to give way to oncoming traffic and not for dropping off or collecting people from the bus. Otherwise, it is an accident waiting to happen.

A Concerned Rode Driver

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FROME STREET CARNIVAL

Our 2 carnival processions return Saturday 23rd September 2023! It's full steam ahead with preparations but as the cost of doing so is around £10000 a lot more money needs to be raised to cover the cost of running the processions. Money collected on the night can then be donated to the deserving local causes chosen by our Committee and Trustees each year.

Our recent Fun Day fundraiser was a great day with more stalls and attractions than we have ever had. Our Carnival Royalty, who were chosen by judges at the Fun Day, are in the photo below (more entries this year than we've had for several years. Presentations of cheques were made to recipients of the 2022 procession collection at the Fun Day.



If any local businesses/organisations feel able to help us we offer a free advert in our programme and website and a vehicle can be entered into our procession to further advertise for a minimum of a £100 donation. We can be contacted on our Facebook page or by emailing us on info@fromecarnival.org.uk or by ringing our Procession Organiser Mandy on 07913 057968.

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

ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2023 AT 7.30 pm

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, Cllr Dawn Denton (County Councillor) and 1 parishioner.

1. Parishioners Participation: There was still speeding up Straight Lane and a request was made to extend the 20mph speed limit beyond the Crooked Lane junction. The 20mph limit had been agreed to cover the village and the TRO to do so was due to be raised within a couple of weeks. The Chair reported that extending the 20mph limit further up Straight Lane had been raised with Somerset in the past but rejected on the grounds this was a rural road and could set a precedence for all rural roads in Somerset. However, it was agreed to approach Somerset again about extending the 20mph limit. A request was made for the SID to be put up again on Straight Lane near The Mead.

Concern was expressed that there was no strimming of the edges of the playing field when the grass was being cut. The frequency of cutting was erratic and members of the PC requested to see the contract with Eagle Grounds Maintenance along with areas that should be cut. (Clerk agreed to circulate).

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr J McAuliffe and Cllr A Boyden (County Councillor)

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Actions from previous meeting:

- i. Christchurch graveyard grass:** Contact with PCC still had to be made for a contact at the Diocese to discuss the grass cutting frequency which was currently too frequent.
- ii. Hoedown:** The Hoedown on 28th May had again concentrated on litter picking and weeding of the Memorial Hall car park and cutting of grass at

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Rode Hill junction. A full report should go in The Link along with reminder of the next Hoedown planned for 25th June.

- iii. **Defibrillator:** Concern had been expressed this was not working properly. The Clerk agreed to contact Lizzy Etheridge. (Clerks Note: New pads have been ordered and should be installed in a few days.)

6. County Councillor's Report: Cllr Dawn Denton said she had circulated an update to the PC but the main issue was the formation of the LCNs (Local Community Networks). The first meeting was due to be held in July and there was to be a premeeting this Friday and she asked for issues to raise. The Chair said that he was concerned that initial contact had been made to Parish Clerks and not to the Parish representatives on the LCNs. There was still little clarity about what the LCNs were going to do but of greater concern was the Parish Council representation. Meetings up to now had had a decreasing number of Parishes represented as Frome dominated the meetings with many representatives present all of whom could speak. Although Frome and the Parishes had only one vote each, in reality, Frome dominated the meetings; possibly only one person from each parish/town should be allowed to speak at each LCN meeting. Cllr Denton agreed to take these concerns to the premeeting.

7. Climate Change Group: Thanks were expressed to Jim McAuliffe for arranging the speakers for this Saturday and the open houses for Sunday. There would be three speakers in the Memorial Hall this Saturday and people were encouraged to attend. It was hoped donations would cover the programme leaflet printing costs.

8. Highways:

i. **20mph speed limit and village gates:** The Chair had spoken to Sara Davis (Somerset Highways) and agreement from Beckington for the location of the gates had been finalised. Autograph Homes were to be contacted to ensure they paid for the gates as previously agreed. TRO for speed limit should be raised in two weeks.

ii. **Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction:** Somerset had confirmed that work should start during w/c 26 June with the installation of rumble strips. This would be followed by the installation of vehicle activated signs.

iii. **Street Lights:** The Clerk reported that the information had finally been sent to the Traffic Management section of Avon and Somerset Police and response was awaited. The Clerk was asked to chase this up in the near future.

iv. **A36 Slip Road:** Cllr Denton reported that Somerset was still chasing this up with National Highways.

9. Planning:

i) New applications:

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2023/0919/TCA: To fell elder and ash situated on top of wall – 36 High Street. No objections.

2023/1015/HSE: Single storey rear extension – 1 Fairfield. No objections.

ii. Somerset decisions:

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. Approved.

10. Buses: The flat rate £2 fare had now been extended until the end of November and it would then rise to £2.50 until November 2024. This was good news and it looks as though relatively low bus fares will be maintained. It was also reported that Somerset had agreed that should fares rise 18 to 25 year olds would be protected with continued low fares; this would only be implemented if general bus fares rose. The meeting again thanked Peter Travis for all his work on ensuring a good bus service for the village.

11. Paths

i. Path round children's play area: The Clerk reported that he had had a quote (£6,000) to put in a permanent gravel path. However, the meeting agreed this cost was too high and with possible redevelopment of the pavilion and general play area this should not be done. It was however, agreed that the situation would be reviewed in September/October to possibly put down wood chippings to ensure the path could still be used.

ii. Path from Church Farm: There was concern over the maintenance of this path beyond the Church Farm estate area. The question was raised should the Church Farm Management Committee maintain it. Somerset had indicated that there was no legal action that could be taken to improve the path, however it was agreed Cllr Denton would ask Somerset about its ongoing maintenance.

iii. Path from allotments to Barrow Farm: It was agreed to approach Matthew to cut this path.

iv. Path 13/1: It was reported this was blocked. Inspection has revealed that the path is still useable but it has been altered now so that it enters the Church Farm development at the rear and not by the A361. Part of the original path is now cultivated but the new route is fine.

v. Verge by Church Farm: Andy Fussell would be approached to trim this and also cut back the hedge on the A361 again, but this would have to wait until August.

12. David Warburton MP: The Clerk had sent an email to David Warburton again but had had no response. It was agreed that another final attempt should be made to get him to meet with Councillors. (Clerk's Note: David Warburton has now resigned as MP for Somerton and Frome).

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13. Conservation and Neighbourhood Plans: AP said he still had to speak to Peter Harris about listed buildings and requested this was delayed for 3 months.

14. Bluebell Wood Solar Farm: There were mixed feeling from Parishioners on this proposal. The largest concern had been over the possible location on the triangular field on Bradford Road, although Low Carbon had indicated this might be removed from the final proposal. There was concern over the grading of the agricultural land on which the Solar Farm would be built and this would be key to the viability of the proposal. The official planning application was awaited.

15. Financial matters:

i. Income and expenditure: The income and expenditure for 2023-24 had been circulated and was approved.

ii. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23 Form 3: Section 1, Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed off.

iii. AGAR Section 2, Accounting Statements 2022/2023: This was approved and signed off. It was agreed to submit this return to PKF Littlejohn for external auditing.

iv. Payments: The following payments were agreed:

BHIP (Parish Council insurance)	£717.00
A Aked (internal auditor)	£30.00
SALC (training)	£30.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£792.00
Clerk Salary	£254.35
HMRC PAYE	£60.40

16. Any other business:

Truespeed: The Clerk reported he had been approached by Truespeed regarding using a pole on Parish Council land to bring fibre broadband to Rode. Truespeed said work to bring the infrastructure to Rode should start in 2 to 4 months. There was no need for residents to commit to fibre to their homes before Truespeed went ahead.

17. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 10th July at 7.30pm**

(Note meetings are moving to Mondays)

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council

...and finally

WHERE NEAR HARDINGTON VALE?

Where in Hardington Vale, would you see this path?

Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph?

It was Bradford on Avon, taken from Westwood.



Sudoku

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

Last month's Sudoku

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

POEM OF THE MONTH

Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers
A lovely form is laid;
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Emily Bronte, 'Moonlight, Summer Moonlight'.





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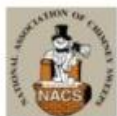
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Sunday 2 July	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Laverton , Holy Communion Rode , Chapel, Meeting Place	A & S Filkins C Walker/J Robinson S Kivett
Monday 3 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 4 July	9.45 am 5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 5 July	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 6 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 9 July	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	B Day J Robinson/C Walker
Monday 10 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 11 July	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 12 July	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 13 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 16 July	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Laverton , Matins	S Kivett M Harrison/S Kivett R Stewart/F Stewart
Monday 17 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 18 July	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 19 July	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 20 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 23 July Sea Sunday	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , United Holy Communion	J Robinson/ A White (Mission for Seafarers)
Monday 24 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 25 July	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 26 July	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 27 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 30 July	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , United Holy Communion	F Stewart/J Robinson
Monday 31 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	

JULY 2023 DIARY	
Sat 1 Jul	6.30pm Rode Barn Dance see page 38 for details
Mon 3 Jul	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 27 for details
Thu 6 Jul	1pm-2pm NSP Lunchtime Concert see page 38 for details
Fri 7 Jul	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode 3pm FRANS Friday Café see page 18 for details
Mon 10 Jul	9am Rode & District Gardening Club Trip (guests welcome) see page 28 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page XX for details NB Meetings are moving from Tuesdays to Mondays
Thu 13 Jul	9.30am Rode Over 60s Trip (guests welcome) see page 29 for details 10am Rode Walking Group NB Change of day see page 27 for details
Fri 14 Jul	3pm FRANS Friday Café see page 18 for details
Sat 15 Jul	11.30am-3pm Rode Chapel Garden Party see pages 5 & 39 for details 2-5pm Summer Family Fun Day see pages 21 & 39 or details
Mon 17 Jul	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 39 for details
Thu 20 Jul	Polling Day - Somerton & Frome Parliamentary By Election
Fri 21 Jul	3pm FRANS Friday Café see page 18 for details
Sat 22 Jul	10.30am-12.30pm Laverton Summer Fete see page 40 for details
Sun 23 Jul	COPY DEADLINE FOR AUGUST LINK
Sun 30 Jul	1.55pm Rode Hoedown see pages 12 & 40 for details
Mon 31 Jul	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 8 for details

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Fri 4 Aug	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
Mon 28 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY - Summer Bank Holiday
Tue 5 Sep	Talking Café see page 40 for details
Mon 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Christmas Day
Tue 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Boxing Day
Mon 1 Jan	BANK HOLIDAY – New Years Day

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