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Church Reflection, News & Events

REFLECTION

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!*

A well-known hymn. And actually one I believe we can, if we are a person of faith, sing with great gusto as we have come through some very testing times and God has been with us through them.

That is not to say that there are not still testing times happening across the world and we should never lose sight of that. But here in England the end of the summer term is rapidly approaching and many of us are fortunate enough to be dreaming of summer holidays... Summer Holidays? YES! it really does seem as if they are truly on the horizon, how wonderful! In fact I have just taken my grandchildren for their swimming lessons and interestingly they were practicing sea safety - swimming in a tea shirt and shorts, practicing shouting, 'HELP!' at the top of their voices as they trod water and floated on their backs in a star shape for the count of "thirty elephants". Not to mention understanding the meaning of the different coloured flags that fly on the beach. Actually I learnt something too. We all know red is stop, don't swim it's dangerous. Red and yellow - it is safe to swim between these flags there are lifeguards on duty. Black and white? There is equipment in the water and don't swim.

Any sport or occupation has its codes and its instruction manual - even the Christian faith. There is always more we can learn and, much that we learn when we are young, that as we age and life gets busier, we forget. Many parents come to me asking for their children to be Christened which is lovely, but when I ask them why, often the answer is because they, as parents, think the way of living that Jesus taught, is a good model for life. Whilst it is, undoubtedly, we must never lose sight of the Saviour Himself who died on the cross for each and every one of us. He models sacrificial love so powerfully and totally we need to acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour in our lives. Not very PC in today's world.

Yet we have just enjoyed celebrating in our communities the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the two aspects of her life that shine out most are her deep sense of duty and her strong personal faith which she does not hold back in sharing with the world when she has the opportunity. She clearly knows the codes of the Christian faith and still reads and follows the Christian instruction manual - the bible.

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Have you got some good holiday reading? I hope so. I certainly have and alongside my Dick Francis book I also like to have an inspiring Christian book to read. My one for this summer is *How to hear God* by Pete Greig. Pete Greig is the founder of 24-7 Prayer, a global movement of prayer, mission and justice. This book is described as a book to make faith come alive by turning prayer into a real, conversational relationship with the God who speaks - more than you know! Why not add this to your pile too?!

Caroline Walker

Rector

NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

Well, what a busy month it has been with the Jubilee Celebrations and the History afternoon held at St Lawrence in the middle of June.

The Jubilee Fete was a great opportunity to socialise and have a lot of fun as well as celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The bottle tombola in aid of the church raised £428, which was a fantastic effort and thank you to all those who gave the bottles and helped run it during the course of the afternoon. We also rang the bells on the Thursday of the Jubilee weekend, and we hope you managed to hear them – it does depend on which the way is blowing as to how much they are heard!

The history afternoon was also well supported, and we are very grateful to Peter Harris and everyone else who helped to run this event and share their knowledge with all those who came to find out more about our lovely church. It is a very historic Grade 1 listed building, and we must do our best to preserve it for future generations.



In between times, we've been pleased to host some of the English lessons provided for the Ukrainian refugees living in Hardington Vale and adjacent villages. It has been good to do something to help them in their dreadful plight.

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

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

ECUMENICAL HOLY COMMUNION AT RODE CHAPEL

Next Holy Communion at Rode Chapel is on Tuesday 5th July at 9.45am.



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WORRINGLY STILL NO INTEREST FOR SCOUTS LEADERS...

Yet again we have to report on the need for volunteers to step up before the future of another of our community institutions is threatened with closure. Jacqui's plea is repeated below for a third time. I do hope that next month I have some positive news on this and that the future of Rode Scouts can be secured for the benefit of our community's youth, time is fast running out as the end of term approaches.



“John and I will be leaving our roles as Scout Leaders at the end of this term. Dan, Mike, Mitzi and Alex are carrying on , but they will need one or two committed people to take on the role of Scout Leader for the section to continue.

We have had a great time and lots of adventures with the Scouts but it's time for us to step away. We have enjoyed brilliant activities and camps with some terrific young people. All training is free and you will be warmly welcomed into the scouting family.

Anyone interested or even mildly curious is welcome to join us on a Wednesday evening between 7 and 8.30pm and see what we do. Just email me at jrottenbury@outlook.com and we can arrange a taster session.”

Gill Leonard
Editor

SOMERSET ONE STOP TRAVEL INFO WEBSITE LAUNCHED

A new one-stop travel information website's been launched by Somerset County Council to support more local people to access public and community transport. If you don't own a car – or you want to leave it at home and travel more sustainably, Think Travel can help you with your transport options. Whether it's getting to the doctors, shops, travelling to work, college, or school, or just into town to meet friends or family, the new travel planner shows you what's available. It covers public transport, community transport, the Slinky demand responsive transport service and car sharing.

To start your search, all you need to do is enter your journey start point and destination in the planner and Think Travel will find the available options for you. As well as information on train and bus services, there's also a dedicated car sharing notice board you can sign up to, where offers or requests for car sharing journeys can be posted. The aim is to grow this facility and encourage local car sharing networks to evolve. Visit: somerset.thinktravel.info

MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Since the elections for Somerset Council in May several people have asked me whether I'm enjoying no longer being a Councillor – which led me to realise that the current arrangement is rather confusing.

So, for the sake of clarity: the four District Councils remain in place and sit alongside the new Somerset Council until 31 March 2023 and I remain ward councillor for Rode and Norton St Philip until that date. I continue to be the first port of call for planning applications, any issues relating to Somerset Waste Partnership and other general local issues.

While I was obviously disappointed that neither of the Green Party candidates were elected for Frome North I want to congratulate Adam Boyden and Dawn Denton for their electoral success, and I look forward to working with them over the next nine months. I am sure that both Adam and Dawn are fully aware of the enormity of the climate emergency and that it will inform their work over their period of office.

Many of you will have seen the recent articles, based on the research from the University of East Anglia, about the approximately 200,000 English properties at risk of being lost to sea level rise by the 2050s. North Somerset and Sedgemoor are two of the areas most at risk. The study comes after similar warnings from the head of the Environment Agency, Sir James Bevan, that many homes would be impossible or uneconomic to save, and whole communities would have to move inland, which he called “the hardest of all inconvenient truths”.

I have to say I no longer know what to do with information like this. However, we have known and the government has known for many years that this scenario, amongst so many others, has been unfolding. In spite of this, the UK and many other governments seem distressingly reluctant to put in place the global action that is needed to enable us to escape the worst effects of the climate crisis.

One of my key learnings from my time as a district councillor is how constrained local authorities are by national policy and legislation. However, Green Party District Councillors will continue to do their utmost to ensure that Mendip fulfil as many of their environmental obligations as possible in the remaining time before the changeover to the unitary authority.

Barbi Lund

MDC Councillor for the ward of Rode and Norton St Philip

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RODE PLAYING FIELDS & JUBILEE EVENT

The Playing Fields is for everyone in the village to use. We have regular football; a new cricket club reintroduced this year and we have a children's play area. The Pavilion is a popular facility for anyone to book for social, club and fun events.

As the new Chair of the Rode Playing Fields, I write my first message on the back of a fabulous "Queen's Jubilee Celebration". The event was a joint venture involving FRANS (Friends of Rode and Norton St Phillip), Rode Scouts and Rode Playing Fields. It involved lots of volunteers from the three organisations plus many other villagers giving up lots of their time and effort to make the event possible.

The Playing Fields have enjoyed many events over the years, but I would like to mention a few people who have "turned up" year after year.

Ann Edney and Pat Restorick who are heavily involved in the Playing Fields, especially fund raising, have given their support over many, many years. I thank them.

Keith and Jane Sharman who started the Playing Fields lottery (a monthly opportunity to win great prizes and support the village). Keith and Jane have been fund raising since the Playing Fields was established some 50 years ago. I thank them. Please contact Keith or Jane for details, **01373 830408**

For Village Day events, representing the Scouts, Howard and Diana Russell have given so much of their time and enthusiasm together with Keith Sharman to organise the bar and foods. Keith as our electrician, also sources all the beers, ciders and wines to ensure these Beer & Wine Festivals are always very popular. Also representing the Scouts, Nick Russell and Olivia Nolan have been fabulous in just "making things happen". Brandon Quentin-Hicks, representing FRANS who provided live music throughout the day, brilliant. Without their skills, these events would not be possible. I also thank John Osborne, Dave Jupp, Sally Picket, Peter Travis, Mal Bertenshaw, Gary Holloway, Matt Thorman, the list goes on and huge apologies if I haven't thanked you personally.

These events have great financial support from the many businesses in Rode. I thank you all. Revenue received for the three good causes is over £8,000. Thank you all who came and supported.

Rode Playing Fields are for everyone to use and enjoy. To book any events please contact Diana Russell on **07714 441040**. To find out what's on see The Link or Rode Village Facebook.

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We are always looking for volunteers, if you are new to the village and even if you're not; a great way to meet new friends. Contact myself on **07976 836522**.

Steve Eyles

There's been no response and time is fast running out with the end of the current term approaching. There's been no response and time is fast running out with the end of the current term approaching.

Rode Playing Fields Chair



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CELEBRATING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE IN TELLISFORD

Tellisford residents started gathering in the sunny garden at Glebe Barn around noon on Sunday 5th June for a sit-down lunch under canvas.

Preparations had begun gently in February, with a core group of expert cooks drawing up a menu, circulated for everyone's perusal. In March we all received a reminder email, and a week beforehand Ash circulated the details of who was bringing what, including chairs, tables, tablecloths, flowers, glasses, jugs, crockery and cutlery. Here is the menu:-

Smoked Salmon on Wholemeal Bread
Seasonal Vegetable Tart
Ham and Parsley Terrine, Game Terrine
Coronation Chicken Styled Salad with a Modern Twist
Poached Dressed Salmon Platter
Cucumber Salad, Quinoa Salad, Tomato and Basil Salad
Chorizo & Celery & New Potato Salad with a Honey Mustard Dressing
and French Potato Salad
Home-grown Saladings (watercress, lamb's lettuce, lettuce)
Dressings, Mayonnaise and Bread/Butter
Children's Barbecue

Marsala Trifle and Non-Alcoholic Trifle
Home-grown Strawberries and Jersey Cream
Fresh Fruit Salad
Pavlova with Raspberries
Iced Jubilee Cup Cakes (decorated with red, white and blue sprinkles)
Celebration Jubilee Union Jack Cake

English / French Cheeseboards with accompaniments
Coffee and Tea

Altogether at least 40 of us enjoyed meeting new neighbours and chatting with old neighbours. Before the feasting began, Violet and Charlotte made the toast to Her Majesty the Queen, which the adults drank in something bubbly, before everyone made their selections from the wonderful spread of food. For me the highlight was Kay's beautiful cake.



Gathering for lunch at Glebe Barn

The lunch table. Charlotte's cup cakes and The Queen protected by 4 guardsmen and 2 commandos. The Jubilee Cake.



Afterwards, a succession of volunteers completed the washing up that would not fit in Sally and Noel's dishwasher – enormous thanks to them for inviting the village to have the event in their house and garden.

The gazebos turned out to be excellent insurance as, after everyone had eaten and departed, the fine weather turned to drizzle, then proper rain. What remains of the day is the red-white-blue bracelet made by Charlotte.

Rachel Feilden
Tellisford

200 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

The 200 club results for May are:
1st Prize £50 Philip Pobjoy
2nd Prize £25 Mr and Mrs Greenwood

Drawn by Stephanie Johns

Jan Jupp



1st Rode (Scout Group)

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7TH RODE BEER FESTIVAL, JUNE 4TH 2022

The Beer Festival at Rode's Platinum Jubilee celebration day was yet another resounding success, with eight real ales and three ciders. In addition there was of course, keg lager and cider on tap along with the usual wine and soft drinks.

By the end of the evening we had sold 33 gallons of Thatcher's Gold cider, 17 Gallons of Carling lager, 70 gallons (that's 560 pints!) of real ale, 24 gallons of still cider and 40 bottles of wine.

We completely sold out of lemonade, crisps, water and cola.

I would like to thank all those who helped make it such a success, including all the bar staff, my wife Jane, all the Scout helpers for the infrastructure, Craig from Bohemian Bars in Bristol, and anyone else who was involved.

For the first time we had the use of a card machine, but cash was still gladly accepted as it will always be, accounting for more than half of the takings!

The profit from the bar alone should amount to around £4,600.00,

We would like to thank all our sponsors (in no particular order) for their very generous help in supporting this event.

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partly due to all the sponsors of the beers, ciders and glasses. My thanks to all of them listed on the previous page.



I'm not sure when it will be, but here's looking forward to the 8th Rode Beer Festival!

Keith Sharman

RODE GROWS & SHARES - SHARED GARDENS

The new shared garden in Tellisford is going very well and lots of work has been done clearing areas, including the greenhouse and beds have been planted.

We've got another shared garden in Rode to match up - and am hoping to arrange this very soon.

- Do you have a patch of garden you don't use any more or is too much work?
- Would you be interested to share your garden with others?
- Would you like to have more space to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers?

If so and if you are interested in getting involved in the Garden Share Scheme across the parish, I'd love to hear from you.

It would be best to email me - juliarobb@hotmail.co.uk or my phone number is 07527 918314.

Julia Robb

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RODE GROWS AND SHARES

Rode in Bloom and Open Gardens, Sunday 19 June - A BIG BIG thank you to everyone involved in making this year's Rode in Bloom and Open Gardens happen, and to make it such a success (despite the iffy weather!)

It was great to see so many of you and have a chat. Thank you so much to everyone who opened their gardens this year - it was wonderful to have return entrants and also new additions, we had such great feedback on your beautiful gardens - thank you for taking part.

The people's favourite garden was Jean Hornsey's on Lower Street, a well-deserved winner creating such a stunning, colourful and productive garden that was an absolute delight to be in and amongst the planting. Jean's prize was a posy of homegrown flowers, a bottle of homemade elderflower cordial and a £10 gardening voucher (kindly donated by Rode and District Gardening Club). Everyone who opened their garden received a thank you posy of homegrown flowers, as a token of our appreciation.



Thank you very much to our children's planter entrants and joint winners Georgie Bealing and BB Quentin-Hicks - they were both fantastic and so creative, and prizes have been awarded to them both - a posy of homegrown flowers, string of solar bee lights and a £10 gardening voucher (kindly donated from Rode and District Gardening Club).



Thank you also to those who put on refreshments in Rode Chapel and Rode Allotments, to keep everyone fuelled up. We heard they were very much enjoyed!

And last but no means least, thank you very much to everyone who came along on the day to support the event and those who donated very generously (with plants and gardenalia for the stall, and money) to the Rode Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden!

We have counted all the donations and are so chuffed to say that in total we raised £387.50 from the hub stall and the Allotments!! Thank you so much everyone.

Julia Robb, Averil Morrow, Lucy Travis and Sharman Flindall

H.V. COMMUNITY GROUP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES LATEST

So another month has passed since my last update with respect to the Ukrainian guests who have come to live in our community, having fled the devastation and destruction in their own land.



We now have a total of 60+ guests in the community. You may well have seen them around or spotted Ukrainian cars on the road with the UA international badge on the number plate.

We are awaiting another 20 or so to complete the full quota of guests that we can match to available hosts. So really the matching phase is now over and we move on to sorting out the needs of the new arrivals. Most of the early arrived guests are now well settled and enjoying the peace and tranquillity of our lovely Somerset villages.

There is without doubt still some anxiety under the surface, but on the whole they are much more relaxed now than when they first arrived, the children in particular. The schools have been tremendous in their help and support, and it is truly wonderful to see the Ukrainian kids playing (even cricket!) so easily with their new-found English friends.

Education:

The Community Group has been extremely busy since the last update, primarily focussed on setting up a series of English classes for the guests. This is to enable them to improve their command of the language so that they are in a position to look for work and thereby start the process of becoming independent. This has meant sourcing venues and resources to allow the teachers to work. We started classes at the end of May, just before the Jubilee weekend.

After some inevitable teething issues, we have now established a pattern of running classes 5 days a week, 3 days in Norton St Philip and the other 2 in Rode. This roughly reflects the distribution of students in the villages. In Rode we are using the Hall and the Chapel - we did initially use St Lawrence Church, but the students (and teachers) found getting across the A361 to the church quite terrifying, which is understandable! In Norton, we use the Church, the Palaret Hall, and the cricket pavilion. The system now seems to have bedded in and be working well.

We are very grateful to both Bath Academy and Somerset Council for their support in providing the teachers; and of course to the various venues for

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allowing us to use their facilities to such an extent. And not to mention the various helpers from the community group who have taken on the task of ferrying the teachers to and from their classes. It looks as if the classes are to continue until the end of July or start of August, depending to a certain extent on the funding we can raise.

Donations:

We have over the past month intensified our efforts to raise money to pay for the classes we've been providing. We have been delighted by the GoFundMe donations received, which so far amount to nearly £5000. But more is always needed. This is a link to the page if you would like to donate:
www.gofundme.com/f/helping-ukrainian-refugees-within-our-community

I must at this point say a particular thank you to Rode Parish Council for their extremely generous donation of £1000, which will help tremendously. Also hugely generous is a donation of 50% of the profit from the Jubilee Fete in Norton St Philip; this was quite unsolicited, and so we really would like to thank Norton Preschool, Norton Cricket Club, and the organisers of the Fete for this gift, which will be put towards the education expenses. Additionally, local supermarkets have been approached for sponsorship, and one in particular is looking hopeful.

In addition to the financial donations we have received, we've also been inundated with offers of equipment, clothing and so on. That has been gratefully accepted and is now being stored in a NSP barn for the Ukrainians to visit as and when they wish, so they can select anything they need. There are all sorts of things there, from clothes to wellies to scooters to furniture: quite a collection. Anything unclaimed at the end of the hosting period will be donated to other charities supporting refugees from all over the world.

Employment:

I now have a fairly long list of job vacancies that our guests may soon start to explore. Our first arrivals have now been here an unbelievable two months.

The first month was taken up with form filling and jumping through the necessary bureaucratic hoops, sorting out the children's schooling getting settled into their new homes and so on, and then it became a matter of getting stuck into the language classes. So as of now that is their top priority, but as they grow in confidence with their English, hopefully applying for jobs will become more of a feature of their lives here.

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There certainly seems to be no shortage of employment opportunities for the Ukrainians to explore when they feel able to do so, although these jobs may be more manual than they were doing back in Ukraine.

Ukrainian Evenings –A Date For Your Diary:

We are currently planning two Ukrainian fundraising evenings - the first in Rode on July 15 – see page 42 for more details (the second on July 16th in NSP).

The purpose is for locals to come along and celebrate our guests, their culture and their history, and allow us to find out more about our newly arrived visitors and their worlds.

Plans are at an early stage at the moment, but the evening will certainly include a Ukrainian meal cooked by the Ukrainians and one of the group telling us about Ukraine, from a Ukrainian perspective. The rest of the evening's program is yet to be decided, but I'll post information on Facebook and put posters around the villages as and when confirmed.

So come along and experience a little piece of Ukraine in Somerset - find out more about this country which, at the start of the year, very few of us would even have been able to point to on the map! All funds raised will be used to support the ongoing language classes.

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So that's where we are now.

Who knows what the next month will bring (other than our own Ukrainian family of 3, finally arriving mid-July!)? I will keep you updated.

Ali Smith

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LAVERTON NEWS

Well... what can we say except a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped in any way to create an amazing Laverton Jubilee Celebration!



Donations of cash, goods and services - we couldn't have done it without them. Even the weather was on our side. On the Friday we had the amazing Dogs of Laverton Band, lots of fun on Saturday and we had some incredible contributions to the afternoon tea.



The Dogs of Laverton!

So many folk have asked for a repeat of the Dog Show - so maybe we'll have to consider it next year?

And who'd have thought a Laverton Tug of War Contest would be so competitive! It was certainly a weekend to remember.



Footbridge - Thanks to David Trick for keeping us informed about work on the Laverton footbridge. Work is due to start on w/c Monday 20 June and is estimated to take two to three weeks to complete (depending on what they find!). There will be scaffolding supporting the bridge while the work is carried out which will be removed on completion. Fingers crossed everything's completed by the end of the first week in July.

Mhairi Milligan - Letters from a Soldier - You may know of Mhairi's wonderful book that she published a few years ago. Well... it's now available as a download from audible.co.uk if you'd like to listen to it. Well done Mhari!

Welcome and Congratulations - A very warm welcome to Tom, Lavinia and their dog Katara who have recently moved into School Cottage and many

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congratulations and best wishes to Laura Exton and Chris Ireland from New Sunnyside Farm who celebrated their wedding day on Saturday 18th June.

Lemonade & Biscuit Fundraiser - Willow (Row Court) and Bea and Ivy (Moss granddaughters) decided they wanted to do something to support our Laverton Ukrainian visitors and came up with the idea of a lemonade, smoothie and biscuit sale. They designed posters, made biscuits, homemade lemonade and smoothies and raised a tremendous £160 - well done girls. Sadly Ivy was unwell on the day but here's Willow and Bea serving their goodies!



St Mary's Church Laverton Garden Fete - Saturday 23 July 2022

Please see the poster on page 44 for more information. All welcome.

That's all for this issue, see you next month.

Jackie Moss

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY



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

1st - £50.00 Jane and Nigel Hellier, Rode, kindly donating £30.00 back.

2nd - £25.00 Mark and Hannah, Cross Keys, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Helen and Frank Davies, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2, Mr. Robinson, Rode. Thanks again to Mark and Hannah.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 and 2 Sunday roasts, possible 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 Sunday 31st of July. 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

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Parish Youth News & Events

RODE AND NORTON ST. PHILIP FIRST SCHOOL FEDERATION

Welcoming New Friends - During the month of May, eight Ukrainian children have joined our federation. We are very pleased to welcome them and their families to our community and they have brought lots of skills and interests which they are already contributing.

Learning Adventures - Our whole school topic this term is 'River Deep, Mountain High', with a focus on Geography.

Our Reception children recently set off on a Troll Hunt walk around Rode, linking to their work on the Three Billy Goats Gruff. They found the Bruggers four goats and then went looking for the elusive troll under bridges near the river. Lots of geographical language was learnt including current, weir, erosion and dam. After a brief refreshment stop at the pub, the troll was spotted lurking under Mill Lane bridge.



Our year One and Two children went out together to explore the River Frome and created maps and artwork on their return. Not to be left out, Years 3 and 4 explored the river and canal in Bradford on Avon, learning about the differences.

Go Away Without Your Parents - There was much excitement as the Year 4 children set off for a week at the Mill on the Brue activity centre in Bruton.



They had an amazing week, learning to be resilient and determined, overcoming their fears.

They worked in two groups with their instructors taking part in river dipping, tower climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, raft building, canoeing, water slides, campfire building, and the highlight - the zip wire across the valley.

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The week ended with the disco and our new Year 4 Ukrainian pupil, Mischa, dancing to the winning Ukrainian Eurovision song, whilst his new friends stood in a circle around him clapping. A beautiful moment of friendship and empathy.

Jubilee Celebrations - On Friday 10th June, children and parents from across our federation got together for a giant tea party and BBQ.

The children dressed in costumes from the queen's reign or red, white, and blue.



Children and staff then performed a medley of dances from 1950 to the present day. It was a gloriously sunny day and we all enjoyed being back together again.



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



RODE PARENT/CARER AND TODDLERS GROUP

Our new group is up and running now Mondays 9.30-11.30am at Rode Chapel.



The Group will meet weekly on Mondays for the time being – do come along and see what we are up to.

We look forward to meeting you and your babies/toddlers!

Ros Jackson
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Parish Youth News & Events

H.V. CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS

Mini Breakfast Church - The next Mini Breakfast Church will be on Sunday 17th July at St. Philip and St. James Church, Norton St. Philip from 9.30am-10.00am.

This will be the last Mini Breakfast Church of this academic year and it will return in September in the new school academic year.



July will also be my last Mini Breakfast Church as my work role with Hardington Vale Parish will finish in August but more about this in my August Children and Family Worker news.

Advance Notice Tots and Toys and Caterpillar Club in August

Tots and Toys:

Will run throughout August on Wednesdays from 9.00am-10.45am and older siblings are welcome to join us.

£2.00 for coffee and cake for grownups and please bring your own refreshments for your child/children.



Caterpillar Club:

For 3-9 year olds will run from 2.00pm-3.30pm on the following Wednesdays inside and outside at St. Philip and St. James Church, Norton St. Philip:

Wednesday 3rd August: Bug Hotel

Wednesday 10th August: Bees

Wednesday 17th August: Birds

Wednesday 24th August: Nature's Colours



An adult or older responsible sibling needs to accompany the child/ren and places need to be booked in advance as I need to plan what resources I need for each session.

The cost will be £2.00 per child to include refreshments. Booking is now open either by email or phone and there will be a limit of 18 children for each session.

Sue Rodford

Children and Family Worker

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NORTON ST PHILIP PRE SCHOOL PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT

Thank you very much indeed for supporting the Jubilee Event on Friday 2nd June, which was a huge success and raised over £3000. This has been split equally between Norton St Philip Pre School and the Hardington Vale Community Group Ukrainian Refugee Fund.

We were overwhelmed with donations of tombola prizes, cakes and teddies, and with the number of attendees and good cheer on the day. How wonderful to get the village events up and running again after the last 2 years of Covid, and to show our children what a fete is, as for many it was their first, or certainly the first they will remember.



Thank you to the Cricket Club and the Churchmead Committee, to the chefs and musicians, and to Caroline Walker for welcoming the evening party into the Church. Thanks also to the many other individuals who supported the event, to Band In A Barn for sponsorship and of course, to Alice Tollworthy for developing the idea and putting in an enormous amount of work and co-ordinated all involved.

See you at the next one!

Norton St Philip Pre School Committee

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SCOUT CAMP

At the start of half term the Rode Scouts departed for their annual camp. 12 scouts and 6 leaders left the scout hut with smiles and lots of cakes from the grateful parents.

We travelled to a scout run activity centre in Oxford and stayed in one of their tented villages. With no tents to erect we were soon settled in and off doing lots of fun activities.



There was climbing, abseiling, axe throwing, fencing and go carts, and much more besides. The scouts were amazing, trying things that scared them and helping and supporting each other.



We all had fun, laughed a lot and there were even a few screams from a couple of the leaders on the very high swing!



I would like to thank everyone who came to camp and those who couldn't come but supported us and made it all happen.

It is definitely one of the best things about being a scout leader and I am very grateful for my time with such great people.

Jacqui Rottenbury

Parish Health & Wellbeing

Hope Programme for Carers **NHS**
FREE ONLINE COURSES FOR PEOPLE LOOKING AFTER A LOVED ONE

Our next course starts on 26 July

Meet others and rediscover your strengths. Whatever challenges you are facing - you are not alone.

the hope programme

The advertisement features a photograph of two people sitting on a bench in a park, looking out over a residential area. The NHS logo is in the top right corner, and the 'the hope programme' logo is in the bottom right corner.

If you're a Carer in the South West, you can sign up to NHS England and NHS Improvement's HOPE for Carers programme – a free 6 week online course.

Life as a Carer can be challenging, by joining our HOPE programme you can meet others in the same situation, improve your confidence, feel more in control and explore any worries you may have.

You can complete the course at your own pace, with support from trained facilitators. The next course starts on 26 July and you can sign up today visit: <http://ow.ly/hflY5oJbSei>

Throughout July, Samaritans will be running its annual awareness-raising campaign, Talk to Us as well as marking Samaritans Awareness Day on 24 July.

You can talk to us about anything that's troubling you

➤ We're here to listen 24/7

SAMARITANS

Call free on 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org

Talk to us

we'll listen

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The poster has a light green background with dark green and blue text. It features a speech bubble graphic and a grid of small green dots.

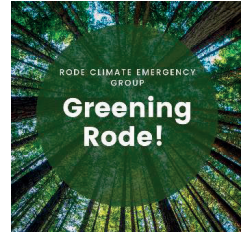
The campaign aims to let people know that Samaritans volunteers are here 24/7 for anyone who is struggling to cope.

Parish Ecology

RODE CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP – UPDATE

Our most recent meeting was a collaboration, with attendees from both Norton St Phillip and Beckington.

Whilst we will continue to have our own group, specifically focusing on Rode, we all agree that it makes sense to collaborate on climate emergency issues with our neighbouring villages.



We've been thinking hard about priorities for 2022, taking account of the responses to the survey earlier this year. So we've initially identified five key projects:

1. “Green Open Doors”: Just like an Open Gardens event but designed to showcase environmentally-friendly technologies and solutions. Currently this is tentatively planned for **Saturday 10th September** – more news soon!
2. Electric Vehicle Charging Points: A project to secure funding and deliver a number of public EV charging points in Rode.
3. Repair Café: collaborating with NSP and Beckington (NSP already have a Repair Café up and running – the next one is at the Palaret Hall in NSP on **Saturday 9th July**).
4. Safe cycling/walking routes: Working with Beckington and NSP parish councils to develop safe cycling and walking routes to Frome and beyond.
5. “Pocket Parks”: Investigating the potential to acquire small pockets of land (e.g.: corners of fields which may be difficult to farm) with a view to turning these into wild areas to enhance local bio-diversity.

To make a success of these projects we need your help! You can get involved as follows:

- Do you have (or know of) an environmentally-friendly project to show-case? (e.g.: Air/ground source heat pump; solar panels; wildlife-friendly garden, retrofit project, etc, etc).
- Do you own an electric vehicle and have insights/experience to contribute to the EV charging point project?
- Do you know of any small pockets of land which could be acquired by the community for re-wilding?
- Are you a keen cyclist/walker with a desire to see more safe cycling/walking routes in the area?
- Do you have any repair skills (or do you know of anyone who does), and are willing to help out for a few hours at one of the Repair Café events?

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So – if the answer to any of those projects is “Yes”, please drop me a line at:

jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com

On the right The Climate Emergency Group Stand at the Jubilee ParkFest, with Moira Eve, myself and Mike Benson.



And don't forget, you can follow the Rode Climate Emergency Group on Instagram: [@greening_rode](https://www.instagram.com/greening_rode)

Jim McAuliffe

FURTHER FREE ENERGY ADVICE SESSIONS COMING TO FROME

With the potentially further energy price hikes this autumn, now is the perfect time to assess your energy usage in your home to see where action can be taken, and savings can be made. The Healthy Homes project has a host of easily accessible information at sessions throughout the summer to ensure your homes are cosy and more efficient when autumn approaches.

The Healthy Homes project is a partnership with Frome Town Council, the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) and Frome Medical Practice as part of the National Lottery funded Green and Healthy Future Programme.



CSE and the team are offering free and impartial energy advice to everyone who wants it through bookable telephone appointments in August:

Tuesday 9th August from 9:30am – 2pm

Friday 26th August from 9:30am – 2pm

Visit www.tickettailor.com/events/frometowncouncil/704136# to book your free slot.

Find out more about all that is on offer and how you can ease the stress and worry around energy increases on our Healthy Homes page:

www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/sustainability-and-resilience/green-and-healthy-futures-programme/healthy-homes/

Parish Cricket

RODE CRICKET CLUB



Rode Cricket Club have played two further games since the last edition of the Link – both Wednesday night games.

The first game back on Rode Playing Field since 2015 was on 8th June, against Frome Incidentals. They were a strong side, most players playing at league level, so our work was cut out for us! Frome won the toss and decided to bat. Young Jacob Pobjoy managed an early wicket before a number of Frome players hit quick 25s before retiring to give a batting opportunity to as many of their team as possible. They managed 175 off their 20 overs, which considering the strength of the opposition was a credit to our bowlers – particularly Robert Dymond (0-9 off 2 overs) and Jacob Pobjoy (1-14 off 2 overs). Robert really came into his own with the bat though, scoring a magnificent 75 before being bowled when trying to accelerate the run rate to chase an unlikely win. Lawrence Gripper batted well for his 18, but sadly there was not much contribution from the rest – we were all out for 101 off 18 overs. Nonetheless a fun game played in great spirit and we look forward to welcoming Frome Incidentals (who only play away games) back for a rematch in July.

On 15th June we played against The Poplars away in Wingfield. We batted first and on a small ground but with tricky rules (any ball hit for 6 is also out to protect the pub goers and motorists on the Bradford Road), Ollie Fussell and Charlie Leatham made good starts but were out in quick succession for 13 and 10 respectively. Arthur Hannay looked at home at the crease (we have great hopes for him for the future!), and most batsmen made starts but didn't go on to make a substantial score. We were left trying to defend only 83 for 20 overs. It was great to see James Thomas take 3 wickets and Harry Hayward take one, with fifth coming from the "six and out" rule, but despite those successes, the opposition knocked off the small total in half of those overs. A convincing win for The Poplars therefore, but again a game played in great spirit and a chance for some young players to try their arm at the sport.

So far we've had good support from the small squad of players and great enthusiasm. If we keep that spirit going I'm sure that first win is just around the corner. A big match on Sunday 26th will have already taken place by the time this edition is circulated – The Star from Bath playing us for the Lee Edwards trophy. It's fantastic that we've resurrected this traditional fixture between the 2 teams, watch this space to see what happens! As always, anyone interested in joining us for a game at any stage of the season, please do let me know

Andy Pickett

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Parish Cricket



Beckington, Norton St Philip, Rode Junior Cricket 2022



Junior cricket for girls and boys from school year 2 upwards is held at Beckington Cricket Club, BA11 6SJ, on Thursday evenings

4.30 - 6pm - Soft ball Kwik Cricket for all children yr 2, 3 and 4

6 - 7.30 pm - Hard ball cricket for Yr 5 upwards - u11, u13 & u15. Matches in the Bath and District Youth Cricket League are played on a Monday or Tuesday evening.

6 - 7.30pm - Soft/ hard ball cricket for girls yr 5 upwards - We have a fantastic and fun, ever growing, girls section. Matches are played in the Wiltshire Girls league on a Wednesday evening.

For more info contact

**Mark Finch, Chairman Beckington, NSP, Rode Junior Cricket
07876 191100**

Parish Gardening

GARDEN NOTES BY MUDDY FINGERNAILS

Priorities for the ornamental gardener (I've totally missed the boat with courgettes this year, much to my annoyance):

- Dead head, dead head, dead head - roses and perennials, to promote further flushes of flowers.
- Prune out the flowering stems of shrubs like Philadelphus/mock orange which bloom early in the spring/summer- taking out these stems allows room for the new stems that will flower next year. Just make sure to take out the old stems down at the base.
- Dis-bud dahlias - take off those two side buds that generally appear either side of the main stem, so you get a bushier plant with more flowers later.



- Take cuttings of favourite plants. You've nothing to lose, so it doesn't matter if like me you find the results are sometimes a bit patchy...

Just remember the key advice to take the cutting material from side and non-flowering shoots or stems.

Make a clean cut through or just above a leaf bud at the base of the stem, remove the majority of the leaves on the stem to minimize transpiration.



Place the cutting in a pot with a mix of compost and sand, or maybe experiment with just vermiculite/perlite. As long as it allows good drainage to prevent the cutting stem from rotting away and at the same time ensures the cuttings have a moist environment (clear plastic bag over the whole pot).

This is seriously one of the most satisfying gardening jobs.

The thrill of seeing a cutting “taking” is not to be underestimated!



Happy midsummer gardening!

Muddy Fingernails

Parish Farming

FUSSELS - MIDSUMMER, SWALLOWS AND HARVEST

I can't believe it is already time to pen July's blog!

We've enjoyed some lovely long, warm summer days during June and not much rain. The rain that did fall was refreshing for our gardens as well as our crops. We have also seen rainbows, hail, thunder, heavy (stair rod) rain, dark skies and stunning sunsets; sometimes all in one day! The hooligan crows are still causing havoc and have enjoyed pulling up our maize! They work in gangs along a row!

Fine Foods: 18 June was Bridport Food Festival which is a lovely Festival. I usually cover this one but I have recently been moved into the Weighbridge Office on the Farm. You won't now find me covering markets or any events now or in the shop but one of the others will help you.

Harvest Tours: Keep an eye out - new Evening Tour dates, starting at 6.30pm.

Farm: Shaun's still busy. He's managed some early baling of hay but loads more to do! The Maize continues to look good; it's growing apace now. The Rape is doing well, turning now from green to brown with nice plump pods and very thick and entwined. The mixture of rain and sunshine has been perfect. Now we wait for it to finish ripening. Still looking good to harvest late July. Our Barley looks fantastic with hopefully a good yield. Harvest will be mid-July before the Rape, as Rape often follows Barley in our rotation. It has changed colour in the last 10 days and is on the way to being fully ripe. Our Wheat is growing taller everyday but it will still need to be watered, so some occasional rain would be good. Shame it can't be ordered!!.

The Field Beans flowers have gone over and the bean pods will begin to form. But first, haymaking towards the end of June. My favourite time of year. The hay is cut, turned 2 or 3 times, 'rowed up' and baled. We need about 7 days at 21 degrees! Currently tricky to predict when to go when there is the risk of showers towards the end of this week! All down to experience and weather watching. It's looking like haymaking will run into Harvest again this year. You just never know! Take care.



'Tedder' for turning hay

Lizzy Etheridge

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Parish Family & Friends Notices



ANGUS THOMAS

Priscilla, Tobias, Fergus and Rory would like to say thank you for the many lovely messages of sympathy and support that we have received following the death of Angus on June 4th.

Although he had been unwell for some time his death was sudden and unexpected. Your kind words have helped us all hugely and are very much appreciated.

He was a familiar sight as he trundled his wheelbarrow back and forth across Rode Bridge between The Miller's House and the vegetable garden; always happy to stop for a chat, he made many friends.



The Funeral Service will be held at 1.45pm on Wednesday July 6th at Semington Crematorium.

A steadfast rock, he will be greatly missed by all the family.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS...

The Link "Friends & Family Notices" Section of the magazine is here for the use of all in the parish of Hardington Vale. It is here for the use and convenience of parishioners. A way to share their news, make announcements and more.

Please do feel free to make use of this facility – there is no charge. Don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss using this facility T: 01373 831072 E: gillhleonard@aol.com - don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this.

Gill Leonard
Editor

Parish People

Danny, Leana and Phoenix Green have moved to Rode!

Hi good people of Rode, we moved here recently and thought it would be nice to introduce ourselves.

Since getting married in 2018 we have held dreams of moving back to the country. We finally found the courage and were originally headed for Frome. Then we discovered Rode, and our plans changed!

We are quite a musical family. Leana is a music therapist, piano teacher and yoga teacher. She has found work locally teaching and offering music therapy. Danny is a singer songwriter known as DG Solaris, a gig promoter and a guitar teacher. He has just organised an exciting program of new folk/indie/songwriter music events in Frome for this summer under the name, Night River. He also teaches local guitar and song writing students. Our son, Phoenix is 22 months old and his interests include football, buses, singing and pointing at people's noses. We have another baby boy due to arrive in the autumn, and we also have two cats, Bill and Bjork.



We moved to Rode the week before Christmas and have spent six months painting, decorating and organising our house while also exploring the local area. We love the peaceful nature of the village but also that we are only a short drive from Frome, Bath and Bradford-on-Avon. We can't get enough of the Tellisford loop and there's so many great places for young children to explore within a short drive, like Shearwater, Heaven's Gate, White Row Farm and the waterfall at Mells. We have found the people of Rode to be very welcoming and friendly and we look forward to meeting more of you. You're most likely to meet us if you're into swings, bus spotting and looking at cows.

If you are interested in music lessons with either of us, please contact: dannygreenguitar@gmail.com and to find out about the new music events in Frome this summer, visit: <https://snipfeed.co/nightriver>

Danny, Leana and Phoenix Green

Parish Groups

RODE WALKING GROUP

Last month's walk was a very enjoyable ramble around the village of Wellow. On a hot day we pushed through overgrown paths, visited a neolithic tomb and slipped in mud before encountering a road through a ford!



Next month may be less varied as we walk from Heaven's Gate car park down a shaded track to Shear Water, visit the cafe for coffee and then return following the same route.

Meet at the car park at 10 am on Tuesday 12 July. To find this leave the A36 at the 2nd Warminster roundabout and follow signs to Centre Parc and Longleat. Pass both of these and find the car park on the left about half a mile further on.

All welcome and please contact me for help with directions, travel etc.

Liz Dinnis

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NB Advance warning of change of walk day in August. I will be away on the 2nd Tuesday in August so the walk will be on Tuesday 16th.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

Our next lunch is Monday 11th July and we look forward to seeing all our regulars and new members alike - at The Village Hall, 12.15pm... another opportunity for getting out and getting together which is of course the whole aim of Monday Lunch Club!!



£5 for a freshly cooked 2 course meal, bring your own wine if you fancy a drink with it (the Hall is Licensed) - so, don't sit at home on your own - come and meet new friends and have a great meal at the same time!!

Please let me know well in advance if you'd like to come - just give me a ring! If you need help with getting to the Hall please let me know and we can arrange transport. Please bring cash as we have no facility for card payments.

Hope to see you there!

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

T: 01373 830836 / 07828 600095

Parish Groups

RODE CRAFT GROUP

Calling all crafters and those who would like to be crafters. Do you have any craft projects on the go? Or would you like to learn something new?



Fancy bringing along your knitting, sewing, crochet or card making for a cuppa and a chat? Do come along to Rode Craft group, in Rode Chapel. Join us for a chat, for friendship and for sharing your love of crafts. Come along even if you don't know any at the moment but would like to learn something new.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th July, 2pm to 4pm, in Rode Chapel. We are planning on meeting up weekly initially and will then review depending on interest.

All are welcome so just come along.

Val Parker

WELLSPRING

Sacred Waters and the Spirits of the Land

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



Yuri will focus on the four rivers that flowed out of the Great Forest (Coit Mawr) to the four directions, north, south, east and west. They still do – the Frome flows north, the Wylde flows east, the Stour flows south and the Brue flows west to Glastonbury Tor, 'Avalon', and to the sun setting in the Sabrina Sea. He will also touch upon the traditional 17th century witches of Somerset, the Lords of Stourton and the occult intrigues of 19th and 20th century Glastonbury.

Yuri is a well-known artist, author and researcher from Glastonbury who now lives in Jersey.

Everyone is welcome to come to this talk. Admission £5 includes refreshments. Doors open 7.15pm.

Caroline Williams

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Parish Groups

RODE OVER 60'S CLUB

The second of our three outings took place on Thursday 9th June, this time our destination was Sidmouth, 31 happy travellers boarded the coach at Rode, for a seaside trip the weather could have been kinder to us, there were no blue skies, it was cloudy with a chilly wind but at least it stayed dry.

There are lovely gardens at Sidmouth, much to be admired! Also a special toy museum with a large model railway, plenty of coffee shops and some very nice places where we could have lunch, the fish and chips were lovely!



The third and last outing for this year is on Thursday 7th July to Weymouth, leaving the village green at 9.30am.

The coach fare for this outing will be £15.00 for members and £18.00 for visitors, anyone wishing to go on this outing please ring Mrs Ros. Dymond 01373 830149, Mrs Joan Carter 01373 830095 or Mrs Pat Smith 01373 830559.

Please put the right money for your fare in a sealed envelope with your name on the front and hand it to Mrs Joan Carter or any member of the committee when boarding the coach.

It is requested that anyone who has booked to go on this outing, but on the day is unable to go, please notify Pat, Ros, Joan or any committee member that they are unable to go, this will avoid keeping the coach waiting.

Members who have birthdays in July are:
Mr K Bertenshaw on 1st July
Mrs J Carter on 8th July
Mrs A Rudman on 21st July.



A very happy birthday to them and we hope they enjoy their special day.

Sue Beaven

Parish Groups

RODE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In June, the Club and friends enjoyed a coach trip to RHS Wisley in Surrey.



There is so much to see, the Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden at the peak of its season, the always spectacular Rock Garden, the Glasshouse with its range of temperature- controlled zones.

I loved the vertical green walls and the displays of exotic flowering plants.



The new Hilltop development had interesting displays of vegetable growing, ideas for wildlife friendly gardening and a Wellbeing Garden.

There are spectacular views from the Sky Terrace of all the surrounding area.

Then there was the new, much expanded Plant Centre to be examined for that special plant we couldn't do without.

A great day out.

In July we will continue our programme of summer visits with an evening trip to the Japanese Garden in Westbury.

Averil Morrow

N.B. OTHER CLUBS NEWS WELCOME...

If you'd like us to include details of a club you are involved with, please do contact us: gillhleonard@aol.com.

We would be very happy to do so.



Parish Food & Drink

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Parish Events

WEEKLY
RODE CRAFT CLUB

THURSDAYS
2-4pm
RODE CHAPEL
See page 33



RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER
& TODDLER GROUP

Starting on
Monday 20th June
9.30-11.30pm
Rode Chapel
see page 20



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

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

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

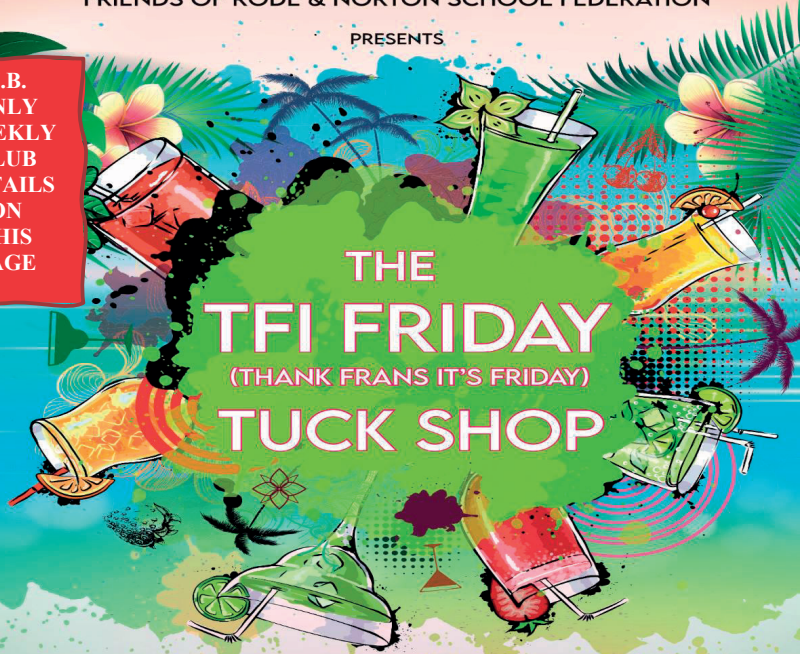
Contact Sue - H.V. Children's Worker if you need more details
E: kidschurch@hardingtonvale.org.uk. T: 01373 812766

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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!

Parish Events



HYMNS & PIMMS

6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

SATURDAY 2 JULY

in
St Philip & St James church
Norton St Philip



TICKETS £5.00 on the door or tel: 01373-834226 in advance

A LITTLE LUNCHTIME MUSIC PERHAPS?

Why not check out the concerts at St Philip & St James Church in Norton St Philip? These are informal events; you are welcome to bring your lunch with you and stay behind afterwards for a cup of tea and a conversation with the musicians. The aim is to present a wide variety of music over the course of the year.

The concerts begin at **1pm** and end at **2pm**. Admission is **£5** per person. Tickets can be bought on the door:



The programme for the next few months is as follows:

Thursday 7 July - Livvy Hylton-Smith (vocals) and Bob King (guitar) The Great American Songbook, rhythm and blues and contemporary popular songs.

Thursday 4 August - Tony Roberts (saxophone) and Richard Llewelyn (guitar) Tony Roberts was part of the vanguard of contemporary British jazz and folk from the 60s onwards. He has performed with such luminaries as John Dankworth. Mike Gibbs, Nucleus, Danny Thompson and John Renbourn. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear Tony play with the outstanding guitarist Richard Llewelyn.

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

Parish Events



Monday
11th July 2022
(See page 32)

Forget-me-not Café



When? – 2.30-4pm 11th July (2nd Monday every month)

Where? - St Philip and St James Church, NSP



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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Jo for more information

E: 321jorobinson@gmail.com T: 01373 831381

AN EVENING WITH OUR UKRANIAN GUESTS

7pm - 10pm

In Rode on July 15th @ Rode Memorial Hall
and in Norton St Philip on July 16th @ St Philip & St James Church

Ukrainian food cooked and served by our Ukrainian Guests,
plus a presentation of the history of Ukraine
(there'll probably be Ukrainian music as well - yet to be confirmed).
Alcohol will be available.

Hosted by our Ukrainian Guests to say thank you for the warm welcome they've received in our communities.

A good opportunity for local people to make contact with and find out about these new guests in our villages.

Ticket cost: £20 (Ukrainians go free!)

Tickets and Further Details:

For Rode Evening - Buy at Rode P.O. or call Ali Smith 07970 737382

For NSP Evening - call Mary Morrison 07717 473884

All proceeds go towards the cost of English lessons for the Ukrainians



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BARN DANCE

JULY 16TH 6.30-11.00PM

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Price Includes Pork Roll/Sausage or Burger

ALL PROFITS TO RODE SCOUTS AND FRANS

Parish Events

Rode and District Memorial Hall AGM 2022

Got something to say about your village hall?

We desperately need new members

It's not a huge commitment, 2-3 meetings a year to keep it going

Ideas and feedback always welcome

Come along to the hall AGM and give us your input

Tuesday 19th July, 7:30 pm in the rear room of the hall

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SATURDAY

23 JULY

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10.30 – 12.00



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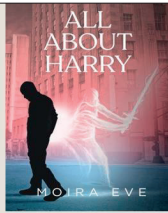
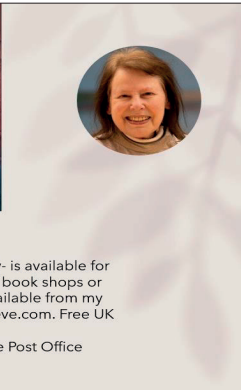
ENTRANCE: £1

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& BISCUITS

BOOKS

RAFFLE

Noticeboard

<p>Local Author Sequel: ALL ABOUT HARRY by Moira Eve</p> <p>TWO DEATHS- ONE BODY ***</p> <p>Harry, now a wealthy man since inheriting the family fortune, follows in his grandmother's footsteps, only to discover a web of deceit and lies undermining his own birthright.</p> <p>Suspicions in the family question Harry's motives Will Harry regain his fighting spirit? WHEN TRADEGY STRIKES AGAIN.</p>		
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Frome's 10 day community arts festival which is run as a hybrid fringe - July 1st to July 10th 2022.

Many events are put on by independent event organisers and included in the programme. The festival itself programmes a selection of events and some organisers donate their profits back to the festival.

To find out all about it and what is happening this year visit: <https://fromefestival.co.uk/>



American Independence Day Extravaganza!
Beyond the Hedge at Corsley House
Saturday 2nd July 2022
6pm-10.30pm

With music originating in Detroit, Michigan, dance your heart out with the 12 - piece Motown Gold, coming all the way from the hot spots of London town. And then as night arrives, watch the ginormous Firework Display against the backdrop of ancient Cley Hill.

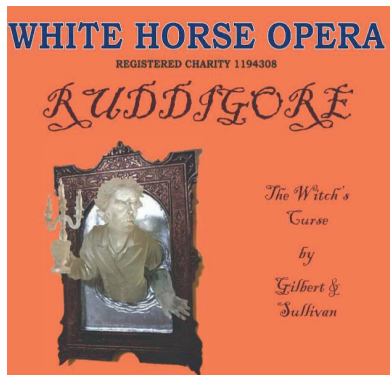
Tickets: £20 for adults; £10 for 14-18 years; Free for under 14 years, and for this you get the historic Corsley House gardens, Motown Gold music, the Firework display, and a night to remember.

You can bring your own picnic, or treat yourself to the food, wine and beer on sale.

As payback for Independence in 1776, the American Landlords of Corsley House are generously donating the Proceeds of this party to the Churches and Community of Corsley and Chapmanslade.

email: chogtickets21@gmail.com

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"Ruddigore" (The Witches Curse)
by Gilbert and Sullivan
will be performed for one night only:

JULY 8th at 7.30pm
in St George's Church Beckington
by White Horse Opera

Interval refreshments will be available.

Tickets £10 from Jo Casey:
jo@mijocasey.plus.com or 07775 900047

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL 16/17TH JULY

We're getting very close to our annual Summer Festival which will take place over the above weekend in July 2022 at Browns Park, Freshford with tournaments for every age group as well as other entertainment for the family plus lots of food, drink, snacks, sweets and ice creams available all weekend.



This event brings a large footfall of over 2000 people throughout the weekend so we are looking for any businesses who want to place adverts in the weekend programme that is distributed to all arriving at the event as well as donations/prizes/vouchers for the raffle - a substantial donation/prize/voucher can be in place of a free advert. If you are able to offer any advertising or donation, please contact me on the number below. We are just filling the last few team spaces but we should have all age groups with a maximum occupancy of teams entered so it should be a good weekend of football with over 116 teams entering.

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

If you have a building project happening soon, we are after some rubble but mainly any soil of different grades at our pitches in Freshford so if you want to save the cost on skip hire we would be willing to accept these for free, if you want to discuss this more please speak to me on the number below.

As always, we welcome any support from the village and if you want to keep up to date with what is happening information is always available on our website www.freshfordunitedfc.com

Chris Birleson

Club Manager

T: 07738 741477 E: cb@dentons.net

Noticeboard



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

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

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

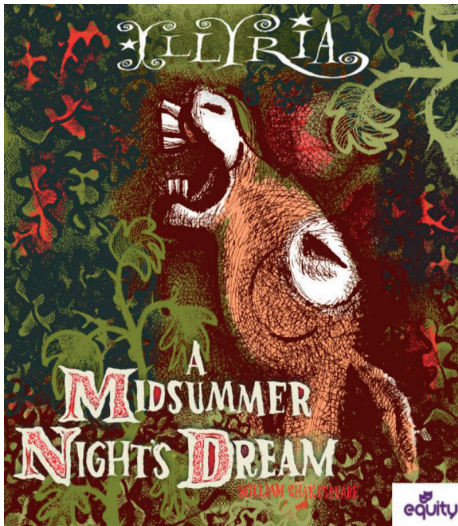
Beckington:

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

"Peter Pan" is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

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

Gates open: 5.00pm. Performances approx: 2hr 40mins (inc 20min interval).
Cancellation in dangerous weather only, where parties reserved will be rebooked.
Tickets are non-refundable, except where a Covid lockdown is in place, booking fees may apply.
SEATING PROVIDED. Licensed Bar, Picnics welcome. Donations to Local Food Banks & Mendip YMCA Youth Centre.



A Midsummer Night's Dream at Heywood House

Sunday 4th September 2022

Gates open: 2PM
Show starts: 4PM

Adult £16 | Child £12

Tickets available from: www.heywoodhouse.com/whats-on

Untold Tales

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

CROSS BORDER: TRANSNISTRIA (PRIDNESTROVIAN MOLDAVIAN REPUBLIC)

Moldova is a small country squeezed between Romania and Ukraine, originally known as Bessarabia (see footnote). It is one of those parts of the world where borders have endlessly changed as more powerful neighbours waxed and waned. In the last hundred years it has been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Romania, and USSR.

I was asked to go there following a polio outbreak. Like so many of the constituent parts of the USSR it became a battle ground when the Soviet Union collapsed. Those living on the eastern side of the Dniester River are predominately of Russian or Ukrainian origin, those on the west are Moldavian and Romanian.



By the time I arrived the fighting had died down and the land east of the Dniester River had broken away calling itself officially the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, but more commonly Transnistria.

The polio outbreak had been in a town called Slobodzia in the south and the authorities in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, wanted me to investigate the vaccine storage facilities in Transnistria, which they considered to be an integral part of Moldova.

Politics at the time, 1993, were extremely fluid, Moldova itself had only come into existence as an independent country three years earlier.

I travelled with the head of the Moldovan Epidemiological Department and my interpreter Elena.

Untold Tales

We crossed the Dniester River at Bendery where the heaviest fighting had recently taken place and duly arrived at the self-styled Ministry of Health in Tiraspol, in reality the Regional Sanitary and Epidemiological Station (RSES). We were received by the “Minister of Health”, otherwise known as the Head of the RSES.

My first inkling that something odd was going on was when my interpreter said to me “Why are you translating to that man?”

I realised my interpreter was translating everything that was being said and that there was a problem. There then ensued the most extraordinary conversation.

The “Minister of Health” turned to my colleague and asked, “Who are you?” he replied “Vasiley you know perfectly well who I am we were at medical school together in Chisenau.” “Ah, so you have come from Moldova, where is your visa?”

We had no visa, as far as my colleague was concerned we were in Moldova. “In that case I must ask you to leave The Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic at once you may not carry out any investigation without a visa.”

We left the minister’s office, all the public health officers who were with us were acutely embarrassed and said, “At once means after lunch.” We then had a delightful lunch and discussed the polio outbreak.

On leaving I was presented with a set of Transnistrian currency notes. These were Russian rubles with a Transnistrian postage stamp stuck on them to denote their value.

This is the only time I have been formally told to leave a country.

The polio outbreak was one of the last to occur in Europe and worldwide polio has still not been eradicated

Anthony Battersby

Footnote: Ever since the days of the USSR Russia has had troops in Transnistria, originally called the 14th Army it numbered 15,000 soldiers. Russia subsequently reduced this to 1,500 and renamed Operational Group of Russian Forces in Moldova. Its primary duty is to guard 22,000 tons of military ordnance located in Transnistria. This tiny sliver of land may yet again become a battlefield should Russia decide to mobilize these troops, or Ukraine tries to take the ordnance.

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MINUTES OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN RODE CHAPEL, HIGH STREET ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Present: 7 Parish Councillors, Clerk and 1 Parishioner.

1. Election of Chairman for 2022/23

Mike Salmon was elected unopposed as Chairman for the year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman for 2022/23

Andy Pickett was elected unopposed as Vice Chairman for the year.

3. Review of Code of Conduct

A new Code of Conduct had been prepared by the Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) and this had been circulated to Councillors. There were no objections to the new Code and it was agreed the Clerk would tidy this up and it would be re-circulated with the aim of adopting it as the Rode Parish Council Code of Conduct at the June meeting of the Council.

4. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting

The minutes were approved.

5. County Councillor's Report

The position of County Councillor had ceased following the elections held on 5th May. This post is now replaced by two Councillors who will represent the new area of Frome North into which Rode falls; these will be part of the new Unitary Authority for Somerset (to be known as Somerset Council). No report given.

6. District Councillor's Report

A report for the last year was submitted (attached as Appendix 1). The position of District Councillor for Mendip remains until the end of March 2023 after which the two Councillors for Frome North will take over responsibility for the area.

7. Memorial Hall Report

The Memorial Hall was still free to local organisations and would remain so until the end of 2022 to help these organisations. No AGM had yet been held this year.

Questions were raised as to whether there was a declaration of trust between the Parish Council (PC) and the Memorial Hall and whether

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there should be PC representation on the Memorial Hall Committee. This would be investigated.

8. Playing Field Report

Not available at meeting but supplied after – see Appendix 3

9. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that he had hoped this would be a quieter year but with planning proposals and appeals, road accidents and speed limits, village Hoedowns, buses, S106 and Church Farm and numerous issues it had yet again been a busy year for the PC. He thanked the other members of the PC for all the work they had done during the year. (Report attached as Appendix 2). The Councillors thanked Mike for his work over the last year.

10. Financial Statement

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had spent around £8,500 more than it had received this year but this was mainly made up by a donation of £5,000 toward the Jubilee Celebrations to be held in June this year and £3,000 to have the streets professionally swept (this being donated to the Playing Field and Scouts). Otherwise, expenditure closely matched income with the largest expenditures being on grass cutting, costs associated with Merfield planning appeal and clerk's salary. Reserves still remained healthy (see Appendix 4).

The PC outgoings had exceeded £25,000 this year and therefore the annual return (AGAR) would require an external audit.

It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a budget for 2022/23.

11. Parish Discussion Forum

Thanks were given to the PC for their success in fighting the appeal to build on Merfield land adjacent to The Mead. Thanks, were also given to Cllr Lund and all those who wrote to support the rejection of building on this land.

A request was made to try and get the 20mph speed limit extended up Straight Lane to the far side of Crooked Lane and, if not, could Somerset put in writing why this was not possible.

The Parish Council was encouraged to continue to fight the planning application to build on Barbara's Field. The PC would need to find out what it could do to fight the appeal to build there as the appeal process was not fully understood.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON TUESDAY 14th June 2022 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Cllr Barbi Lund, Hugh Williams – Clerk and 2 parishioners.

1. Public Participation: Concerns were expressed over the state of the path from the Church Farm development to the village playing field. It was apparent that there was a specification (under the S106) for the path within the development; however, as soon as this became a ‘rural path’ there was no written specification and a poor quality path now was in place. Concern was also expressed that the path over the bridge and around the side of the children’s play area was not suitable for buggies, pushchairs or mobility scooters.

Discussions revealed that Mendip (following site meeting at end of May with the Enforcement Officer) could currently not force Autograph to improve the path as it was outside the current S106 agreement.

There was concern expressed that the Church Farm Rode Management Company that had been set up to look after this path and other onsite issues could pass over responsibility to the residents to maintain an inadequate path. Currently the Management Company consisted only of Simon Taylor of Autograph Homes.

As part of the new planning application (2022/0932/VCR) there would be a requirement to reduce the number of affordable houses on Church Farm by two and discussion was held over whether if Rode Parish Council (Rode PC) approved this it could set a precedent for future planning applications. However, this was thought unlikely as affordable and housing for the aged appeared to get mixed up, often being double counted; and Mendip had a policy of 30% affordable housing on any new larger development. Parishioners said they would not object to this planning application but would support the PC if as part of the approval a request was made to improve the ‘rural path’ to the same specification as was in place within the development.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr P Travis, Cllr J McAuliffe, Cllr E Butler, Cllr Denton and Cllr Boyden.

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

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Planning:

i) New applications:

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2022/0801/HSE: Replacement of existing conservatory – 3 Orneage Close. No objections

2022/0932/VCR: Variation of conditions 9 Estate Roads), 13 (Housing Land Access), 15 (Pedestrian Access), 17 (Housing Land Drainage), 20 (Tree and Hedge Protection), 24 (noise Mitigation), 25 Construction Environmental Management Plan), 29 (Housing Land Parking), 34 (Housing Land Refuse and Recycling), 35 (Ecological Mitigation), 38 (Housing Land Materials) and 49 Housing Land Sample Panel) of permission 2011/3124 – Church Farm. This was approved with three Councillors in favour and one abstaining. It was agreed that the PC would in its comments strongly request that Autograph Homes improved the path from Church Farm to the S106 land to the same standard as applied to the path within the Church Farm development.

ii. Mendip decisions:

2022/0579/HSE: Erection of single storey extension – 41 Marsh Road. Approved

2022/0482/HSE: 2 storey rear and side extension – 11 The Mead. Approved

iii. Other:

2021/0071/OTS: There had been no progress with the appeal, this still had not been assigned to the Planning Inspectorate to start the appeal.

6. Report from District Councillor: Cllr Lund had nothing specific to report having been on holiday but had made various approaches to Mendip – see various items.

7. Actions from previous meeting:

i. Trees: Merfield/The Mead: Cllr Lund reported she had raised the issue with Bo Walsh at Mendip and he had agreed to inspect the structural integrity of the trees and report back. This had still to be done and Cllr Lund agreed to chase it up.

ii. Clock: The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Peter Watkinson again and he was due to come to measure angles for a bracket this week and would contact the Clerk when he came to do the actual repairs.

8. Highways:

a) Memorandum of Understanding: This had now been completed with all the SID locations inserted into the document. The Chair signed it off and this would now be sent to Somerset for their agreement and counter signature.

b) 20mph speed limits: The Chair said he had spoken with Sara Davis at Somerset and there was no date for the implementation apart from ‘this year’. However, the double yellow lines on Rode Hill near the High Street had been agreed and added to the TRO.

c) The Sportsman: No response had been received yet. However, AP reported that he had been informed that the drains had been inspected prior to adoption. It was not clear if the field overflow had been included and the Clerk was requested to contact Caroline Murray at Calm to see if an improved settlement pond had been agreed to reduce overflow from the fields.

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9. Playing Field Constitution: It was reported that the Constitution had now been approved by the Playing Field Committee and had been sent to the Charities Commission for approval.

10. Church Farm: It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept the offer from Autograph for a meeting in late June and the Clerk would approach Autograph for a date. Cllr Lund requested to attend as well. Concerns had been raised over the occupants of some of the affordable housing on Church Farm and Cllr Lund agreed to investigate who was responsible for them.

11. Financial matters:

i) Support for English lessons for Ukrainians: The meeting agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the teaching of English to the refugees in H.V.

ii) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

J Flindall (warning beacon while installing SIDs)	£16.49
Somerset Forge (finger posts)	£1,580.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£777.40
Alan Aked (Internal audit)	£30.00
P Travis (bus timetable printing)	£146.00
M Lucas (grass cutting)	£48.00
Clerk Salary	£232.74
HMRC PAYE	£56.00
HV Community Group for Ukraine	£1,000.00

iii) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

2021/2022 Form 3: Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, of the previously circulated document was approved and signed off.

iv) AGAR Section 2, Accounting Statements 2021/2022: This Section of the previously circulated document was approved and signed off. It was agreed to submit this return to PKF Littlejohn for external auditing.

12. Other business: Thanks were given to the organising committee for the successful Jubilee celebrations on the playing field on 4th June. All the hard work had paid off with a great day.

It was reported that a possible co-opted Councillor might be willing to serve on the PC to bring the number up to the required 8 Councillors.

The offer of resignation by Cllr Elaine Butler, due to family issues, was noted but the meeting agreed that she would be offered a 6-month sabbatical while she sorted out the issues as her work on the PC was greatly appreciated.

13. Date of next meeting:

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

Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Date

Print

Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council

...and finally

WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

Where in Hardington Vale would you see this scene?

Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph? It was the donkey sanctuary on the corner of Park Lane.



Sudoku

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

Last month's Sudoku

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

POEM OF THE MONTH

The bicycles go by in twos and threes -
 There's a dance in Billy Brennan's barn to-night,
 And there's the half-talk code of mysteries
 And the wink-and-elbow language of delight.
 Half-past eight and there is not a spot
 Upon a mile of road, no shadow thrown
 That might turn out a man or woman, not
 A footfall tapping secrecies of stone.
 I have what every poet hates in spite
 Of all the solemn talk of contemplation.
 Oh, Alexander Selkirk knew the plight
 Of being king and government and nation.
 A road, a mile of kingdom, I am king
 Of banks and stones and every blooming thing.
Patrick Kavanagh, 'Inniskeen Road - July Evening'





Live Zoom Yoga classes with Stephanie – Rode's Yoga Teacher.

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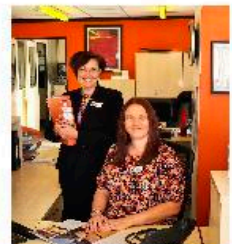


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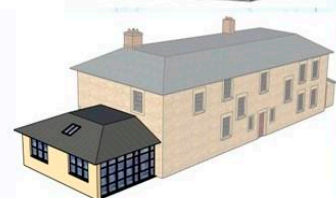


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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
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Monday 4 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 5 July	9.45 am 6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 6 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 7 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 10 July Sea Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Informal Breakfast Norton St Philip , Holy Communion	B Day C Walker/A Wright
Monday 11 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 12 July	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 13 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 14 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 17 July	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship Mini Breakfast Church , Norton St Philip Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Laverton , Matins	C Walker S Rodford B Day/ J Robinson R Stewart/C Walker
Monday 18 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 19 July	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 20 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 21 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 24 July	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion Rode St Lawrence , Informal Worship Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	J Robinson/F Stewart M Harrison/B Day J Robinson/F Stewart
Monday 25 July	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 26 July	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 27 July	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 28 July	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 31 July	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , United Service	J Robinson/C Walker

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Sat 2 Jul	6.30-7.30pm "Hymns & Pimms" see page 41 for details
Thu 7 Jul	1pm-2pm Lunchtime Concert see page 41 for details 9.30pm Rode Over 60s Coach Trip see page 34 for details
Mon 11 Jul	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 32 for details 2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 42 for details
Tue 12 Jul	10am Rode Walking Group see page 32 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page XX for details
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Tue 19 Jul	7.30pm Rode & District Memorial Hall AGM see page 44 for details
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