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



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Link Team Messages

We're back!! Already a month in to 2022 and our new Subscription Year fast approaches!! But before we get to more on that I'd like to thank all our readers for your support this past year. Another year when we all again had to adapt and continue learning to live with Covid as case numbers and government restrictions changed throughout the year. We wait to see what this year brings.

I also sincerely thank all those who took the time and made the effort (many on a monthly basis) to contribute content to the magazine – without you there would be no Link! Long may it continue and I do hope that in the coming year I will get to see many new contributors – if you would like to know more or discuss please don't hesitate to give me a call. A HUGE THANK YOU too to all in our wonderful Link Distribution Team for their dedication in getting the magazine to our readers doors. My thanks also to Sam and her Team at Rode Post Office for handling direct sales of the magazine for another year and for their assistance in collecting our new annual subscriptions - which I know will create much extra work for them in the next few weeks.

The Link is above all a magazine for our local community and so details of local news, events and activities (and more) that will be of interest to our readers are welcomed. Please do forward any content you feel we could/should include to me – and any ideas you may have for improving the magazine! Any help to spread the word about The Link to encourage new readers and contributors and widen our audience and our content is also very much appreciated!

Now on to The Link subscriptions - our **new subscriptions year starts 1st April 2022**, and I'm pleased to confirm that there will again be **no increase, the annual subscription will remain at £8.00**, and the price of an individually purchased magazine will remain at £1.00. So, organising an annual subscription will again offer a saving of £3 - in addition to the convenience of having the magazine delivered to your door!

An annual subscription covers the delivery to your address of 11 issues of the The Link. The magazine will be delivered monthly to your address (except January when we have a combined December/January issue) commencing April 2022 through to March 2023 inclusive. A subscription envelope is enclosed in this copy of the magazine for your convenience and its use and details of the subscription payment procedure are on the following page.

I do hope our much-valued current subscribers will be renewing their subscription and we will be delighted to welcome new subscribers. Thank you.

Gill Leonard

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“THE LINK” ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023 IS NOW DUE...

Please use the enclosed subscription envelope to secure yours.

Fill in your name and address in the space provided and drop off or send the completed envelope to Rode Post Office so that we know you have paid. Please ensure you complete full details on your method of payment.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid this subscription by ticking the box on the envelope, signing your name and making sure your address includes your postcode.

Your subscription money is **due by 25th March 2022 at the latest**, to ensure continuity of subscription and delivery of your April 2022 issue. We would appreciate payment by **cheque or bank transfer**, if possible.

Cheques should be made payable to **HARDINGTON VALE PCC**.

The completed subscription envelope should be dropped in or posted to Rode Post Office - if posted, please attach a stamp and **do not include cash**.

If you pay by bank transfer, it is important that you include “LINK” and your surname and initials as the payment reference so that we can identify your payment.

When paying by bank transfer you should still complete and submit the subscription envelope to Rode Post Office.

Further Subscription envelopes are available from Rode Post Office.

In order to help avoid any interruption to delivery payment and submission of your completed envelope at the earliest opportunity will be most welcome.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Church Reflection & News

REFLECTION

Stamina is a quality that is in short supply at the moment. There is something about January that, for many saps our energy. The continuing pandemic doesn't help either. This is frustrating because there is a lot to be done. It's a good time of year for sorting out. Turning out drawers, cupboards and sheds and maybe getting rid of stuff. All the issues in the world that we care about are still here. The climate crisis hasn't gone away and there is plenty to do, whether lobbying, or local initiatives or changing our lifestyles. Care of our land and soil is another big issue and connected. All this takes stamina.

One person who stands out at the moment is our Queen, Elizabeth the Second. She has kept going for seventy years and is still working at an age when most of us will have long since hung up our working boots. Some will say she lives a cosseted life of luxury. Well maybe, but when she took on the task at 25, which she was born to, and did not seek, she said her role was to serve the nation. I think that history shows that she has largely fulfilled that in spite of the lack of freedom given and restrictions she has had placed upon her. There is no doubt that her strong Christian faith has sustained her. So later in the year there will be a chance to celebrate her service and stamina on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

I was shown the following prayer yesterday which sums up the wise use of stamina. It is by Steven Cherry from his little book "Barefoot Ways". It's an encouragement I think and can be used to pray with or as a stimulus for thought.

" God of endurance, I pray for stamina this day

There is no task for me to rush at.

*There is nothing I can quickly achieve,
nothing that can easily be ticked off my list.*

I must work slowly, patiently, methodically.

*I must work diligently, not succumbing to the temptation to digress:
a temptation I expect to face three or four times an hour.*

Keep me focused, keep me patient, keep me committed.

Help me to pace myself, taking breaks and remaining fresh.

Help me to remember that what I do today may not be much;

but that it might be crucial - when seen with the wisdom of retrospection.

*Give me even today a hint of my future hindsight. Let it shape my
judgements, my diligence, my endurance.*

Let it give me stamina."

Barbara Day

Reader

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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

Happy New Year! What a busy couple of months we've had at St Lawrence, as it should be with Christmas being in the middle of it all. We were delighted to welcome so many people from the community along with their extended families and friends to our Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The church looked beautiful (many remarked on this during the Services) with all the flowers, candles and Christmas tree (kindly donated by the Osborne family).

Our Family Carol Concert, with Rode Community Choir, on the Sunday before Christmas was very well attended and it was a delight to listen to the choir sing on their own and to also join in with them singing familiar carols.



Our Outdoor Nativity the previous week-end also attracted a lot of people who enjoyed what is fast becoming a Rode Christmas tradition. It was great to have the Fisher family, who have only moved to Rode during 2021, to play the main characters.



Thanks to everyone who participated – all the musicians, animals, actors and fantastic children who dressed as shepherds, innkeepers and angels.

Since Christmas we have also had a very busy Breakfast Church in January and our next Breakfast Church will be on the second Sunday in February, the 13th, at 9am, so do please come and join us if you'd like to see what it's all about.

One final note – we are very lucky to have a rota of people who clean the church for a month each year and we are very grateful to everyone who does this. It involves hoovering, dusting and cleaning the kitchen and lavatory once a week during the month assigned on the rota. It doesn't have to be one person as several people currently join forces and come up to church to clean together. On average it is about one hour's work per week. We are looking to fill a few gaps on our rota so if you feel able to offer your services then please do get in touch with us, we'd love you to join us. (Sally: 831796)

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

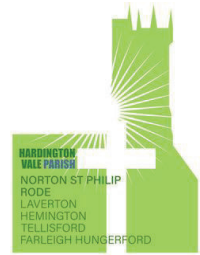
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H.V. CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all who attended events in the Parish over Christmas - all the collections from these events are divided across the three charities that we support, Mission to Sea Farers, Safe Passage and Focus Frome.

The total raised was £1073.42

Reverend Caroline Walker



CrossYoga

Last Sunday of the Month @Norton St Philip Church

5-6:15pm

30th January
27th February
27th March
24th April
29th May
26th June

ZOOM also available

Find peace
Find hope
Find faith

Gentle Yoga Class
using Christian meditation
All are welcome

£5 donation
Bring a mat
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Ecumenical Holy Communion at Rode Chapel
on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

It has been decided to alter the start time slightly, it will
now start at 12.30pm instead of 12.15pm,
so the next one is Wednesday 2nd February at 12.30pm.
All welcome!

EXPLORERS NEED URGENT HELP!!

Is there anyone reading this who would be prepared to give a little of their time to help the Scouts Rode Explorers by becoming a Leader?



Our Explorer Unit is in desperate need of a couple of additional Leaders.

Explorers are a group of young people aged 14-18 who meet every two weeks on a Tuesday evening and the occasional weekend to have fun, try new experiences and activities, learn skills of survival and independence in the true scouting tradition.

We run this between us, but James is back off to the Isles of Scilly for all the summer and Nick has work commitments so cannot make every meeting and will not be able to run Explorers alone. So if we wish Explorers to continue we need to find new Leaders.

If anyone would like to join us as a Leader (which is a really rewarding role) or would like more information and to discuss what's involved please don't hesitate to contact one of us, details below:

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We'd be really delighted to hear from you...

James Osborne & Nick Russell

BANGERS AND BINGO FUNDRAISER UPDATE



Scouts

1st Rode (Scout Group)

We had planned to hold our wonderful annual "Bangers and Bingo" night on Saturday 29th January.

The date was set before the arrival of Omicron, however, due to the latest COVID figures we felt it was the best option to postpone it for now.

So watch this space...

Howard Russell

Group Scout Leader

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WHO KILLED THE HOLIDAYMAKER...?

With these long winter days what better to bring some sunshine into our lives with Who Killed the Holidaymaker, set in sunny Greece!

Saturday February 5th 2022 at 7.30pm at Rode Memorial Hall
For one night only you can pretend you're on a Greek island enjoying the sunshine!



Yes, we are back again in February with another murder mystery play. This is our follow on from our successful one night only 'Who Killed The Farmer?', staged in February 2020 – just before Lockdown!

You can guarantee that there will be many familiar faces amongst the cast and we do require some audience participation to work out 'Who Killed The Holidaymaker?' This is a family event and everyone can join in the fun.

Tickets are available from Rode P.O. and come at the very reasonable price of:
£10 per adult including a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits
£5 per child including a soft drink and cheese and biscuits

Profits from this year's Murder Mystery play will be going to The Heart Of Rode.

Please come and support us. Tickets are limited to 60 to ensure extra spacing in the hall and we encourage you to take a Lateral Flow Test before coming.

Sally Pickett

RODE FINGERPOST REPAIR

Rode residents might have noticed that the old fingerpost on Straight Lane has been given a new lease of life.

The work was carried out by Somerset Forge, who are based near Wells. They took the post apart and made a replacement finger for Rudge as the original was broken off several years ago. The other fingers were stripped back and repainted.

Hugh Williams
Rode Parish Clerk



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GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON!

It's been nearly 2 years since most of us have had the chance for a good boogie with other people, not just on your own in your kitchen! That is all about to change.

At Rode Village Hall on 12th February there will be a great band playing well known songs to get you moving, a disco, bar and some yummy food.



The Valentine Ball, only named that because of the time of year, is a fundraiser for the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year.

Tickets are only £20.

For that you get a great night's entertainment, hot food, dessert and a welcome drink.

Wear your posh frocks and suits, or jeans and t-shirts, whatever you like...

Tickets available form Rode Post Office or online at:
rodevalentineball22.eventbrite.com

Jacqui Rottenbury

RODE ROXY DATE

Keep the evening of Friday 18th March free for the return of the Rode Roxy to Rode Memorial Hall after a two year closure.

Doors will open at 7pm, film at 7.30pm.

As the magazine goes to press the film has not been chosen, but we are confident you will enjoy it!

Full details in the March edition of The Link.

Adam Harris



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1ST RODE MAJOR SCOUT GROUP 200 CLUB

The new year of the 200 Club Draw is due to commence at the end of February 2022.

Covid/Omicron has had a devastating effect on our other fundraising, just recently having had to postpone our “Bangers and Bingo” evening and back in October the “Silent Auction”.



However, the 200 Club goes on!! This is the only way we can raise much needed funds as it doesn't involve people coming together.

We do want to protect this thriving group of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. So how about helping us out and joining our 200 Club?

For a fee of £10 you will be issued with a number, this will go into 12 draws which take place at the end of each month, 1st Prize £50, 2nd prize £25 and in November a Christmas draw of £100 1st prize, £50 2nd prize and £25 3rd prize.

The Club is open to all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and all villagers – we welcome your support.

Application forms are available at Rode Post Office or email jan_jupp@yahoo.co.uk and a copy will be emailed to you.

Please note if you are an existing member then you will receive your renewing form shortly through your letterbox if you have not already. We would like to thank you for your continued support, which includes many people who have no direct connection to the Scout Group.

Thank you

Janet Jupp

DECEMBER'S SANTA FLOAT FUNDRAISER

Hopefully you got to see Frome Lions and Rotary Clubs Santa float when it visited Rode in December. It travelled around Frome and its surrounding villages for a total of 17 days during December. It raised an amazing £19,250, which will go towards helping local deserving causes. The presidents of both clubs thank the community for their generosity.

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RODE PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Help support Rode Playing Field by buying lottery tickets every month for the chance to win one of three cash prizes (£50/£25/£25) and a fourth prize of Sunday Roast Lunch for two at The Cross Keys (courtesy of Hannah and Mark).

Only 200 tickets are available, the winning tickets are drawn in The Cross Keys on the last day of the month (except on December 30th) at 8pm. Tickets are only £1 each. If you would like to subscribe for the year - £12 per subscription – please let Jane or I have the appropriate amount for how many subscriptions you would like.

This can be paid in cash or by cheque (payable to Rode Playing Field) in a clearly marked envelope detailing your name and contact information (ideally phone and email) and should be dropped off at either 9 Langham Place, Rode or at Rode Post Office.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

Keith Sharman

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WHAT A SUCCESS!

Hi everyone, for those of you who don't do Facebook a big 'Thank You' from the Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden Team for the fantastic turnout to our "Plantathon" on 30th December... I thought we might be able to get a full row in next to the fence not the whole hedge!



You don't need me to tell you this but I will anyway - Rode is just a wonderful community to be part of! I lost count at 50 people of all ages. Lots of muddy boots, smiles and digging. The whole hedge is planted alongside the new fence - something I never imagined was possible in three hours let alone the two that it actually took.

Maybe it was the promise of cake that was the spur? Not at all - just the fantastic community spirit that is endemic in this wonderful village of ours (that said cake was consumed by many). Thank you so much everyone for your time and effort.

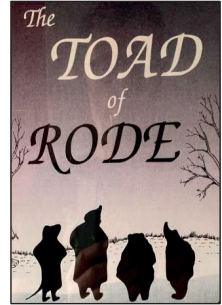
Nigel Clarke

Chair, Rode Playing Field

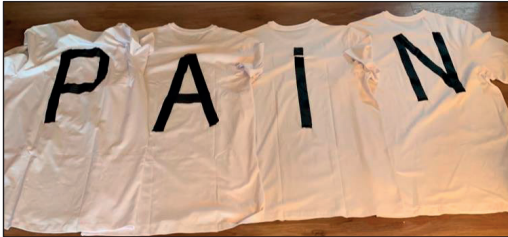
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TOAD OF RODE UPDATE

It's been a hectic time for team Toad as rehearsals and backstage activity continue apace, but we are also very aware that the COVID situation was not great over the festive period. With this in mind we have decided to move the show back to Thursday April 28th, Friday April 29th and Saturday April 30th, with tickets being available sometime in early March. We hope things will have improved greatly by then, and our fingers are firmly crossed.



The cast and crew are having a lot of fun and that's always a good sign, and with the labours of the costume department (Thanks Sue) bearing fruit it has given everyone a boost, especially the rabbits! Mind you, the outfits for the Jail escape scene are the ones that will get the biggest reaction from the audience when they are revealed, of that I have no doubt. As for the PAIN t-shirts, well you'll have to wait and see what they're all about, but I can tell you that this picture only tells half the story.



We are determined to bring the Toad of Rode to life and hopefully you will come and see us, especially as we want to raise as much money as we can for Dorothy House and Focus Frome Counselling. We'll keep everyone posted and hopefully you will come along - for what will undoubtedly be the village event of the year.

Gary Holloway

EMAIL SCAM WARNING

We have been made aware that the TV Licencing scam email appears to be going round again. You may have seen this before and it is worth noting it may look different in other versions of the scam so do please remain alert and watch out for the obvious errors, such as:

- Sent from a random email address
- Spelling mistakes
- Poor grammar
- Obvious attempts to gain your personal details



Do please remain aware of these attempts and if in any doubt, stop and check.

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AN ONLINE LIBRARY OF PAST RODE MAGAZINES?

What do you think? Would it be worth the effort and some expense?

Over many, years “Rode’s History Man” Peter Harris did an amazing job of amassing a hard copy collection of Rode parish magazines going back many decades, they have recently been entrusted to another.

On occasion “The Link” raided Peter’s archive and featured articles from way back in a current issue. Last year as Peter and I were organising just such content for the magazine when he told me he was passing on his archive and it got me thinking...

A mass of local history just sitting there, some of it in a very frail condition and only being seen and accessed on rare occasions. How sad. How to best protect and conserve it for the future and for it to be seen? In the last six months or so I have (casually - when not taken up with other things – including a fair bit of travel abroad to see family and meet several new grandchildren!) been investigating the possibility of setting up an online library of all these magazines - this huge record of, and insight into, our community over many decades. It would be a way to preserve them and also a way to make them easily available to all and utilise Peter’s many years work collating and preserving them and a window into the the history of our community. It won’t be a small task!!

Coincidentally one of our Rode Parish Councillors, Jim McAuliffe, approached me recently as he had been approached about digitising all the copies of The Link to keep as an archive following a Facebook post about copies of some old magazine copies being found (N.B. if you have copies of any old parish magazines please do get in touch). On recently receiving and reading Minutes of Rode Parish Council’s last two monthly meetings I discovered that the idea was briefly discussed in the meetings. So, moving forward, your thoughts on the idea will be very welcome - and if anyone would be interested in helping with the work that will be required to organise such a library were it to go ahead please do get in touch – particularly if good at scanning documents!!

We will be making more use of The Link Facebook page this year (www.facebook.com/TheLinkHardington) please do check it out. Alternatively you can contact me by email or phone: gillhleonard@aol.com or 01373 831072. I wait with interest to learn what is thought of the idea and if any prospective volunteers materialise...

Gill Leonard
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Parish News

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



● **Pay Boost for Somerset Carers:** SCC and the NHS have announced a £4.8m investment to increase pay and recognise the vital contribution of carers in Somerset. The Council are proposing a 9% uplift to domiciliary care providers who agree to pay all their staff a minimum of £10.50 per hour; a retention bonus of £250 for those who have been working in registered care for the last 6 months; and a £250 payment for new starters in domiciliary care. Funding for these changes has been jointly agreed and funded by SCC and the NHS, as social care is crucial in supporting people leaving hospital and in the community. There are currently a number of vacant social care roles and to find out more visit www.proudtocaresomerset.org.uk/jobs

● **Appeal for Return of Healthcare Equipment:** Healthcare equipment is loaned on behalf of the NHS and social care teams when people leave hospital or after illness, to help them stay safe at home and retain their independence. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has increased demand for this equipment and created shortages in supply. The priority is to collect these items of equipment: Wheeled Walkers – Toilet Seat and Frame – Shower Stools – Perching Stools. To book a free collection so that equipment can be reused to help others call Millbrook Healthcare on 0333 003 2407.

● **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans:** SCC has unveiled plans for major new safe cycling and walking routes in the county to help create greener, healthier and more active streets. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for Yeovil and Taunton are the first to be published – they'll be followed by plans for Bridgwater and Frome and funding has been netted to draw up plans for three other towns. Having a plan in place is key to unlocking Government funding to build the infrastructure and enable people in Somerset to choose to walk or cycle to work, school, the shops or for other short trips for the benefit of people's health and the environment.

● **Reporting faults on the Highway:** Utilising a new upgraded online system with an improved interactive map, members of the public can report a highways problem 24/7. From potholes/blocked drains/broken manhole covers, to mud on the road/overgrown vegetation/damaged pavements or cycle paths/faulty traffic lights or missing markings – they can all be reported minutes from a smartphone, tablet or computer via www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/

● **Reaching Carbon Zero:** As part of Somerset County Council's commitment to decarbonise its buildings Yeovil Library has undergone a transformation to make the building greener and more energy efficient. The project has seen a new air source heat pump installed to heat the building in a more sustainable way, lamps changed to LEDs, new thermally efficient windows, improved ventilation with carbon dioxide monitors, and significant additional insulation. The

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measures will save approximately 27 tonnes of carbon each year. The investment is part of a wider SCC scheme to decarbonise and make the Council's buildings more environmentally friendly and will cover 12 projects including Taunton Library, Frome Library, Glastonbury Hub, and County Hall. Early estimates indicate that the delivery of the various schemes could reduce SCC's carbon output by around 27% – around 400 tonnes of carbon p.a. All the remaining projects except County Hall are due to be complete by March 2022.

●**Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline:** A single phone number continues to be available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support. 0300 790 6275, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

Linda Oliver

Somerset County Councillor (Frome North)

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

A big thank you to everyone who turned up at the December Carols on the Green on December. The musicians did a wonderful job and put us all in the festive spirit. Mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies went down well, as did the snow machine!



All profits from the food and drink along with donations have been given to Julia's House, a children's hospice in Devizes. In total £260 was collected and gratefully received by such a worthwhile cause.

Yet again, Rode residents, you have done yourselves proud.

Jacqui Rottenbury


Scouts
1st Rode (Scout Group)

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RODE GROWS AND SHARES

Future events (more information coming soon):

Christmas Wreath Making – I held 3 workshops on 11 December 2021 at Rode Memorial Hall, attendees joined me to make their own foraged and compostable Christmas wreath. Everyone got on so well and produced a beautiful and unique wreath. Thank you so much to everyone who came, it was



a pleasure to get creative together. I made the wreath bases in advance (materials included wisteria, grape vine, virginia creeper and hops) for attendees to decorate with a selection of fresh and dried materials. I showed different styles of decoration (the "Greek" or "Half" styles, both showing a lot of the base were popular and a half style wreath is what I chose to do on my front door). Nigel and Becky Clarke kindly provided tea, coffee, homemade cake and cheese scones for all attendees, which was so appreciated and delicious too. From the workshop fees, £45 was donated to the Rode Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden in lieu of the refreshments. Thank you so much Nigel and Becky your efforts! I'm planning to host more Christmas wreath workshops in 2022.

Seed Sharing - in late winter/early spring. I've collected some spare seed packets, but if you have any surplus flower, veg or herb seeds to share that would be wonderful, the more the merrier.

Giant Sunflower Competition 2022 - seeds were saved from Sonny the tallest sunflower in last year's competition (11ft tall!), to be used for this year's competition. I wonder how tall the tallest sunflower will be this year...could it make 12ft?! Thank you so much to Sammy Clay for growing such a magnificent sunflower and to Jill Hammond for saving the seed for us to use.

Rode Open Gardens (in early summer) - There are talks afoot planning for another Open Gardens event after last year's huge success. I would love to hear from you if you're interested in being involved, to open your garden and/or to enter the competition.

Julia Robb

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PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY RESULTS

November 2021 winners, drawn by Hannah and others in The Cross Keys:

1st - £50.00 Gordon Roberts, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 Robert Sharman, Ex Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Andy & Sarah Hodder, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two, Bill Jackson, Rode. Thanks again to Hannah and Mark.

December 2021 winners, drawn by Phoebe and friend in The Cross Keys:

1st - £50.00 Adam Harris, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 T. Gardener, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Mike Benson, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two, Mrs. Deakins, Rode. Thanks again to Hannah and Mark.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action and a share of £100 and two Sunday roasts all is possible all for £1.00 per ticket! Remember only 200 tickets are available and you are supporting the Playing Field when you buy your ticket. If you haven't organised an annual subscription (see page 11) tickets are on sale at Rode Post Office, or directly from Jane and I.

Next draws, Monday 31st January 2022 and Monday 28th February 2022! If anyone would like to do the draw or witness it from a suitable social distance then please feel free to do so. Just ask.

Keith Sharman

T: 830408

200 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Xmas draw results for November 2021 are:

1st prize £100 Wendy Gould

2nd prize £50 Jean Hornsey

3rd prize £25 Laura Smith

Drawn by Jean Attwell, Chris Lowe and Lynn Rogers.



1st Rode (Scout Group)

The results for the December 2021 draw are:

1st prize: J. Pobjoy £50

2nd prize: June Roy £25

Drawn at Rode Post Office.

Jan Jupp

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LAVERTON NEWS

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you all had a great Christmas.

A Round Up Of Festive Events:

Christmas Bazaar - We had a wonderful turn out for this ever popular event. Many thanks to Norma, Gilli and their team for a lovely festive morning. The Bazaar raised a tremendous total of £500.04 towards Church funds.

St Mary's Carol Service - The village enjoyed a traditional Carol Service with some brilliant contributors including readings by Indy, Willow and the always wonderful Mhairi Milligan! Thanks to the team for the mulled wine in the churchyard after the Service.

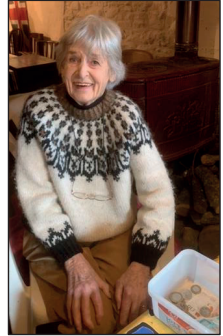
Fair Frome Christmas Food Appeal - Another fantastic effort by the generous folk of Laverton towards this. Thanks to Caroline and Alan for organising this again and delivering all the goodies to Fair Frome in time for families to enjoy at Christmas.



Shirley, Holly and Mario – A novel way to arrive at the festive events.



Indy and Willow at St Mary's Carols.



Mhairi at the Bazaar.

Defibrillator for Laverton - You may recall I was going to investigate the possibility of a Defibrillator for Laverton. I had a chance meeting with the Defibrillator Co-ordinator of Frome Hospital Friends and they have agreed to visit us and look at the possibility of installing one. I'll keep you posted!

Book Exchange Dorothy House Collection Tin - The tin was collected at the end of October but I've only just had confirmation from Dorothy House that the total collected was the terrific sum of £32.50. Thank you everyone!

Jackie Moss

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS

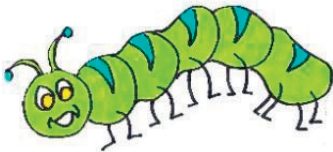
Thank you for my continued get well wishes I am now able to get around without my wheelchair and just the use of one crutch.

MINI BREAKFAST CHURCH

Our next MBC will take place on Sunday 20th February 9.00am-9.30am in St. Philip and St. James Church Norton St. Philip. The theme will be 'The Parable of the Sower'.



CATERPILLAR POP UP CLUB



Caterpillar Club is for 3–9-year olds and will be held in half term Wednesday 23rd February 2.00pm-3.30pm at St. Philip and St. James Church Norton St. Philip.

Each child attending will need an adult or older teenage sibling who can be responsible for them for indoor craft activities and outdoor churchyard explorations.

The cost will be £2.00 for the first child and then £1.00 for each subsequent child in the family attending.

This club is pre-booked not a 'drop in' like 'Tots and Toys' and has a limit on numbers attending. Please book your session asap.

TOTS AND TOYS

Our baby and toddler group will be open on Wednesday 23rd February (half term) 9.00am-11.00am for 'drop in' at St. Philip and St. James Church Norton St. Philip no booking needed.



£2.00 per adult to include coffee and cake. Please bring your own refreshments for your child.

Sue Rodford

Children and Family Worker

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1stRODE AND NORTON ST. PHILIP FIRST SCHOOL FEDERATION

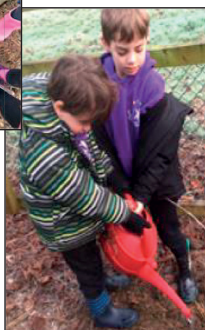
New Year Planting:

Our School Council were able to hold their first meeting in January and make exciting plans to improve the school grounds.

Their first task was to plant four fruit trees (kindly donated by a family) in our new Wild Nature Garden area. The ground was extremely hard to dig on this very frosty morning but luckily they had help from our teaching assistant Mr. Searle who is an arborculturalist.



We planted cherry, pear, apple and damson trees so will soon be able to make our own jam.



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Cosy up With a Good Book:

We have just taken delivery of hundreds of new phonic reading books across the school, partly funded by last year's sponsored read.

Before Christmas we also invested in a collection of fiction books that featured a range of diverse characters and topics.

Our whole project this term is 'Tales and Teeth' and the children have been researching wolves, writing their own fairy tales and creating illustrations. The first week of February will be 'Talk About It' week where we intend to develop the children's skills in speaking, performance poetry and debating.

Specialist Music Provision:

The children loved the specialist tuition from Emily Hampson last term (Selwood School Head of Music).

This term Chris Large is teaching the ukulele to Year 4 who will be performing at the 'Year of Klezmer' festival at the Cheese and Grain in Frome. Individual music lessons are available in piano and drums.

Kate Adams from Somerset Music has just begun a 10-week singing project with the Reception and Year 1 children at Norton.

Year 2 and 3 have started weekly Creative dance lessons with Emma Gray, devising their own movements in response to a range of music styles.

Extra-Curricular News:

This term we are running a fabulous range of after-school clubs including Dramakarma with Kevin Ross, Yoga, Art, Gardening, Football with ex-professional Martin Philips and Creative Dance with Emma Gray.

Our own Early Bird/Night Owls care runs at Norton and IG Sports offer wraparound care at Rode. Swimming lessons re-started in September and BFG, Wildthings and Paddington Class have had lessons already this year, catching up on what they missed when the pool was closed for Covid last year.



www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk
Or call us on 01373 830523 or 01373 834327.
COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE!



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RODE SCOUT GROUP

Happy New Year to all you and just to keep you up to date with our latest news...

All sections have returned over the last couple weeks.

We are very pleased to announce that Rebecca Harris is now our new Beaver Leader ably supported by her hubby Alex and Lisa and Betty Restorick. So any enquires about Beavers please get in touch with Rebecca: Becca.cooper@virginmedia.com / 07523 590940.

Esther Perkin has now moved from Beavers to become our new Cub Leader so any enquiries for Cubs her details are:
esther.perkin@hotmail.co.uk / 07971 113980

We must all thank Esther for all of her hard work with Beavers over the last 7 years and I know she will carry on in the same way with her team of James Osborne, Sarah Dinnis, Dan Barry and Helen Evans.

Jacqui and John Rottenbury are running the Scout Troop supported by Dan and Mitzi Harrington, Lisa Lambourne and Alex Joyce.

Our Explorer Unit is in desperate need of a couple of additional Leaders – see our current Leaders plea on page 7.

I do hope help is forthcoming - if we wish Explorers to continue we need to find new Leaders.

Finally, 200 Club and the new subscription year which is just starting, please see page 10 for details.

Thank you to all our current subscribers, your contributions, always so valued, have been so important during the last year with Covid restrictions having curtailed our other fundraising.

We do hope you will renew your subscription and we will be delighted to welcome new subscribers to the 200 Club.

Howard Russell
Group Scout Leader



Parish Health & Wellbeing



A very big thank you to all of those who kindly gave Christmas gifts to our staff – these are very much appreciated and encouraged the team as COVID reared its ugly head once again in the form of the Omicron variant.

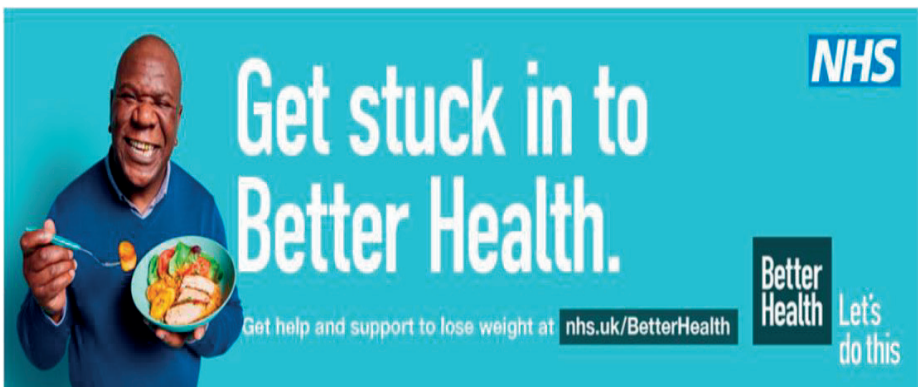
Encouragingly, although I am seeing many positive test results and in all age groups, very few of our vaccinated patients are needing hospital admission and it is a huge relief to see almost all of our older patients surviving this illness now, which is a very different scenario from a year ago. Do get vaccinated or boosted if you can.

We also have some remaining influenza vaccines left and these can be booked at the surgery if you are eligible, to protect you through the rest of the winter. I saw a few snowdrops on a walk this week but winter is not over yet!

With very high levels of circulating COVID in Mendip we are continuing to operate our 'phone first' system for GP appointments and with frequent staff absences due to COVID illness or exposure this also helps us to minimise disruption when we have to rearrange surgeries, or doctors have to work in isolation from home.

We are doing our best to maintain the service and your understanding and patience when we do have to rearrange surgeries is appreciated. I am looking forward to primroses, butterflies and hopefully less COVID...

Dr John Beaven



Parish Health & Wellbeing

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

Hello readers, the fog is thick and heavy as I'm writing this and I'm looking forward to longer, brighter days!



somerset **village** &
community agents
part of CCS

It can be tough in the cold and dark months to get motivated to exercise - what do you do to get outside in Somerset? For inspiration, why not visit www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk. The site is packed with activities and ideas to help you to get outside. You can also join in the Facebook group where people from across Somerset share local tips and ideas!

Visit www.facebook.com/groups/531875827909722 and take part in the chat! Find a new passion where you could meet new friends or take up a new hobby! We're blessed in Somerset with an abundant choice of places to go, many free! From walking through our beautiful nature reserves, enjoying town parks, or for the more adventurous, our magnificent hills, The Mendips, await exploration! There really is something for every age and ability. If you struggle to get outside in contact your local Village Agent who could find a community solution to help you!

Carers Groups Return! Carers in Mendip will be delighted to hear that many of the Carers groups are reopening across the county! Frome and District Carers group meets from 10.30-12.30 on the first Wednesday of each month at Frome Cricket Club, Rodden Road (behind the Vine Tree Pub). I'm there for an hour each time so come and say hello. Joan, Tricia and team are very welcoming. There's always someone to chat with, share a cuppa and even buy some homemade jams and chutneys! Find out more about your local group on our Carers Hub – www.somersetcarers.org If you look after someone else, whether that's family, friend or neighbour, the hub is packed full of support, activities and training. Not sure if you are a Carer? Call our advice line and make sure you have the right support for you and the person you look after! 0800 31 68 600 or text 'Carer' to 78070 to receive a call back. Ask me for information/ideas on supporting the person you care for – and you. Can't make it to a Carers group? There are weekly Talking Cafes near you, for help and advice from your local Village Agent. www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/ Follow our service dedicated to Carers on Facebook or Twitter @SomersetCarers. I'm aware not everyone has internet access - if you know someone who would benefit from support from a CCS Village Agent, please do get in touch. Stay warm, active and well,

Nic Edwards

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INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

If you feel that creative activity would help support your health and wellbeing why not join this online art group for online artist led workshops for health and wellbeing.

The group is free to join for Somerset residents thanks to funding from Open Mental Health and Arts Council England, please register to attend.

QUIET PLACES

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for Unquiet Minds

Somerset Art Works
Bringing art activity to you online when we can't be with you in person

New Online Art Group for Health and Wellbeing

Artist Led Online Workshops with Sara Dudman
From Wednesday 2nd February, ongoing through the year
Every first and third Wednesday of the month
6.30 - 7.30 pm
Recordings provided - take part at a time that suits you!

Contact us for more information and bookings
projects@somersetartworks.org.uk
For Somerset residents - Free places available
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"Art activities of any sort are great for developing self esteem and for maintaining wellbeing in challenging times - the chance to reflect upon one's circumstances and express oneself are invaluable."

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Parish Gardening

A new year and a new garden writer for The Link! As announced in our last issue Julia has now stepped down from the role. But you will still be hearing from her in the magazine with details of her great “Rode Grows and Shares” events and as we look to growing the “Shared Gardens Scheme” across the parish - as you will discover on reading this issue.

Luckily I did not have to look far to find a replacement as the Laverton Newsletter has been including regular gardening pages for some time and I am pleased to announce that “Muddy Fingernails” is very happy for The Link to also include their gardening articles. This month’s article follows:

FEBRUARY 2022 GARDENING NOTES

It’s quite tough isn't it, this period immediately after the New Year? It’s fascinating tracking the changes in the moon, observing the sudden arrival of thick fog which then rolls down across the fields in the morning. The birds are busy at the feeder, so it’s fun to watch them too for a while. But I feel haunted by those wise words about the importance of the garden having good bones, or structure.

Boy does that advice come home to me on these dank and dreary winter days.

The question of structure always comes up when planning a garden: trees, hedges, walls - all those more permanent elements that eat into the budget but are so crucial.

So if you’re thinking about making any changes in your garden, try to focus on what you’ll be seeing out of the window on a winter’s day, when the colour is all bleached out.

Consider the shapes of evergreen hedges; the tracery of the branches of deciduous hedges; the placing of trees that will catch the low sun rays and create moments of magic. And a beautiful stone wall with the bare stems of a climbing rose against it, or maybe a table or bench painted hot pink or warming orange may be all that’s needed to lift the mood.

But if you’re not in the market for big changes and don’t have such a generous budget, there are still so many ways to get bursts of joy from the winter garden. I’d start with finding a spot right next to the back door/front door/path to the shed where you can plant a winter-flowering shrub which you see, but much more importantly, you smell each day. The fragrance of the shrubs is so exquisite and somehow unexpected, which adds to the pleasure they give.

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If you're browsing along the garden centre aisles or the websites, look out for *Daphne odora* 'Aureomarginata' or *Daphne bholua* 'Jacqueline Posthill' - decide where you want to put it and once, planted, don't try to move it as it may sulk terminally. The other more recent variety which pumps out the scent almost all year round, with pretty little shell-pink flowers is *Daphne x transitsantica* 'Eternal Fragrance'.



I love Christmas Box - *Sarcococca* - and there are great mounds of it expertly clipped by the GP surgery in Beckington which I greatly admire. *Sarcococca confusa* can grow to 2m but can be kept in check (although why would you want to?) whereas *Sarcococca hookeriana* 'Winter Gem' comes from a smaller parent plant and is dainty and easy to place in a spot already crowded with plants. There's also *S. hookeriana* var. *digyna* 'Purple Stem' for a bit of one upmanship.

Others in the running include *Lonicera fragrantissima* and *Lonicera x purpusii* 'Winter Beauty' - honestly I don't know the difference between them. I do know that I am maddened that the one I have inherited here is placed at the far end of the garden - precisely the least likely place I'll be found in January. Its scent is delicious. For the rest of the year it's a bit of a straggler, but I forgive this minor fault.



Also try Mahonia if you can put up with the spiny leaves and rather bare stems if left to grow too big.

And *Chimonanthus praecox* and all those lovely *Viburnum minus* or *bodnantense* - 'Dawn' and 'Charles Lamont' - which do that beautiful thing of flowering on bare stems - so very elegant. Bring the stems inside to bring their perfume to all corners of the house.

If all else fails, buy a tray of delft blue violas or pansies and bung them in any old pot by the front door. And wait for spring, which will be here sooner than you think...

Muddy Fingernails

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SHARED GARDENS SCHEME

In November, in the garden I share with its owner (and for which I am so very grateful), I sowed some of the sweet pea seeds I saved from our flower patch. This is the first time I have done any autumn sowing and I am quite excited to be able to compare with spring sown plants. These earlier sown ones should be stronger plants and flower earlier, and therefore having both the autumn and spring sown plants should extend the picking season of one of my favourite flowers.

My husband Steve and I have been clearing last year's growth in our shared garden flower and veg beds, saving any additional seed, tidying the greenhouses and slowly preparing our growing patch ahead of this year's growing season.

We've been reviewing what we grew last year and thinking what we would like to grow more of, less of and anything new for the year ahead. We've bought some more seeds - I'm particularly excited about growing more squashes, a hot pink sweet pea called "Pandemonium" and seeds of "British Basil" which can be grown outside in the UK, and we also bought some additional dahlia tubers - I couldn't resist!

Do you have a patch of garden that you don't use any more or is too much work?

Would you be interested to share your garden?

I know of many in our community who would be thrilled to have the opportunity to have access to a shared garden as I and others are lucky enough to.

There are so many benefits in the scheme for both the garden share owners and the garden share users (as I know personally).

I would love to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved in the Garden Share scheme across the parish and to explain how it works (rest assured, it is nothing like a community garden).

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Wishing you all the best for 2022 and the growing season ahead.

Julia Robb



Parish Groups

RODE LADIES GROUP

Rode Ladies Group will be meeting at 2.30pm on Wednesday 23rd February at Rode Memorial Hall. There will be a talk by Ian Williamson on 'The Silk Road'.



If you are interested in joining the group, please come along.

Caroline Williams

RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We are pleased to announce a new programme for 2022 for our small village gardening club.



Subscriptions (£18) will include 5 talks by expert gardeners, 4 specially arranged private visits to gardens not normally open to the public and a visit to RHS Wisley, 50% discount with Suttons Seeds, plant exchanges and sales.

We start the year with a talk on 14th February 2022 entitled Notes on Seeds with Janet Berlin. Janet and her husband welcomed us to their Duck Pond Barn Garden in Wingfield a couple of years ago and she acted as our judge for Open Gardens last summer.

We look forward to welcoming new members and all our old friends.

Averil Morrow

Parish Groups

RODE OVER 60'S

Hello everyone, we hope you have all had a pleasant and peaceful Christmas and a good start to 2022.

Good news, we are back!, the 1st meeting this New Year is Afternoon Tea in the Hall at 2.30pm on Friday 11th February, we are looking forward to welcoming Members old and new.

There are 5 Members with Birthdays in February, Pat Ryan and Sue Beaven both on 11th February, John Osborne on 20th February, Mrs Perkins on 21st February and Rita Sanderson on 25th February. We wish them a very Happy Birthday and hope they enjoy their Special Day.

Finally, I have been asked to make clear that Monday Lunch Club, which is held on the first Monday of the month, in the Hall and for people aged 60 and over and led by Alex Sing is a separate organisation from Rode Over 60's Club which is held on the second Friday of the month, in the Hall (with the exception of Summer Trips) and led by Pat Smith.

Keep well, take care and stay safe everyone!

Sue Beaven

RODE MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

The first walk of 2022 was limited to using the lanes, as most of the footpaths were so muddy, for a circular walk to Beckington. The weather that day was reasonable, for January, and we stopped for coffee at The Woolpack.



Next month, Tuesday 8th February, we will be walking from Beckington to Lullington and back, approximately 5 kilometres.

Meet at the entrance to Stubbs Lane, opposite Springmead school, at 10 am.

If anyone new wants to join us please contact me for further details e.g. transport to the meeting place, footwear, proposed route etc.

Liz Dinnis

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LUNCH CLUB CHRISTMAS MEAL



What a great turnout we had on 8th December 2022!

An amazing 27 people came and enjoyed a wonderful lunch and a lovely social event - it was simply wonderful to be able to get together!! The photos I think speak for themselves!

Our next meeting is Monday, 7th February at the Village Hall 12.15pm - if you haven't been before you'll be most welcome but you must let me know well in advance please if you'd like to come! It's a great opportunity to get out of the house and meet fellow villagers and enjoy a home cooked 2 course meal for £4 per person! You can bring your own wine/beer if you fancy as the Hall is Licensed. Please bring cash as we have no other payment facilities.

We look forward to seeing you!

Alex Sing and the Team

T: 830836

Parish Farming

FUSSELS - FROST FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET



Recently, upon waking, we find we have been danced on by Jack Frost. His fingers on the inside of our windows and the shimmering early light falling on the rooftops and fields. Some crops, particularly, the rape is quite at home with a good hard frost, quietly sleeping until February.

We have also experienced stunning sun rises of late. The glint of the sun casting sparkle and shadow as it rises always make me feel excited. You can't beat a clear sky and the bite of early morning. Sometimes it hasn't thawed all day and then we are treated to another blast of colour as the sun sets. The birdsong is very moving at this time of year, still singing at the top of their voices, reminding us they are still out and about. But so much is missed by so many while plugged into their phones!



Fine Foods: Our Factory Shop was very busy right up until Christmas but recently, life has been on catch up here. No Farmer's Markets in January or events but lots of preparation as Spring approaches. The first Farmer's Market we will be attending is Axbridge on 4/2. The Frome Cheese & Grain Farmer's Market starts again on 11/2. Do support our Somerset Farmer's Markets, the traders will be delighted to see you and you will find a wide range of produce available. You can't get fresher!

Tours: We are looking forward to some Speaking Engagements and the commencement of our popular Tours. Do keep an eye out for our Blooming Tour dates, soon to be announced. Perhaps we will be offering a twist on our Tours. Watch this space!

Shows/Events: I have been booking ahead for the Show and Event season hoping that there will be little disruption in 2022 as we learn to live with Covid. What a long haul of disruption and cancellations it has been.... For the right reasons though. I'm looking forward to getting out there again and reconnecting with our customers.

Parish Farming

Farm: Andy and Shaun have been getting on top of the winter jobs. Angus has been out hedging and also ditching and last week was moving a fence. With the amount of rain we had over the late Autumn and early Winter it is important to ensure there is somewhere for water to run off without causing too much water pouring onto the lanes. This is also a time to check and repair all the farm kit, ready for the next season of work. These pieces of kit work hard and it is essential that they are all running well and in good order ready for the off.

Some crops have already been fertilised and in a short while they will start to come out of their winter sleep. Crop walking is still important, Shaun and Andy are always keeping a close eye. With over 800 acres to walk, it keeps them busy. As I write this, there is little rain forecast, which will mean that when February arrives, all crops will get a good kick start, without their 'roots' waterlogged!

The Rape seems to have done well, with little damage from the flea beetle so far, but (and it's a big BUT) we will not know for sure until it fully wakes up and re-starts its growth cycle. The flea beetle also is dormant over winter but can be inside the plants, waiting for the off! Here's hoping that this year will bring us a much better yield. The Wheat and Barley are sitting well just now in their neat rows, but this will soon change as the ground starts to warm up and they start to get away. See if you can identify which is which as you walk around the lanes.



Spring is just around the corner and by the end of February we should notice the light stretching out a little bit more every day. Take care.

Lizzy Etheridge

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February Parish Events

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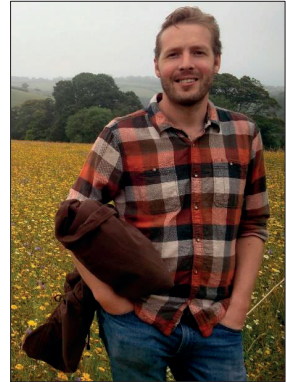


Parish Business

A HELPING HAND

Hi there! My name is Steve, I am the husband of Julia and we live in Rode (you may know Julia from her past Link articles, the Rode Grows and Shares events and her gardening work).

We have been living in Rode for just over three years now and really can't imagine being anywhere else now! Before we came to Rode I worked at Guy's Hospital in intensive care and also in the renal unit, after all that I wanted to try my hand at community nursing and so I started work as a district nurse in Bath.



Julia and I share a love of nature and we love to grow things together. We have a postage stamp sized garden at the back of our house on the High Street, and have been lucky to grow both vegetables, fruits and flowers in other people's gardens locally – in Rode and now in Woolverton. We have developed this shared growing space, which we call The Plot with additional raised beds and three greenhouses. We are very grateful to Val who owns the land on which we are growing.

We grow mostly for ourselves and Val, then our family and friends. We managed to grow and sell surplus vegetables, flowers and edible flowers last year. I planted root chicory as an experiment in the veg patch for the first time last year and have been making my own coffee substitute with it. It is quite a labour intensive process, but definitely worth the effort! I also make country wines and cider using locally sourced fruit. I have made small batches for our own consumption for the last few years but one day I hope to expand this and make it a sideline business. If there is anyone reading this who wants to plant an orchard please by all means get in touch!

A few months ago the time came for me to make some lifestyle changes; I have recently left the nursing profession and am starting out as a handyman, gardener and general oddjobber. In addition to providing the usual sort of handyman and gardening services, I am also available to help out with moving and handling work (if you've got an attic or garage to sort out for example) and I am also available to run errands.

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Steve Whitehead

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Preparation time 20 minutes - Cooking time 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. garlic oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 (or more) fresh garlic cloves
- 1tblsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 red seeded chilli, chopped
- 2 tsp black mustard seeds
- 2 tsp garam masala
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp ground coriander
- 1.5kg cauliflower, trimmed and coarsely chopped
- 1.5L chicken or vegetable stock
- 250ml coconut cream
- 60ml plain yoghurt
- 1 tbsp. coarsely chopped fresh coriander leaves



Method:

1. Heat oil in large saucepan; cook onion, garlic, ginger and chilli stirring until onion softens. Stir in seeds, garam masala and ground spices; cook, stirring until fragrant. Add cauliflower and stock; bring to boil. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes until cauliflower is tender.
2. Blend or process the soup mixture.
3. Just before serving soup, stir in coconut cream, yoghurt and coriander leaves. Season to taste!

Cook's Note: Warming with many layers of flavour (for a thicker version of this delicious soup I sometimes also add at least 1 parsnip and 2 medium potatoes).

Lizzy Etheridge

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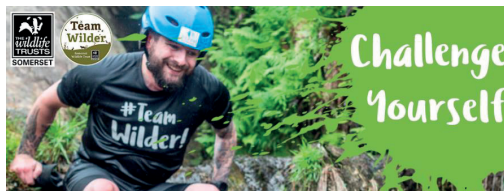
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE CHAPEL
ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 pm

CONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Andy Pickett (AP) – in the Chair, Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR), Cllr Steve Eyles (SE), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Elaine Butler (EB),

In attendance: Cllr Barbi Lund, Hugh Williams – Clerk, and Ian Hasell (Chair of Norton St Philip PC)

1. Public Participation:

Ian Hasell reported on the recent public meeting held in Norton St Philip on the previous day (6th December). The purpose of the meeting had been to consider what action, if any, Norton St Philip Parish Council (NSP PC) might take in the event that Mendip District Council were to adopt the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) as modified following the LPP2 Inspector's report.

HE reported that the public meeting had supported NSP PC considering a legal challenge subject to Legal Counsel's opinion confirming that NSP PC had a viable case for any such challenge and the appropriate level of funding to support a Judicial Review being identified.

NSP PC was in discussion with Beckington PC as to whether they would consider supporting a legal challenge. The meeting discussed whether Rode PC might also provide support and it was agreed to put this issue on its January meeting agenda. The meeting requested that Ian Hasell to keep it informed and updated on this issue.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mike Salmon and Cllr L Oliver. Caroline Murray (Calm Engineering) was also unable to make the meeting so her update would be held over to the January meeting.

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Report from County Councillor: Cllr Oliver's report was noted, specifically that Covid rates remained high in the area and also that there was now a specific Somerset website on climate emergency, which could be of interest.

6. Report from District Councillor: Cllr Lund had nothing specific to report.

7. Actions from the previous meeting:

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- i) **Trees:** The Clerk informed the meeting that he had chased up the cutting of the dead trees along Clay Lane and these should be done soon. He had sent a second email regarding the trees along The Mead to the owners of Merfield House attaching the tree report from John Osborne; also copied to County Roads. County Roads had forwarded the report to the County Arboriculturist for him to inspect the trees. It was agreed that Mendip should also be informed and that a further email sent enquiring whether insurance was in place on these trees should they come down. A further concern had been expressed over a tree near the allotments on PC land, and it was noted that the Parish Council did not have a register of the trees it was responsible and SE agreed to contact Peter Harris to see if he knew of one. All PC trees should then be inspected by a tree surgeon and conditions noted.
- ii) **Fingerpost – Straight Lane:** The Clerk reported that the fingerpost had been removed and that the new finger and repainting were in hand. The post should be returned within a couple of weeks.
- iii) **Notice board by Memorial Hall:** It was reported that the Memorial Hall might own the freestanding notice board but were reluctant to take ownership. It was agreed the Clerk should source and get a price for a new board and evaluate the state of the legs. This would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- iv) **Clock above Cross Keys:** A report from David Hornsey indicated that getting the striking mechanism working again would require access from the roof. This would require scaffolding and be expensive; however, the meeting agreed it should be repaired and further enquiries would be made.
- v) **Building in grounds of Coach House:** It appeared that although planning permission had been given this probably lapsed before construction began and its use and size might not accord with permissions given; Cllr Lund agreed to follow this up with Mendip Enforcement.
- vi) **Footpath from Church Farm estate:** The path from the estate to the playing field had now started. However, plans from Autograph indicated that only the path to the playing field was to be constructed and not the arm off it to Church Lane. AP and EB agreed to check emails they had on this and Autograph would be approached over the paths. Supply of the sleepers would be chased up and cut-through location checked.
- vii) **Voneus broadband:** The Voneus service of fibre broadband should be ready for service by June/July 2022. Rode was still a priority village but there was currently a shortage of engineers. BT could also be installing fibre in the village through a separate scheme.

8. Highways:

i) Speed Watch: The purchase of an extra SID for use in the village as a reminder to motorists was still planned. Fixing points had been agreed in the

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past with a new one on Rode Hill to be installed. However, a new Memorandum of Understanding had to be completed and a meeting with the Speed Watch team should be arranged. AP and EB would arrange to get this Memorandum completed.

ii) The Sportsman: The drainage issues were being investigated by Somerset and Calm. An update was expected at the next meeting.

iii) A36 Slip road: Highways England had acknowledged the Clerk's email and it had been passed to the engineering division.

9. Planning matters:

i) New applications:

2021/2621/HSE: Erection of single storey ground floor extension with roof terrace – Monkley House, Monkley Lane. No objections.

2021/2641/TCA: Reduce birch by 2-3m finished height at 9m, reduce apple by 2m – 7 Langham Place. No objections.

2021/2297/FUL: Erection of four dwellings and creation of new access – The Bell Inn, 13 Frome Road. Discussions on this application raised concerns over the piecemeal development of the land around The Bell Inn and the fact that the Bell – a listed building – would not benefit from the development. There were concerns that other small development plans could be submitted all of which could avoid any S106 or other planning requirements (e.g. affordable homes) due to their size. Some other concerns had been raised over the access along Church Lane. The development was also outside the village boundary. It was agreed that the PC should reject the application and seek to find out the intentions of Wellington Pub Gorup who owned the whole site.

Rode Village Facebook would be updated to alert the village of this development.

ii) Mendip decisions:

2021/2329/TCA: Reduce by 1 to 1.5 all round two yew trees – Rode Chapel. Approved.

2021/2368/TCA: Reduce magnolia by 1m, reduce plum by 1.5m and reshape apple tree – 5 Lower Street. Approved.

iii) 2020/1686/OTS appeal: No update available – still to be considered by Planning Inspectorate.

10. Playing field: The Memorandum of Understanding between the PC and the Playing Field revision was still to be progressed, SE was to speak to a solicitor.

11. Conservation Area: Deferred to the next meeting.

12. Bus services: PT reported that Somerset had put in a bid for £165 million to improve bus services across the whole county, however the Government had received from across the country bids well in excess of the funds available. The

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Government response was now awaited. He added that some minor changes in local bus times were expected in January but no cuts to services. Bus use was running at only 70% of pre-Covid levels.

13. Financial matters:

i) It was agreed the PC would fund a gift voucher for E Talman who had played the trumpet at the Remembrance Day commemoration on the village green again this year. She had travelled down from London and thanks were expressed to her for doing so.

ii) The following payments were agreed:

Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£725.12
Clerk salary	£220.82
HMRC PAYE	£55.00
Gift voucher – Remembrance Day (E Talman)	£25.00
G Berry (internet provision)	£154.66
A Pickett (rewilding expenses)	£151.78

14. Any other business: a) JM reported that he had been approached about digitising all the copies of The Link to keep as an archive. The meeting thought this a good idea and asked him to investigate the possibility of doing this.

b) As this was his last meeting, thanks were given to Steve Eyles for his many years on the Parish Council, his calm and persuasive approach would be missed.

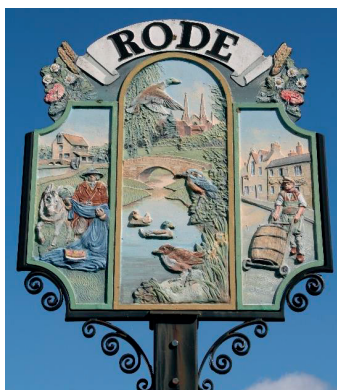
15. Date of Next Meeting:

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

7.30 pm on Tuesday 11th January

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Cllr Barbi Lund, Hugh Williams – Clerk, Caroline Murray (Calm Engineering) and 2 Parishioners

1. Public Participation:

A comment was made that Rode PC should support Norton St Philip in any challenge to the Mendip Local Plan Part 2.

The SID had been in place on Straight Lane near The Mead and it was questioned whether it was working correctly. It was thought it was and it was agreed the data from it would be asked for to be presented at the next meeting. The frequency of its calibration would also be checked. Again, a request was made for the 20mph limit to be extended to the far side of Crooked Lane.

Queries were raised over the path from Church Farm especially regarding its route through the woods and playing field. A question was raised as to who was to pay for the fencing and its cost. It was agreed this would be investigated.

A question was raised regarding the rubbish on the plot alongside the A361, this was ever increasing. It was pointed out this was on private land but Mendip were aware of it and the PC agreed to raise this again with Mendip to see if any action could be taken.

The Rode Cricket Club was probably starting again this year and therefore more frequent cutting of the playing field might be required during the playing season.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr E Butler and Cllr L Oliver.

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Drainage issues: Caroline Murray reported on the work that Calm Engineering had carried out last year. Currently a schedule of works had been put together and it was out for tender. It was expected that once a tender had been agreed the work, principally on Lower Street and some possibly outside the school, would start but this might not be before June. Some upstream work has already been done to help attenuate water run-off from fields and to reduce silt entering the drainage system. A letter to all residents is planned to update them on the work. The Chair expressed concerns over the hole in the Lower Street pavement and the problems it was causing asking if the work on it could be brought forward. This might be possible under ‘emergency work’ and Rode

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PC agreed to highlight this, by email, to Caroline Murray who could then progress.

Concern was raised regarding the water run-off from Barbara's Field onto Clay Lane and whether this was impacting the adoption of The Sportsman by Somerset. It was agreed that a larger settlement pond at the end of the current ditch would help reduce silt entering the highway drainage system. Caroline Murray reported that a site meeting was planned to take place later this month on this issue and it was agreed AP would attend to represent Rode PC. (Further information on Calm's work can be found at: <https://mendip-flood-risk-management-programme-mendip.hub.arcgis.com/apps/c8022cbfc5304de78989370f03284d3a/explore>)

6. Report from County Councillor: In Cllr Oliver's report to Rode PC it was noted that there was a call for the return of health care equipment that had been loaned out. There was also a new direct way, either by phone or computer, to report any highway issues which could be used by all. (<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>). However, concern was expressed that this might not result in any faster action.

7. Report from District Councillor: Cllr had nothing to report.

8. Mendip Local Plan Part 2: Cllr Lund reported that Mendip had approved the Plan at its December meeting. DLA Piper had then submitted a pre-action letter on behalf of Norton St Philip (NSP) stating that NSP would be considering a judicial review (JR). It had been hoped that Mendip might take the approach of not defending the JR but Mendip had replied to DLA Piper on 11th January stating it would defend the JR challenge. NSP PC was due to meet on 12th January to decide whether to proceed with the JR following further discussions with their solicitors. A question was raised whether District Councillors could pass a motion at a Full Council meeting requesting the Council reverse its position.

It was agreed that Rode PC could not make a decision until NSP PC had made its decision and the PC had seen all the relevant documents on the issue.

There was still uncertainty on whether Mendip had a 5-year housing supply and information on this would be circulated to the PC.

9. Actions from previous meeting:

i. Trees: It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate when the Somerset Arboriculturist was coming to inspect the trees along the side of The Mead bordering on Merfield.

It was agreed that a tree surgeon should check the state of all the trees on parish land and report on their condition.

ii. Notice board: It was agreed the Clerk should order a new notice board to be installed outside the Memorial Hall by the bus stop.

iii. Clock: The Clerk had obtained a quote to scaffold up to the roof to enable a roofer to inspect the roof and bell. It was agreed Grant Slade would be

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approached regarding contacts for a roofer and scaffolder to quote for the job.

- iv. **Footpath from Church Farm to Playing field:** This had started and the spur to Church Lane was to be also done as part of the job. Work was due to restart next week. It was noted the sleepers had not been delivered although they had been promised.
- v. **Link – digitalisation:** JM reported that Gill Leonard was investigating this through her contacts. He said a rough quote of £25/copy had been quoted to him. Further information was being sought.
- vi. **Grit bin:** The meeting agreed to purchase a grit bin (approx. £55) for the new development on Lower Street, and would look at sourcing salt/grit. AP agreed to liaise with the requester regarding where to locate the bin. Somerset would be contacted about the new bin and refilling it.

10. Highways:

i) Speed Indicator Devices: A meeting still had to be arranged to progress the completion of a new Memorandum with Somerset.

ii) Speed limits: Somerset had informed Rode PC that the new 20mph speed limit in the village would not be installed in this financial year (to end of March).

11. Planning:

i) New applications:

2021/2323/FUL: Change the use of building from offices to microbrewery – Barrow Farm. No objections.

2021/2867/TCA: Reduce height of plane, reduce lateral branches of yew, reduce height and lateral branches of maple, three cherries, hazel and two ash trees – Langham House, Rode Hill. No objections.

Licence application: Alcohol licence for Fussels Fine Foods – Church Farm. No objections.

ii. Mendip decisions:

2021/2412/TCA: Fell two willows and re-pollard third willow – 33 Lower Street. Approved.

2021/2494/TCA: Fell apple tree, crown lift beech, reduce height of beech hedge, reduce beech and crown lift alder – rear of 16 Lower Street. Approved.

iii. Other:

2020/1686/OTS: Appeal against Mendip's rejection of building 29 dwellings on site of Merfield/The Mead. A date for the Planning inspectorate to consider the appeal had been arranged but it was unknown what the date was.

12. Playing Field: The revision of the Declaration of Trust was in hand but would take a couple more months.

13. Buses: PT reported that although some cuts were planned in services at the end of January none of these should affect Rode. He said that buses were having a bad time due to Covid and the request to work from home. There was considerable concern over services from April onwards when Government

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funding due to Covid ended. The Government nationwide increased bus funding had not been agreed and would probably not be in place until well after April.

14. Elections: It had been agreed that Councillor elections would take place in May and full information would be available in March. It was agreed that current Councillors would give brief information about themselves for inclusion in the April Link and on the village Facebook site.

15. Financial matters:

i) Grass cutting: It was agreed to continue with Eagle to cut the Parish grassed areas and the Playing Field. It was also agreed that a quote would be obtained for a 'floating eight extra cuts' of the Playing Field which could be called on as required during the summer.

ii) Donations: The PC agreed the level of its annual donations (see below) and agreed to review them again next year.

iii) Precept: It was agreed to increase the Precept for Rode for 2022/2023 to £20,000. This reflected a small increase as expenses this year had exceeded the annual Precept.

iv) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

P Travis (frame for photo)	£20.83
Somerset Forge	£1,140.00
Clerk Salary	£220.82
HMRC PAYE	£55.00
T Lynch (power for lights)	£25.00
Rode Chapel (hire for Nov & Dec)	£24.00
Mendip Community Transport	£150.00
Citizens Advice Mendip	£100.00
Hardington Wale PCC	£600.00
Rode Chapel	£250.00

16. Any other business:

a) It was agreed that the Climate Emergency Group should be an official working group under the Parish Council (PC) as its work and reporting to the PC was important in decisions being made by the PC since it had declared a Climate Emergency.

b) The emptying of waste and dog waste bins had recently allowed these to overflow. The situation would be monitored as would the continued putting of dog waste into the general waste bins. If necessary, signage would be considered.

c) Quotes for repainting of the other fingerposts in the village would be obtained.

17. Date of next meeting:

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

Tuesday 8th February at 7.30pm

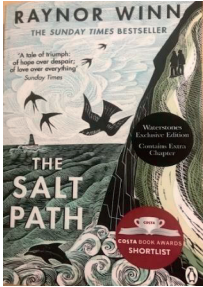
The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council

Book Review

THE SALT PATH BY RAYNOR WINN

I came across this book whilst checking the Phone Box defibrillator - what a mess in there with wet, out of date 1985 manuals! Please only leave good reads, like this one - the cover caught my eye so I brought it home. Thank you to whoever left it for others to read. I've so enjoyed it and it's given me a chance to re-think what's important in life.



A couple decide to walk the Southwest Coastal Path starting at Minehead hoping to get to Lands End - although that is a very long way off. Some walkers tackle this path with a definite destination to reach each day but the journey of Ray and Moth is a very different one, they just walk as far as they feel able each day, not rushing and enjoying many things that will have been lost on others. They meet some characters along the way and are treated like tramps on a few occasions. But they were also shown kindness by some and I think that seems to have outweighed the disappointments and hurt they received. Carrying all their own kit and camping when and where they could find a suitable spot, they had little money and experienced much.

Here is an extract: 'I walk in the garden on a starry night and see the Plough hanging over the mountains in the north. It was never over the mountains now. It stayed in the north but my perspective had changed; I'd lost my bearings. The country towered above me, a blank empty space containing nothing for us. Only one thing was real, more real to me now than the past that we'd lost or the future we didn't have: if I put one foot in front of another, the path would move me forward and a strip of dirt, often no more than a foot wide, had become home. It wasn't just the chill in the air, the lowering of the sun's horizon, the heaviness of the dew or the lack of urgency in the birds' calls, but something in me was changing season too. I was no longer striving, fighting to change the unchangeable, not clenching in anxiety at the life we'd been unable to hold on to, or angry at an authoritarian system too bureaucratic to see the truth. A new season had crept into me, a softer season of acceptance. Burnt in by the sun, driven in by the storms. I could feel the sky, the earth, the water and revel in being part of the elements without a chasm of pain opening at the thought of the loss of our place within it all. I was a part of the whole.'

This is an extraordinary journey by two brave human beings, beating all the odds and uncertainty of what the future held for them. I can't recommend this book enough, so well written with much emotion but also joy!

Lizzy Etheridge

...and finally

WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

Where, near Hardington Vale, would you see this water pump?

Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph? It was on the lane into Tellisford.



Sudoku

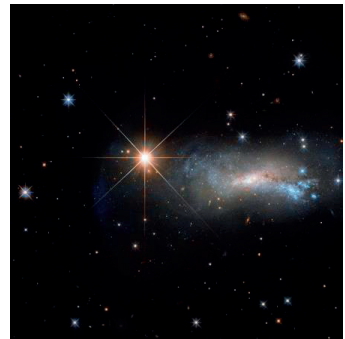
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Last month's Sudoku

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

POEM OF THE MONTH

Bright star! would I were steadfast as thou art—
 Not in lone splendour hung aloft the night,
 And watching, with eternal lids apart,
 Like Nature's patient, sleepless Eremite,
 The moving waters at their priestlike task
 Of pure ablution round earth's human shores,
 Or gazing on the new soft fallen mask
 Of snow upon the mountains and the moors—
 No—yet still steadfast, still unchangeable,
 Pillow'd upon my fair love's ripening breast,
 To feel for ever its soft fall and swell,
 Awake for ever in a sweet unrest,
 Still, still to hear her tender-taken breath,
 And so live ever—or else swoon to death.



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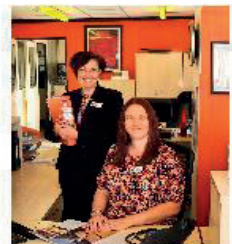


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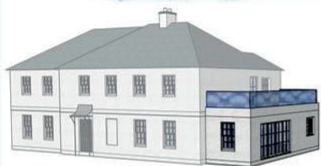
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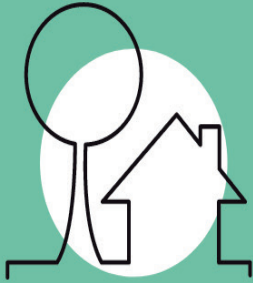
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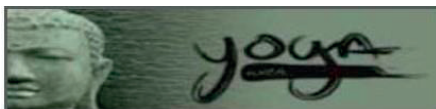
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	PREACHER
Tuesday 1 February	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 2 February	8.30 am 12.30 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 3 February	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 6 February	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 J Robinson/C Walker S Kivett
Monday 7 February	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 8 February	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 9 February	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 10 February	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 13 February	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Rode St Lawrence , Informal Breakfast Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	J Robinson C Walker/F Stewart
Monday 14 February	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 15 February	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 16 February	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 17 February	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 20 February	9.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Mini Breakfast Church Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Laverton , Matins	C Walker S Rodford J Robinson R Stewart/C Walker
Monday 21 February	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 22 February	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 23 February	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 24 February	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 27 February	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Tellisford , Holy Communion Rode St Lawrence , Informal Worship Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins Norton St Philip , Devotional Yoga	J Robinson/S Kivett S Pickett/B Day J Robinson/S Kivett O Shone
Monday 28 February	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	

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Sat 5 Feb	7.30pm "Who Killed the Holidaymaker?" see pages 8 & 34 for details
Mon 7 Feb	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 31
Tue 8 Feb	10am Rode Walking Group see page 30 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 52 for details
Fri 11 Feb	2.30pm Over 60's see page 30 for details
Sat 12 Feb	7pm Valentine's Ball see pages 9 & 34 for details
Mon 14 Feb	11am Forgot Me Not Café see page 34 for details
Mon 14 Feb	Valentine's Day 7.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 29 for details
Sun 20 Feb	MARCH LINK COPY DEADLINE
Wed 23 Feb	9-11am Tots & Toys see page 19 for details 2-3.30pm Pop Up Caterpillar Club see page 19 for details 2.30pm Rode Ladies Group see page 29 for details
Mon 28 Feb	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 17 for details
FORWARD PLANNER	
Tue 1 Mar	Shrove Tuesday
Fri 18 Mar	7pm Rode Roxy see page 9 for details
Fri 15 Apr	BANK HOLIDAY Good Friday
Sun 17 Apr	Easter Sunday
Mon 18 Apr	BANK HOLIDAY Easter Monday
28/29/30 Apr	"Toad of Rode pantomime see page 12 for details
Mon 2 May	BANK HOLIDAY Early May Bank Holiday
Thu 2 Jun	BANK HOLIDAY Spring Bank Holiday
Fri 3 Jun	BANK HOLIDAY Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Somerset Waste Partnership		Feb 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	● REFUSE ● RECYCLING ● GARDEN						
● One off Saturday Rubbish Collection							

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