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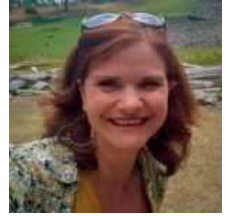
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REFLECTION



It is now three months since the meetings in NSP church and Rode Chapel where we heard what hosting Ukrainian guests might involve and the challenges and opportunities that would arise.

After that meeting I wrote a reflection for our May magazine and said that offering hospitality might at times be difficult but *'it will be extremely rewarding, and we will experience joy as we don't just give welcome and hospitality but as we receive it too'*.

I'd like to reflect on how this has come true over the past few months – how we have experienced joy and received hospitality ourselves as we have welcomed guests into our homes and into our community.

I will use a few verses from the New Testament to frame this reflection – *'Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.'* (Hebrews 13:1-3)

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters - working together to offer hospitality to our Ukrainian friends has generated an incredible feeling of goodwill amongst our community. Our parish is spread out over a large area and our villages are divided by the busy A36 but there has been an amazing sense of unity and cooperation with different villages represented on the committee - Andraea (Laverton), Mary (NSP), and Ali and Dave (Rode). Doing God's work of welcoming the stranger, has brought us closer together as brothers and sisters and one proof of that is the number of new WhatsApp groups that have been generated!

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers – in Bible times, in the middle east, it was expected that if a stranger arrived in your town or village you would offer them a bed for the night - but this is not so usual in 21st Century England! Yet considering the size of our villages we have been incredibly hospitable to complete strangers - some have provided beds, some meals, others have given food, clothing, bedding, toys, while others have given time and helped fill in forms, offered conversation practice, or have transported people to appointments or classes. It has truly been a team effort!

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Some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it - the Bible describes angels as 'ministering spirits', and in many ways that is what our Ukrainian friends have been to us - having them among us has been enriching for us as a community and also as individuals - the kindness has definitely not just been in one direction! Just one example of the way they have blessed us is the tremendous hospitality they gave in the middle of July at the two Ukrainian evenings in the Memorial Hall Rode and in NSP church. The events were initiated and entirely organised by them - they bought the ingredients, cooked and served a delicious four course meal and then provided entertainment too!

These are just some of the comments about how our Ukrainian angels have blessed us:

- offering one-to-one English conversation practice to a new Ukrainian friend - *'is giving my life a sense of purpose'*
- helping with a beginner's English group - *'is one of the best moments of my week'*
- my guests are – *'my new best friends'*
- after the Ukrainian evening - *'we have been here in the village for 40 years and this is the best evening event I have ever been to'*

Continue to remember... those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering – having our guests with us has kept Ukraine and the ongoing conflict very much in our thoughts. At the Ukrainian meal we heard our friends sing their national anthem, and we saw their love for their country, and we hear from them daily about the situation in Ukraine and the fears they have for their safety of friends and family. So, we stand with our brothers and sisters from Ukraine, and we continue to hope and pray with them for peace.

Jo Robinson
Curate

BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION

We offer various groups meeting around the parish for bible study and discussion.

For more details on each group contact:
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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

We continue to welcome new people to our congregation and if any of you reading this are new to the village please come along and see what we're about. We have a range of services (details at the back of the Link) and we certainly do our best to make people feel welcome, so come and say 'hello'!



With the recent hot weather it was very refreshing to enter St Lawrence and be somewhere very cool! The thick stone walls certainly managed to keep the heat out and it is noticeable throughout the year how long our flower displays last; it must be a perfect environment and temperature for them.

Work continues on the west window at St Lawrence with scaffolding erected on the inside of the church so that the work can be completed safely on all the metal supports needing replacement.

Our Service Pattern is reduced during August due to the holiday season so there will be no Breakfast Church and also no Informal Service as we have a wedding that day. There will be Holy Communion Services on August 7th and 21st.

We are conscious that the churchyard grass was longer than we would wish during late spring and early summer. Unfortunately, all grass cutters find it difficult to cope when the rate of growth is at its peak. We are pleased to say it is back in shape now, however.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

DID YOU KNOW?

The name Hardington Vale (H.V.) comes from the geological fault line that runs east west through the benefice. Geologically the area is said to be within the Jurassic belt.

The church of St Philip and St James in Norton was once combined with St Mary's Hemington and St Mary's Laverton into a single benefice.

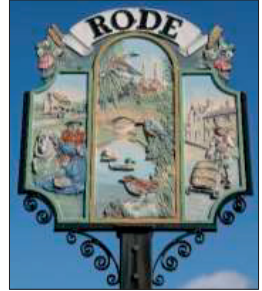
This benefice was then in turn united with the three churches in the Parish of Rode Major (Rode, Farleigh Hungerford, Tellisford) in 2001 to form H.V. In 2007 all six churches united to form one Parish, part of the Deanery of Frome, in the Wells Archdeaconry within the Diocese of Bath & Wells.



NEW RODE PARISH COUNCILLOR

There has been a vacancy on Rode Parish Council since the beginning of the year and although elections took place in May for Councillors only 7 people stood for the 8 vacancies in Rode.

The Parish Council has now co-opted Jonathan Bowler onto the Council. The PC are pleased to have filled the vacancy and look forward to Jonathan's contributions.



[Additional Note: Elaine Butler is currently on a 6 month sabbatical from the Parish Council due to family issues.]

Hugh Williams

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

AUCTION OF 2 VIP COLDPLAY WEMBLEY CONCERT TICKETS

FRANS are running an auction for 2 VIP tickets for a Coldplay concert at Wembley on 20th August.

All bids are to be emailed to me on joanna@thomasandellis.co.uk and are not valid until they have received a reply email.

Alternatively please post your bid to Jo Ellis, Swallows Barn, Parsonage Farm, Rode, BA11 6QG.

The highest bid wins.

Remember to include:

1. Your bid
2. Your name
3. A method of contacting you: either your
 - a. telephone number
 - b. email address
 - c. postal address



Closing date for the auction is midnight on 13th August.

FRANS Team

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A WORRYING TIME FOR OUR LOCAL SCOUT GROUP - 1st RODE

In July we said goodbye to John and Jacqui Rottenbury and Mike Price, they have been Scout Leaders with us for six years.



Also our thanks to Lisa Lambourne for the time she has spent with us.

John and Jacqui have been our main Leaders and have run our Scout Troop with the regular weekday sessions, some weekend activities and the annual summer camp.

On their last night we gave them a gift voucher funded by the parents and the Scout Group, we will miss them from the regular activities but I am sure we will see them helping out with our fundraising and if we called them to help out very, very, occasionally.

Losing these longstanding Leaders leaves us with a predicament; Sadly despite months of appealing for new volunteers we have had little response and Mitzi, Alex and Dan (also involved in leading the group) have said they can only carry on with more support.

To this end Sarah Dinnis is moving over from her leadership role within Cubs and will bring with her a wealth of experience. She has just finished all her training, will soon receive her Wood Beads, and has obtained her camping permit. However, Sarah is only able to give a regular commitment until Christmas as she is moving to London for two years.

In the pipeline is someone who has recently come forward who has lots of other experience as he is ex-army and I am in the process of arranging a meeting in August with all these 5, but we still need more help if the troop is to continue.

Anyone considering stepping forward with previous experience would be ideal, however, full training is given with most of it now online and is free.

Leadership roles within the Scouting movement can bring a great deal of satisfaction and not just to the youngsters.

Over the years hundreds of young people have passed through our group and we know many look back on their time in Scouting with great affection having gained useful lifetime skills that are not obtainable at school or through other youth activities.

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There is some good news however, our Cub Section has recently welcomed Richard Churchyard as an Assistant Cub Leader, and the Explorer Unit has benefited from an additional two new Leaders, Clare Le Page and Tim Burgess.

They have all stepped forward to help in response to our pleas for new volunteers earlier this year and have proved vital to these sections, had they not come forward these sections of our group were also under threat.

All three are new to the village and we hope they enjoy their time with us and it is a great way to make new friends and get involved with village life.

We must also mention that Esther Perkin and Nick Russell have completed their training and will shortly be receiving their Wood Beads and James Osborne will be getting his Chief Scout Commendation for Good Services.

As you can see new people have risen to the challenge for our other sections **BUT it is our Scout Section that is now under threat.**

We are one of the largest Scout Groups in Somerset, with our own premises, lots of equipment and our own minibus.

We have a fantastic Group Executive Committee who we can rely on to provide the funds to enable a wide range of activities, camps and weekend activities.

BUT to sum up we must still have more help.

Scouts is the lynch-pin for the Beavers and Cubs to move on to and ultimately move into the Explorer Unit.

If you want to find out more please do give me a ring on 07736 739680 or email me on hdrussello1@gmail.com

We currently have 17 young people in the Scout Section of 1st Rode, they and our future generations of young people will thank you.

Howard Russell
Group Leader

**“Volunteering improves your wellbeing,
gives you skills for the future,
and helps you make new friends”**

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INTRODUCING OUR SECOND NEW SOMERSET COUNCILLOR

HOT is my word for this summer.

The hottest day on record was recorded on the 19th of July, which is also my birthday. Last year the 19th July was Freedom Day. I really have no idea what I can add to the 19th July 2023. But watch this space.



The Conservative Leadership election has been hot. August will allow the Conservative Party membership to make their decision but I am sure the ‘temperature’ in the media, and on social media, will go up as the month progresses.

And our Full Council meeting on the 20th July got a little hot too. From ecology to economy, we debated and voted (and abstained) in a 4-hour session. (All agendas and minutes are on the Somerset County Council website).

Hot is a good thing. It shows passion and commitment. There is no doubt that there is a lot of that on display at the moment.

As I settle into my role as a Somerset County Councillor, I am learning so much about the job, and about the communities I am representing. There are 2 main aspects to being a councillor:

1. To work with my Conservative colleagues to ensure the County administration goes in the direction we campaigned for. This is about sitting on committees and being involved in the policy formation for the whole of the county of Somerset.
2. To represent my community in Frome North. My personal focus, locally, is on community, connection, and climate. This means I have spent the first 3 months as a councillor meeting with community groups such as Active and In Touch, Fair Frome, The Career Hub, the Youth Work Alliance, the Frome Health Connectors, and the Somerset Bus Partnership (to name a few). It is so important to know what is happening locally and how I can connect people.

I also had the greatest pleasure of meeting with Suez, the company that runs the recycling centres in Somerset for the Somerset Waste Partnership. The tour of the recycle centre in Evercreech, left me utterly inspired by the people who make things happen from our curb side to the recycling companies that buy all our waste, here in the UK, to make things we can use again.

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I want to give Linda Oliver, your previous Frome North County Councillor, a huge thank you for her efficient handover, her brilliant mentorship and for helping me settle in. The inbox overwhelm has been a lot easier to manage with her support and friendship.

As my August diary looks lighter on meetings, I will be spending more time in my email inbox, preparing for the Autumn months.

Please do get in touch if you have any concerns, questions, suggestions, or just to say hello, Email: dawndentonfrome@gmail.com Facebook: Cllr Dawn Denton – Frome North. I would love to hear from you!

Best wishes

Dawn Denton

Somerset County Councillor

CATCH THE BUS MONTH IS COMING...

The national CATCH THE BUS MONTH is set for this September - but please do also catch the bus whenever you can throughout August too! It's often said about buses: USE IT OR LOSE IT.



With bus operators like First and Faresaver faced with a perfect storm. Bus usage levels still only some 75% of the pre Covid passenger numbers and yet the price of fuel has gone through the roof. This all makes for a very difficult time for buses.

Cuts are being made in Bath and have been made across Somerset to bus services. Further bus cuts are likely. The best way Rode residents can help ensure Rode keeps its bus services is for all of us to use the bus as often as we possibly can. That's so there is a bus services for those in Rode who are dependent on buses to get to work, to school, to college, to the shops, to hospital or for a night out.

Going by bus is also good for the planet and nearly half of Somerset's carbon emissions come from transport. So please BUS IT whenever you can. And whilst you still can!

Peter Travis

Frome And Villages Bus User Group

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WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2023 – THE RETURN OF BOB A JOB!

We are two Explorers of the Rode Scout Group who have been selected to go to South Korea on the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023.

We are very excited about going and need to raise more than £4000 each to fund the trip – some of this money helps Explorers in other countries to go to the Jamboree too.



If you have any odd jobs you'd like us to do - particularly during the holiday season, maybe watering plants or feeding pets please get in touch with us.

We would be happy to do any jobs for a donation to help fund our participation in the Jamboree.

We're also selling raffle tickets and a quiz:

- Raffle tickets - £1 per ticket - with some great prizes - a weekend in an AirBnb, 4 tickets to Alton Towers, 4 tickets to Longleat and many others.
- Quiz - £1 per copy - with a luxury hamper as the winning prize.

Please get in touch if you'd like to buy some tickets or a quiz, many thanks

Juliet Pickett and Sam Rottenbury

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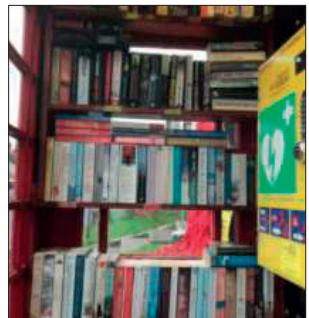
RODE DEFIBRILLATOR... IN THE PHONE BOX

Just to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated since my last plea.

You have been so generous and I just wanted to acknowledge your support for a vital piece of equipment.

Lizzy Etheridge

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LAVERTON FETE

Laverton's Garden Fete has now become a fixture in the village calendar and Saturday 23 July turned out to be a particularly good choice of date. The intense heat had passed and the high winds hadn't arrived so it was a perfect day to gather in the churchyard, mingle with dogs and friends over a cup of coffee, browse the bookstall, search through the bric-a-brac, buy some raffle tickets and home in on the plants and produce.

Gilli Weeks and her team of helpers geared themselves up a few days beforehand and word spread to Norton, Rode, Beckington and Frome.

This year was special because not only do we have Ukrainian families living in the village but we also have a family who've arrived to spend a few weeks here after spending many years living in Africa. The curiously English traditional Garden Fete was something of an eye-opener, but they all enjoyed taking part.

A few photos from the day:
Some of our Ukrainian guests enjoying their first experience of a village fete.

Sandy & xx Wheeler,
Diane Rossiter & Melanie
Pattison taking a coffee
break and Indy Bass with
his prize – he guessed
correctly how many sweets
the jar contained...



A big thankyou to all who came to support us and helped to raise a record sum for St Mary's Church.

Debby Hill

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UKRAINIAN EVENING: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The weekend of 15 and 16th of July was one which will stay in the minds and hearts of many of our villagers for a long time to come.

On Friday 15th, Rode held a Ukrainian evening in the Memorial Hall and on Saturday 16th July this was replicated in Norton St Philip Parish Church.

The purpose of this evening was to give our supporters and others within the area the opportunity to meet at least some of our Ukrainian visitors as well as to raise money towards the cost of their English lessons, very kindly and ably provided by Bath Academy.

Tickets for both evenings were quickly sold out and we regretted that not all those who wanted to join us were able to be accommodated. Limits of 65 were set due to the venue capacities with everyone seated at tables, as well as the need to limit the quantity of food to be bought and prepared by the Ukrainians staying in our villages. Following discussion, they chose to do this largely between themselves as a thank you for the generosity and friendship they have found in our homes and locality.



The hall and church were decorated with bunting and blue and yellow balloons and the tables beautifully laid out with table decorations made from corn stalks and blue and yellow ribbon.



We had Ukrainian music playing and the Ukrainian hosts for the evening dressed in national colours or costume to serve tables.

Following an introduction, they gathered to sing the Ukrainian national anthem while all the guests stood out of respect.



While we enjoyed canapes, we listened to an interesting account of Ukrainian history given by 16 year old Stanislav who is staying with his family in Laverton. We were then each given a dish of delicious borsch. The supper continued with an equally delicious main course of cabbage rolls and potato cakes followed by cheesecake, poppy seed cake and a fruit compote.



In the meantime, we were treated to a very confident poetry recital by 9 year old Misha (one of the poems is on the following page), who lives with his mother, aunt and cousin in Norton, and a wonderful recital of a song from 14 year old Aryna who was draped in the Ukrainian flag for her Norton recital. Each guest was given a small gift brought from Ukraine and there was a table selling hand-painted cards and plaited ribbon bracelets which were popular items.

All were agreed that these were very special nights, and many thanks go to those who helped to organise and to move all the tables, dinnerware and glasses from the Palairet Hall to the church in Norton; to support the Ukrainians in their preparations and in decorating the venues; and to Norton's church and Palairet Hall, and Rode's Memorial Hall management committees for their generosity in allowing their facilities to be used.

Now that we are approaching the school summer holidays, we and the Ukrainian visitors are considering how to take the next steps regarding the lessons and their desire (where possible) to find employment.

It won't be long until some of our visitors start to look for their own accommodation or to find new hosts if their present hosts are not able to continue beyond the six month period.

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We now feel that it would be a good moment to ask if anyone has or knows of some rental accommodation or now feels that they may be able to become hosts if families have a need to move from where they are.

If you can help please contact one of the following:

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Ali Smith

There follows a translation of one of the poems recited at the Ukrainian Evening by Mykhailo (Misha) aged 9 (children in Ukraine are taught to learn and recite poetry by heart from a young age):

Uncontrolled Waltz

This year, In Kharkiv, students danced their
School dance in the ruins of their school...

Waltz on the ruins of the school...
The pain of a broken heart...
Fates forgotten by God,
The berts* are put on again
In order not to give your home to the enemy.
“Just come back son” –
Motherland is moaning
With every broken roof
With each brick fragment.
We will fight the horror
Until nerves of steel.
It’s as if this Spring won’t repel the racists
For the child to grow
In a world without these sadists
To dance again
Dance under the peaceful sky.
Where the field is eared
Where they treat you with honey

Unknown Author

*Berts – soldier’s boots

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... AND A FEW WORDS FROM OUR UKRAINIAN GUESTS TOO

We think the Ukrainian evening was successful. We decided to put on the evening to raise money to pay for the English teacher who is giving us English lessons.

There are twenty five of us from Rode, Norton and Laverton and we all helped to prepare the two evenings. We decorated Rode Memorial Hall and Norton Church with blue and yellow balloons and flags. We wore our national clothes and we gave presents to all the guests who came to our Ukrainian evening, they were given a fridge magnet.

We started with singing the Ukrainian national anthem then we served canapes called 'Salo' which is cured pork belly followed by salad in little corn crisps.

Then there was a presentation on Ukrainian history to teach the guests about the Ukraine. The starter we served was Ukrainian beetroot borshch. Arina, one of the teenage Ukrainian girls sang a Ukrainian song.

The next dish on the menu was Zrazu which is potato dumplings with chicken or with mushrooms for vegetarians. This was served with cabbage rolls. One of the Ukrainian boys, Misha, recited a poem.

There was a compote of dried fruit made with apples and plums. Then a pancake style dessert filled with cottage cheese and jam.

We hope everyone enjoyed the evening!

Alena and Ala



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LAVERTON NEWS

St Mary's Church Heating - In temperatures of over 30 degrees it seemed an odd time to be replacing the heating system in St Mary's Church Laverton, but that's exactly what happened last week. Here's a piece from Debby Hill:

Those of us who enjoy living in old buildings know that work is never quite finished and St Mary's Church is no different from our houses. Last year it was the outside pointing and internal woodwork, replacing rotten floor-boards and improving ventilation, generously funded by an appeal in the village.

This year the elderly heating system, oil-filled pipes heated by electricity, failed its periodic electrical inspection and needed to be completely replaced. A series of convection heaters sited under the pews, which has proved successful in many other churches, was the preferred choice. The faculty was secured, contract placed and on Monday this week, the hottest day so far, Dan and Bradley arrived at 8 o'clock to carry out the work. First they had to remove all the old pipes and associated cabling, then they spent the rest of the day installing all 35 under pew heaters, cleared up all the mess and finished work at 7 pm before driving back to Bournemouth. We told them we would definitely recommend their company to any other church considering the change. The old system, installed over 50 years ago, was designed to heat the whole church and was expensive to run. The new one will be switched on 15 minutes before a service and just heats the seats in the nave; it should be far more economical.

That's not quite the end of the story because earlier this year a family of mice decided to make their home in the church organ and did serious damage which will take several thousand pounds to repair. So, more form-filling, more estimates and another faculty application before work can start. Will it be ready in time for the carol service – that's the challenge!

Laverton Footbridge Reopens - I'm pleased to report that the footbridge over the brook in Laverton has been fully repaired by the council and is once again open for business. I'm sure this will be a relief to all the dog walkers amongst us.

Defibrillator - The electrician has finally completed his site visit to the church - so we are a tiny step closer towards getting our defibrillator! Hopefully in the next month - fingers crossed!

That's all for this month – keep cool everyone!

Jackie Moss

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in May 2022,
drawn by Cross Keys staff and customers: .



1st - £50.00 Liz Osborne, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 Sarah Hodder, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Lindsey McLennan, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2 - Jane Sharman, Rode, thanks again to Mark and Hannah.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets are 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 when you buy your ticket.

Tickets on sale at the Post Office, or directly from Jane and I. Next draws, Sunday 31st of July and Wednesday 31st of August. If anyone would like to do the draw or witness it, then please feel free to do so. Just ask.

Keith Sharman

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200 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

The June 200 club results are as follows:

1st prize £50 Wendy Gould

2nd Prize £25 Tilly Russell

Drawn by Demi at Rode Post Office.

Jan Supp

STOP PRESS.... More to follow but in the meantime thank you to all who attended our fundraising Rode Barn Dance last month.



Parish Youth News & Events

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS

Tots and Toys and Caterpillar Club in August:

Tots and Toys for 'bumps to 4 year olds will run throughout August on Wednesdays from 9.00am-10.45am in Norton St. Philip Church and older siblings are welcome to join us.



£2.00 for coffee and cake for grownups and please bring your own refreshments for your child/ren. No need to book just drop-in. Please note there will not be any special activities for older siblings as there is Caterpillar Club in the afternoon.

Caterpillar Club for 3–9 year olds will run on the following Wednesdays inside and outside at St. Philip and St. James Church, Norton St. Philip.



Wednesday 3rd August: Bug Hotel 2.45pm-4.00pm

N.B. DIFFERENT TIME FOR REMAINING SESSIONS

Wednesday 10th August: Bees 2.00pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 17th August: Birds 2.00pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 24th August: Nature's Colours 2.00pm-3.30pm

Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather as each session will have outside time in the churchyard.

An adult or older responsible sibling needs to accompany the child/ren and places need to be booked in advance as I need to plan what resources I need for each session. The cost will be £2.00 per child to include refreshments. Booking is now open either by email or phone and there will be a limit of 18 children for each session.

Sue Rodford

Children and Family Worker

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P.S: We are experiencing some problems with the parish emails - if you have emailed me and not received a response, please leave a message on my answering machine with a contact number.

Parish Youth News & Events

RODE PARENT/CARER AND TODDLERS GROUP

Our new group is up and running now but further to discussions it has been decided that in the future we will close during school holidays. So, in line with that please note that we'll be closed in August, reopening on Monday 5th September.



It was also agreed that a change in the time we are open would work better for most and from September the new time will be 9.45-11.15am. There will also be a £2 charge for beverages and biscuits. The sessions will still be weekly, at Rode Chapel – do come along and see what we are up to. We look forward to seeing you and your babies/toddlers in September, enjoy August!

Ros Jackson

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“SAMBA SCOUTS”

Our last Scout Meeting was bittersweet We had a great time with a Jamma de Samba drumming session, thanks to a generous donation from Andy Fussell.



All Scouts and Leaders had a percussion instrument and lead by the Jamma de Samba crew we managed a fairly rhythmic carnival vibe and gave the parents a little demo at the end of the session. It was a really fun evening, and a lovely way for us to say farewell to the Scouts.

The sad bit of the evening was the realisation that the Scout Section might be closing as there had been no new volunteers to take over. Since then there has been a reprieve for a few months – see page 6 for details and hopefully things will be resolved so it will be able to remain open in the longer term.



Jacqui Rottenbury

Parish Youth News & Events

EDOR EXPLORERS UPDATE

Edor Explorers have come to the end of another busy year. We are extremely grateful to still be running thanks to our two new Leaders Tim and Claire who came on board just in time.



1st Rode (Scout Group)

Edor's have done various activities over 2021/2022 including, bouldering, climbing, caving, cooking competition, scuba diving, Frome ghost walk, pottery session, film night, wide games and Frome chip crawl to finish on for the summer break.

Scuba Diving and the Frome Chip Crawl... We were super lucky to be able to have a scuba try dive with the Bath Scuba Diving Club. 6 of the Explorers plus Marcus enjoyed a very challenging scuba diving session in the swimming pool. Initially learning how to use the diving equipment then step by step instructions in the pool until they were confident enough to have a go at swimming through hoops and probably the most difficult task was to try and stay together to have their photo taken. The instructors were amazing, patient and full of enthusiasm which of course rubbed off on us.

By the end of the session everyone felt confident with their newly learned skill and the only regret was that we had not factored in enough time to sneak a MacDonaldis on the way home.



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Thank you again to the Bath Scuba Diving Club for making this possible for us and for the underwater photos, we're sure that we will be wanting another session in the future.



Our final evening was the Frome chip crawl. We all jumped in the minibus on the hottest day of the year and headed into Frome with a list of 6 chip shops to visit intending to buy one bag of chips at each one to share and give our expert opinions on. The explorers decided that the criteria for judging would be flavour, portion size, Cost and customer service. Scores were going to be out of 10 so armed with forks and tomato sauce our chip crawl began. The scores are as follows:

Name	Flavour	Portion Size	Cost	Customer Service	Total
Codswallop	5	5	5	7	22
Lees	4	4	4	7	19
Paul's Plaice	6	5	6	7	24
Kingfisher	3	4	4	6	17

Sadly Pangs and Barnacle Bill were closed, maybe next time but congratulations to Paul's Plaice who were voted the favourite chip shop of the night.

Over the past few months we have been delighted to welcome the Ukrainian boys in the village who have enjoyed joining in with some of the activities.

Edor's have 5 explorers who have been selected to go on the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. Also 2 explorers going to Kenya in 2023 so please look out for any fundraising events over the next year! They all have a large sum to raise.

We are hoping to start the new term in September with a surfing trip down in Devon. We will also be trying to plan an abroad camping activity trip later in 2023. We hope that you all have a good summer holiday and look forward to more adventures in September.

Nick, James, Claire & Tim

The Explorers Leadership Team

Parish Youth News & Events

LOCAL YOUTH FOOTBALL – THANK YOU & NEW SEASON

Freshford United F.C. are recovering from their biggest ever Festival of Football hosted in mid-July with 115 teams from Under 6's to adults entering the tournament and a footfall of over 2,000 people! The weekend saw some of the hottest temperatures the country's ever seen - in difficult conditions we all managed through together with lots of water and ice creams.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teams and players that entered, all the sponsors that donated and supported us and volunteers that helped over the weekend, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all who attended and hopefully we will see more of you there next year.

We're now full steam ahead getting ready for the season starting in September. This year we'll have a team in almost every age group from Under 5's to Under 14's – no Under 11's unfortunately) plus our adult team. Adults have re-started training weekly with friendly games already underway and League start shortly.

All youth teams are looking for more players of all ages, abilities, boys and girls. We give the option for everyone test it out with a free taster session for 2 weeks to see how your child gets on before you have to commit to anything. We have our Under 9's, 10's and 12's playing and training at Rode Playing Field each week so if your child is in those age groups and would be very convenient for you.

If your child is interested in getting into football please do come along and see what we have to offer and make contact if you wish to take things further.

We're looking for coaches, helpers, supporters and committee members to cover a wide range of roles, some only require an hour a month of your time at the most so please contact me on the number below if you'd like to get involved.

Any soil or rubble (e.g. from a building project) you need to dispose of would be useful at our pitches in Freshford so if you want to save the cost on skip hire please call me on the number below to discuss.

As always, we welcome all support, 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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Parish Health & Wellbeing

A HEALTHIER SOMERSET – FIT FOR MY FUTURE



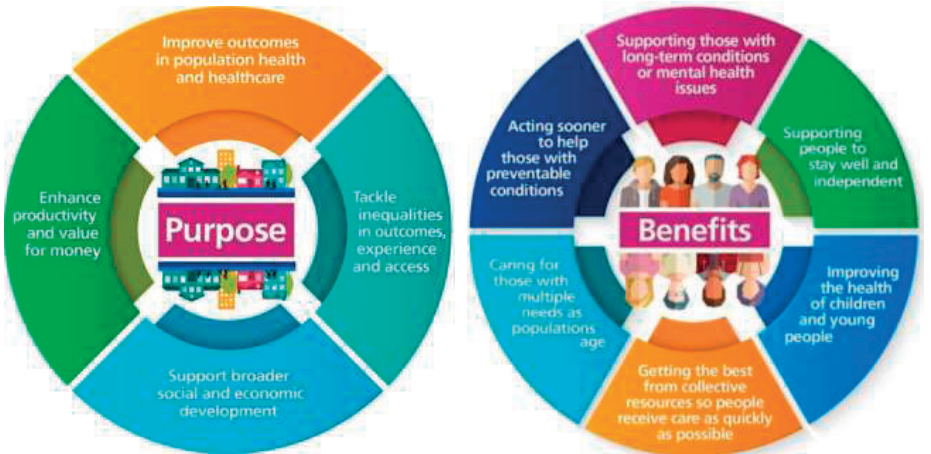
From July 2022 the Somerset ICS will have legal status and will include a statutory Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), and a new NHS body called the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Health and Care Act 2022 will establish 42 ICSs across England

An Integrated Care System (ICS) brings together the NHS organisations, councils, and wider partners in a defined geographical area to deliver more joined up approaches to improving health and care outcomes. ICSs remove barriers between organisations to deliver better, more joined up care for local communities. ICS partners share a common vision to improve health and care, backed by robust operational and financial plans, collective leadership and accountability.

Our health is affected by many things – lifestyle choices, housing, unemployment, poverty. ICSs have the potential to drive improvements in population health and tackle health inequalities by reaching beyond the NHS to work alongside local authorities and other partners to address social and economic determinants of health. Integrated care is about giving people the support they need, joined up across local councils, the NHS, and other partners including social care providers, voluntary and community enterprise sector and charities.

ICS partners have developed better and more convenient services, invested more to keep people healthy and out of hospital and set shared priorities for the future. The importance of integrated working was visible in the strong response to the pandemic and accelerated these changes.

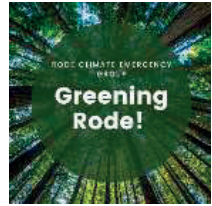
Benefits - Collaborating as ICSs will help health and care organisations tackle complex challenges. To find out more visit: somersetics.org.uk/about-us



Parish Ecology

CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP

Our latest Climate Emergency Group meeting was held, perhaps appropriately, on the hottest day of the year! A stark reminder of the urgency of taking action to mitigate our impact on the climate.



The group in Rode is now working closely with both NSP and Beckington on a number of projects, including the establishment of a safe walking/cycling route to Frome; installing public EV charging points in our villages; and creating a number of “pocket parks” (small areas for rewilding/tree-planting) on otherwise disused land. Each of these projects has its own challenges – primarily as they require funding. However, as a group we’re engaged with both Mendip District Council and Somerset Council to explore ways in which we can make these happen. We’re also planning some events, and looking for help...

“**Green Open Doors**” - part of the Big Green Weekend on 10th/11th September (save the date). We are currently planning a number of events on the second Saturday and Sunday of next month, including a “Green Open Doors” event.

The objective is to showcase a number of environmentally-friendly projects in and around Rode. If you have (for example) invested in solar panels, retro-fitted your home, bought an electric vehicle, adopted a new energy-saving or climate-friendly technology, etc, etc and are happy to share your experience, then please let us know. The principle is similar to that of an “Open Gardens” event – and ideally you would be willing to host a small number of visitors and be happy to talk informally about your project as you showed the visitors around - most likely on Sunday 11th September.

Repair Café – these are currently held in Norton St Philip, but the objective is to hold periodic repair cafés in Rode as well.

To do this, we need **volunteer repairers**. If you have a particular skill in mending common items such as jewellery, electrical items, PCs, crockery, clocks, etc then we would love to hear from you. The next Repair Café is part of the Big Green Weekend and will be held on Saturday 10th September at the Palaret Hall, Norton St Philip.

If you’d like to be involved in the Green Open Doors event, or could be a volunteer repairer – or are just interested in knowing more about the Climate Emergency Group, please do contact me: jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com

Jim McAuliffe

Parish Ecology

AUGUST 2022 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NEWSLETTER

I am writing this as temperatures higher than 40C have been recorded in the UK for the first time and fires have broken out in east London.

Unprecedented times. Yet the Committee on Climate Change, set up in 2008 as part of the Climate Change Act, to make sure that parliament sets meaningful five-yearly carbon budgets to bring down our emissions (and stop these alarming temperature increases) recently reported that, “The current strategy will not deliver net zero’ and that ‘the policy framework is not yet fully in place to drive the large programme of delivery required within this decade.”

Fortunately, it seems individual citizens are more willing to take action than the government and there are encouraging personal stories of changes we can make. Some people have reported dramatic cuts in their bills simply by using less hot water and turning things off. Others are having batteries installed with some aiming to be gas-free and completely off the grid. Community action is working at scale down in Cornwall where a village of 120 households is getting off oil-fired heating and onto ground and air source heat pumps.

Perhaps making changes to where your pension is invested could also make an impact? Listen to the recent “Costing the Earth” programme on BBC Radio 4 - you may be surprised quite how much difference you could make www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0017463 first Broadcast 10-11th May 2022

Making your finances work harder against climate change.

Tom Heap speaks to Richard Curtis, British film director and architect of Comic Relief, about his Make My Money Matter campaign. This encourages everyone to find out where their pension money goes. He also speaks to the boss of a UK bank, Bevis Watts, and to the campaign director of switchit.green about how easy it is to move your bank account elsewhere. A special episode for anyone worried about what their money is - or isn't - doing to keep the planet green.

Interviewees:

Lisa Stanley of Good With Money

Bevis Watts of Triodos

John Fleetwood of Square Mile Investment Consulting and Research

Sophie Cowen of switchit.green

Richard Curtis of Make My Money Matter

The presenter is Tom Heap and the producer in Bristol is Miles Warde

Barbi Lund

MDC Councillor for the ward of Rode and Norton St Philip

Parish Cricket

RODE CRICKET LATEST

Rode Cricket Club has played five matches since the last Link was published. The first was on 26th June when we resumed old friendships and on-field rivalries with The Star from Bath. This fixture was always an important one for Rode as it is a match historically played for the Lee Edwards Trophy (see article in the June edition of the Link). The Star has gone on since we last played them in 2015 to be a serious league side, and the match reflected that. The Star batted first and posted a formidable 289-6 from their 30 overs, with George Bunce (1-56), Lawrence Gripper (1-62), Tom Hall (2-48), Chris Blanchett (1-44) and Julian Wotton (1-35) sharing the wickets. Julian Wotton opened the batting, scoring a blistering 46 not out, Lawrence Gripper also opening and scoring 20. However, following that strong start, the only other innings of real substance was from Tom Hall (40), and when he departed, a succession of 4 ducks resulted in a convincing win for The Star, Rode folding to 134 all out.



There followed a return match against Frome Incidentals on 6th July. Frome batted well to post 169-7 from their 20 overs, but that represented a definitely gettable total. James Pickett (1 for 25), Nick Wotton (1 for 24), Ollie Tucker (2 for 10), William Wotton (1 for 0) and Julian Wotton (2 for 10) shared the wickets. Rode started our batting innings very strongly, James Pickett scoring a very quick 31 before retiring. Julian Wotton scored 26 not out, Rich Bealing smashed a brutal 28 before getting caught in the deep, and Chris Blanchett looked comfortable for his 10 before being bowled by one which kept low on him. The game was on, but the scoring slowed towards the end, before Zak Thomas smashed an incredible 20 off just two overs right at the end to leave us on 160-5, a mere 10 runs short of the total. In truth, Frome did bowl an extra over than the allotted 20 to see if we could get the final 20 or so runs in six balls, but even so it was a closer game than we might have imagined against a side which comfortably beat us in early June.

Another return match was against The Poplars on the 13th June, also a very close affair. Rode posted a very competitive 166-6 of 20 overs, with James Pickett once again leading the way on 24 when opening the batting. Ollie Tucker (49) and Julian Wotton (43) were the mainstay, with little contribution from the rest of the line-up. The Poplars batted well, but regular wickets meant they reached 106-7 after 13 overs. However, a fine 8th wicket partnership saw them home with just 5 balls to spare.

The first win can't be too far around the corner, perhaps against Warminster next week we thought...

Parish Cricket

... Er No. Warminster away was a tough task in every way, with a small ground, rock hard outfield and a very, very strong team. They batted first and we managed just one wicket, which came towards the end of the innings. Ollie Tucker was the successful bowler, having seen a parade of batsmen coming in, score a quick 30, and retire to let their mates have a go. A mammoth 196-1 off 20 overs looked well beyond us, but a terrific start by James Pickett in particular (who played some delightful strokes in his 24 before going aerial once too often and getting caught as a result), Lawrence Gripper (11) and Zac Thomas (18) gave us a real chance after the first third of our innings. However, the required rate just kept on climbing as the rest of us were not able to keep up scoring at the same rate as those three, and the game was well sealed before the Wotton lads, Nicholas and William, came together for the 10th wicket partnership. They both played an exciting cameo, giving the bowlers something to think about as they scored 9 not out and 18 not out respectively, with some delightful shots giving us something to cheer from the boundary. The future is in good hands!

Finally, on Sunday, 24th July it came - we achieved our first win in over 7 years!! Quite a cause for celebration! We had our return fixture against Stour Provost, against whom we had played our first match since the reformation of the club in May and had taken them very close in that match. This time it was our turn to host, and, having won the toss and decided to bat, were not looking good at 21-4. However, Adam Kwasnicki (41) and Julian Wotton (52) shared an amazing 50 partnership which more than steadied the ship. Quick selfless cameos by Archie Hannay (13), Jacob Pobjoy (15) and Arthur Hannay (10) took Rode to a respectable 162 for 8 at the end of our 30 overs.

Against a strong batting line up with 30 overs on a lightning fast outfield was going to be a huge challenge if we were to win though, and we started our bowling innings firm second favourites. Stour Provost started quite well, with only a run out resulting from some fantastic fielding from William Wotton slowing their canter towards a win. However, a second spell from Julian Wotton turned the match strongly in Rode's favour, with a devastating burst returning 3 wickets for 9 runs from his final 3 overs (total figures of 4 for 15 from 6 overs). There was still a lot of work to do once Julian's six overs were completed, and it was a truly great team effort that got us over the line. One wicket each for Arthur Hannay, Tom Hall and Jacob Pobjoy helped, as did two batting mix-ups gifting us two wickets, before Fin Hopkins took a great catch in the deep to dislodge the dangerous looking Forrester. James Pickett took the final catch to complete Stour Provost's innings, 132 all out. The fielding was sharp by all the team, and it was that commitment and spirit which finally sealed the win. The beer in the Keys tasted all the sweeter after our first win!

Andy Pickett

Parish Gardening

AUGUST GARDEN NOTES

No prizes for guessing that this month's column would put the spotlight on how the weather is affecting our gardening habits: I'm writing on what is very likely to be the hottest day on record in the UK, we're not really built to cope with this heat and nor are our gardens... and I think most of us realise by now that this is likely to become a much more frequent feature of our summers, along with other types of extreme weather at other times of the year. So what can we do to help our gardens (and ourselves) cope with these climate trends? How about taking it in stages to ensure a thorough, honest and holistic approach:

- Do a mini garden survey to remind yourself of key factors/conditions in your garden - we assume we've thought about these but it's worth taking time to really observe more closely, to note specific conditions and how plants cope with them.
- Start an inventory of your plants, note which thrive and which don't - a major starting point for the best, most resilient planting is "right plant, right place". A critical look at whether your planting follows this mantra will help to see how your garden could look better and require less effort - particularly in watering.
- Consider the plant watering regime across the whole garden: water butts should be a high priority along with all other means of saving/conserving water like using large drip trays to catch water runoff from pots and planters, re-using as much grey water (washing up water) as possible - all points we already know but I'm as guilty as any of turning on the hosepipe for a quick watering fix.
- On the subject of hosepipes - let the lawn go brown. It's only dry and brown in the short term and once the rain arrives, the lovely green sward will soon return.
- Design for the climate trends - think about where excess rainwater (runoff) can be slowed down or completely absorbed before it reaches a drain by creating a deeper planting bed (1-2m deep's not excessive!), planting shrubs or trees into sloping ground to stabilise the soil and soak up the runoff water; create smaller cool/damp micro climates and mutually supportive plant communities in a courtyard, so they need less watering in hot months; devote a section of garden to a gravel garden for more drought-tolerant planting which has adapted to manage the drier periods - silvery and/or hairy leaves, smaller leaf size, adaptive root systems etc. so they can tolerate the dry better than other plants. Gravel surfaces are also helpfully permeable (as long as not over a concrete base?!) so should absorb excess runoff during heavy rain and prevent flash flooding.
- Plant climbers against your house - not only are they beautiful but they also really do keep the house cooler inside in the hot months
- PLANT TREES! We just can't keep on complaining about the extreme weather when it brings inconvenience and disruption to our everyday lives - we need to plant now, for the future.

Muddy Fingernails

Parish Farming

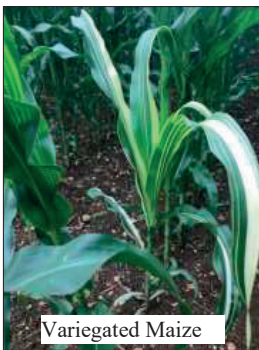
FUSSELS LATEST

Fine Foods: No Shows during July except for the Frome Independent Market. I've recently been moved into the Weighbridge Office on the Farm, so you won't now find me covering markets, any events or in the shop now.

Tours: Harvest Tours - look out for new evening tour dates, starting at 6.30pm.

Farm: Our Barley is in and by the time you see this copy of The Link, our Rape will be in too. It's also looking likely that we will be harvesting the Wheat early because it's been so hot. A very busy time for us in the Weighbridge Office. Henry, our Store and Blends Manager has a massive job recording all the grain/seed/pellets/beet/bread etc. that come into storage here on the Farm and also everything that is discharged. This includes all the blends we mix for Animal Feed too. At this time of year, we are taking in Barley and Oilseed Rape in huge quantities recording exactly what tonnage of grain belongs to each farmer storing with us. That grain, in turn, is mainly sold, but some goes into our Blending Sheds or out on one of the 29T articulated lorries run by Rode Haulage; currently we run 4 lorries but also have some regular sub-contractors hauling for us.

Each incoming load needs to be tested in a Moisture Metre which is very precise, and a sample kept. Also, we require a sample for grain being discharged and for the various blends going out, and they are kept in the freezer. You can imagine that during Harvest we get a bit overrun with samples! Every week we have to despatch selected and requested samples for testing. The straw, hay and livestock wagons continue to roll on and off the Weighbridge requiring a 'Public Weigh'. All makes for an interesting day!



The Maize is growing fast now but will not be ready until late September, early October. Our Wheat is coming close to full ripeness and will probably be coming in sooner than expected. We have heard that some Farmers on the South Coast are already cutting Wheat! The Field Bean pods are filling and fattening. Harvest is normally late September but Shaun and Andy will be keeping a close eye. Hay is still being cut and baled. The weather has been perfect but the additional high temperatures are likely to make it drier. Everything down to experience and weather watching, and as predicted, haymaking ran into harvest!

Take care.

Lizzy Etheridge

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Parish Family & Friends Notices

ROBIN PHILIP GUY WHITEHEAD

BORN ON 24TH JUNE 2022 AT BATH RUH



Our baby boy Robin has arrived safe and sound and we would like to thank everyone in Rode for the huge amount of love we have received in abundance - with all the congratulations, best wishes, cards and gifts.

We are so very grateful!

Our sincere apologies if we haven't told you of our news or thanked you personally.

It has been a bit of a whirlwind settling into our new family life, but one we are so thankful for (except more sleep would be very welcome!).

We feel ever so lucky that Robin will grow up in such a fantastic village, and that Rode will always be his home.

Steven & Julia Whitehead
(néé Robb - Gardener /
Rode Grows and Shares)



Parish Business

THE RURAL HOMEOPATH, WOOLVERTON BA2 7RH

Helle Jones has been working for over 40 years as a homeopath and allergy specialist partly in the Frome Medical Centre, but for the last 2 years in her beautiful purpose-built clinic in Woolverton.

Helle originally qualified as a chiropractor, but soon developed a passion for homeopathy and in particular its application to the treatment of allergies.



She uses a computer-generated system of analysis which is very accurate and non-invasive.

A good proportion of Helle's patients are babies, infants and children with a multitude of conditions in such as respiratory, skin, and digestive conditions to name few.

Homeopathy is a wonderful gentle treatment which stimulates the body to heal itself, and the results are very gratifying for all concerned.

The original consultation takes about 30 minutes and at the end the patient receives their diagnosis, and treatment plan (if appropriate) which may involve homeopathic remedies and/or a list of allergens.

Helle has weekly clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays and can be contacted on 01373 463098, or email info@fromeclinic.co.uk.

Helle has the following websites:
www.fromeallergies.co.uk. and www.fromehomeopathy.co.uk

Parish Groups

RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In July we continued our programme of summer visits with an evening trip to Beggars Knoll, a Chinese - style garden tucked away under the White Horse in Westbury. Colin and Penny explained that the philosophy of Chinese gardens is about relaxing, enjoying plants, scenery and architecture.



The series of individual small gardens lead from one to another up and down the very steep hill-side. Each has its own title, style or specific plants, many with Chinese ornaments and some pagodas all built by Colin.

There were many very unusual plants and trees, new to our group, to be examined and admired. There are spectacular views out to the Mendips from the top of the garden. We thoroughly enjoyed this spectacular garden and the expertise of Colin and Penny and admired the hard work that has made the garden and continues to maintain it.

We have had to postpone our proposed trip in August, please look out for email and notices for replacement plan for Monday 8th August.

We have an afternoon trip to Batcombe House garden booked for Monday 12th September.

Averil Morrow

RODE WALKING GROUP

August's walk will be later in the month and will take place on Tuesday 16 August, the 3rd Tuesday instead of the usual 2nd.



Starting at 10 am from Great Elm we will walk along the river towards Mellis and hopefully stop for coffee at the Post Office Cafe before returning by the same route. For those not familiar with this area, on entering Great Elm from this direction turn left at the signpost and follow the narrow road down a steep hill to the river, the car park can be found across the bridge and on the left. Approximately 5 km.

Please contact me for further details or to arrange transport.

Liz Dinnis

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Parish Groups

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

Sorry to report that there will now be no Lunch Club until 3rd October, followed by the next on 7th November and then we will have our Christmas Bash on 5th December.



Many apologies for the cancellation of the July Lunch Club which I am afraid was unavoidable.

Do have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in October and catching up on all that has been happening since our last Lunch Club.

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

T: 01373 830836 / 07828 600095

RODE CRAFT GROUP

Weekly as usual throughout August:
Every Thursday 2pm to 4pm, Rode Chapel.



Val Parker

WELLSPRING

Sacred Waters and the Spirits of the Land

On Monday 1st August at 7.30pm in Rode Chapel, Wellspring will present an illustrated talk by Yuri Leitch.



Yuri will focus on the four rivers that flowed out of the Great Forest (Coit Mawr) to the four directions, north, south, east and west. They still do – the Frome flows north, the Wylde flows east, the Stour flows south and the Brue flows west to Glastonbury Tor, ‘Avalon’, and to the sun setting in the Sabrina Sea. He will also touch upon the traditional 17th century witches of Somerset, the Lords of Stourton and the occult intrigues of 19th and 20th century Glastonbury. Yuri is a well-known artist, author and researcher from Glastonbury who now lives in Jersey. Everyone is welcome to come to this talk. Admission £5 includes refreshments. Doors open 7.15pm.

Caroline Williams

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Parish Groups

RODE OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Our third and last outing for this year was to Weymouth on Thursday 7th July and, members having been ravaged by Covid and other complications, our numbers were down to about fifteen until Tom Ryan one of our committees pressganged some of his family to join us! As a result, twenty of us set out on a fairly indifferent morning not expecting much.

Things began to look up when we stopped for coffee at Wardon Hill Trading Post near Dorchester. There was a sticky moment when twenty of us, plus driver, approached the coffee shop counter. Apparently they were only used to customers coming in twos and threes but, after the initial shock, they soon rallied and we were all served and the cakes were delicious. However it was the rest of the establishment that was so exciting. Antiques, clothes I think, pictures, bric-a-brac and much more plus a garden centre. Some made hasty purchases and a trip there for a longer stay next year is under consideration as we only saw a fraction of it. We had to tear ourselves away.

Back onto our coach and, the weather starting to show promise, we continued to our destination and by the time we arrived the sun was shining. That's it really. We had a lovely day having lunch outside by the harbour, exploring and just enjoying being by the sea. If only all our trips were blessed with such lovely weather!



Our August meeting will be on Friday 12th in the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm and it will be our cream tea so please don't have much lunch.

Birthday greetings in August go to Mrs N Stabbins (6th), Mrs G Jackson (15th) and Mrs H Bryant (24th). A very happy birthday to you all - enjoy the cake!

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Parish Events

WEEKLY
RODE CRAFT CLUB

THURSDAYS
2-4pm
RODE CHAPEL
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WEEKLY
CLUBS



EVERY Wednesday 9 – 10.45am
St Philip and St James Church, NSP

Toys, songs and stories. No need to book drop in sessions.
New play space in the church and new heating.

£2.00 per adult for coffee and cake.
No charge for children, please bring refreshments for them.

Contact Sue – H.V. Children's Worker if you need more details
E: kidschurch@hardingtonvale.org.uk T: 01373 812766

CATERPILLAR CLUB

For 3–9 year olds
Wednesdays in August
St. Philip and St. James Church
see page 18 for details



THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

**Tony Roberts (saxophone)
and
Richard Llewelyn (guitar)**

We're delighted to welcome the wonderful saxophonist Tony Roberts to Norton St Philip for our August lunchtime concert, Tony was part of the vanguard of contemporary British jazz and folk from the 60s onwards.

He has performed with such luminaries as John Dankworth. Mike Gibbs, Nucleus, Danny Thompson and John Renbourn. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear Tony play with the outstanding guitarist Richard Llewelyn.

The concert, at St Philip & St James Church NSP, begins at **1pm** and ends at 2pm. Admission is £5 per person. Tickets can be bought on the door.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Autumn season of concerts will take place on the following Thursdays:
8 September / 6 October / 3 November and 1 December - Artists to be confirmed.

Parish Events



PLEASE NOTE
NO LUNCH CLUB
IN AUGUST OR
SEPTEMBER
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Forget-me-not Café



When? – 8th August 2.30-4pm (2nd Monday each month)
Where? - St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip



Come and enjoy a cuppa and friendly people to chat with. Some of us may have memory challenges but we have a great café team who are all Dementia Friends!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Jo for more info (including on similar cafes in the local area)
E: 321jorobinson@gmail.com T: 01373 831381



**SAVE THE DATE..
10 & 11TH SEPTEMBER**

A number of events on the second Saturday and Sunday of next month, including “Green Open Doors”, “Repair Café” and more.

See page 24 for more info...

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Talking cafes are a place to meet new people, make friends and chat to a community signposter about activities, support groups and services in your community.

Frome: Mondays 10am – 11.30am
Cheese and Grain, Market Yard,
Justice Lane, Frome BA11 1BE

Frome: Thursday 1pm – 2.30pm,
Coffee#1, 15-16 Westway Centre,
Frome BA11 1BS

Beckington:

First Tuesday of every month,
1.00pm-2.30pm, Woolpack,
Warminster Road, BA11 6SP

A vibrant poster for the play 'Peter Pan' by J.M. Barrie. The background is purple with a pattern of small white stars. The title 'PETER PAN' is written in large, stylized, yellow-orange letters. A hand holding a sword is depicted in the center. The name 'J.M. BARRIE' is written below the title. At the top, the word 'ILLYRIA' is written in a decorative font with a star. Below the poster, there is text about the venue and tickets.

"Peter Pan" is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Centone Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Iantra Franch Ltd. www.centonetheatricals.co.uk

MANOR FARM, BA12 7QE
Saturday 6 August 2022 at 6.30pm
Tickets: theelizabethanevening.com, 01373 832 113

Gates open 5.00pm. Performance approx 2hr 40mins (inc 20min interval).
Cancellation in dangerous weather only, when performance will be rescheduled.
Tickets are non-refundable, except where a Covid lockdown is in place. Booking fees may apply.

SEATING PROVIDED. Licensed Bar. Politics welcome. Donations to Local Food Banks & Mendip YMCA Youth Centre.

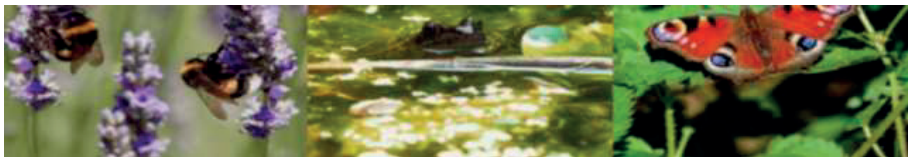


About the Children's Festival

This is our biggest and best event and where it all began! The Children's Festival is a free community event offering around 40 different activities for children and families to enjoy. Usually held at the Cheese and Grain through to Welshmill Park in the summer, the event includes activities such as forest school, storytelling, arts and crafts, music, sports, magic, fun science, theatre, sensory tent and much more. To make sure that it is truly accessible we don't have stalls selling things (other than food and drink) and we work hard to make sure that as many activities as possible are suitable for children with additional needs.

Children's Festival 2022 will be on Sunday 21st August.

Noticeboard



Frome Town Council (FTC) is holding a series of fun summer wildlife activities in various locations - come along to these free summer activities to learn more about local wildlife and find out how you can support biodiversity in fun and interesting ways.

Back in January FTC partnered with Somerset Environmental Record Centre to launch the Community Wildlife Mapping Project. Residents and visitors to the town have since been using the digital wildlife map to record sightings of wildlife in our gardens, parks as well as in general life such as walking to work.

The Resilience Team at FTC have also set up some free, fun interactive sessions over the summer, taking place on the following dates and locations, the sessions are free but it's best to book as they will be popular.

All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. These are outdoor activities so make sure you dress sensibly for the weather and check your emails in the event of storms or high winds in case we need to cancel.

Please book 1 ticket per person attending, e.g. 3 tickets for 2 children accompanied by 1 adult.

Tuesday 2nd August 11.00 – 12.30

Big Butterfly Count and Wildlife Mapping, , Rodden Meadow

Join this fun and interactive session delivered by Jo Morris, FTC's Resilience Officer for the last chance to take part in this year's Big Butterfly Count and learn how to support our own Frome Community Wildlife Mapping project. The session will cover:

- Why wildlife needs our help with focus on pollinating insects
- Actions we can take to help wildlife in our gardens, balconies, and communal green spaces
- Citizen science – surveying/looking for wildlife using Seek and I Naturalist
- Connecting with nature through nature art, mindfulness, and play

Meet by the noticeboard at the Willow Vale end of the meadow and feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy after.

Thursday 18th August 11.30-13.00

Come Dine With Bee, The Old Showfield (nr Frome Medical Centre)

Join our Resilience Officer Jo Morris for a pollinator themed picnic. Some fun research is required before this one as we would like you to **include**

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some food that wouldn't exist without pollinating insects! Jo will chat to you about the importance of pollinating insects and there will be a chance to engage in some fun wildlife themed activities.

Monday 22nd August, 10.30 – 12.00

Thursday 25th August, 11.00 – 12.30

Pond Dipping and Wildlife Mapping, The Roundhouse, Welshmill

Join our Resilience Officer Jo Morris to investigate the wildlife at the new pond in Welshmill. Try out some pond-dipping methods, learn about amphibians and explore the variety of insects and their larva in and around the pond. There'll also be a chance to find out about the Community Wildlife Mapping project and how you can get involved.

Visit: tickettailor.com/events/frometowncouncil to book your free place – and also see details of a variety of other FTC events!

Playday

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Wednesday 3rd August
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If you don't have any support and need help to apply

Please phone Somerset County Council on **0300 123 2224**. Somerset County Council will help you find an organisation who will help you make an application.



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A VISIT TO IMBER

During the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June, the village of Imber on Salisbury Plain was open to the public for several days. We took the opportunity to go and visit, as it is not often open. There is limited access, so we were quite apprehensive about finding the way and also about the condition of the roads as you are warned that they are not very good. In the event we took a road near Heytesbury and there was no problem. It felt slightly surreal to be so far into the middle of nowhere in a military training area.

The War Office bought up the village and the surrounding farms before the 2nd World War in order to make Salisbury Plain the largest military training ground in the UK. The villagers were just tenants and they had only 47 days' notice to evacuate their homes in 1943 to make way for American troops to train for the liberation of Europe. They were never allowed back despite many protests by the villagers. The only concession was to allow public access on a limited number of days.



We were slightly disappointed that nearly all the old village buildings had been demolished and those that are left are simply shells and are out of bounds. The main building that is left is the church, St Giles, which is still in use. Inside there were refreshments, information about the village and some stalls. The church has a connection with this area in that there are some wall paintings that are very similar to those in the church in Farleigh Hungerford Castle and the Hungerford coat of arms is above the porch. The other buildings that you can see are the Bell Inn, which was one of two pubs in the village, Nag's Head cottages, Seagram's Farm and the school. Imber Court was the original manor house but has been reduced to 2 stories. There are also some modern houses (all shells) which were used for training for soldiers going to Northern Ireland during the troubles.



The next opportunity to visit Imber is Imberbus Day on 20th August 2022, when old Routemaster buses travel from Warminster through Imber to various places on Salisbury Plain www.imberbus.org



Caroline Williams

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A POLITE REQUEST FOR A CLEANER AND TIDIER RODE

Dog Walkers - So, you are out walking your dog but looking at your phone or otherwise distracted, please could I ask that you take note of what your dog(s) is/are doing behind you.

Uncollected poo, particularly outside our homes, is not acceptable and it would also be great if you didn't allow them to pee on pots, steps etc. outside homes. The smell, right outside folks' doors, is unpleasant, particularly in the heat we've recently experienced. We shouldn't have to pick up poo/wash down after you've walked by. I understand that when a dog has to poo/pee it has to, but please try and reduce the impact it has on your fellow villagers.

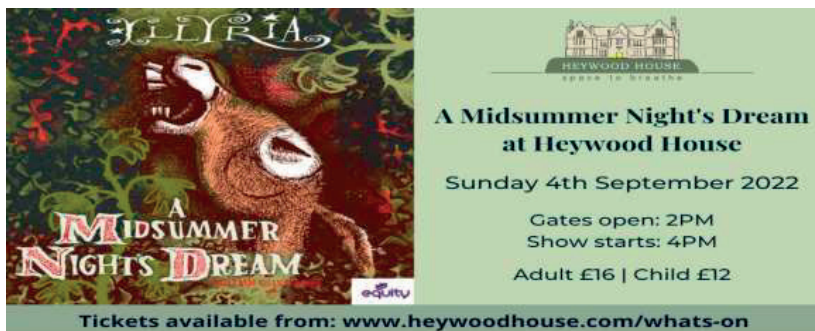
Also, please don't allow your dog(s) to pee and poo amongst crops. All the crops grown locally are going to be blended into Livestock Feed. Please keep to the footpaths with your dog(s) on a lead, along the edge of the fields (the tramlines are not a footpath) and pick up after them, wherever you are e.g. the lanes.

As a pet owner you have responsibilities and it's not alright to ignore them - or the way your pet's actions can negatively impact on others.

Posters - We love events in Rode but there appear to be many posters left on the telegraph poles and other places long after an event has passed. The Parish Council are very good about allowing posters to go up, so please help our village to look tidy by taking down any poster(s) you have put up. I have in the past (on one outing) taken down 16 posters that were long out of date!

Of course, none of the above is directed at those of you who do take down any posters you have put up or the dog owners who do pick up, keep dogs on a sensible length of lead and stay on the footpath etc. and I thank you for the difference your actions make for others.

A Concerned Parishioner



The image shows a promotional poster for a theatrical production. On the left is a colorful illustration of a deer with its mouth open, surrounded by foliage. The text 'MIDWINTER' is at the top, and 'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM' is written across the deer. On the right, a green box contains the following text: 'HEYWOOD HOUSE RODE IN STANTON' with a small house icon above it; 'A Midsummer Night's Dream at Heywood House'; 'Sunday 4th September 2022'; 'Gates open: 2PM'; 'Show starts: 4PM'; 'Adult £16 | Child £12'; and 'Tickets available from: www.heywoodhouse.com/whats-on'.

WOOD BURNING STOVES

Unusual time of the year to mention these but to ensure your wood burner is working well remember to have the chimney swept. You should sweep the chimney every year and get a certificate from your sweep; not getting this done will invalidate your home insurance for claims. It is also important that only dry wood is burnt in the burner, as this will significantly reduce emissions; coal and damp/wet wood should not be used.

If your wood burner is over 10 years old you should consider replacing it as the newer models are both more efficient and also produce less emissions – new legislation since the beginning of this year has required significant improvements to all new wood burners.

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Please do NOT fall foul to any unsolicited rogue traders: The police want to remind residents they are under no obligation to answer the door to anyone they don't know or aren't expecting.

Police always recommend using a door chain and asking to see the identification of unexpected callers. If you are suspicious of a caller ring 999 straight away

- keep your cash in the bank, not at home
- keep windows/ doors secured if you are not in the room

Remember, genuine callers:

Expect you to check their identification before opening the door

- would never try to rush you by claiming there is an emergency
- will happily make an appointment to come back when you can have a relative or friend with you.

Take time to consider your options and research costs from other providers, if in doubt contact your local trading standards. If you feel pressured by any cold caller, have the confidence to be firm and say no. Remember, it is your home, your choice. You have any works completed when you are ready, not when they are! Say NO.

Any information or similar incidents please contact the Police on 101 quoting reference number: 5222166807 stating NHW release.

Or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. t.

Untold Tales

Another of Anthony Battersby's occasional articles about his over 30 years working on the operational development of child immunisation programmes in remote and difficult parts of the world...

CROSS BORDER: PALESTINE, WEST BANK

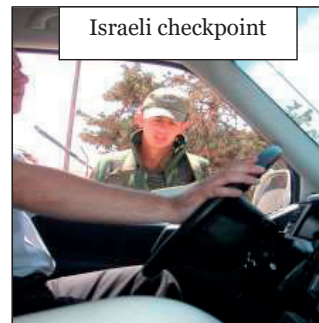
I wrote the following article for The Link in 2003. For some reason I never sent it in. Since then conditions have become steadily worse and the aggression of Israel ever more explicit.

Munir is 57 and he has been selling carpets in Jerusalem all his life. I have been buying from him for 23 years. In 2002 Munir had a heart attack. He was lucky: because he is a Jerusalem Palestinian he has access to the Israeli health insurance companies and can use the Israeli hospitals, but to get the surgeon of your choice is very expensive. Unknown to Munir one of his long time customers is an eminent Israeli heart surgeon. At no extra cost he personally carried out the operation that saved Munir.

Actions like this are all too rare in the paranoid atmosphere which pervaded Israel three years after the start of the second Intifada.

I was asked to go to Palestine by UNICEF to carry out an injection safety survey throughout West Bank and Gaza. This required travelling to remote villages and to do that meant crossing many check points.

Restriction, humiliation and uncertainty are a way of life for Palestinians. Even senior public servants in the Palestinian Authority can be, and are, turned back at check points by young Israeli soldiers, with no explanation. It is routine to have to wait up to an hour to cross a check point for no reason other than the soldiers' reluctance to move quickly. While you wait, the Israeli settlers, whose settlements now dot the hill tops of the West Bank, sweep past without stopping.



Imagine life in a town where your journey to work usually takes you five minutes; one morning you wake up to find your usual route is blocked: in the night someone has ploughed up the road, knocked down a couple of lamp posts and dumped a pile of building rubble across the road.

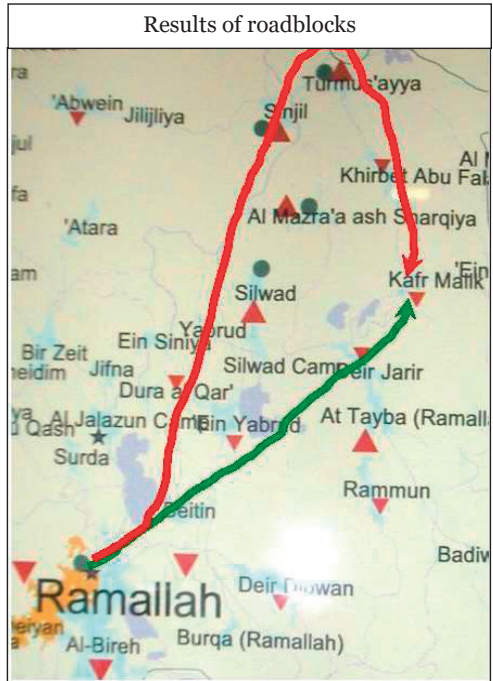
Now instead of five minutes it takes an hour to struggle through the traffic jam to get to the office. This is what happened when I was in Hebron.

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The roadblocking is official action of mass punishment carried out by the Israelis to punish the people of Hebron because a bomber is alleged to have come from Hebron.

Another example: The village of Kafr Malek is only 8 kms from Ramallah, but to reach it I had to drive 33 kms and pass through a roadblock that had been temporarily opened.

Roadblocks may be placed at any point and without notice so a route previously used may become unusable on subsequent trips - no discernable reason for the route change. The alternative is trans-shipment. It's routine for Palestinians to use 2 vehicles to carry goods from one place to another. The photograph below shows a roadblock where goods have to be unloaded from one vehicle, carried over the roadblock, and reloaded into another vehicle.



Israeli installed roadblock

When faced with the daily indignity of having a gun pointed at you when you are just going to work, when you know that you are considered a second class human being, when simple things like the freedom to travel, even between Gaza and Jerusalem, are denied you, it is hard to keep an open mind. That is why I find the story of Munir and his heart surgeon heartening, but sadly it is the exception that proves the rule.

Anthony Battersby

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON TUESDAY 12th JULY 2022 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Mike Salmon – Chair (MS), Cllr Andy Pickett (AP), Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Peter Travis (PT) and Cllr Pat Restorick (PR)

In attendance: Cllr Barbi Lund, Cllr Adam Boyden, Cllr Dawn Denton, Hugh Williams – Clerk and 1 parishioner.

1. Public Participation: Concerns were expressed that Somerset was not listening to the concerns local people had over housing developments and in particular that Somerset Highways never came out against a development. It was also reported that Mendip rarely went to public appeal over any planning application.

A warning was issued to those thinking of signing up to the proposed ultrafast broadband services that were coming to the village as the providers were asking for 18 to 24 month commitment and would not give a rebate should you move out of the area.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr J McAuliffe

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. New Councillor: The Chair nominated Jonathan Bowler (JB) to be co-opted as a new councillor onto Rode Parish Council to fill the vacancy. This was unanimously approved by all Councillors present. It was noted that Elaine Butler had accepted the six month sabbatical.

6. Report from County Councillors: It was reported that the Local Community Network (LCN) should be set up formally at the next meeting on 3rd August. This should enable Frome and surrounding villages to speak with one voice; however, concerns remained that the requirements of a town (Frome) would differ to the surrounding villages. Cllr Boyden reported he had spoken with Somerset Highways regarding the Rode Hill/Bradford Road junction and he said a further improvement scheme, which included vehicle activated signs for vehicles approaching the junction from Wingfield, was being drawn up and this would come out for consultation.

It was reported that arts and culture were being promoted in this area. Also, there were schemes on the Somerset website which could help those struggling to pay bills (also advertised on Parish noticeboard).

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7. Report from District Councillor: Cllr Lund reported that there was a website (<https://someset.thinktravel.info>) which allowed you to plan public transport journeys in Somerset. Initial trails showed it worked well although it would need to be kept up to date when companies changed their bus or train schedules.

8. Actions from previous meeting:

- i. Trees: Merfield/The Mead:** Cllr Lund reported she had raised the issue with Bo Walsh at Mendip and he had just reported back, following an inspection, that the trees were not dangerous but Mendip should write to the owner pointing out his legal responsibilities. However, there was some contradiction in his email in that the trees were likely to shed branches but were not apparently dangerous. Cllr Lund agreed to go back and seek clarification.
- ii. Tree on The Mead near allotments:** The Clerk had received a quote for removal of dead branches and the meeting agreed this should be done.
- iii. Clock:** The Clerk reported that he had tried to make contact with Peter Watkinson again and he had left voicemail messages but had had no response. He agreed to pursue.
- iv. Ultrafast broadband:** There were now three possible suppliers bring this to Rode. Voneus looked to be the first but now Gigaclear had mail shot the village and there would be a virtual meeting between them and members of the PC on 20th July to get further information. Openreach were also planning on bringing ultrafast broadband to the village, their system could allow all providers to access it whereas the other would tie people into their own system. PT agreed to speak to Mike Rigby at Somerset regarding concerns over disruption that could be caused by a number of separate operators digging up roads to install broadband.

9. Highways:

a) Memorandum of understanding – this had now been agreed and signed off by Somerset. There was still a requirement for Somerset to provide posts for the SID on Bradford Road and up Rode Hill from Trowbridge as had been agreed by Sara Davis in April.

b) The Sportsman – a response had been received which now indicated that the adoption of The Sportsman should be completed in the autumn. Surveys of the drainage system had been completed. There was concern expressed that there could still be surface water on Clay Lane coming off the fields prior to reaching The Sportsman. It was agreed the Clerk should enquire whether Somerset were resolving this as part of the adoption of The Sportsman and also Calm Engineering should be requested to provide details of their scheme to increase the settling ponds to prevent soil run off from Barbara's Field into the drainage system.

10. Planning:

i) New applications:

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2022/1170/HSE: Erection of single storey side extension – 4 Bradford Road. No objections.

2022/1196/TPO: Elm, removal of dead wood and remove/reduce overhanging lateral branches – 9 Langham Place. No objections.

2022/1260/CLE: Application for certificate of lawful existing development for use as a separate dwelling house – The Annex, Monkley Stables. No objections.

2022/1265/TCA: Eucalyptus, reduce by 2m; acer reduce roadside by 0.5m – 5 Lower Street. No objections.

ii. Mendip decisions:

2022/0218/VCR: Variation of condition 2 of permission 2019/0620/REM to replace existing dwelling and garage with 5 new dwellings and associated garages – 6 Frome Road. Approved.

2022/0801/HSE: Replacement of existing conservatory – 3 Orneage Close. Approved.

iii. Other:

Concerns were expressed over a number of buildings that were appearing in the village, in particular a large construction at 14 Nutts Lane which appeared to breach planning regulations. Also, the building at The Old Coach House which did not have planning permission had been inspected by Mendip and a retrospective planning application should have been put in within 28 days from an inspection in February but nothing had happened. It was agreed the Clerk would give Cllr Barbi Lund a list of ‘questionable’ constructions in Rode for her to take up with Mendip Enforcement.

2021/0071/OTS: There had been no progress with the appeal, this still had not been assigned to the Planning Inspectorate to start the appeal, however the name of the officer handling this at Mendip was now known (Nicky White). It was agreed questions the PC might want to raise regarding the appeal would be sent to AP before the next meeting and these would be considered and DLA Piper approached over the best way forward to approach the appeal.

11. Playing Field Constitution: It was reported that the simplification of the Constitution had raised a number of legal issues over the state of the Playing Field Trustees and the role of the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that Andy Pickett would meet with Steve Eyles and the lawyer to clarify outstanding issues.

12. Church Farm: It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept the offer of a new date from Autograph for a meeting and agreed this should take place on Monday 18th July with the main issue being the path connecting the site with the village.

13. Memorial Hall: The Parish Council should be represented on the Memorial Hall Committee and it was agreed Ann Edney would attend its AGM on Tuesday 19th July. It was thought unnecessary to amend the Constitution.

14. Code of Conduct: The revised Code of Conduct, based on the template prepared by SALC, previously circulated was agreed and adopted.

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15. Buses: PT reported that bus companies were facing considerable problems with passenger numbers down and fuel costs steeply up, but their biggest problem was a driver shortage. It was likely that further cuts to services could come to Rode.

16. Allotments: A request had been made by the Allotment Society for the land at the end of The Mead be made into allotments – possibly 2 or 3 half plots. It was agreed MS and JB would inspect the drains on this land and report to the next meeting.

17. Financial matters:

i) Fencing of S106 land in Playing Field: The PC agreed to pay the invoice and charge half of it to the Playing Field. **ii) Draft budget:** The meeting agreed the previously circulated draft budget for 2022/23

iii) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£777.40
M Lucas (grass cutting)	£48.00
H Williams (computer security for PC)	£49.99
W and R Arney (fencing)	£2,280.00
Clerk Salary	£224.58
HMRC PAYE	£56.00

iv) Jubilee day refund: A surplus of £480.00 was returned to the Parish Council.

18. Other business: A complaint about emissions from wood burners had been received and residents were reminded that flues should be checked and that chimneys should be swept annually. This should be done as failure to do so invalidated house insurance. Article to be added to The Link.

19. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held in the Memorial Hall on:

Tuesday 9th August at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed

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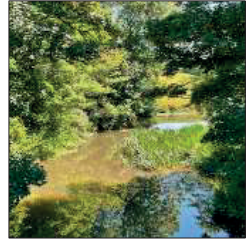
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Last month's Sudoku

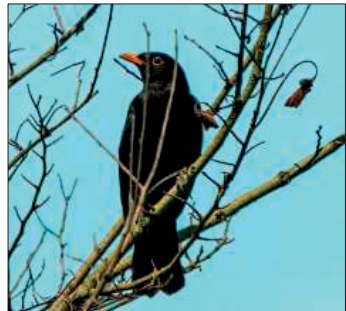
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4	6	2	5	9	7	3	8	1
1	5	3	4	8	2	9	7	6
7	9	8	3	1	6	2	4	5

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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William Henry Davies, 'When on a Summer's Morn



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Tuesday 2 August	9.45 am 6.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion Tellisford, Evening Prayer	C Walker
Sunday 7 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 S Kivett/M Harrison C Walker S Flindall
Monday 8 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Sunday 14 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford, Holy Communion Norton St Philip, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins	S Kivett J Robinson/S Kivett
Monday 15 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 16 August	6.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Sunday 21 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford, Holy Communion Norton St Philip, Informal Worship Laverton, Matins	J Robinson tbc/M Harrison
Monday 22 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Sunday 28 August	10.30 am 11.00 am	Norton St Philip, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins	J Robinson/S Kivett
Monday 29 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	

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14.08.22	Local Arrangement
21.08.22	Rev. Andrew Kellett, Holy Communion
28.08.22	Barry Speddings

AUGUST 2022 DIARY

Mon 1 Aug	NB No Monday Lunch Club this month see page 33 for details 7.30pm Wellspring see page 33 for details
Thu 4 Aug	1pm-2pm Lunchtime Concert see page 39 for details
Mon 8 Aug	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 40 for details
Tue 9 Aug	10am Rode Walking Group see page 32 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 54 for details
Fri 12 Aug	2.30pm Rode Over 60s Cream Tea see page 34 for details
Sat 13 Aug	Midnight FRANS auction bids deadline see page 5 for details
Fri 21 Aug	11.25-11.55am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
Mon 22 Aug	SEPTEMBER LINK COPY DEADLINE
Mon 29 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY August Bank Holiday
Wed 31 Aug	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 17 for details

FORWARD PLANNER

10/11 Sep	Big Green Weekend see page 40 for details
Sun 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY Christmas Day
Mon 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY Boxing Day
Tue 27 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY in lieu of Christmas Day falling on Sunday 25 th December

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