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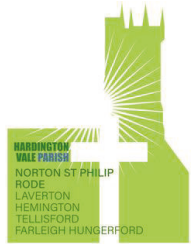
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REFLECTION

Freedom, oh freedom! Hey think about it (thanks Aretha Franklin)! Today – as I write – is England’s “Freedom Day”! Today is a day when most of the restrictions that have been with us for so many months may now be relaxed. We can hug each other, visit each other without restriction, go dancing, play football, and remove our face masks – unless the place or organisation we are entering would rather we didn’t.



However, in my case there is a slight snag! I have been ‘pinged’ – told via the NHS app that I have been near an infected person – and will have to delay these freedoms until the end of this week.

Inevitably the very notion of Freedom Day fills us with a longing for the way things were before the pandemic struck. For instance, I can get on a train and go to Newcastle if I need to, we might at last be able (more easily) to visit our daughter and her family in America, once again.

But what does it mean to be free? I am sitting in front of a laptop waiting until a computer program I am working on finishes running. I am free, but in a sense bound to a laptop. Most of us are bound by our mobile phones – responding to calls or work demands or the latest news at any time of day. I am bound by a deadline for the article I am presently writing. I have to read corrections to a thesis I am examining. I am bound by convention, by my lifestyle, by finances, by needs of the family, by the maintenance requirements of the house, by the washing up or ironing, grass that needs cutting, even hair that is getting shaggy.

In John’s Gospel we read that Jesus said to some strict Jews who were listening to Him: “If you continue in My word... you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” (John 8: 31). What can that mean? Think about it!

I know what it doesn’t mean. My wife once went to a Service in a large church in south-east England. The Service involved a stately procession. At the front of the procession a gentleman walked swinging a censer with elaborate ceremony, out of which incense poured. At the end of the Service, he remarked to Beth: “We are the only church in this city who know how to worship properly”!

But Jesus’ sermon on the mount describes a Kingdom which is upside down. He says that the ‘blessed’ are the poor in spirit, the mourners, the gentle, those who hunger and thirst, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness. We are blessed even if people insult and persecute us, and falsely say all kinds of evil against us. We might look at

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these words and say “steady on!”. But among all the other things Jesus said we find these words: “Come to Me you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” True freedom can be found in Him, and He alone is where we find rest.

Michael Harrison

Reader

NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

Further to our request in the last two Links, an eighth sponsor duly came forwards and the lights have since installed. We hope they will last for as many decades as the previous ones and are most grateful to the sponsors.



Many readers will have met Reverend Alex Holmes. Alex moved into the Rectory in Church Lane last year. She filled one of several “Pioneer Posts” created by the Diocese. Unfortunately, her arrival in Rode coincided with the country being locked down and it became difficult for her to reach out to the community in the way intended. In addition, she suffered from Covid-19 herself. Alex has been offered an opportunity to take up a post in the Benefices of Westbury sub-Mendip with Easton and of Priddy and will be moving in August. We wish her well for the future. The good news is that our curate, Reverend Jo Robinson, will be moving to the Rectory at the end of August. Jo came to our parish last year to complete her training under the guidance of our Rector, Caroline. She has been living in Norton St Philip since then. Those who have met Jo will realise what an asset she is. Please give her a big Rode welcome when you come across her.

We are very lucky to have Tony Day in the Hardington Vale Parish and who is the technology expert behind the recording of all of our services since the beginning of the pandemic. Tony continues to record certain parts of our Communion services in St Lawrence as these are uploaded weekly so that people who are unable to come to church can access them on the internet. We are very grateful to Tony for all the work he has done and the professional result he achieves.

We have no update as yet as to any changes in procedures in church regarding mask wearing and social distancing but will keep everyone informed once decisions are made.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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APOLOGIES FOR ANOTHER LATE LINK ARRIVAL...

Sadly, my promise to do my utmost to ensure that normal service would be resumed from August has not been fulfilled and I again offer my sincere apologies to all our readers and distributors for this. I am hopeful that normal service can and will be resumed from September.

As with last month, though for totally different reasons, I take full responsibility and can only apologise sincerely for yet another delay. I have prided myself on getting the magazine out before the end of the preceding month for a long time, suffice to say I had entrusted August production to another due to personal issues and it did not go well. I will not be doing that again...

However, the problems encountered in producing these recent issues underline the fact that The Link really does need more than one person to be involved and responsible for its editing, production and paying advertisers. Despite various pleas in recent years since this situation arose sadly no one has come forward... if anyone is interested in finding out more, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss how you might be able to get involved – even in a small way.

Gill Leonard

Editor

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NEW WEBSITE FOR RODE PARISH COUNCIL

Rode Parish Council is moving from its current website - www.rodeparishcouncil.webs.com. to a new web page within the Rode village website. The old website failed to meet government requirements for accessibility for websites and it was therefore decided that instead of trying to make this site comply with the regulations it would be better to create a new site. It was agreed that the best solution would be for a site that sits within the Rode village site.

The 'old' site is still in existence but will not be updated; all new material will go onto the new site. This can be found either by going to the village site: www.rodevillage.com or by going to the Parish Council site directly through: www.rodevillage.com/parish-council/

Hugh Williams

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

CHANGING PLACES (NEW CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES)

The Boundary Commission has been charged with reviewing the exiting constituency boundaries to ensure that they are consistent with present population. The rules for sizing a constituency include the number of people (68,000 electors plus or minus 5%) and the geographic area (no greater than 13,000 square kms). Frome and Somerton's electoral population is 85,866 and although the constituency is large (it takes an hour and a half to drive from end to end) its area at 2,230 sq kms, meets the criterion for geographic size. However, it is significantly larger than the target for numbers of electors.

To address this issue the Boundary Commission is proposing to split the constituency into two: Glastonbury and Somerton to the south, and Frome to the north. It is also proposing to add part of the constituency of Northeast Somerset to the Frome constituency, as shown in grey on the map.

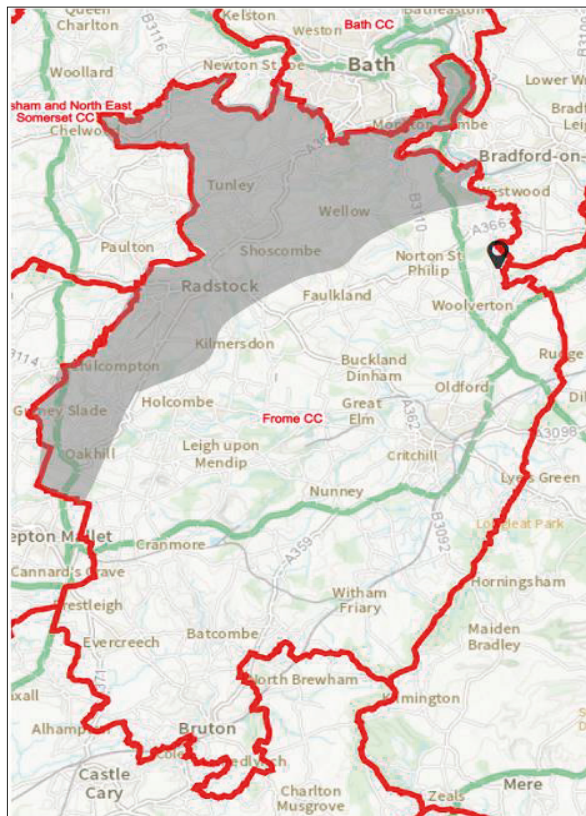
This adjustment will add the towns of Radstock and Midsomer Norton to the constituency as well as the villages of Oakhill, Gurney Slade, Chilcompton Hinton Charterhouse and Wellow.

The resulting constituency population will be 70,202, thus meeting the population rule.

Residents have until 2nd August to have their say on the new boundaries, write to:
information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk.

These two new constituencies will come into existence in time for the 2024 election.

Anthony Battersby



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SOMERSET WASTE SERVICES



Six weeks to support waste services - Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) has reluctantly decided to suspend garden waste collections for six weeks from Monday 2 August.

Collections are expected to restart from Monday 13 September. Should that date change, we will let subscribers know.

We apologise for this temporary measure, which is essential to maintain rubbish and recycling collections.

Suspending garden waste collections allows us to redeploy staff to support vital rubbish and recycling services. It will not get the services back to normal, but it will help minimise disruption.

Subscribers do not need to do anything. Their subscription will be automatically extended by eight weeks, including an extra two weeks for the disruption, especially at this key time for gardeners. Garden waste collections will continue up to and including Friday 30 July. From that date, SWP will not return for missed collections. Garden waste sack collections cannot be booked during the suspension. What subscribers can do:

- Recycle sites. All 16 Somerset recycle sites take garden waste.
- Reduce waste. Mow and prune less this summer; let it grow.
- Mulch. Use grass cuttings to retain moisture and reduce weeds.
- Aid nature. Add branches to your "wild corner" to help useful bugs.
- Compost. More on composting, including bargain compost bins, here: somersetwaste.gov.uk/home-composting
- Do not put garden waste into rubbish or recycling containers; do not fly-tip.

Questions? - Vital to get in touch? There is more information on garden waste collections and the suspension, full FAQs and an online contact form at somersetwaste.gov.uk/gardenwaste-suspension

If essential to get in touch, the form is the quickest way to make contact.

If you cannot use the online form, **DO NOT** contact your district council – it is **NOT** involved in managing the garden waste suspension. Instead, call 01823 589900– the dedicated garden waste service 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

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You can cut missed pick-ups - Help your crews get more done:

- Sort materials into the right containers; have all out by 6am.
- Stack boxes in windy weather to reduce waste being blown around.

- Squash, flatten and (if safe) crush all except glass and aerosols so crews can collect more before having to return to their depot to unload.

After a pandemic year in which crews worked far longer hours with heavier waste loads, the LGV driver shortage and COVID self-isolation of staff have badly hit services. We have apologised for the recent delays to many collections, and we are working hard with collections contractor SUEZ to maintain services. But there is no quick fix. Somerset is not alone; many councils face similar pressures.

Delays and disruption are frustrating but would ask for your patience. From training to recruitment - see: suez.co.uk/en-gb/join-our-team-in-somerset - everyone is working hard to improve services. For latest news, visit somersetwaste.gov.uk/service-update.



**Somerset
Waste
Partnership**

Get more done online - Via My Waste Services 24/7 at somersetwaste.gov.uk, you can:

- Order any recycle container free
- Log missed collections after 7pm
- Pay for asbestos/plasterboard
- Order a paid bulky waste pick-up
- Sort clinical/assisted collections
- Get recycle site van/trailer permit
- Send comments about services



Summer bin blaze warning - Concern about fire in

refuse has been raised after two rubbish truck blazes due to batteries and hot ash, both of which had to be made safe by firefighters with - luckily - no one injured. Somerset Waste Partnership is urging residents to always drench or allow to fully cool the embers from bonfires and barbecues before adding them to the rubbish bin, and to never throw away batteries or aerosols in their refuse. For more about how to combat the risk to your family and home, check out: somersetwaste.gov.uk/slider/binblaze/

See our website: somersetwaste.gov.uk for details of waste services and what more you can do to reduce, reuse and recycle. Facebook: facebook.com/somersetwaste Twitter: twitter.com/SomersetWaste.

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YOU HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER...



I joined the Trustees of Rode Playing Field in October 2018 not really expecting to end up as Chair. As you probably imagine it's been an interesting and often challenging time to be part of a team running a facility that is so important to our lovely village. I did agree to be Chair for three years and that time is now nearly up.

We're now facing problems keeping the charity running. At our AGM, scheduled for October this year, it is more than likely we'll be looking for a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer leaving the Board of Trustees with just 4 members. Our Declaration of Trust requires the charity to have a minimum of 7 Trustees. therefore, unless we have people come forward to take on these roles, the charity will be suspended and control handed to Rode Parish Council as landowner, in November.

Like many charitable organisations, finding people to volunteer to run things is problematical. I appreciate that people are busy with their own lives and, dare I say, tend to take small charitable organisations like ours a little bit for granted. Anyway, please come and volunteer help to manage and maintain this invaluable Rode village facility.

Booking the Pavilion and Playing Field:

I've touched on this before I think but just a reminder that residents can hire the pavilion for small parties and even the playing field itself for larger events.



We charge a hire fee because we're a charity and need to maintain the property. That said it's really not expensive at £5 per hour for the pavilion and £7.50 per hour for short term, exclusive use of the playing field.

Rode residents even get a 20% discount but I'll leave you to do the maths. Suffice to say at those prices the facilities are a bargain. Email: rodepfbookings@gmail.com.

On a similar note, if you wish to use part of the playing field to run a small commercial venture such as an outdoor yoga session, personal training etc. then please do get in touch about making a donation to playing field funds.

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Community Orchard and Wildlife Area:

The Committee had a meeting with potential volunteers to help with delivering this exciting project in early June. Our first full gathering, getting people into the teams they feel most comfortable contributing to, was at the end of July.

We're still a bit short of help so if you'd like to exercise your inner Charlie Dimmock or you see yourself as a budding Monty Don please get in touch.

We're particularly looking for people with communication and financial skills to help with publicity and fund raising.

Don't be shy! You know you can help. The email address is below.

Nigel Clarke

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PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in June 2021:

1st - £50.00The Berry Family, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 Diana Russell, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Claire Garmston, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2, Richard Priest, Rode (thanks again to Mark and Hannah).

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 and 2 Sunday roasts, possible all for £1.00 per ticket! And remember you are supporting the Playing Field when you buy your ticket.

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

Next draw Tuesday August 31st.

If anyone would like to do the draw or witness it from a suitable social distance then please feel free to do so. Just ask.

Keith Sharman

T: 830408

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RODE IN BLOOM & OPEN GARDENS – 08.08.21 11-4PM

Rode Grows and Shares, Rode and District Gardening Club and Rode Allotment Society have come together to organise a garden competition and open gardens across Rode, Woolverton and Tellisford.

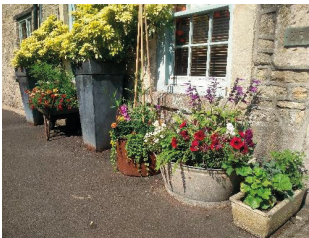
We want to showcase, encourage and recognise how important gardens are, in whatever form and size, and celebrate them and everyone involved in making and tending to them. In the parish, there is a huge passion for plants and gardens, and it would be so good to share this passion and knowledge further.



On the day, there will be a manned hub on the Rode Village Green including a map of the gardens involved and a plant and gardenalia stall.

The stall will be raising funds for the development of a community orchard and wildlife area on the section 106 land, overseen by the Rode Playing Field and Pavilion. Any donations for the stall would be very welcome.

The competition categories are: planter/ hanging basket, small garden, large garden, veg garden/allotment, wildlife garden, and children's planter.



The competition will be judged by Janet and Marc Berlin, who live in Wingfield and are passionate gardeners and experienced judges – including Bath in Bloom. There will also be a public vote for the best garden overall. Prizes will be awarded for the winner of each category.

Residents entering the competition are encouraged, if possible, to open their gardens to fellow residents on Sunday 8 August, but this is not compulsory. Alternatively, if you do not wish to enter the competition, but wish to open your garden (including front garden) then that would be great and also so welcome – just get in touch with me.

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Thank you ever so much to all those of you who have contacted me to enter the competition and to register to open your garden, we are very grateful for your support!

It would be great to have even more people taking part, so please do if you are keen – or encourage a friend or neighbour to take part.

Be reassured that we want it to be more of a celebration than a competition, with everyone and every garden eligible, with an incentive of winning some fantastic prizes.

Some of our fantastic local businesses have kindly and very generously donated prizes to the Rode in Bloom competition – including The Cross Keys, The Village Bakery, Fussels Fine Foods, Louise Bees, Michael Gane photography, Downside Nursery and The Nursery in Hilperton, plus a signed copy of the children's gardening book 'Plant, Sow, Grow and Make' by Esther Coombs.

Printed entry forms will be available via the Rode Post Office and General Store, and also available electronically – request one by sending me an email.

**Entries were to be received by 24 July –
but for those of you reading this and wanting to take part –
I will now accept entries and open garden offers up until 6 August -
either posted to 25 High Street, Rode
or emailed to juliarobb@hotmail.co.uk**

I would absolutely love to hear from you if you are interested in entering the competition and/or opening your garden to the public for the day, if you would like to be involved in any way and specifically if you have any plants or garden related items to donate to the stand.

Julia Robb

E: juliarobb@hotmail.co.uk. T: 07527 918314

THANK YOU...

For the kindness, support and expressions of sympathy we have received at this difficult time following the loss of our beloved son and brother George, they are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Wendy Gould and Family

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RODE VILLAGE DAY – ON AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

On Monday August 30th we want to celebrate the wonderful village of Rode and its businesses - who have worked hard to make this difficult time a lot easier.



If you wish to have a stall please contact us.

Any village organisations wanting to raise funds are welcome, please contact us for information.

Plans are now being finalised, but we envisage set up around 10am and opening at around 11am.

We are still adding to the list of activities which already include:

Bar, BBQ, Children's Entertainer Dave Hickory, Balloon Man, Inflatable, Stalls, Music, Gregg Suggest - singer and comedian and more.

We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Ann Edney and Pat Restorick

T: Ann 830544 or Pat 830572

JULY DEMENTIA FRIENDS EVENT UPDATE

Sadly the July event had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a number of Covid pings.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused to you by the unavoidable cancellation.

The event has been rearranged and will now be held on Monday September 6th please see page 36 for details.



**Dementia
Friends**

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

Jo Robinson

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RODE COMEDY FESTIVAL RETURNS SEPTEMBER 2021...

Rode Comedy Festival launched last September in response to the catastrophic effects of the pandemic on the comedy industry.



We saw an opportunity to run a small and accessible open-air Covid safe comedy festival, making up for months of restrictions on performances, and large events.

Working with our friends Emma and James Burton at Pitch Perfect Camping, and the team at The Cross Keys Rode, the concept took off, and became a sell-out success hosting big name comedians. Headliners for 2020 included stadium level comedians whose national tours had been postponed – including Russell Kane and Russell Howard. See page 37 for details about this year's Rode Comedy Festival, on from 9th-12th September 2021.

Based in Rode, Pop-Up Comedy run comedy shows throughout the area, including Rode's Cross Keys, and further afield in lovely village pubs, theatres and more unique unexpected venues.

As well as Rode Comedy Festival, there is a programme of open-air comedy shows throughout the summer, booking now on popupcomedy.org.

Amelia and Jarred Christmas
Pop-Up Comedy

A GREAT RESULT FOR RODE'S RECENT JUMBLE SALE

The Jumble Sale held on July 10th at Rode Playing Field went very well and raised £330!

Thank you.

This money will go towards Rode Village Day on 30th August see pages 12 and 35 for full details...



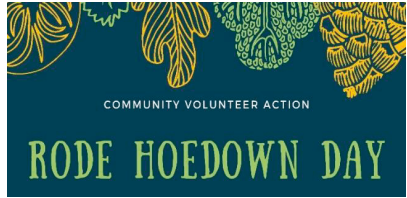
Our thanks also to all the helpers and Aaron, Ian and Ro who did all the heavy work.

Ann Edney and Pat Restorick

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RODE HOEDOWN UPDATE

Thank you so much to those of you who joined in on June's Hoedown, for your enthusiasm and great work in rather damp conditions! And to all of you who did/are doing weeding/strimming etc in your Lanes, Streets and Roads when time avails.



The pavement to the Mill Bridge had a really good cut back and was cleared of overhanging brambles and nettles, which as well as making it easier to walk also makes it safer.

Church Lane pavement from Nutts Lane had a great strim by Matthew from Matthew Mowing on the Sunday morning which made a massive difference, unfortunately the trimmer temporarily died after 2/3rds so we trimmed the rest in the afternoon with secateurs.



Marsh Road Gullies had a very thorough strim and clear out at the top end which looks beautiful, and High Street, Church Lane and Rode Hill, had some necessary weeding, sweeping and path clearing, all much appreciated and very noticeable.

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The Book-Swap Phone Box is being well maintained which is important as it houses the Defibrillator which needs to be easily accessible at ALL TIMES!

A big thank you to Arron, Anne Edney's grandson, who has done a remarkable job on the lower/mid Marsh Road gullies which he has managed to dig out, a massive job as they were hard like concrete, possibly also concrete!!

Also many thanks to Sam from Rode General Store and Cafe for being on standby with refreshments for us. Because of the weather there was a consensus from those on the Green at 2pm, to cancel meeting again at 4pm for refreshments as it looked very likely that we would be in rain!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Our next Hoedown is Sunday 29th August @2pm.

With best wishes

Elaine Butler, Mike Salmon, Peter Travis and Hugh Williams



200 CLUB

The 200 club results for June are as follows:

1st prize £50 Roger and Liz Dinnis

2nd prize: £25 Pat Chiles

Drawn by Heidi Restorick

Jan Jupp



1st Rode (Scout Group)

Parish News

LAVERTON NEWS

At last - summer is here (for the time being anyway!). I'm sitting in the warm evening sunshine having just returned from Belvoir Castle, where our very own



Virginia Garaux was a finalist in this year's Flower and Garden Show. Set in the stunning Capability Brown parkland overlooking the lake, Virginia's beautiful Mediterranean garden looked totally wonderful in the scorching Lincolnshire sunshine! It was a struggle for the exhibitors to keep everything watered so a Mediterranean theme was a very good choice! A photo from the event and details of Virginia's design - inspired by 'Delos' at Sissinghurst embracing new planting styles in an era of climate change.



Row Farm, Down Memory Lane - Many thanks to Shirley for passing on some interesting old photos she had received from Malcolm Davies - who used to farm at Row Farm in the days before it was converted into several dwellings.



You may recognise someone from one the photos, I was particularly interested in the same photo as the building with the cows outside is now our lounge! I've got several more old photos if anyone is interested in looking at them.

Parish News



Thank you Shirley and Malcolm!

And finally - just a little reminder about the forthcoming Laverton Fete outside in the Churchyard on 31st July from 10.30-12.00 noon. Everyone welcome.

Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts!

Jackie Moss

Parish News

LATEST SCAM NEWS 21/07/2021 9788 Somerset Areas -

Partnership with supermarkets helps police protect victims targeted by fraudsters in gift card scams. Fraud Protect Officers launched the initiative in April after a noticeable rise in scam cases where victims were being asked to purchase gift cards. In most cases requests for gift cards are part of a bigger scam - victims unwittingly giving thousands of pounds over time. These scams normally start by fraudsters trying to gain their victim's trust, this can happen over a period of weeks or months. Having gained the victim's trust, they will ask them to purchase gift cards for them, typically inventing a time-critical reason why they need the victim to help them. Once the victim has bought the gift cards, they are then asked to provide the individual number on the vouchers. The fraudsters may drain the value of the card, but typically sell the gift cards on. They will usually then ask the victim to go and buy more for them. Fraud protect officer Amy Horrobin said: "In a large number of these cases, sadly, the victim is taken in by the scam because they are trying to help others, whether that be someone they believe to be a love interest, or a reputable agency. Its brilliant people are increasingly wary that they shouldn't hand over banking information or transfer money to people they don't know but it means fraudsters are coming up with more elaborate ways to steal victims' cash. People don't tend to associate gift cards so readily with scams. If you've been a victim, please report it."



We've seen an increasing number of crimes involving the purchase of Steam cards - Steam is an online platform where people can download/play games. Proactive work has led to staff at Sainsbury/Argos stores recognising several customers as a potential fraud victim and to refer these incidents to us, allowing us to investigate/support the victim. Incidents reported to us include:

- A shopper had made several Steam purchases totalling £140 - They had been contacted by several people via a gaming app who claimed to be single mothers unable to feed their children. In total victim parted with approx £2,000.
- Over weeks a customer bought several Steam gift cards then tried to buy a £500 voucher. She was a romance fraud victim, conversing online with someone in USA with a fake profile who wanted to marry her she sent a total of £4,000.
- A shopper attempted to purchase 2 £500 Steam gift cards having been phoned by someone claiming to be a police officer, claiming a car had been found in Wales with paperwork linking the vehicle to them and that it also contained drugs and guns. The fraudster said that unless gift cards were bought then the woman could be arrested.

Under-reporting is a real issue with these crimes, victims wrongly believe nothing can be done or they feel embarrassed by what has happened. We urge anyone in this situation to report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>.

Parish Ecology

THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES

With growing awareness of the climate and ecological emergency we are more and more conscious of the importance of trees. England is one of the most tree-depleted countries in Europe with only 10% woodland cover compared with 38% across the EU and 31% across the world. We long ago cut down our trees to clear farmland, to build ships to create an empire and to make charcoal for the industrial revolution - now we have to work differently and better.

- The first reason that trees are so important is that they capture carbon dioxide as they grow. Carbon dioxide is absorbed by leaves and trapped in the structure of the wood helping to slow global heating. The more mature a tree is the more effective the carbon capture. So, in addition to planting lots of saplings, we need to protect the big specimens that are doing the heavy lifting until the youngsters can start to have an impact.
- The second reason is that woodland, especially native broad-leaved woodland, is a hugely rich and diverse ecosystem and an important part of the landscape - we need to protect and expand the remnants that we have left. Woodland will help to protect us from flooding, which is predicted to become more common (recent flooding in Germany is another startling signal), but climate is only one part of the crisis we face. We have to respond to the way our wildlife is being depleted by habitat loss and poisonous chemicals. We need to think not just about individual trees but about protecting, managing and expanding our richest and diverse woodlands so they can support bugs, reptiles and mammals.
- And the third reason is that trees are vitally important for our physical and mental health. We need to see trees, including big mature trees, not as an inconvenience but as assets to the community and take far more care to preserve them for everybody's benefit. Some mature trees are covered by Tree Preservation Orders but most have no protection and developers tend to think that planting a few replacement saplings in "mitigation" will cover their commitment to biodiversity. Trees are part of the richness of our living environment – a lack of trees constitutes a significant deprivation.

The government has just published The England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024 which says that local authorities will help to create a strategy for woodland and trees and should appoint a local tree officer to create partnerships, develop a woodland and tree strategy and monitor the way it enriches our environment. Let us hope this seed is given the time and resources to mature fully and that we see a more strategic approach to the preservation and expansion of the trees and woodland across the towns, villages and countryside of Mendip.

Barbie Lund (With thanks to Francis Hayden, Green Party Councillor for Cranmore, Doulling and Nunney for much of the above text.)

Parish Health & Wellbeing



**Get Outside
IN SOMERSET**

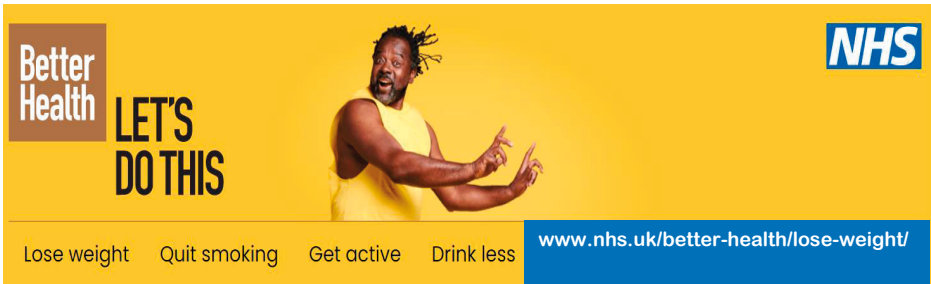
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Injured or unwell? Use the right service

NHS

 <p>Self-care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grazed knees • Sore throat • Coughs & colds <p>Visit nhs.uk for self-care advice</p>	 <p>Pharmacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headaches • Upset stomach • Aches & pains • Bites & stings 	 <p>111 NHS 111</p> <p>Visit 111.nhs.uk or call 111 for advice and support</p> <p>24 hours a day 7 days a week</p>	 <p>GP</p> <p>Call your GP for symptoms that won't go away</p>	 <p>Minor Injury Unit</p> <p>Urgent but not life-threatening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sprains • fractures • burns 	<p>999</p> <p>A&E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unconscious • Breathing difficulties • Stroke • Heart attack • Heavy bleeding • Severe burns
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#ChooseWell

COVID-19 Vaccination and Pregnancy

COVID-19 in pregnancy

- Most will have no or mild cold / flu symptoms
- A positive diagnosis is more dangerous after 28 weeks pregnant
- Higher risk of admission to intensive care
- Higher risk of premature birth
- Risk of stillbirth doubled
- Increased risk of pre-eclampsia.



The data so far...

- No vaccine is known to be harmful in pregnancy
- UK vaccines are not 'live', so cannot give you the virus
- Pfizer and Moderna given to 130,000 pregnant women in USA with no safety concerns.



Women who are at higher risk of severe disease include:

- Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV)
- Underlying medical condition e.g. diabetes
- BMI 25 or more
- Age 35 or more
- Over 28 weeks pregnant.



You are at higher risk of catching COVID-19 if:

- You or someone in your household is a health / social care worker
- Your community has a high rate of infection
- You have frequent contact with people outside your home
- You live with someone who works in the hospitality or tourist industry
- You are from a minority ethnicity background.



Parish Youth News & Events

H.V. CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOTS AND TOYS:

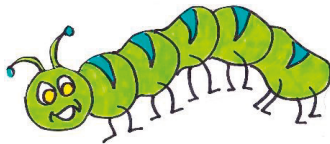
Tots and Toys for the 0–4-year-olds is taking place in St. Philip and St. James Church, Norton St. Philip during the school holidays on Wednesday mornings but continuing as pre-booked sessions (9.30am-10.30am and 11am -Midday) due to the worrying, continuing rise in Covid cases and the number of families having to self- isolate.



£2.00 per adult for coffee and cake please bring your own refreshments for babes, toddlers and any older siblings.

There will be no craft activities for older siblings who are welcome to attend with their younger brothers and sisters as has happened pre-Covid instead we are running for this age group ...

AUGUST CATERPILLAR CLUB:



Caterpillar Club is for 4–9-year-olds and will be held in St. Philip and St. James Church and Churchyard on Wednesday afternoons 2.30pm-4.00pm. This club is not suitable for the under 4-year-olds.

Each child attending will need an adult or older teenage sibling who can be responsible for them for indoor craft activities and outdoor churchyard wildlife explorations. £2.00 for the first child and then £1.00 for each subsequent child in the family attending.

This club is pre-booked and has a limit on numbers who can attend each session. Please book your sessions asap. We will also be finishing the bug hotel and continuing the work of 'Caring for God's Acre'. There are badges to collect for each session attended although all sessions are 'standalone' as this is holiday time. Refreshments will be served to children and adults during the session.

- WHY DID GOD MAKE BUGS? Weds 4th August
- SLUGS AND SNAILS Weds 11th August
- BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS Weds 18th August
- BEETLES AND BEES Weds 25th August

Sue Rodford

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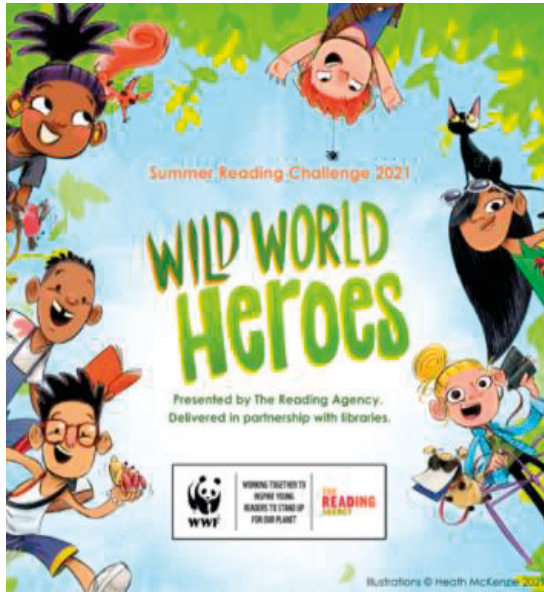
Parish Youth News & Events

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Somerset libraries are calling for children to sign up to read six books this summer and become 'Wild World Heroes', as part of the Summer Reading Challenge 2021.

The theme Wild World Heroes was inspired by nature and developed in partnership this year with charity World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and encourages 4-11-year olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer.

This year's challenge takes place in Wilderville, where our young heroes live. Wilderville is a pretty cool place but the heroes have been noticing some problems. Helped by their trusted animal companions, they are ready to take action to save the natural world.



As children read library books for the Summer Reading Challenge, they will collect transformation stickers – some with mysterious smells. By adding these stickers to their fold out map of Wilderville, young readers will fix the environmental problem in each area and make Wilderville a better home for everyone. On completion of the challenge, they will receive a medal and certificate for reading all six books.

To take part in Wild World Heroes, all you need to do is sign up at your nearest library, where you will be given a bookmark to start your Summer Reading Challenge adventure.

Wild World Heroes launched in July at libraries across Somerset Libraries and runs until 10 September.

There's a whole programme of events and activities planned at Somerset libraries for families over the summer to celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge both in person and online. Just contact your local library or go to www.somersetlibraries.co.uk to find out how to take part.

Parish Gardening

It's been a hot last few weeks of July, feeling like the south of France at points, wonderful for harvesting but made gardening quite challenging. I have really enjoyed the incredible blue skies and golden hour sunsets that we've been having, during one week we were so lucky to see a barn owl fly near our growing plot twice as the sun was going down!

AUGUST GARDENING:

- Watering – it's the most important gardening job at this time of year – either first thing in the morning or late in the evening when the temperatures have dropped. It is better to water a good amount less often, than a small amount of water frequently – as this will encourage deep roots making the plant more resilient against dry conditions. However, if we are experiencing a heat wave, then plants need to be watered often and with a generous amount to avoid the plants and its soil drying out. If you are planning a holiday, depending on the time you go and how sensitive your plants are to drying out, you may need to ask for help with watering or to set up some irrigation. In addition, if you have a pond make sure it's topped up if the level drops in dry spells.
- Weeding – try to keep annual and perennial weeds at bay as soon as you can to stop them from spreading near to or on your chosen plants. Perennial weeds like bindweed and ground elder are an ongoing problem, as they root from the smallest of white roots. But keeping on top of it, removing as much of the root as you can will help keep them in check.
- Deadheading – deadheading flowers such as roses, penstemon, echinacea, delphiniums, lupins, dahlias, sweet peas, cosmos etc. will encourage the production of more flowers. So the more you cut, the more you'll get of these flowers to enjoy.
- Cutting back – herbaceous perennials such as hardy geraniums, campanula and alchemilla mollis will be in need of a cut back at some point soon, if not already. Hardy geraniums will regrow and should re-flower at least once before the frosts come.
- Pruning – wisteria should be pruned twice a year (summer and winter) to keep it in check and to promote good flowering. The summer prune is repeated as required as the wisteria stems just keep growing. Lavender should be pruned back after it has finished flowering, and it is recommended to be done on the 8th day of the 8th month, however in practice I find this is much too early as the bees (and us gardeners) are still enjoying them, so I tend to prune them around the end of September but go with whatever suits you and your plant.
- Harvesting – you can cut back herbs now that they have put on a lot of growth, and you can either hang them up and dry them or freeze them in ice cubes to preserve and have them to use when you need them.

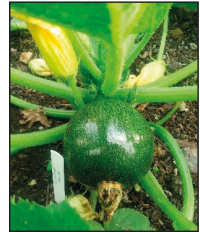
Parish Gardening

- Plant support – certain plants may need a bit of extra support if they've put on a lot of growth and haven't yet had it, either from an appropriate type of stake or by tying the growth onto supports such as trellis.
- Hedge cutting – you may have already started cutting your hedges but cutting a beech hedge now will look neat until next summer. Before you cut any hedge, do check for nesting birds. If you want your hedge to flower and fruit, such as pyracantha, hawthorn, blackthorn, then avoid cutting until after you or the birds have harvested in autumn or later or carefully prune away any new long growths. Using an old sheet or a tarpaulin underneath where you are cutting can be very handy to catch the clippings, which makes picking up and keeping tidy much easier.
- Lawn – keep cutting your lawn regularly if you want to keep the grass as full as possible but raise the blades during any prolonged dry spell.
- Saving seed – after flowers are pollinated they will set seed, and when they ripen you can then either directly sow (or scatter) straight away, or you could dry and then store them and sow as you wish next spring.
- Wildlife – keep cleaning and topping up water containers for birds and hedgehogs who really need additional access to water when the weather is so warm and there hasn't been much rain. And if you can put food out too that would be great.

Shared Gardens – All 3 greenhouses now planted – the tomato house was first, second cucumbers, luffas, aubergines and cucamelons, and the last one (which was the potting greenhouse) planted with abutilon and more aubergines. With



the rain and then all the sunshine, everything came on leaps and bounds in July - incredible to see – the nictotiana, helichrysum, statice and sweet peas are romping away now, the courgette plants are huge and we're harvesting courgettes, both round and various straight ones, we've had our first few tomatoes and



yellow mangetout as well. The purple 'Sugar Magnolia' sugar snap pea flowers are absolutely beautiful, and the peas are now coming on nicely and filling out. Would you be interested getting involved in the Garden Share scheme across the parish? You can share your garden with others or have more space to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers! I'd love to hear from you if you are interested....

I hope that you have a good month ahead and do hope to see you on Sunday 8 August at the Rode in Bloom and Open Gardens – details on pages 10 & 33.

Julia Robb

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Parish Groups

RODE MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

We had a very pleasant, partially woodland walk in July which was chosen in case of seasonally hot weather; you may remember that most of July proved to be wet and cold! However, we were lucky that day as it turned out to be dry and quite misty but we did miss the clear views expected from Heaven's Gate.



Next month's walk falls on Thursday 5th August and we start from the Village Green at 10 am. I propose to walk to Laverton along the lanes, returning through fields if they're not too overgrown. Please contact me if you'd like further details.

Liz Dinnis

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N.B. Future Walk Dates: Sep 2nd/Oct 7th/Nov 4th/Dec 2nd/Jan 6th

RODE OVER 60s CLUB

A reminder that we are planning to hold our Cream Tea, in the Memorial Hall, on Friday 13th August at 2.30pm. Do come along and enjoy this event - normally one of the highlights of our calendar. We look forward to seeing you.

Ros Dymond

RODE LADIES GROUP

This is a reminder that Rode Ladies Group will be holding their first meeting since the Covid restrictions on Wednesday 22nd September at 2.30 pm in Rode & District Memorial Hall. Thereafter the meetings will take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Let's enjoy getting together again (while of course complying with any future regulations). On this occasion we will be joined by Claire Wilson who will be displaying Flamingo cards and stationery available for purchase.



We look forward to being re-united with existing members, and hope that potential new members will come and meet us too.

Pam George

N.B. Future Meeting Dates: Sep 22nd, Oct 27th, Nov 24th (all at 2.30pm)

Parish Groups

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

We are very much looking forward to seeing all our Lunch Clubbers when we reconvene on Monday 4th October at the Village Hall!

For those who are new to the village we meet on the first Monday of the month at our Village Hall.

Our members range in age from 60-90 years young - you need to be 60 to get in!!

We serve a two course home cooked meal for the amazing price of £4 (bring your own wine if you want to as The Hall is Licenced) - please come and join us and enjoy the company of our fellow members and the very proficient Year 4 children from Rode School - It's great to see our young helpers mixing with our slightly older village members - who knew calling out the raffle numbers could be such fun?!!



Finally, if you need help getting to the Hall we can help out and come and collect you - just let me know!

Our doors are always open and we welcome new members so please do come along and enjoy the company!!

With love

Alex Sing and the Team

T: 01373 830838

OTHER CLUBS NEWS AND EVENTS ALSO WELCOME...

As restrictions ease and more activities can go ahead people want to know about them.

If you would like to publicise and include details of a club you are involved with, please do contact us: link@rodevillage.com.

Parish History

Below is the second of seven articles originally published in the Link in 1976.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS... Farleigh Hungerford

So named by the Hungerford family whose descendants, in an almost unbroken line, owned the Castle and most of the land in Farleigh and Tellisford from 1370 until the turn of this century, i.e. more than 500 years. During one of the breaks in Hungerford succession, the Estate was bought by the Houltons of Trowbridge, who built themselves a “new Castle” in 1805 (now Ravenscroft School) and as the old one became an ancient monument, its preservation was put into the care of the now Department of the Environment in 1915, and as such it attracts thousands of tourists each year, from near and far.

In the early 1900's Farleigh was a favourite rendezvous for Bath society who drove out in their two horse breaks to the popular Tea Gardens beside the stream, where there are now watercress beds. On their way along the lane below the castle, they would have passed the busy cloth factory in Mill Yard, which employed many women from Rode and Tellisford (I wonder how many of us today would cheerfully walk from Rode to Farleigh to work a hard 12-hour shift, then walk home again, six days a week and all for a few shillings payment?)

Eventually the Bishops moved from the lower Tea Gardens into the Hungerford Arms and built a terrace behind the pub to accommodate their previous tea-total clientele.

The final demise of the cloth factory more or less coincided with the steady increase of motorised patrons, so when the building was demolished the stone was used for the foundations of what is now the car park for the Hungerford Arms.



Parish History

The Parishes of Tellisford and Farleigh have been linked as long as any resident can remember, and during the last war when the Rev. Baker was the incumbent, living at Tellisford House, the Farleigh Rectory was requisitioned as living-quarters for the Army unit then based in Wingfield.

Luckily, the bomb which landed in the Rectory garden was successfully defused, but it was a major operation taking a week to complete – during which the pub and all nearby cottages were evacuated.

Incidentally, the author of “Rock of Ages” is believed to have lived at Farleigh Rectory, though the actual rock which inspired the hymn is thought to be near the entry to Wookey Hole.

Good support was given to any local events such as the Institute Garden Parties on the lawns at Farleigh House, and the Harvest Suppers held in the Chapel (next to what is now the Post Office), where residents still remember the vast pumpkins, fed on sugar-water, produced by the late Mr. Walter Broadway - the largest of which would not go through the door when the great night arrived!

This gentleman in his youth provided the village with a taxi service to Trowbridge by means of his one-horse wagonette, which carried up to seven passengers plus luggage each morning, either for shopping or to catch the 9 a.m. train for London - the prime purpose of the trip being to deliver his milk churns to that train, for which he received $4\frac{1}{2}$ old pence per gallon.

When the Village School (opposite the Church and next to the then grocery shop) closed in 1933, some of the children went to Freshford but most followed their beloved Schoolmistress, Miss Barrow, to her new School at Laverton - indeed so popular was she that when she died in 1964 at the age of 80, her many pupils and friends gave the cover which now graces the font in Farleigh Church to her memory.

Contributed by Mr. Victor Broadway and Mr. Fred Davis.

Editor's Note:

Many thanks to our “Rode History Man”, Peter Harris, without whom we would not be able to have these snapshots in to our parish history. Peter is a published author on Rode – his books are available at Rode P.O. & General Store. If you come across any old parish magazines in your attic or wish to involve him in researching something involving local history do contact him. His email address is: pjh14cl@gmail.com.

Parish Cricket

4-7 YEAR AGE GROUP

A Big shout out to Holly, Nicky, Tammy, Liv, Bron and Emily for, not only a fantastic last All stars session of the summer, but for seven fantastic weeks of fun and games based around an introduction to cricket.

Over a rain affected seven weeks Holly and the team took 47, 4-7-year-olds, through their first steps to becoming the cricketers of the future!



Last Thursday saw the last session of the summer. Finally, the weather changed and in glorious sunshine the final fun and games took place. Batting, bowling, fielding.... This was followed by a now legendary hot dog and cake courtesy of Friends of Beckington CC before a world cup style presentation of medals to each player in turn.

Holly, Nicky, Tammy and Bron all volunteered to undertake ECB training to become All Star Activators and with support from Liv and Emily pulled off a fantastic job. This was proved as numbers returned week after week.

A well deserved token of appreciation of Pink Prosecco and flowers was presented to the team by the All Stars.



A Big Big Thank you from all at Beckington CC.

See You all next year!

Parish Cricket

YOUTH AND SENIOR CRICKET



Stop the press.... last month saw the mighty pitchforks win their second match of the season, away to Keevil on 30th June, by 26 runs! The first being away to Frome, remember? Come on keep up!

At the time of writing, we have only played one game since then at home to misfits and you will be safe in knowing that normal service was resumed with a narrow loss. Hey, we are only just over half way through the season, onwards and upwards!

Youth Cricket - This month's mention goes to the U11'Badgers' Team. Friday 2nd July saw them host Hampset on Churchmead in the quarter final of the Bath and District U11 Cup. The Badgers romped home with a resounding victory and big thanks goes to the fantastic crowd that turned out to cheer them on.

Saturday 10th July saw a combined u11 and U12 side host Primrose Hill CC on tour from London. The Badgers battled admirably, playing their first 40 over a side match, twice the length they are used to. Primrose Hill proved too strong in the end but a great game of cricket was played and new friendships forged. Thank you to Peter and Rosemary Yarker for sponsoring that match.

Finally on Friday 16th July, at Beckington CC, The Badgers hosted Bradford on Avon in the Cup semi final.

Winning the toss and putting BOA into bat, the boys produced an almost faultless bowling and fielding performance which had virtually won them the game before picking a bat up themselves!

The final, against Lansdown Griffins, is to be played again at Beckington CC on Tuesday 27 July.

All support is most welcome.

They're going all the way!

Date for the Diary

Sunday 15 August - Club Day - Details to be confirmed but Covid Restrictions permitting we hope to have an afternoon of village cricket followed by entertainment for all the village.

Parish Cricket

Senior Cricket Fixtures (Wednesday evenings, 6pm, unless stated)

21 July	Red Star Frome	Home	Sponsor Jan Perrett
25 July (Sun 1pm)	Horningsham CC	Home	Sponsor Veryan Moore
29 July (Thu)	Red Star Frome	Away	
1 Aug (Sun 1pm)	The Family CC	Home	Sponsors Graham & Shelia Lock
4 Aug	Beckington TBC	Home	Sponsor required
11 Aug	Heytesbury	Home	Sponsor Lorna Almonds-Windmill
15 Aug (Sun 1pm)	Club Day	Home	Sponsor Sara Jocelyn
22 Aug (Sun 1pm)	Lisvane CC, Cardiff	Home	Sponsor Sheila Madeley
5 Sept (Sun 1pm)	Cranmore	Home	Sponsors David & Ros Lockley

Finally, a very BIG thank you to all our club and match sponsors and all our social members. You make the financial running of the club a lot less stressful with your generous support.

It's great to see our fan base returning to some normality too. The atmosphere you create on Wednesday evening is fantastic. The number of 'empties' is even better!

Norton St Philip CC is a one team, very friendly and social, village club that play midweek matches. If you would like a game or just like to become a social member please contact Chairman Rupert Foster, 07793 440534, or myself.

Mark Finch
07876 191100.



Parish Events

RODE WALKING GROUP AUGUST WALK

10am THURSDAY 5th AUGUST

See page 26 for details

LET'S
WALK!

COME AND
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RODE IN BLOOM COMPETITION + OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

11-4pm

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Parish Events

**OVER 60'S CLUB
IS BACK
FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST 2.30PM
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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ACTION

RODE HOEDOWN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST @2PM

COME JOIN TEAM RODE ON HOEDOWN DAY

We're a growing group of volunteers willing to give a few hours a month to help look after our village. This could be weeding, planting flowers, sweeping a pavement or picking up litter along a country lane.

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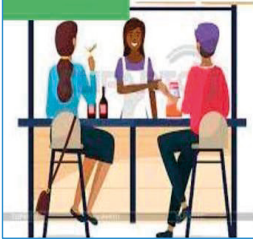
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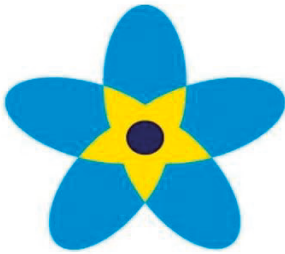
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Dementia Friends Information Session RESCHEDULED!!

We were disappointed to have to cancel our Dementia Friends Session in July due to some of us having to self-isolate! But we have rescheduled and we hope that now even more will be able to sign up to come.

- **Where?** St Philips and St James Church NSP
- **When?** Monday September 6th 7.00-8.00PM
- **How?** Book a free place—contact Rev Jo Robinson 01373 834643 or email 321jorobinson@gmail.com

This Information Session, run by a Dementia Friends champion, will help us all learn how people can live well with dementia. It is a stimulating and interactive session that helps us understand a disease that may affect our family members, our friends or even ourselves. Everyone is very welcome to attend this session.



Forget-me-not Café



A Forget-me-not Café, will be opening soon in NSP — we are watching the covid situation and waiting for the right time and will let you know as soon as we can! Keep watching this space!

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RODE COMEDY FESTIVAL

The line-up has been announced for **Rode Comedy Festival 2021** with tickets now on sale. The exciting series of shows, featuring big names of comedy, and an Olivier Award winning West End show, solidifies Rode Comedy Festival's reputation, in its second year, as a small festival punching above its weight.

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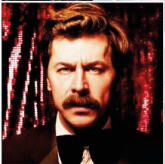


Friday night will see the return of the fantastic and hilarious **Scummy Mummies**, with their brand-new show, and support from rising comedy star **Daisy Earl**.

On to Saturday night, and Rode Comedy Festival will present TV superstar presenter, comedian and best-selling author **Joel Dommett**, with his new show.



To close the festival on Sunday night, **Jarred Christmas** and beatboxer **Hobbit** will join forces to host an amazing line-up featuring comedy legend **Stephen K Amos**, star of *Taskmaster* and *Man Down*, **Mike Wozniak** and surreal genius **Spencer Jones**.



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 12TH JULY 2021 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Mike Salmon - Chair (MS), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Ann Edney (AE),
Cllr Pat Restorick (PR), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Andy Pickett (AP),
Cllr Elaine Butler (EB)

In attendance: Cllr B Lund, Hugh Williams – Clerk, and 2 members of the public

1. Public Participation:

Concern was expressed over the junction of the High Street and Rode Hill with parked cars near the junction making it difficult to pull out into Rode Hill safely, (see minute 9a below).

A question was raised as to whether there had been any update on the planning application for Barbara's Field or the Inspector's Hearing on the Local Plan Part 2. It was reported that there had been no news from Mendip or the Inspector. Concern was raised that with agency staff being recruited to replace the Planning Officer vacancy this planning application might not get the careful consideration it required. Should the planning application be approved it would still have to go to the Planning Board, if rejected it would not. Cllr Lund agreed to ensure noise from existing businesses was considered by Mendip. It was noted that the Parish Council (PC) had employed a Traffic Consultant to send a holding letter while it gathered further information to submit following Somerset Highways not raising any concerns over traffic exiting from the Barbara's Field development, (see minute 9b below).

The state of The Bell was of concern, it was a listed building that was falling into disrepair.

The width of the pavement on Church Lane up from Nutts Lane was of concern as it was considered too narrow and this should be investigated further, although who was responsible for it was unknown.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Steve Eyles and Cllr L Oliver

3. Presentation on West Wiltshire Bypass: Residents from North Bradley presented an outline of the bypass they were promoting to link the A36 with the A350 to take traffic off the A361 around Rode, Southwick and North Bradley. Although most of the road would be in Wiltshire they were seeking support from neighbouring councils that would be affected by this new bypass. A number of questions were raised and they were reminded to consider the wider impact of this road and to address the possible increase in traffic just because it was a

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better road. The PC, in principle, said it would support the scheme but would reserve its final judgement until the full plans come out, which it realised could be some time.

4. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th June were approved with the following amendment to the final sentence of 9d) which should have read: ‘An offer of an email exchange with the Highways (Ben Sunderland) had been agreed by Cllr Oliver and it was agreed to accept this and include members of the PC and interested residents.’

5. Declarations of interest: None.

6. Report from District Councillor: Cllr Lund reported that there were new grants available from Mendip for a Community Fund and a Climate and Ecological Fund. Also there had been a large number of apologies from SWP about missed refuse collections but they were having trouble finding qualified drivers.

7. Actions from the previous meeting:

- i) **Hoedown:** The village Hoedown carried out in June had been partly rained off, but strimming of grass at a number of road junctions had been carried out. The next Hoedown was on 25th July but currently there were only a few volunteers, notices would be posted soon. Matthew Lucas had been employed to trim back some undergrowth around the village and the PC agreed that his services could be used along with Clive Harrington’s offer to do major clearance twice a year. The costs of these services were agreed provided these costs did not exceed £3,400 a year; as the Lengthsman was no longer employed. Any additional costs would require further approval.

It was agreed the Clerk approach Somerset to get someone out to check on who was responsible for gullies/pavements etc. on Marsh Road, an offer had been made but it had been delayed during lockdown.

The Chairman agreed to approach Cllr Oliver to find a contact to approach at Somerset for possible financial contribution as Rode was undertaking work previously done by SCC.

- ii) **Eagle Ground Maintenance:** The Clerk confirmed that the agreement was for them to only cut the grass down the Barrow Farm path. It was agreed that for the 2022 contract this would be taken off their contract.
- iii) **The Bell:** Contact had been attempted with the manager but no response received. It was agreed AP would check on the requirements, if any, for maintaining a listed building. Further pressure on the manager of The Bell would be considered.

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- iv) **Jubilee Clock:** David Hornsey had made contact with Peter Watkinson to carry out repairs but these still had to be done. This would be followed up.
- v) **Trees:** The Clerk had contacted Andy Fussell regarding the trees along Clay Lane but had not had a reply. He agreed to chase this up, with possibly contacting Mendip enforcement. He still had to make contact regarding the tree on The Mead and AP agreed to chase up the report by the tree expert. A branch on the willow on Halfpenny Row had been cut down as it was in a dangerous condition.
- vi) **The Mill:** Tellisford PC had been in contact with the owner regarding furniture on the island and Mendip Enforcement Officer had been informed. The lighting appeared to comply with requirements.
- vii) **Riverwalk sign:** The new signs had been ordered and were to be delivered to Jim Ryan to install.
- viii) **Doctors Practice:** The Clerk had written to the Beckington Practice but had not had a reply. The PC had been approached by Mendip Health Connections asking what was in place in Rode but the Chair had asked her to come to present what she could offer to the PC; this offer would hopefully be taken up in the near future.

8. Climate Emergency: JM reported no progress in forming the Working Party, however we may be setting the bar too high for people to come forward. PT had asked Cllr Lund to make a presentation, in August, to Rode village on Extinction Rebellion. This would hopefully generate interest in the options a Climate Emergency Working Party could get involved in within the village.

9. Highways:

- a) A meeting with Sara Davis had taken place on 21st June, with Cllr Oliver, MS, JM and EB. This had been a very productive meeting with the group walking the village. The following had been agreed:
 - i) positioning of 30mph speed limit signs and village gateway sign 50m before the Parkgate Lane junction on the A361
 - ii) 20mph speed restriction within the village to cover: High Street, Lower Street, Marsh Road, Church Lane, Clay Lane, Fairfield, Walnut Close and Nutts Lane. The meeting confirmed its support for this and the Chair would relay this to Sara Davis who would then approach the police for their support.
 - iii) Agreement for extra 30mph signs on Rode Hill, along with new post for SID. Additionally, double yellow lines on both Rode Hill and the High Street for 25 metres around their junction.There should be a memorandum of understanding between Rode PC and SCC regarding the use of SID within the village, it was agreed to ask Sara Davis for a copy of this.

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There was currently no agreement to extend the 20mph limit beyond the Crooked Lane junction on Straight Lane.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Oliver for setting up this meeting.

- b) AP reported that new data had been collected at 5 periods for traffic along the A361 and entering and exiting the village on Church Lane. This showed far more traffic came into the village by this road than exited it. Increased traffic from the proposed Barbara's Field development would severely impact on access from the A361 into the village due to width of Church Lane. It was agreed the PC would review the proposed letter by the Traffic Consultant and if no objections were received this would be submitted to SCC and Mendip Planning.
- c) The Clerk had again emailed SCC regarding the adoption of The Sportsman, but had not had a response. It was agreed he would contact Cllr Oliver to see if she knew of a more senior person at SCC to contact on this issue.
- d) During the meeting with Sara Davis it had been noted that a sign on the fingerpost at Straight Lane/Parkgate Lane was broken. It was the responsibility of the PC to get this repaired if not SCC could remove the sign. It was agreed this should be repaired and it would be investigated further.

10. Planning matters

a. New applications:

2021/1212/VCR: Application to vary condition of planning permission 2018/2015/VCR to allow for variation of some elements of approved boundary materials – 3 Frome Road. No objections.

2021/1295/HSE: Erection of free-standing carport and formation of associated access – 41A Church Lane. No objections, leave to planning officer.

2021/1402/HSE: Installation of garage door to carport – 6 St Lawrence Lane. No objections, leave to planning officer.

b. Mendip decisions:

2021/1001/HSE: Erection of garden pod – 3 Stable Close. Approved with conditions.

11. Calm Engineering and drainage: JM reported that there was an update by Calm Engineering in The Link, which said modelling of the drainage capacity was underway. There had also been a request from Calm for any further information on water flow/flooding in the village from residents.

12. Church Farm access to village/footpaths and playing field: The path from the site to the playing field was still to be started although Autograph had said it would be complete by mid-July. It was agreed that if the path was

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not completed within 10 days a letter (prepared by AP and EB) would be sent (by the Clerk) to Autograph and copied to Mendip.

A meeting of the Playing Field Committee was to be held on the following evening and the situation regarding the Declaration of Trust would be raised.

13. Parish Council website: The village website (rodevillage.com) has been amended to include a Parish Council section and the Clerk was to be given a lesson later this week on how to update this section by George Berry.

14. Unitary Authority: The Chair reported no decision had been made yet. The spreadsheet being prepared by Frome Council had still to be circulated.

15. Conservation Area/Neighbourhood Plan: To be progressed

16. Bus services: PT reported that Somerset had received a government grant to develop a bus improvement plan and had appointed consultants to do this. A meeting was due to be held tomorrow with 30 parishes from across Somerset attending and should anyone be interested they were encouraged to attend. A meeting with the Somerset consultants was to take place next week.

17. Financial matters:

i) The current balance stood at around £50,000

ii) The VAT reclaim (£2,141.63) from the HMRC had been received.

iii) The following payments were agreed:

Life Education Wessex	£215.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£725.12
Clerk salary	£228.74
HMRC PAYE	£55.00
Matthew Lucas (path clearing)	£25.00
Downlands (Willow branch removal)	£324.00
SALC (annual subscription)	£290.22
H Williams (computer security)	£49.99

18. Any other business:

i) Rode in bloom: This was to be held on Sunday 8th August and a request had been received to use the village green for a stall and information point. The meeting agreed this was OK.

ii) Grass cutting: A proposal would be put forward to leave some areas uncut.

19. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in the main hall of the Memorial Hall at:

7.30pm on Wednesday 11th August

Please note the change of day for the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council/

...and finally

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Last month's Sudoku

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

POEM OF THE MONTH

When on a summer's morn I wake,
And open my two eyes,
Out to the clear, born-singing rills
My bird-like spirit flies.

To hear the Blackbird, Cuckoo, Thrush,
Or any bird in song;
And common leaves that hum all day
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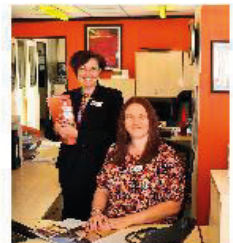


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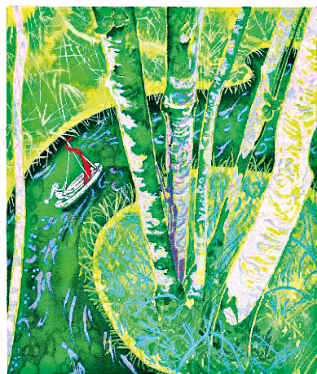


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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Sunday 1 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Laverton , Holy Communion Rode Chapel , Meeting Place	B Day C Walker/M Harrison S Kivett
Monday 2 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 3 August	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Thursday 5 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 8 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford , Matins Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	Lay led S Kivett/F Stewart
Monday 9 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Thursday 12 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 15 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Holy Communion Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Laverton , Matins	J Robinson/B Day J Robinson/B Day M Walker/C Walker
Monday 16 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 17 August	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Thursday 19 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 22 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	C Walker/A Holmes C Walker/A Holmes
Monday 23 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Thursday 26 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 29 August	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , United Service	S Kivett/J Robinson

AUGUST 2021 DIARY

Thu 5 Aug	10am Rode Walking Group see page 26 for details
Sun 8 Aug	11am-4pm Rode In Bloom & Open Gardens see pages 10 & 33
Mon 9 Aug	11.25am-12.05pm Mobile Library, Memorial Hall
Wed 11 Aug	7.30pm Rode PC Monthly Meeting, Main Hall, Rode Memorial Hall * please note change of day
Fri 13 Aug	2.30pm Over 60's Club is back!! See page 26
Fri 20 Aug	SEPTEMBER LINK COPY DEADLINE
Sun 29 Aug	2pm Rode Hoedown see pages 12 & 34
Mon 30 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY - Summer Bank Holiday 11pm Rode Village Day see pages 6 & 14
Tue 31 Jul	RPF Lottery Draw The Cross Keys see page 9

YEAR PLANNER

Mon 6 Sep	7-8pm Dementia Friends see page 36
Thu 9 Sep to Sun 12 Sep	Rode Comedy Festival see pages 13 & 37
Wed 22 Sep	2.30pm Rode Ladies Group is back!! See page 26
Sun 26 Sep	2pm Rode Hoedown
Mon 4 Oct	12.30pm Monday Lunch Club is back!! See page 27
Sat 25 Dec	Christmas Day
Sun 26 Dec	Boxing Day
Mon 27 Dec	SUBSTITUTE BANK HOLIDAY (Christmas Day)
Tue 28 Dec	SUBSTITUTE BANK HOLIDAY (Boxing Day)

N.B. No garden waste collections during August 21 & possibly other changes to services - see pages 6 & 7 for details

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