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



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Church Reflection & News

REFLECTION

July is traditionally the month for schools to break up for their Summer Holidays and off we all head to exotic locations or at least to camp somewhere and find the beach....

But we are all still slightly holding our breath to see how things pan out and what we can and can't do come the end of the month.

Looking back, I wonder what the whole lock down experience has possibly taught us? For some I am sure it has been a very hard, dispiriting time. But for others I wonder if, like me, it has been an opportunity to recalibrate and actually count our blessings.

I have just been fortunate enough to have a week away and during the week I read a book called 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry. How to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world by John Mark Comer. You might think we have all achieved this during Lockdown, but this book seriously challenges the frantic pace that we still lead our lives, largely ruled by our mobile phones and all the wonderful time-saving devices that we have now become slaves to.

Comer suggests that we all have "hurry sickness" and he states that hurry is a 'form of violence to the soul'! One of the biggest areas in our lives that falls victim to hurry is our relationships. Hurry kills relationships. Love takes time; hurry doesn't have it. Hurry kills all that we hold dear; spirituality, health, marriage, family, thoughtful work, creativity, generosity...name your value. Hurry is a sociopathic predator loose in our society.

So what is the solution? Well, I would suggest that you buy the book and take it on holiday with you to read! But in the meantime, in a nutshell, it is quite simply to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters. John Mark Comer recommends silence and solitude, Sabbath, simplicity and slowing. And reorganising life around these very simple goals:

- Slow down
- Breathe
- Come back to the moment
- Receive the good as gift
- Accept the hard as a pathway to peace
- Abide

Jesus says 'come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.' Matthew 11: v28 – 29

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All the great wisdom traditions of history, religious and secular, Eastern and Western, Christian and not, have come together on one point; if there's a formula for a happy life, it's quite simple - inhabit the moment.

As things lift and life returns to a new normal don't rush headlong back to hurry, hurry, hurry. I am saying this to myself as much as anyone else so please hold me accountable on this too if you see me rushing by...

Enjoy the holidays.

Caroline Walker

Rector

NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

Further to our request in the June edition of The Link, we are delighted to report that seven new lights in the church have been 'sponsored' at £100 each plus gift aid. There are eight lights in total which need replacing so if anyone would still like to contribute to replacing the remaining one, please get in touch.

With Covid restrictions still in force, we are continuing our Services with social distancing in place and mask wearing at all times. Even with social distancing we have fortunately been able to accommodate everyone who comes to our Services and are always delighted to welcome new people. It was particularly lovely earlier in June to welcome two couples who were having their banns read and will be getting married in the summer in Norton St Philip church.

Through a government funded scheme we were able to have professional cleaners in church for a one-off 'spring clean'. They were able to reach places where in our weekly clean it's not practical to get to. We're very lucky to have a rota of volunteers who take on a month of cleaning which involves about an hour a week. We have a few gaps in our rota so if you'd like to volunteer, we'd be very grateful, please let us know. Why not join forces with a friend and do it together?

The swallows have returned to the church porch and are busy raising a family. This naturally creates a bit of a mess, but since they have taken the trouble to fly all the way from Africa, we are delighted to welcome them. Over the last year we have also enjoyed welcoming our curate, Jo Robinson to St Lawrence and she has frequently given the sermon as part of our Services. We send Jo our very best wishes and our thoughts and prayers as she becomes ordained In Wells Cathedral on the last weekend of June.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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NEWS FROM SAFE PASSAGE UK, HV'S NATIONAL CHARITY

A year ago, Hardington Vale's Parochial Church Council (PCC) voted to support Safe Passage UK, a charity helping child refugees access legal routes to safety. In this magazine for August 2020, I outlined the charity's work, with a link to their website and video www.safepassafe.org.uk/how-we-work. Here is an update on Safe Passage UK's efforts through legal support, helping children in country, political advocacy, grassroots campaigning, and supporting children after their arrival.

Last year, Safe Passage UK launched a challenge of the Government's unlawful family reunion policy for child refugees from Europe. Due to Covid delays, it took months to confirm a date for a court hearing, but in early March 2021 they received confirmation that the hearing would be held on 25th-26th May.

Also in March, Safe Passage UK wrote to the Home Secretary, asking her to offer child refugees quick and easy ways to reunite with family in the UK by making ambitious reforms to family reunification rules, and to establish a new scheme for relocating child refugees in Europe and offering them sanctuary in the UK, including those without family links here. The charity urged the Home Secretary to focus on delivering safe routes for all those who need them.

At the hearing in May, Safe Passage UK challenged the Home Office's policy for considering refugee family reunion cases from Europe. This route was closed to new applications in December 2020, but many children still had applications under consideration. Hundreds more had their applications rejected last year under this unfair policy. As a consequence, children who could have been safe with their families in the UK spent a freezing winter stranded in Europe during a global pandemic.

The day after the hearing ended, the charity emailed: "We spent the last two days presenting our case to the judge and listening to the Home Office present their own evidence. We won't know the final verdict for a while yet, but we feel sure we did the best we could to argue for the hundreds of children unjustly refused by the Home Office and we are cautiously confident in the strength of our case. Winning this case will offer hundreds of children another chance to reach their families in the UK."

So we await the outcome of the court hearing. Meanwhile this charity continues supporting children in country and after their arrival in UK and welcomes any help that we can give.

Rachel Feilden

Chapel Warden, All Saints' Church, Tellisford, member of HV PCC

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APOLOGIES FOR THE LATE ARRIVAL OF YOUR JULY LINK...

I am afraid it was completely down to me... I was suddenly taken into hospital as the deadline fell. My plan to complete the July issue and get it to the printer before I was due to travel to see my sons and their families abroad for the first time in almost two years was thrown into total disarray!

Thankfully after a few days I was discharged from hospital and with some further days recovery I was cleared to travel and I am afraid I did put family before "Linking" – not disappointing family and finally meeting my two newest grandchildren came first. I hope you can forgive me. I usually put things aside in order to ensure the magazine gets printed and into distribution before the end of the preceding month so that it reaches you before the beginning of the month of the current issue.

I will do my utmost to ensure that normal service resumes from August. My sincere apologies to all our readers and distributors for the delay.

Gill Leonard
Editor

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

So - I am delighted to announce that Lunch Club will be back on Monday 4th October at The Village Hall - normal time of 12.30pm!!



Further details in next month's Link but please make a note in your diary!

We are all so looking forward to seeing all our regulars again after such a long time - after these dismal months it really brings home the importance of seeing each other and getting together - I for one can't wait!

New members of course always welcome - if you'd like any further info please get in touch.

With love and best wishes.

Alex Sing and the Team
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BIGGER AND BETTER

Earlier this month the Committee reached out to people in the village who had expressed an interest in helping deliver the community orchard/woodland and wildlife development of the playing field extension.

This gave a few people an idea of what we hope to achieve for Rode and to start the ball rolling on getting three small groups formed to head the development. Initially we're looking to form three teams of no more than four or five people to do the following:

- Firstly - the design team. We have an initial, baseline design but it needs some development to make it something special for our community.
- Secondly - the fund-raising team. We have two people interested but we'd really welcome some additional help getting our fund-raising plans off the ground. We've got a few ideas in addition to seeking National Lottery support but we're sure that there are people in the village who have the skills to help us.
- Third and finally – the communications team. Just one person so far but again, we're sure that there are others in the village who have good communication skills. We need people to help us keep the community of Rode informed of progress, as well as providing communications support to the other two teams.

So ... you know what's coming ... any volunteers to join one of the project's three teams? If there are please get in touch. My details are below.

Events: A couple of dates for your diary are below

Saturday 10th July we are holding a good old Jumble Sale in and around the pavilion. It starts at 2 p.m. There's plenty of stuff to buy, some of it brand new and unused apparently! Got to be worth a look surely?

Monday 30th August we're holding a village day starting at 12 noon. Lots of stalls, a bar and a bouncy assault course.

Summer Parties: As the Lockdown has eased so interest in hiring the pavilion for parties and the field for events is increasing. In the last month we've had at least three parties and a few now scheduled for July and August. If you're thinking of having a small party, then the pavilion is very reasonable at just £5 per hour with a 20% discount for Rode residents. Recreational use of the playing field at the same time is actively encouraged.

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RODE GROWS AND SHARES LATEST

Rode in Bloom and Open Gardens – Sunday 8 August, 11am – 4pm.

Rode Grows and Shares, Rode and District Gardening Club and Rode Allotment Society have come together to organise a garden competition and open gardens across Rode, Woolverton and Tellisford. We want to showcase, encourage and recognise how important gardens are, in whatever form and size, and celebrate them and everyone involved in making and tending to them. In the parish, there is a huge passion for plants and gardens and it would be so good to share this passion and knowledge further.

On the day, there will be a manned hub on the Rode village green including a map of the gardens involved and a plant and gardenalia stall. The stall will be raising funds for the development of a community orchard and wildlife area on the section 106 land, overseen by the Rode Playing Field and Pavilion. Any donations for the stall would be very welcome.

The competition categories are: planter/ hanging basket, small garden, large garden, veg garden/ allotment, wildlife garden, and children's planter. The competition will be judged by Janet and Mark Berlin, who live in Wingfield and are passionate gardeners and experienced judges – including Bath in Bloom. There will also be a public vote for the best garden overall. Prizes will be awarded for the winner of each category.

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



Printed entry forms will be available via the Rode Post Office and General Store, and also available via Rode village Facebook page. Entries to be received by 24 July - either posted to 25 High Street, Rode or emailed to juliarobb@hotmail.co.uk. I would love to hear from you if you are interested in entering the competition and/or opening your garden to the public for the day, if you would like to be involved in any way and specifically if you have any plants or garden related items to donate to the stand.

Julia Robb

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JULY VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

As Village Agents, we enjoy being able to respond to people's situation quickly and efficiently – we pride ourselves on being problem solving solution finders!



This can be from a seemingly simple task of finding someone a gardener to help reclaim an unruly garden that was causing a mental and physical distress, to being able to provide someone escaping domestic abuse the basics they need to start up a new home and keep them safe. To do this we rely heavily on our Crisis Fund – an unrestricted pot of funds we manage that we can use to purchase things for people in need. People in crisis.

The Crisis Fund has proved to be an enormously valuable and valued extra “tool in the bag” for Village Agents to help people facing personal and family crises. We haven't ever actively fundraised for the Crisis Fund before, as the donations we had kept us ticking over, but our team has tripled in size in 3 years in response to unprecedented demand for our services, and as a result we are meeting more and more people in need.

The past year has been our most challenging yet, and this time of crisis and hardship for many in our communities the need is greater than ever, and we **desperately need donations** towards the fund which has been almost depleted.

So this month, it is a plea for the #LoveSomerset Crisis Fund. To help people in Somerset get out of crisis, quickly and with dignity see ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-crisis-fund/ for more information. You can donate at: localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/ or to the Mendip District specific fund at:

localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/mendipcrisisfund/

We are extremely grateful for the huge £1200 donation we have received from Whatley Hansons and this money will be ringfenced for communities in Whatley and the surrounding areas.

We help when others can't, won't, or don't. Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently are:

- To buy two mattress protectors for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence.
- To support a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died.
- To buy children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer.

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FRANS FUNDRAISERS UPDATE



Parklife:

Our weekly TFI Friday clubs (it stands for 'Thank FRANS It's'....in case you were wondering) are now in full swing again after the 1/2 term.

Come along to Rode Park or NSP mead for fun food and frivolity. Oh, and drinks, the usual cafe fare with the added bonus of some suggested donation grown-up drinks.

3-5pm each week until the Summer hols begin. Come along and see the weekend in with us.

End of School Party:

Save the Date! 23rd July not only marks the end of the school term but also the date for our special end of year send off.

More details to come but expect beach bars, child-friendly music (think raver tots), festival atmosphere and all round family fun. We're looking at a day night (well, evening at least) after school party at Rode park. Music, bars, children's activities, food and fun.



FRANS x FOBS:

We are joining the fun at the Beckington School fete on July 3rd at the Beckington playing field, 11am-3pm.

We haven't finalised our wares (probably second hand clothes and refreshments) yet but come and see what we're doing as well as all of the other stall holders.

Duck Delay:

But don't dismay We have decided to push back the Grand Rode Duck race until the new school term in September.

What with the questions hovering over whether restrictions will be fully lifted and when we thought it best.



We really want to put on a full day of messing about on the river so we'll hang fire so we can give it the platform it deserves!

FRANS Team

WE HAVE A NEW RODE POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER...

In the May and June issues of the magazine I appealed on behalf of Alan Batcheldor explaining that he has reluctantly had to resign as Rode's Poppy Appeal Organiser due to ill health and a volunteer was needed to replace him. At last good news!!



Alan has confirmed that he has at last found a lovely person who is willing and able to take over as The British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAE) for Rode... and the person is Jacqui Rottenbury. As Alan says many people will know Jacqui (and her hubby John) through her association with the Scouts and also because of her association with the Rode General Store & Cafe.

As mentioned previously, Alan has been the Rode PAE for several years and during that time he and his team have taken the totals collected to new heights. I feel sure Jacqui will continue Alan's good work and Alan can finally stop worrying about the 2021 Rode Poppy Appeal (particularly as 2021 is the centenary year of RBL). He can now concentrate on his health. Many thanks to Alan for all he did as PAE for Rode. Watch this space – I feel sure that Jacqui will be bringing us up news of RBL 2021 events soon.

Gill Leonard
Editor

RODE OVER 60's CLUB

In August 2021 we are hoping to hold our first meeting since the March 2020 Lockdown. This will be a cream tea in Rode Memorial Hall. Unfortunately, due to the hall no longer being available on Thursday afternoons, we have had to change our meetings to Fridays.

So, our cream tea will be on FRIDAY 13th AUGUST at 2.30 pm. Naturally, the high quality of the tea and consequent pleasure will remain unchanged.

Ros Dymond

200 CLUB

The Rode Scouts 200 club results for May were as follows:
1st Prize £50 Stuart Smith
2nd Prize £25 Lucia Chadwick



Jan Jupp

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RODE HOEDOWN UPDATE

Hi Everyone. This update is always yesterday's news as the deadline date for The Link is before that month's Hoedown has happened, as the Hoedown is always on the last Sunday of the month, so writing this now in June for the July Link about the May Hoedown!!



Anyway, just to keep you in the loop how it's all going... Many thanks to all who volunteered on or towards the May Hoedown which you made a great success by doing much needed work in the village.

Visibility is hugely improved at the Junctions Bradford Road/Rode Hill and Crooked Lane/Straight Lane, which were cleared and strimmed. Such an important safety aspect for all!

The now beautifully sorted 'Book-Swap' Phone Box has made the Defibrillator a lot more accessible which is hugely important and potentially life-saving should it be needed. Let's please encourage all to keep it this way.

For this purpose, there is a note on page 14 from Kate and Richard with a few tips on Book-Swap Phone Box /Sharing with Defibrillator Etiquette!!

Weeding/sweeping on the roads and pavements, whilst very time consuming, is also very worthwhile with the results very visible throughout the village, and the un-weeded bits sticking out even more now!

Barrow Farm paths, from the Allotments down and then the first bit across to Rockabella, had the encroaching brambles, nettles and foliage snipped back, making walking there easier...

In the subsequent 3 weeks all had grown so much again that it was necessary to have another remedial cut back. It will soon get a good strim which should hold the offending brambles and nettles more effectively at bay for longer, and we are looking at it being strimmed more frequently.

And a lovely bit of strimming happened on Rode Hill, with the area around the bench all clear now.

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The litter pickers managed to fill their bags decluttering our verges, hedgerows, ditches and lanes.

This is, always, much needed work if we are to stay on top of the increasing amount of through traffic drivers who prefer to chuck their rubbish out of the window rather than take it home with them.

A shout of thanks to Richard at DD Aggregates for giving us the very full dumpy bag collection of what came out of a further couple of the Marsh Road gullies, which is an amazingly huge amount!

And also a big thank you to Anne Edney's grandson who has done an amazing job of clearing gullies on Marsh Rode, which were solid like concrete so a massive job!

We were blessed again with a beautiful warm sunny Sunday and had a lovely gathering afterwards on the Green sharing the tasty refreshments provided by The Mill – thank you John!

Our next Hoedown is on Sunday July 25th @2pm (see page 46).

If you'd like to take part on the day please let either Mike or me know so we can ensure we cater for the numbers with refreshments.

And if you're working around your home area or chosen locations at random times, which we know quite a few of you are, that's great, thank you!

If you'd like to join us on the Green on Sunday 25th July @4pm for some refreshments, then it would be lovely to see you, just let us know beforehand so that we can include you in the refreshment numbers.

Many thanks on behalf of the village.

With warm wishes

Elaine Butler, Mike Salmon, Peter Travis and Hugh Williams

FUTURE HOEDOWN DATES:

Sunday July 25th @2pm

Sunday August 29th @2pm

Sunday September 26th @2pm

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RODE BOOK-SWAP PHONE BOX...

...is it time to get organised? As part of the Hoedown we've had another sort-out of the books in the Phone Box. We'd moved quite a few of these back in February and had written the dates in those that remained, so it was easy to see which ones had been added since then. Lizzy had also been busy moving some of the older and less popular books out, as there were so many in there they were blocking the defibrillator.

Someone's life might depend on access to the defibrillator and, less seriously, it's also easier to browse and find a book to read when the shelves aren't cluttered.



So, while we don't mind keeping an eye on the box each Hoedown, we need a system!

- Please don't put books in the box if the shelves are full.
- Please keep the floor clear.
- If you return a book you've borrowed, please write the month/year in the front – that way we can keep track of popular titles and not remove them.
- Only leave books in reasonable condition.
- Only leave books that you really think others will want to read.

Happy reading!

Kate and Richard

RODE VILLAGE DAY – ON AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Slightly different this year... On Monday August 30th we want to celebrate the wonderful village of Rode and its businesses - who have worked hard to make this difficult time a lot easier. It would be lovely to showcase the work everyone is doing, making preserves, cakes, crafts etc. and, of course, make them some money. Any village organisations wanting to raise funds are welcome, please contact us for information.

We will have a bar and food and children's entertainment.

Ann Edney and Pat Restorick

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LAVERTON NEWS

It's pouring with rain today after a gorgeous spell of weather - but I'm sure all of us with gardens (and water meters) have been doing a rain dance over the past few weeks. Let's hope the sun returns soon and we can all get back out in to our gardens and celebrate the summer.



A 'Novel' Way to exchange books!!!

Laverton Book Exchange - On a gorgeous sunny Saturday at the end of May, it was wonderful to see so many villagers at Row Barn for the official opening of the Laverton Book Exchange. Thanks to all who popped along and for your kind donations of books, jigsaws and even a coffee machine! The Exchange has proved very popular with a good variety of books being exchanged and it's great to see so many people using it. Thanks everyone.



Cutting the Ribbon



Swallows at Manor Farm - An update from Gilli Weeks: We are so delighted that the swallows have returned to Manor Farm. We now have four nests including a new one in our porch (see pic). The house martins have also come back to two nests under the eaves. Such a joy to see them diving and swooping around the house.

St Mary's Church Laverton Summer Fete

Saturday 31st July from 10.30 - 12noon in the churchyard

Tea/coffee and cakes/Plant sale/Produce/Bric-a-Brac/Books/Raffle

ALL ARE WELCOME - tell your friends and families!

A great opportunity to catch up with friends & neighbours, have a cuppa and spend a few pounds!

A special thank you to Willow for designing this year's brilliant Fete poster (see page 46)! Well done! That's it for this month!

Jackie Moss

Rode - Project Newsletter

Following on from our successful CCTV survey work in March this year, the team have been busy conducting additional topographic survey work upstream of the village, (adjacent to the church, through Seymour Court Farm and up towards Rudge Lane). This has enabled us to capture both the enclosed system within the village and the open watercourse that feeds this system. This data will be used to replicate the whole drainage system within a computer generated model and to test the capacity of the system using simulated rainfall events.

We have been reviewing and discussing with landowners the opportunities in the open areas of the watercourse. These include slowing down the flow of water, storing water for longer and minimising the amount of sediment being carried downstream into the village drainage system.

All survey work was completed in early June, including a habitat survey of the ponds and watercourse upstream. We are now starting to build the computer model to enable us to test the capacity of the system and determine which opportunities are going to provide the most benefit to the village in the longer term.

To aid us with this part of the project, we are looking to gather photographic evidence of water levels within the system over a period of time. This helps us to identify what water levels coincide with what recorded rainfall events so that we can ensure that our model is calibrated to real events.

We are therefore asking residents to hunt out some photos from the last 10 to 20 years. We would ideally like these to show one of the following:

- The level of the water in the watercourse (at any time of the year)
- Road/ Land flooding, including an indication of the duration of this flooding (if known)

All photos should be dated with a location clearly indicated and these should be sent to calmengineering@outlook.com.

Many thanks for your continued support with this project.

This project is led by Calm Engineering on behalf of Mendip District Council and partners:



If you have any queries or would like to contact us, please e-mail us at calmengineering@outlook.com quoting **Rode** and we will get in touch.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE 20.06.21



Face-to face meetings to resume: From the 21st June the majority of SCC council meetings will require members of committees to attend in person so they can take part in voting. For the last 14 months all meetings have been held through MS Teams. It's worked very well, and it enabled more councillors and members of the public to join the meetings, without the need to travel. It is a shame that the option for online meetings is not able to continue for those who would like to observe and participate in meetings but are not involved in a vote.

Highways: My councillor workload is predominantly linked to highways. I work very closely with all members of the various teams within the Highways department. I work on highways related matters every single day and includes all types of queries. Speeding is the number one issue that is raised. Speeding issues are actually a police matter. Many towns and villages have speed watch groups who work closely with the police. The work they do is invaluable in slowing down traffic and collecting data to share with the police. This data then helps in getting speed enforcement support from the police. Having undertaken speed watch sessions, it is quite often local people who are speeding. I would urge you all to stick to the speed limits at all times. The 20 mph limits that are beginning to be more prevalent are there for good reason and the police are undertaking enforcement in these areas. I have regular meetings with the SCC Traffic Engineer for the Mendip area. In the last 14 months these meetings have been done through MS teams. We spend hours going through issues raised across my County Division. These relate to requests from residents and or Parish Councils for such things as changes to speed limits, yellow lining to address numerous issues, refresh of existing road markings, new and replacement signage and parking issues to name a few areas. Another highways department deals with potholes, overgrown vegetation impacting the highway network, blocked road drains, queries on road works and much more.

Planning applications, particularly for multiple dwellings will result in Highways Development control being consulted as a statutory consultee. Planning is a District matter, but I make sure that the team are aware of any local concerns regarding Highways issues that are relevant to a particular planning application.

Public Rights of Way also falls under highways and this is another area where there is a lot of activity I am involved in and matters to resolve. Residents do contact the various departments direct. I can give you the email addresses if you need them. Other areas of work I am involved in include matters relating to education, passenger transport, social care, libraries and waste disposal.

Parish News

The Frome North Division: My county division covers; Rudge, Berkley, Farleigh Hungerford, Hassage, NSP, Rode, Beckington, Tellisford, Lullington, Laverton, Part of Standerwick, Oldford and an area of Frome that includes Frome College and surrounding area, the hospital, showground, Stonebridge Drive and surrounding area.

One Somerset: The official government consultation is closed and the announcement on the future of local government in Somerset is expected from the Government in late June/ early July. If you want to learn more about what will happen next or learn more about the consultative groups that are being set up to help shape the future of public services in Somerset. visit: www.onesomerset.org.uk/whats-next/

Extra investment into Public Health: Somerset County Council is allocating an additional £10m to embed public health across all areas of council services. The major investment will include £2m to support Somerset communities – helping address anxiety and those with mild mental health issues. £2m expanding Somerset's expert health protection programme including controlling outbreaks, managing testing, providing localised contact tracing, and supporting businesses and communities. Some funding will be invested in research and work to improve local understanding of Covid and the changing needs of the Somerset. A further £500,000 will be made available for town and parish councils to help them reconnect with their communities by safely reopening facilities like halls, rooms and other sites with good prevention control measures in place.

Summer activities for Years 11: Somerset students heading from Year 11 into Year 12 will have access to a wide range of free exciting educational opportunities this summer. There is a mixture of virtual and face-to-face events and activities to choose from taking place across the county including Kilver Court, Charterhouse, and other key venues across Somerset. These will include team-building exercises and physical activities such as climbing and low-ropes, as well as wellbeing and 'ready to study' sessions. Registration is now live via: www.somersetworks.vfairs.com

Rights of Way: During the COVID-19 pandemic there has been a big rise in the number of people using the county's 9,000 public rights of way across the network which totals 3,843 miles (6,186 km). This has meant a huge upsurge in the number of reports being received; at times double that from previous years. Through the Rights of Way team and nearly 400 volunteers the network's 'easy to use' grading has risen to 85.7%, the highest since records began in 2003 when the percentage was just 39.2%. For anyone interested in helping the team you can find out more about at www.volunteering.somerset.gov.uk

Parish News

New School for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

Construction has finished on Polden Bower School, a brand new £23m Somerset County Council-funded state-of-the-art school in Bridgwater which is clearly visible from the M5. The project is part of a wider SCC's programme to boost provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) in the county and caters for 160 students aged 4-16 with complex needs. Primary aged children are due to start on site in June, with older children following in July so that they get the accustomed to their new environment before the start of the new school year in September 2021.

Winter Gritting Summary: In the 2020/21 winter season SCC's fleet of 23 gritters were needed on 66 occasions when freezing temperatures were forecast, treating around 900 miles of road each time to help prevent ice forming. This included additional gritting to ensure safe passage to vaccination and testing sites. The team covered 70,200 miles, a significant increase from previous years when they covered 44,000 miles in 2019/20 and 32,800 miles in 2018/19. The lowest road temperature was recorded at -6.1 degrees in the Mendip Hills on 10th February 2020.

COVID 19

Lateral Flow tests: Rapid lateral flow tests are available to everyone for free and the advice is that they should be carried out twice a week (every 3 to 4 days). It is estimated that 1 in 3 people have Covid-19 but do not have symptoms-rapid testing helps to identify those so they can self-isolate and 'stop the spread'. Find out how to get a lateral flow test: [somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-lateral-flow-test/](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-lateral-flow-test/)

Vaccination Programme: Somerset is performing very strongly in the vaccination rollout. The programme has been extended again with everyone over the age of 18 able to be vaccinated. There are now walk in sessions at the local vaccination centres. please keep your eyes on the local media sites for details. Tests for the over 18-year-olds can now be booked at the nearest centre at the moment is the Bath & West Showground. The test can be booked from the www.nhs.uk website. Over 25's without internet access can phone 119 to book an appointment.

In the last week 75291 people were tested in Somerset. Of those tests 117 were positive. Slightly up on the previous week. The latest data for Somerset as of 18th June shows the infection rate for Somerset is now 20.8/100,000. The figure for Mendip was 4.3 per 100,000 last week and the County figure was 10.1. This week the figures have increased for Mendip to 14.7/100,000. All Districts have infection rates between 10 and 30 per 100,000 but they numbers are rising.

Parish News

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.

Cllr. Linda Oliver

Frome North Division

OVERNIGHT PARKING IN LOWER STREET...

With the whole of Lower Street to park in this is where this van driver chose to park from early evening yesterday until early morning today.



Added to which his offside wheels are parked on the pavement which is actually the cover over the brook and consists of slabs of stone covered with tarmac. One day some parked vehicle or lorry will fall into the brook.

Margaret Clark

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in May 2021:

1st - £50.00 ...Gill Leonard, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... Lucia Chadwick, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Geoff Banwell, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2 ... Jupp Family, Rode (thanks again Mark & Hannah).

If you'd like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available - a share of £100 and 2 Sunday roasts all possible for £1.00 per ticket! And remember you are supporting the Playing Field when you buy your ticket. Tickets on sale at the Post Office, or directly from Jane and I. Next draw Saturday July 31st.

Keith Sharman

T: 830408

Parish Health & Wellbeing

BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE

We would like to thank all of our patients for your patience and your expressions of support during the pandemic so far. Although it is not currently possible to directly book a face-to-face appointment with a GP, we have continued to provide face-to-face, telephone and online support and our nursing team have been working hard to provide essential care and investigations. We are also performing large numbers of blood tests on behalf of the local hospitals.

Thank you for being patient. We're very busy, with many people contacting the surgery for medical advice and treatment. We are doing all we can to answer your queries as quickly as we can – this may take longer than usual. Now that lockdown is lifting, our GP practices are experiencing very high numbers of patients trying to contact them. In response we have been providing almost 20% more consultations than two years ago but this is proving very challenging. Please be patient and understanding if it takes a while for us to answer the phone or for you to be seen for an appointment.

Don't forget your highly qualified, local community pharmacist can provide health advice and over the counter products or help with a wider range of minor illnesses and injuries like backache, bites, coughs and colds, sunburn, hay fever and diarrhoea. For urgent care, or after our GP surgery has closed, call or click NHS 111 to be directed to the local healthcare you need.

With new variants circulating, only half of the adult population fully vaccinated, some very vulnerable patients and with scientific advice to minimise numbers indoors (including waiting rooms) and limit face to face contact time we cannot safely return to 'service as normal' yet.

While face-to-face appointments continue to be offered to those based on clinical need, many issues can be resolved during a phone consultation without patients having to travel to a surgery.

The practice team will direct you to the most appropriate healthcare team for your needs. We can also conduct video consultations and receive images by text or email, if the GP requests this.

We are certainly not 'phone only', as some have feared, but we are likely to be 'phone first' for the time being.

Dr John Beaven



Parish Ecology

RIVER WATER QUALITY UPDATE

With the advent of more summery weather the prospect of a dip in the River Frome can seem enticing.

We all know that Tellisford Weir is a very popular spot, and there are other better-known locations just a few miles down river (eg: Farleigh & District Swimming Club, and Warleigh Weir). Unfortunately the quality of the water in the River Frome is not great, and anyone going for a swim or even a paddle should be aware of the risks.

However, the good news is that various projects are underway to improve the water quality - not just for us humans, but for aquatic life, too.

As most villagers will know, Wessex Water is undertaking substantial improvements to the Water Recycling Centre at Langham Farm. An update from Wessex Water is set out below.

In addition, work is underway to investigate the potential to achieve bathing water standards at Warleigh Weir, and full details can be found on the Wessex Water website: wessexwater.co.uk/warleigh-weir. Incidentally, as part of that project, WW are monitoring the water quality at Tellisford on a weekly basis.

Update from Wessex Water

Work to upgrade Rode Water Recycling Centre (WRC) is progressing well and remains on track for completion by the end of this year. The site is being upgraded to fit new phosphorus removal and flow capacity equipment. Phosphates can cause eutrophication (excessive plant growth) in watercourses and reduce oxygen levels, upsetting the delicate balance of life and primarily affecting invertebrates and fish.



The improvements at Rode WRC will ensure continued compliance with Environment Agency standards for treated effluent discharge to the River Frome.

Parish Ecology

Langham Place and Rode Hill: All planned work will remain within Wessex Water's existing site boundaries, except for a new drinking water service which is required for operational safety at the WRC. This new service will be laid from the Bristol Water main on Rode Hill towards the WRC via Langham Place, with work scheduled for the first three weeks of September 2021.

Wessex Water has submitted a Somerset Council road closure application for Langham Place, beginning w/c 6 September for two weeks.

The work will affect the section of road between Rode Hill and the cattle grid adjacent to Langham House, with pedestrian access maintained. Bristol Water will be submitting a further highways notice for temporary traffic lights on Rode Hill for w/c 27 September, allowing them to make the final connection of the new service pipe.

Understanding our rivers: Wessex Water will have invested £57 million in new nutrient removal treatment in Somerset by 2024, and projects such as Rode WRC have been designed to ensure the company minimises its ecological impact and follows environmental requirements – both during and after the work.

Phosphates also come from agriculture and urban run-off, not just sewage treatment, so Wessex Water is spearheading collaboration with farmers and others who can affect water quality.

BART WaterBlitz: In addition to the projects above, Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) continues its work to improve the quality of the Bristol Avon and its tributaries (including the Somerset Frome).

This month it is holding its annual Water Blitz, which is a Citizen Science project to help better understand the quality of water in our local rivers and streams. You may have spotted an article in the May edition of The Link on this subject - well, now it's happening!

If you'd like to take part, please register your interest by visiting the special page on the BART website:
bristolavonriverstrust.org/event/bristol-avon-waterblitz-2021

You can select to receive your test kit at your home address, or pick one up at the Water Blitz event in Trowbridge on 10th July....details on the poster on page 50!

Jim McAuliffe

Parish Youth News & Events

NORTON ST PHILIP PRE-SCHOOL

As the end of the Pre-school year comes into view, we thought we would show you what we have been doing recently.

The children have created some fabulous self-portraits and artwork inspired by Picasso.

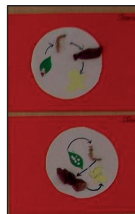


We have also explored symmetry with our colourful butterfly paintings.

We were able to have a very close look at the beauty of butterflies as we cared for some caterpillars in Pre-school until they hatched.

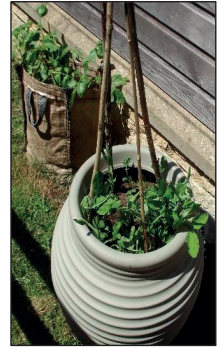


We learnt about the life cycle of the caterpillar during this process before we let our butterflies fly off into the sky.



Parish Youth News & Events

We have been working hard in our garden encouraging lots of plants to grow.



We have explored watering and weeding and we cannot wait to taste the delicious strawberries, tomatoes and potatoes!

In the glorious weather over the last few days we have been outside as much as possible.

We have enjoyed lunch al fresco and cooling off with friends in the water tray!



Did you know that although we only take children from two years old, you can put your child's name down for Pre-school at any age? As the Pre-school is usually oversubscribed, registering early is the best way to maximise the chance of your child being offered a place.

For more information or to register your child, please email info@nortonpreschool.co.uk or check out our website nortonpreschool.co.uk.



Norton Pre-school Team

Parish Youth News & Events

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS

Tots and Toys: We were able to re-open on Wednesday 16th June in St. Philip and St. James Church Norton St. Philip. Due to existing covid restrictions we are running two sessions on a Wednesday morning 9.30am -10.30 am or 11am -midday. This allows for social distancing, and we will wait for 19th July to see what the new guidelines will be. We cannot run Tots and Toys as a drop- in session at the moment, so a place for you and your child needs to be pre-booked. If you have not contacted me before use the telephone number or email address at the bottom of this page. It has been lovely to meet lots of young families, grandparents and carers who are new to our parish.

Bug Hotel: The bug hotel in the corner of St. Philip and St. James Church NSP has been built with grateful thanks to David Lockley, Fergus Stewart, Michael Walker and Tom Rodford. We held an outdoor children's mini breakfast church in June and started to fill the bug hotel with wood, straw, and other items to make a 4-star hotel for the minibeasts that live in the church yard. There is still more work to be done and if covid restriction permit I will be running family pop up workshops on Wednesdays in the school summer holidays based on Messy /Forest church using the church yard and bug hotel. I will give more details in the next Link.



Mini Breakfast Church: We will have our last zoom Mini Breakfast Church on Sunday 11th July and then we will have a break during August. We will return to St. Philip and St. James Church NSP on the third Sunday of the month 9.00 am -9.30 am following the zoom format we are used to but as a face-to-face session. I will give more details in the August Parish News/The Link.



Some of you may be wondering why all these events are held at NSP Church, the reason being I am based there, with all my family worker resources as I have use of the Hub office, the Hub, as well as the church and church yard with direct access to The Mead and play park. Also, it is much safer to hold events at NSP Church for young families as we are not near the road and problems with traffic.

God Bless

Sue Rodford

Children and Family Worker

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Parish Groups

RODE MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

Yes, the walking group has resumed, in case there was any doubt.

We meet in the morning of the first Thursday of every month, if possible.



This poses a problem with July's walk as the first day of July is a Thursday!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you don't receive details and would like to join us.

Last month we walked to Beckington and included the Beckington Loop, which was unknown to some, before stopping at the Woolpack for coffee.

We returned a different way, which was rather overgrown in places, as I always try to vary our routes.

Next time we are travelling further afield and meet at Heaven's Gate car park at 10 am on Thursday 1st July. I have found a very pleasant circular walk along the edge of Longleat Park and through the outskirts of Horningsham, where we can find a coffee stop at The Bath Arms on our drive home.

Liz Dinnis

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RODE OVER 60's CLUB

See page 11 for news of proposed first post Lockdown meeting...

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

See page 5 for news of proposed first post Lockdown meeting...

OTHER CLUBS NEWS WELCOME...

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

Parish Cricket



June did actually bring some lovely warm sunshine after the very wet start to the season.

Our trusted support returned, and Wednesday evenings once again have become an event to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the collection for 100 years of The Royal British Legion, just under £240 was raised. Thank you to Ruth and Duncan Barley for sponsoring that match.

This leads me on nicely to thank everyone who has kindly sponsored matches this season; Rosemary and Peter Yarker, Ian and Jenny White, Jan Perret, Lorna Almonds-Windmill and Veryan Moore. A big thank you from everyone at the club.

If you would like to sponsor a match for £25 please contact me.

This month's mention goes to Harvey Millard who made his full club debut away to Frome. Harvey bowled superbly and took his first wicket, sending the stumps flying. Nothing too special about this except Harvey usually turns out for the U11s!!

As part of a highly talented U11 team, Harvey has also been part of the Somerset development set up and this past week helped the U11s progress to the quarter finals of the Bath and District Cup. He's also the Captain's brother!!

Also, a mention to Steve Kirkland who has resumed playing for the club after several years, following starting a family and learning to become a dad!! Good to see you back playing Steve.

Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 10 July - Our extremely talented U11s are hosting Primrose Hill CC U12s, here on Churchmead. It's a 40 over a side match and the bar and BBQ will be available.

A good number of the squad are made up with boys from our parish and it would be fantastic to have a good crowd to give them our support.

I'm not saying the standard of cricket will be better than the seniors but you can judge that for yourself!

Parish Cricket

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

July Fixtures (Wednesday evenings, 6pm, unless stated):

28 June (Mon)	U15 v Corsham	Home
30 June	Keovil CC	Away
7 July (Sponsored by Lorna Almonds-Windmill)	Heytesbury	Home
10 July (Sat 1pm) (Sponsored by Peter & Rosemary Yarker)	U12s v Primrose Hill	Home
12 July (Mon)	U15 v MSN	Home
16 July (Fri) (Sponsored by Jan Perret)	Misfits	Home
21 July	Red Star Frome	Home
25 July (Sun 1pm)	Horningsham CC	Home
29 July (Thu)	Red Star Frome	Away
1 Aug (Sun 1pm)	The Family CC	Home
4 Aug	Beckington TBC	Home

Norton St Philip CC is a one team, very friendly and social, village club that play midweek matches.

If you would like a game or just like to become a social member, please contact Chairman Rupert Foster on 07793 440534, or myself, on 07876 191100.

Mark Finch



Parish History

This is one of seven articles originally published in the Link in 1976.

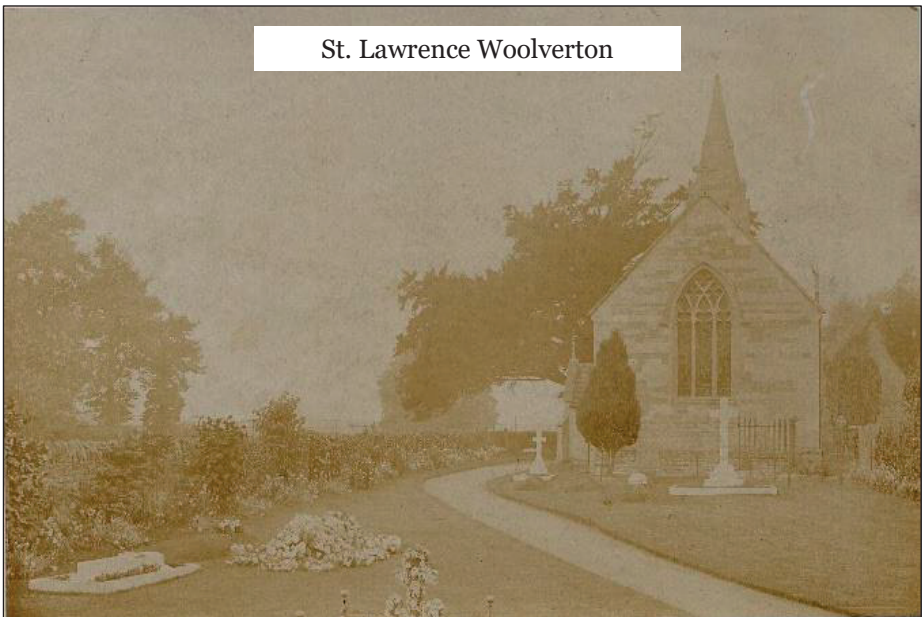
THOSE WERE THE DAYS... WOOLVERTON

Obviously the greatest change in Woolverton since the turn of the century is the vast increase in through traffic, but the village has always been an important crossroads and used to have two toll-houses, the second standing a short way along the road to Rode to match the one at Shawford which is still recognisable as such.

Some residents can remember the days when the Bristol/Salisbury Post Coaches changed horses at the Red Lion, and the remains of the stables still can be seen across the road - with the letterbox on one wall.

The row of cottages on the third of those corners, now sadly in various stages of dilapidation, were then tied cottages belonging to the three main farms in the village.

On the site where the council houses now stand, there was a huge sheep pound, to which sheep (and sometimes cattle) were brought from farms as far away as Devon and Cornwall and all over the West Country, to be collected ready for the famous Westbury Sheep Fair.



St. Lawrence Woolverton

Parish History

Woolverton House has had a varied history; for many years it was the Rectory, and the older part of the house may be that referred to as follows in Arthur Mee's Record of Somerset:

“And to this small place there came sometime between Trafalgar and Waterloo a rector who was to stay for 62 years until he died at 92. He was rector of this and the neighbouring village of Rode, and he must often have used the ancient trackway from Woolverton to Rode, where there is still a narrow packhorse bridge with three old arches and massive cutwaters.”

However, succeeding rectors moved to Rode, and for a short time the house was run as a guest house, re-named The Grange, until it became privately owned as now.

Also now a private house, just across the road, is what used to be the Schoolhouse, which had a resident school-teacher, and until quite recently still held the old school bell in its chimney.

Tragedy put Woolverton into the local headlines during the last War when in 1940, after an airborne dogfight, a Spitfire and a Heinkle 111 both crash-landed together into a field in the village.

Mr. Banks was one of the first on the scene and gave first aid until an ambulance arrived from the Army Medical Unit then based at Beckington.

The German pilot survived to become a prisoner-of-war, but sadly the R.A.F. pilot died: he was Flight Sergeant Holland Ripley and the memorial stone to his memory, laid by his family, is still to be seen in the field.

contributed by Mr. & Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Williams.

Editor's Note:

Many thanks to our “Rode History Man”, Peter Harris, without whom we would not be able to have these snapshots in to our parish history.

Peter is a published author on Rode – his books are available at Rode P.O. & General Store.

If you come across any old parish magazines in your attic or wish to involve him in researching something involving local history do contact him. His email address is: pjh14cl@gmail.com.

Parish Farming

MAKING HAY WHEN THE SUN SHINES, HARVEST



So, June was here, with its lovely warm weather and then some steady rain, but as I write this it is looking like it is about to warm up again.

The House-Martins, Swifts and Swallows are busy feeding their young and some are already fledging. One little blackbird found its way into my stone outbuilding (now a lovely room) and had a very bad bottom in the process, so everything out for cleaning

and a refresh! The verges are abundant with wildflowers and grasses my favourite is the splash of yellow the buttercups bring!

Fine Foods are starting to be busy again with our Tours; do consider coming to join us for an informative and comical evening (the 'boys' always have a story)! Keep an eye out for other events, via our website.



Farmer's Markets: Axbridge and Nailsea are doing very well and we hope that the Frome Independent will be able to return on a Sunday soon. We are awaiting more news on this. Sadly, we will no longer be at SFM Frome Farmer's Market (last one will be 10 July at Boyles Cross in the Market Place under Canopies) or Keynsham. We will also cease trading at DFM Sherborne and Wimborne. Last ones in July. This has been a difficult decision but they were becoming unviable for us.

New addition: As well as Somerset Foodie, Joe and Jen of The Village Baking Company have joined us here at Fussels HQ. A welcome addition for us and the wafting smells coming from the Bakery are wonderful. Make sure you place your orders!

Shows/Events: Although the last lockdown seemed to be endless, but as things are opening up and we are allowed a bit more freedom, we are now attending some Shows. Mid-June we were at Bridport Food Festival. On a much smaller scale than previously, it was a very successful day. Bridport is a great town for foodies and it seemed that many came equipped with cash (for a change) perhaps from their lockdown sales of 'stuff'!

Parish Farming

Farm: Shaun and Andy have been busy haymaking. From Whitsun and into June the weather was perfect for cutting, turning, rowing up and baling. Our Krone baler has proved its worth yet again. An excellent piece of kit which produces large and small bales and is very efficient. I love haymaking time.

Many of you, who walk the footpaths and lanes will have seen that the Maize planted a few weeks ago, has germinated and is coming along nicely. Hopefully, this will continue. The recent rain will have given all our crops such a boost.



The Barley will be harvested about third week of July.

I love watching the Barley change colour as it ripens, the heads moving gently in the breeze.

Once the Barley is ready it will be non-stop on the Farm until at least the end of October.

The Rape has performed better this year. Drilling at the very beginning of August seemed to give it a good start.

Perhaps the Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle was not around much or even hungry at that time; who knows? We have planted 120 acres and Andy and Shaun are hopeful of at least getting a reasonable yield.

Jamie of Waggle & Hum has now collected his hives, the Bees having done their work across the crop. They really gorge themselves on the rape pollen, returning to the hives totally covered in it!

The Rape harvest will follow the Barley with the fields being prepared for the Rape to be drilled again in early August. Always a quick turnaround.

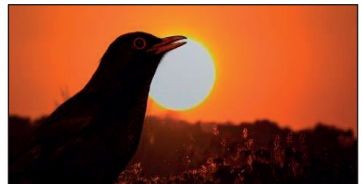
Our Wheat will be ready to harvest in August and we are hopeful it will yield well. More about that next issue.

As I write this, we have already seen the longest day and Midsummer's Day is fast approaching.

How can half a year pass so quickly?

Keep safe and well.

Lizzy Etheridge

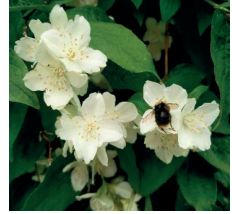


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Parish Gardening

GARDENING IN JULY

Spring has been challenging in many ways and the weather quite extreme from prolonged frosty nights in April slowing plants and their growth down by 2/3 weeks, to a mostly wet May, then to a mostly hot June, what will July and the summer bring? Hopefully, a good mix of warm weather with rain overnight, that would be ideal - well we can hope!



Watering – with the warmer temperatures likely, we will need to keep an eye on pots especially and avoid them drying out, but if we get a significant hot spell, we may need to water established flower beds too. It is better to water a good amount less often, than a small amount of water frequently – as this will encourage deep roots making the plant more resilient against dry conditions.

Weeding – try to keep annual and perennial weeds at bay as soon as you can to stop them from spreading onto your chosen plants. Perennial weeds like bindweed and ground elder are an ongoing problem, as they root from the smallest of white roots. But keeping on top of it, removing as much of the root as you can will help keep it in check.

Staking – plants will be likely be putting on growth rapidly now, and certain plants may need some help standing up. You can use individual canes and string/wire – either bamboo, hazel, or any other strong branches you can find, or you could buy wire plant supports. It is best to get these in place as soon as you can, as it is difficult to stake plants when they have a lot of growth, and it's hard to make the form look natural.

Hedge cutting – hedges will be growing well now and can be cut but do check for nesting birds as they can be active until August. If you want your hedge to flower and fruit, such as pyracantha, hawthorn, blackthorn, then avoid cutting until after you or the birds have harvested in autumn or later.

Lawn – keep cutting your lawn regularly if you want to keep the grass as full as possible - raise the blades if we get a prolonged dry spell. I've heard lots of you did the No Mow May, which is fantastic and such a great thing to do for wildlife and an opportunity to see wildflowers you may not have known were there.

Thinning fruit trees – 'June drop' is when trees will naturally shed fruits, but if you have a huge amount of immature fruits, you can then remove by hand any excess or damaged fruits from branches to concentrate the trees energy in a smaller number of fruits – i.e. apples, pears and plums, and to ease the pressure on the branches.

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Planting – if planting at this time of the year (spring and autumn are preferable for most plants) then best to do this on a mild day and ensuring you give plants a good soak to settle them in. And water during hot spells, until they develop a larger root system.

Sowing seed – throughout the summer you can keep sowing quick growing crops such as lettuce, rocket, radish and beetroot in between other plants to maximise growing space. Biennials such as sweet williams, honesty and wallflowers can be sown now and planted out in autumn for flowering next year. To extend your veg crops into winter and early spring, you can sow late summer/ winter veg crops such as leeks, carrots, dwarf peas and sprouting broccoli.

Saving seed –if you don't deadhead flowers and they have been pollinated, then they will go to seed - which is the plants way to ensure survival. If you would like to collect seed for growing more plants, then choose a dry day and have a paper bag to store your seed – and make sure you label them, easy to forget what they are months later when you come to sow them. Don't collect seeds from hybrid plants as unfortunately they won't come back true to type and will revert to being one of the parent plants. Hybrid plants have been bred by specialists.

Cuttings – Now is a great time to take cuttings of plants you wish to have more of, either for yourself or to give away. Cuttings can be taken from a range of herbaceous plants, climbers and shrubs and at this time of the year are either softwood or semi ripe cuttings. Softwood cuttings are more tender shoots and semi ripe cuttings are more developed and have a woody base from which they'll root. There's lots of information online that you can read up on for the specifics.

Wildlife – keep feeders clean and topped up and access to water too for all your wildlife visitors. Our bird feeder continues to bring such pleasure, and it always amazes me how birds find it even in a teeny garden.

I hope that you also take time to relax and enjoy your hard work, listen to the birds and the bees and watch the butterflies.

Happy gardening.

Julia Robb

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SHARED GARDENS

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 with others?

Or would you like to have more space to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers?

If so, I would love to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved in the Garden Share scheme across the parish.



We've been planting out our seedling plants into their growing positions in the beds. This freed up some space to set up grow bags – tomatoes, basil and African marigolds have been planted in one greenhouse.

The cucumbers, luffas, aubergines and cuca melons will be planted into grow bags soon!



Everything is late this year, mostly due to us focusing on setting up the infrastructure – new raised beds, greenhouses and archway tunnel, but also because the frosty nights in April held everything back. But it's ok, slowly but surely, we're getting there – we've picked a bunch of flowers including my favourite rose 'Gentle Hermione', our sweet peas have started to flower and the first courgettes are forming!

I've made a batch of elderflower cordial and hoping to make another soon – I love the smell and taste of it and enjoy the whole process (except my hay fever symptoms being triggered) and has become a family tradition.

There is so much abundance around us at this time of the year especially and we are very lucky to live where we do.



Julia Robb

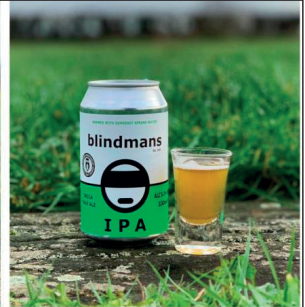
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Sam and the team would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the shop, café takeaway and post office.

We have had some very wet and windy weather in recent weeks so further easing of restrictions and being able to allow eating inside again was very well timed. We have thoroughly enjoyed the return of our customers being able eat and drink at the café .

We continue to serve breakfasts, lunches and also takeaways, and of course a selection of tasty treats including our well known brownie selection.



Opening hours for the shop, café and post office...

Monday	09.00 - 17.30
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Wednesday	09.00 - 13.00
Thursday	09.00 - 17.30
Friday	09.00 - 17.30
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Tables available outside and in our extension. Full table service.
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Breakfast 9.00 – 11.30
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*We are still offering our delivery and
collection services from the shop for
those not feeling comfortable visiting us.*



Parish Events

RODE WALKING GROUP
JULY WALK
10am THURSDAY 1ST JULY
See page 27 for details



FRIENDS OF RODE & NORTON SCHOOL FEDERATION
PRESENTS



THE TFI FRIDAY
(THANK FRANS IT'S FRIDAY)
TUCK SHOP


EVERY FRIDAY IN TERM TIME
AT RODE PLAYING FIELD & NORTON ST PHILIP MEAD 3-5PM

HOT FOOD, BUBBLES, BEER, TEA/COFFEE, CAKE, ICE LOLLIES,
SNACKS & MUSIC - SEE IN THE WEEKEND WITH US!

GRAND RODE
DUCK RACE
Delayed see
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Jumble
SALE



RODE
PLAYING
FIELD
PAVILION

July 10th
at 2 pm

Parish Events



Dementia doesn't care who you are — it could affect us all.

We are holding an Information Session, run by a Dementia Friends Champion, to help us understand what it's like to live with dementia and the actions we can take. You may want to come to this Dementia Friends session in case you or one of your family members are affected by this disease now or in the future, or you may just want to learn how you can help to create a climate of kindness and understanding of dementia in our community.

You are all invited to a Dementia Friends Information Session

Where? St Philips and St James Church NSP (with new comfy seats!)

When? Monday July 19th 7.00-8.00PM

How? Book a free place—contact Rev Jo Robinson:

Telephone 01373 834643 or email 321jorobinson@gmail.com

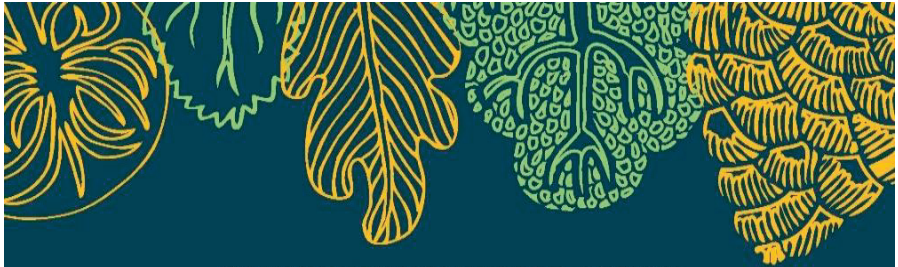
Watch this space!

A Forget-Me-Not Café will be opening soon in NSP-
More details to follow in the next Link!



Forget-me-not Café





COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ACTION

RODE HOEDOWN DAY

SUNDAY 25TH JULY @2PM

COME JOIN TEAM RODE ON HOEDOWN DAY

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

TO FIND OUT MORE GET IN TOUCH WITH

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REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN



Parish Events

THE LAVERTON VILLAGE FETE

On Saturday 31st July, 10:30-12:00

St. Mary's Church, Laverton

Coffee & Raffle

STALLS

CAKES

PRODUCE

PLANTS

BOOKS

BRIC-A-BRAC

RODE IN BLOOM & OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 11AM -4PM SEE PAGE 7

OVER 60'S CLUB IS BACK FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST 2.30PM SEE PAGE 11

30th AUGUST @ 12 NOON RODE

Village Day

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY RODE PLAYING FIELD SEE PAGES 6 & 14

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB RETURNS MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER 12.30PM SEE PAGE 5

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Corsley House Gardens
Open Day
Sunday 18th July 2021,
11am-4pm (timed bookings)

Teas and Coffees,
Roth Bar's Woodfired Pizzas and Pimm's Bar


Guided tours of Kitchen Garden and Historic outbuildings
Raffle, Plant Sale, Corlse House Produce

Children's entertainment



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All proceeds to go to Corsley and Chapmanslade Church's

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THE ELIZABETHAN EVENING AT MANOR FARM
Sunday 1st August 2021 at 2.30pm & 7.00pm
Tickets: theelizabethanevening.com, 01373 832113

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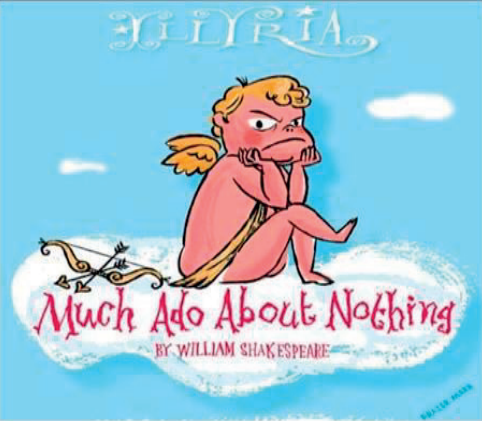
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9th - 12th July 2021



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of water quality in our local rivers and streams



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Queries to: george@bristolavonriverstrust.org

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NEWS FROM ONE OF OUR LONG STANDING ADVERTISERS...

Top Tier Award for Garston Vets

The partners and staff at the Frome surgery of Garston Veterinary Group are rightly celebrating after it received a prestigious RCVS Veterinary Hospital accreditation from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.



John Gould, Partner and vet at Garston paid tribute to the efforts of the whole team. “This is important to us as it recognises the level of investment, training and importantly the clinical care our team deliver 24/7. Ultimately our clients and their pets will be the beneficiaries”. John continues, “Each of our surgeries are vital in our approach to care throughout East Somerset and Wiltshire. Having the Frome site as a fully accredited veterinary hospital recognises the standards we have worked hard to build over many years.”

Established in 1911 and with surgeries at Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury, as well as thriving large animal and equine departments Garston Veterinary Group is proudly independent, allowing it to be responsive to the needs of all clients their pets and animals.

Cat friendly clinics and the popular Wellness Plan are examples of the approach to care. 2021 has also seen the launch of a new website www.garstonvets.co.uk as well as a new logo and branding which underlines both its proud heritage and modern outlook.

Sarah Church, Nurse Manager at Frome explains, “It’s a privilege to work with such a dedicated team of people. Each day is different and whilst some are challenging, the team’s commitment to working with owners and the care of their pets is incredibly rewarding.”

Sarah continues, “Garston House Veterinary Hospital is open for emergencies around the clock for clients of all of our surgeries and we always ensure that no pet is left alone, whatever time of the day.”

With the slow relaxation of social distancing measures over the coming months, the teams at Garston are looking forward to seeing owners and their pets in more usual surroundings.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 7TH JUNE 2021 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

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

1. Public Participation:

Concern was expressed over parking on Rode Hill near the junction with the High Street as this was causing problems when pulling out of the High Street especially at present with the tall grass partially obscuring the view. Putting double yellow lines on Rode Hill near the junction would alleviate the problem. There was some concern that the Highways report on traffic generated by the proposed development on Barbara's Field would not cause any traffic issues.

Putting tables on the island by The Mill pub was contrary to the S106 agreement which had allowed development of the patio area and this along with the use of lighting which was not low level should be pointed out to Tellisford Parish Council who were responsible for The Mill.

A request for the SID to be put in place on Straight Lane was made as this had already been agreed at a previous meeting.

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

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th May were approved. It was agreed the Clerk would issue an Action List to councillors along with the minutes.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Report from County Councillor: The Chair gave highlights of Cllr Oliver's report to the meeting; these were that the Covid rate in Somerset remained low with an R of 0.8 to 1.1. The vaccination rate in Somerset was one of the highest in the country. A decision the make-up of the Unitary Authority for Somerset should be made in July. It was noted that the voting across the county had been two thirds in favour of 2 Unitary Authorities (East and West), although only 25% had voted.

6. Report from District Councillor: Cllr Lund reported that a number of key staff had or were about to leave Mendip District Council (MDC), these included the enforcement staff and the key Planning Officer (James O'Dell) but his line manager Simon Trafford would take over his duties while new full-time staff were sought. Currently agency staff were filling enforcement posts.

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7. Actions from the previous meeting:

- i) **Hoedown:** The village Hoedown carried out on 30th May had again had a good turnout and a lot of weeds were cleared as well as tidying up the books in the village phone box. A report on the activities was going in The Link and on Facebook. The next Hoedown was planned for 27th June.
- ii) **Lengthsman:** Ben Vowles had done a day's work in May clearing gullies on Marsh Road but had now handed in his notice.
There was discussion over whether garden waste bins could be obtained from Mendip with agreement for their collection by SWP to help dispose of rubbish from the Hoedowns. The footpath on Church Lane was of concern and it was unclear whether Mendip were responsible for clearing it as to do it during a Hoedown was considered too big a job. Cllr Barbi Lund agreed to investigate this with MDC.
- iii) **The Bell:** Contact had been made with the manager but no progress made. It was thought the roof lead had been removed and currently no one was interested in taking it on. Further contact by EB would be tried.
- iv) **Jubilee Clock:** This had been inspected and it had been agreed that Peter Watkinson would carry out a full service (agreed at £185) and evaluate any further work that might be required. It was agreed the Clerk would check with David Hornsey when this work would be done.
- v) **Bus back better:** PT reported that he had had a number of meetings, with Frome Town Council, First Bus and was due to meet with Wells. It was possible that First Bus was going to increase the D2 service through Rode. Wiltshire were considering later running X34 buses and discussions would be held to see if this would extend to Frome. He added that the survey of Rode residents on buses should not be done yet but at a later date.
- vi) **Trees:** The trees along Clay Lane had been evaluated and the dead elms at the Eastern end were not dangerous, however those at the Western end should be felled by a tree surgeon as they were at risk of falling onto the Lane. A letter would be sent to Andy Fussell.
There was a leaning tree on The Mead which was of concern and it could fall onto the road and pavement. A letter should be written to David James and copied to the MDC Enforcement Department to ensure action was taken.
The tree by the allotments was not considered to be an issue.
- vii) **Brown's Ground:** A paper had been prepared outlining possible options for use of the land which could be used by the PC should the land be offered to the village.

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- viii) **Riverwalk sign:** The sign by Scutts Bridge had been vandalised and torn down. A replacement was required and it was agreed to get one and try to get a more robust option to avoid repeat damage.

8. Climate Emergency: JM reported that he had only 3 (now 2) people interested in joining the Steering Group which was not sufficient for a meeting. He was proposing to leaflet the village and it was agreed that the leaflet calling for volunteers should include a few ideas of initiatives the Group could do. The PC agreed to fund leaflets up to £200.

9. Highways:

- a) A meeting with Sara Davis had been arranged for 21st June and along with Cllr Linda Oliver, MS, JM and EB would take part. The group would look at the proposed sighting of the 30mph speed signs and village gateways on the A361; possible 20mph restrictions on Marsh Road, High Street (including beyond Crooked Lane) and Church Lane; any signage on Lower Street; and roundels or repeater speed signs on Rode Hill. Also, the possibility of putting SID signs on brow of Rode Hill. The meeting agreed to push for the 20mph speed restriction on as large an area of the village as possible.
- b) Some pavement photographs had been taken, others were still to be done.
- c) The Clerk had emailed Somerset Development Engineering regarding the adoption of The Sportsman but had not received a response, he agreed to chase this up.
- d) The meeting agreed the Highways report on traffic from the proposed Barbara's Field development was of concern. Discussion was held over the best way to challenge this as the report had only concentrated on traffic turning left from the site onto the A361 and not seriously considered traffic going through the village or appreciated the narrowness of Church Lane in both directions. It was agreed that a draft response should be prepared based on data and then this be checked by a transport consultant (funding for this was agreed) prior to submission to Highways and Mendip. AP agreed to prepare the response. An offer of a Zoom call with the Highways (Ben Sunderland) had been agreed by Cllr Oliver and it was agreed to accept this and include members of the PC and interested residents.

10. Planning matters

a. New applications:

2021/1001/HSE: Erection of garden pod – 3 Stable Close. No objections, leave to planning officer.

2021/1212/VCR: Application to vary condition 1 (plans list) of planning permission 2018/2015/VCR to allow for material alterations of approved plans and alter some materials of approved boundary materials – 3 Frome Road. No objections, leave to planning officer.

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b. Mendip decisions:

2021/0807/TCA: Works to trees in conservation area: 3 beech, 1 ash, 7 lime, 6 horse chestnut and 1 yew – Langham House. Approved.

2021/0858/FUL: Erection of detached dwelling including associated alterations to 9 The Mead and provision of 2 car parking spaces – 9 The Mead. Approved with conditions.

11. Calm Engineering and drainage: JM reported that all the survey work had been completed and that modelling was being carried out. Discussions were to be held with landowners and the proposals should be published soon.

12. Church Farm access to village/footpaths and playing field: AP agreed to follow up the progress of the path from the site to the playing field.

It was reported that the Playing Field Trustees were to meet tomorrow and were expected to approve the proposed plans for the S106 land. A new Declaration of Trust to include the S106 land would then be drawn up for agreement.

13. Parish Council website: A virtual meeting had been held with George Berry but to date nothing had been done. This would be progressed.

14. Unitary Authority: The Chair had attended a virtual meeting hosted by Frome Town Council with all the surrounding 10 parishes attending. This had been held to see if this group could be successfully formed to represent around 50,000 people which could be one of the ‘devolved bodies’ that had been proposed to be formed under either Unitary Authority for Somerset. A spreadsheet of issues was to be circulated and a further meeting held – probably not until mid/late July.

15. Conservation Area/Neighbourhood Plan: Currently there were two Conservation Areas one covering the centre of Rode and the area along the A361 near The Bell. It was proposed that the whole village should be covered as a number of listed buildings fell outside the Conservation Areas and if the whole village was covered it would add strength to protection of the village against development. With future planning likely to split areas into: Growth, Regeneration and Protection it was important to get Rode into a Protection area. There was agreement this should be pursued with AP taking a lead and hopefully with help from Peter Harris and others. The Neighbourhood Plan would be a good starting point but it raised the concern that each year this became slightly less useful. A revision of it could be considered but any new Neighbourhood Plan would have to offer land for housing development and there was no enthusiasm for this. Cllr Lund warned that Norton’s Neighbourhood Plan was still under legal challenge and it was 2 years since it had been finished but was still not in force. It was agreed further discussion would be held at the next PC meeting.

16. Financial matters:

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- i) The meeting agreed to meet the shortfall (£215) for Life Education to bring its health and well-being programme to Rode School.
- ii) The Clerk had submitted the VAT reclaim to HMRC and awaited repayment.
- iii) The Certificate of Exemption for the AGAR had been submitted and the notice posted.
- iv) The following payments were agreed:

BHIB (insurance)	£681.42
Glasdon (new dog waste bin)	£301.75
A Aked (accountant)	£25.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£725.12
Clerk salary	£224.32
HMRC PAYE	£55.00
Elaine Butler (materials for Hoedown)	£172.58
A Edney (contribution to village day)	£500.00

17. Any other business:

i) Doctors Surgery: It was very difficult to get a face-to-face appointment and even getting a telephone appointment was not easy. It was agreed a letter of concern should be sent to the Beckington practice as the situation had still not improved now most lockdown restrictions had been relaxed.

ii) Village get together: AE asked the Parish Council if it could make a contribution to the village day to be held on the playing field on 30th August. This event was to bring the village together after Covid19. Marquees and bouncy castle and entertainers were being sought and there was a funding shortfall. The PC agreed to donate £500 towards this.

iii) Dog waste bin Rode Hill: A request had been made to move this slightly down the hill as the smell was affecting residents. It was agreed this could be done and Grant Slade would relocate it.

18. Date of Next Meeting:

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

7.30pm on Monday 12th July.

Please note the change of day for the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed:

Date:

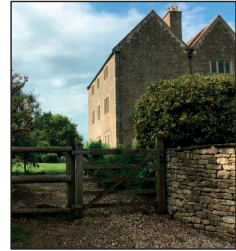
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...and finally

WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

Where, in Hardington Vale, would you see this building?



Did you recognise the lane in last month's photograph? It was the lane leading to the top of Vagg's Hill. If you have a photograph of a part of Hardington Vale that you would like us to feature, email it to link@rodevillage.com.

Sudoku

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Last month's Sudoku

2	1	7	3	8	6	5	4	9
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4	7	5	1	6	8	9	2	3
6	2	3	9	4	5	7	8	1
1	3	4	6	7	2	8	9	5
9	6	8	4	5	1	3	7	2
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Those were summers when the heart quivered up from the hot yellow gravel and pierced the plaited rushes of my wide-brimmed hats, summers almost without nights. For even then I so loved the dawn that my mother granted it to me as a reward. She used to agree to wake me at half past three and off I would go, an empty basket on each arm, towards the kitchen gardens that sheltered in the narrow bend of the river, in search of strawberries, black currants, and hairy gooseberries."

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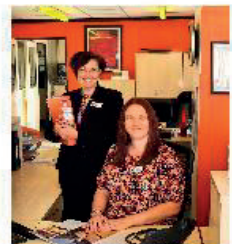


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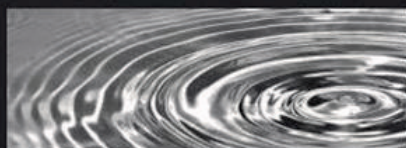
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Thursday 1 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 4 July	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Informal Breakfast by Zoom Rode , Holy Communion Laverton , Holy Communion	J Robinson J Robinson/B Day C Walker/M Harrison
Monday 5 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 6 July	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 7 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 8 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 11 July <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am	Mini Breakfast Church by Zoom** Norton St Philip , Holy Communion	S Rodford C Walker with A Wright, CEO of Mission to Seafarers
Monday 12 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 13 July	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 14 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 15 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 18 July	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Rode , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	B Day/S Kivett R Stewart/J Robinson S Kivett
Monday 19 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 20 July	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 21 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 22 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 25 July	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	J Robinson/C Walker J Robinson/C Walker
Monday 26 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 27 July	5.00 pm	Laverton Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 28 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 29 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	

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JULY 2021 DIARY

Thu 1 Jul	10am Rode Walking Group see page 27 for details
Sat Jul 3	11am-3pm FRANS @ Beckington School Fete see page 10
Mon 5 Jul	7.30pm Rode PC Monthly Meeting, Main Hall, Rode Memorial Hall * please note change of day
Sat 10 Jul	2pm Jumble Sale, Rode Playing Field Pavilion see pages 5 & 9
Mon 12 Jul	11.25am-12.05pm Mobile Library, Memorial Hall
Sat 19 Jul	7-8pm Dementia Friends see page 45
Sun 20 Jul	AUGUST LINK COPY DEADLINE
Sun 25 Jul	2pm Rode Hoedown see pages 12 & 45
Sat 31 Jul	10.30am-12.30pm St Mary's Laverton Church Fete see pages 15 & 46 RPF Lottery Draw The Cross Keys see page 20

YEAR PLANNER

Sun 8 Aug	11am-4pm Rode In Bloom & Open Gardens see page 7
Fri 13 Aug	2.30pm Over 60's Club is back!! See page 11
Sun 29 Aug	2pm Rode Hoedown see page 12
Mon 30 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY - Summer Bank Holiday 12pm Rode Village Day see pages 6 & 14
Sun 26 Sep	2pm Rode Hoedown see page 12
Mon 4 Oct	12.30pm Monday Lunch Club is back!! See page 5
Sat 25 Dec	Christmas Day
Sun 26 Dec	Boxing Day
Mon 27 Dec	SUBSTITUTE BANK HOLIDAY (Christmas Day)
Tue 28 Dec	SUBSTITUTE BANK HOLIDAY (Boxing Day)

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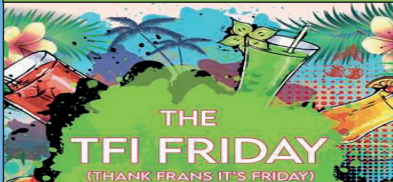
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