

The Link

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



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Rode Poppy Appeal & Remembrance Sunday Parade Info.

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Winter Wander Windows & More Needed...

Christmas Is Definitely Coming Back To H.V!

...and so very much more local news and info inside!

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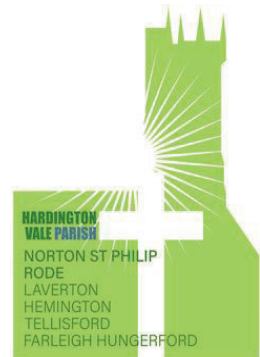
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Church Reflection & News

REFLECTION

November is a month for remembering. Remember, remember the 5th of November. Fireworks to look forward to and then Remembrance Sunday on the 14th.

But do you remember what you were doing this time last year? How things have changed in a relatively short period. This time last year we were looking at a very bleak Autumn and Christmas period. Isolating and not able to connect with our families and friends. This year as things ease we are gradually reconnecting.



It has been a privilege and joy to host events in our churches again including Harvest celebrations. As we start to meet more and socialise I have realised how much I have missed seeing people and spending time with them. Community and being part of a community is important and life affirming.

In the early church the believers made a habit of meeting daily and sharing all they had in common. Whilst we don't do that in the same way nowadays, villages are good at their community events. So as we look back and remember, we can also look forward with gratitude and excitement at all the opportunities to come together as a community in the next few months over Christmas and into the New Year.

As a parish we support three main charities - an international charity, a national charity and a local charity. Over Christmas the collections from all our Services are divided across these three charities.

Our international charity is the Mission to Seafarers - the charity that Andy Bowerman left us to work for. Day and night for 365 days per year, the Mission is on call providing help for seafarers in over 200 ports around the world. Seafarers need help because they are often working in dangerous conditions, with no-one else to turn to. Port Chaplains send the mission stories about the sea men and women they support, and help is tailored to each and every one of them, www.missiontoseafarers.org.

Our national charity is Safe Passage. Every year thousands of unaccompanied child refugees arrive in Europe in search of safety. They find themselves stuck in squalid camps or sleeping rough on city streets unaware of their legal right to travel safely through Europe. Safe Passage is there to help child refugees access their rights. The headquarters of Safe Passage are in London.

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On Saturday the 6 November 3.00pm we are hosting a tea in St Philip and St James church Norton St Philip, and a representative of Safe Passage will be there to talk about the work of the charity. Do come along and hear more. Or look at their website: www.safepassage.org.uk.

Our local charity is Focus Frome. Focus Frome works with GP surgeries, drugs and alcohol agencies, churches, housing associations, schools, universities, the police, social services and other counselling agencies. They offer counselling to all and have funding available for those who are on a low income. www.focusbath.com.

As we look forward to a time of remembering and being with others in our communities let's not forget those whose communities have been destroyed or who are simply lonely and isolated needing love and support at this time. Let's remember them together and be pro-active in supporting them too.

Caroline Walker

Rector

NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

We would like to thank everyone who arranged flowers for our Harvest Service on 17th October, it looked absolutely stunning with arrangements of flowers, seasonal vegetables and fruit (see photos). Food donations were also collected from the congregation at the Service and taken to the Food Bank in Frome.

We were very lucky to have a choir for our Harvest Service which was made up of people from all around Hardington Vale and they had sung at all the Harvest Festivals in the parish throughout October.

As well as celebrating harvest we also celebrated Fred's birthday with fizz and cake after the Service.

It really was a very happy occasion with people enjoying refreshments after the Service, and an opportunity to catch up with others.



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The week before our Harvest Festival we enjoyed our first Breakfast Church back in person and in the format we'd all previously enjoyed with a buffet style breakfast. The informal worship led by Caroline was very thought provoking on the theme of family, we discussed what that meant to different people, we also enjoyed wonderful music by Steve and Becky Rhodes. It felt very special to be part of this Service again enjoying the time together which hadn't been possible since February 2020. We'll now have to wait until January 2022 for the next Rode Breakfast Church as the November one falls on Armistice Sunday and the December one falls on the same day as the Outdoor Nativity.

Which brings me onto my next point... if anyone would like to dress up and take a part in our annual outdoor nativity at 3pm on Sunday 12th December, please get in touch; adults, children, animals and musicians are all very welcome! One short 30 minute rehearsal the day before is all that is required! More information about our Christmas Services will be in the December Link.

Before we start thinking about Christmas, we have a speaker from Safe Passage (a charity we support which helps child refugees find legal and safe passages see also pages 3 and 35) at our Service at 10.30am on the 7th of November. This talk may be of particular interest to older children and teenagers so please feel free to come and along and learn more about what this charity is doing.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell



**Ecumenical Holy Communion
Wednesday 3rd November
12.15pm
at Rode Chapel**

**and thereafter on the 1st
Wednesday of every month
12.15pm at Rode Chapel...
1st December and so on**

Your support would be welcome

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TELLISFORD MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2021 AT 6PM

All Saints' Day is on Monday 1st November, and on that day at 6pm there will be a service at All Saints' Church, Tellisford.

This service will combine our village church's patronal festival with celebrating All Souls Day, which is celebrated the following day in the church calendar.

With poems, readings and hymns, we welcome everyone celebrating this village church and anyone wanting to remember those dear to them who have passed on, wherever and whenever that happened.

During the service there will be an opportunity to hear the names of the dear departed, and to light candles honouring their memory. If you would like someone's name read out, please let me or Revd Caroline Walker know.

Rachel Feilden

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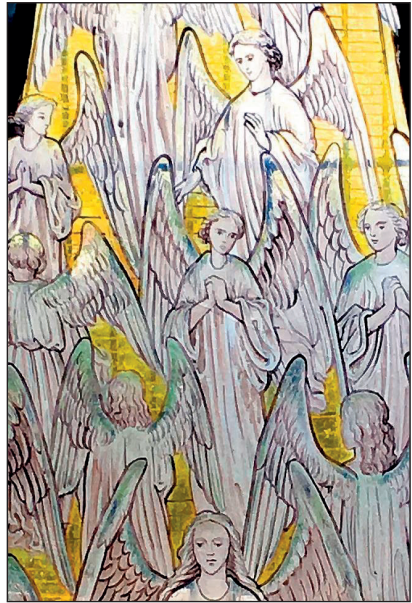
“Saints are those who by their life
and work make it clear and plain
that God lives.”

Nathan Soderblom

“Dust we may be, but we are dust that
dreams of glory, dust that is touched
by the spirit and shot through with
hope. We have bodies that will die,
but we are not simply bodies; we are
embodied spirits, created by God
for eternal life.”

To Trust and to Love,

by Michael Mayne



Detail from the Andrews
window in Tellisford Church

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COVID IS NOT OVER... AT LEAST NOT IN RODE



At the time of writing the latest data for Rode, Mells and Woodlands shows an alarming infection rate of over 1,000 cases per 100,000 of population, it is so high that it's off the charts that the Government uses to show infection rates!

And it's up over 80% on last week, the epidemic is getting very much worse as Covid spreads through our communities and Rode is currently faced with the worst Covid infection rates we have seen since the start of the pandemic.

The local figures are largely driven by the outbreak at Frome College which has led to large numbers of asymptomatic carriers taking the infection back into their homes and communities where many people can become infected and pass the infection on further before the carrier is identified.

During these worrying times Rode Parish Council urges you all to stay safe and readopt the measures that became part of normal life for so much of the past 2 years, namely:

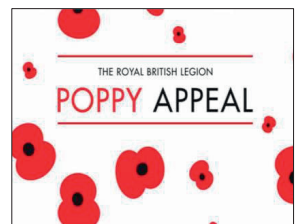
- Maintain a social distance of 2m where possible
- Wear a face mask in crowded indoor spaces
- Regularly wash and sanitise your hands

As a country and a community, we have made so many sacrifices and come so far, let's not jeopardise this now!

For and on behalf of Rode Parish Council

RODE POPPY APPEAL

This year's Poppy Appeal runs from 30th October to 13th November. There will be wonderful volunteers going door to door during this period with traditional poppies, car poppies, enamel badges and wrist bands for the children. These will also be available from the local pubs, Post Office and at the scout hut.



Jacqui Rottenbury
Rode British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser

RODE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE RETURNS

On Sunday 14th November the village are very fortunate that they will be joined once again by soldiers from Hullavington.



Rode's Scout Group will be out in force to show we are now back and supporting our young people after the last 18 months and will be meeting our guests at the village hall for refreshments prior to the parade.

We will march to the Village Green for 10.50am.

The Service will be entirely outside this year.

Please come and join us on the Green.

Howard Russell
Group Scout Leader

Editor's Note: Below are some photos from the 2019 Parade for the benefit of our new village residents who know nothing about this Rode event. Let's hope the weather is as kind this year, especially as the 2020 Parade had to be cancelled due to Covid 19.



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NATIVITY POSADA 2021

In Hardington Vale Parish we have a tradition of two Posada boxes that go on their travels from 1st December to 24th December around Rode, Norton St. Philip and surrounding villages until they arrive at the family Crib Services at Rode Methodist Chapel and St. Philip and St. James Church NSP where they are a central feature of the Crib Services.



I have made two new Posada boxes which are COVID-19 safe as all the items are wooden and therefore washable. These two Posada boxes successfully made their way around the villages last year for the first time.

Families sign up to look after the Posada Box for one day and night.

In the Posada Box is the Holy Family and animals and the Nativity story in a wipeable folder and a Posada prayer. In the lid of the box are the details of which family has the box on which night with their address and mobile number (this is with their permission) and they take responsibility to pass the box to the next family. The families are asked to put the Holy Family in a window of their house for others to see.

Would your family like to be part of this lovely Christmas tradition? Please contact me for more details.

Sue Rodford

Children's and Family Worker, Hardington Vale Parish
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200 CLUB

The winners of the September 200 club draw are as follows:

1st prize £50 Mike and Linda Greatwood
2nd prize £25 Jon Richards

Jan Jupp



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RODE VILLAGE BUDDY SCHEME – STILL HERE IF NEEDED...

A reminder - if you, or someone you know, would like some help from a “Village Buddy” we are still here and available to help.

For those who have not heard about it, the Scheme was set up as we went in to the first Lockdown in 2020, so that anyone needing support (because they are isolating, feeling anxious or unable to get out for example) could be matched with someone who will stay in touch and help with activities such as picking up shopping or medication, dog walking, having a friendly chat with someone and much more.



Be it for a one off need, or longer term please don't hesitate to contact me - we are here to help: Phone 01373 831257 Email mikesalmon123@icloud.com

Thank you again to all our “Village Buddies”.

Mike Salmon

Rode Village Buddy Team

...WE'RE TRYING AGAIN!

Having had to pull our October screening, the Roxy is going to have a second attempt at showing “Love Sarah” on the 19th of November.

Doors open at 7pm, film at 7.30pm.

As this issue of “The Link” goes to press, infection rates are very high and we will be watching them closely as we get nearer to the 19th but our fingers are firmly crossed that we can bring what, by every report, is a very happy film – and we could all do with some light relief just now.



If the posters stay up, the show is on, and still NO INCREASE in ticket prices!



Adam Harris

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RODE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE IS ON ITS WAY...

Yes not long now, Christmas is fast approaching!

I am pleased to confirm Osborne's are again donating and erecting one of their trees on the Green - for which the residents of the village will I am sure again be very grateful, as am I.



On speaking to James he tells me the plan is that it will be erected over the weekend 20/21 November, the weekend before they open for Christmas Tree sales in Rode - see page 47 for details.



Due to Covid we didn't have the opportunity to celebrate around the 2020 tree – let's hope this year we can return to a more traditional Christmas...

Gill Leonard
Editor

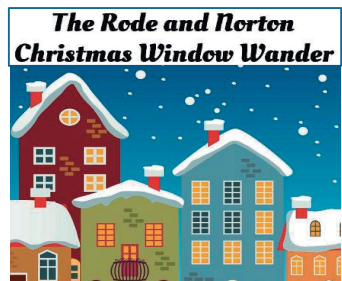
WINTER WINDOW WANDER - CAN YOU LEND A WINDOW?

After the success of the Christmas themed "Window Wander" last year we're running the event again.

It will be between the 11th - 23rd December and we need more windows!

Do you live in Rode or Norton and have a spare space and a bit of creativity?

Or maybe you just have a window and we can add the creativity?



Let us know on either of the above, email friendsrodenorton@gmail.com.

The event was really well attended last year and it really does bring the community together.

FRANS Team

SANTA DASH IS BACK

Tickets are now live for the 2021 Santa Dash on Sunday December 12th. See the poster on page 37 for details.

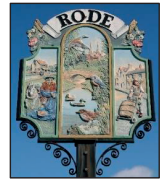
Can't wait to see all you Santas, Elves and festive animal helpers galloping the streets of Rode again!



FRANS Team

RODE PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There will be a vacancy on Rode Parish Council for a new Councillor to join the Council from 1st January 2022.



The new Councillor will join the existing 7 Councillors to complete the team who are responsible for the smooth running of a wide range of issues that are key to Rode. These include: planning applications, conservation and green spaces, buses, footpaths, roads/traffic, climate emergency and general appearance of the village amongst other things. The role of Councillor is varied and does require the attendance at the monthly evening Parish Council meeting. Training provided.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor; please contact me on either: clerk.rodeparishcouncil@gmail.com or phone 01373 831046.

Hugh Williams
Rode Parish Clerk

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

On Wednesday 3rd November, Rode Scout Group will be having their own private firework party on the Playing Fields.



There will be loud bags from about 18.00 until 20.00, so please make sure pets are indoors.

Howard Russell
Group Scout Leader

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RODE GROWS AND SHARES

Foraged and natural Christmas wreath making workshops – Saturday 11th December. Times and location in Rode to be confirmed. Join me to get creative making your own unique and completely compostable wreath to display and enjoy at home.



Places will be limited and on a first come first served basis and will be £20 per person. All wreath making materials plus refreshments (tea/coffee and cake) will be included in the price.



Your £20 will raise money for the Community Orchard, pay for the venue hire and also for a contribution to my time in gathering and preparing materials, material costs and delivery of the workshop. Be reassured the workshops will follow Covid guidelines.

I would love to hear from you if you are interested in taking part in the workshop or helping out on the day.

If you have any foraged fresh or dry bits to donate to the workshops, I would be ever so grateful for donations – e.g. conifer, holly, teasels, any seed heads/pods, hips, dried flower etc, think all shapes and sizes for variety. It is best to email me on juliarobb@hotmail.co.uk.

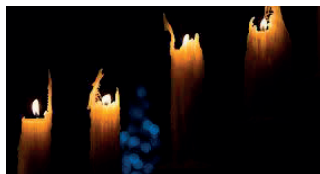
Julia Robb

SAVE THE DATE!

Rode Panto Team presents... “Toad of Rode Returns” - March 3rd, 4th and 5th 2022. Follow on Facebook to keep updated...

FARLEIGH HUNGERFORD CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service organised by Farleigh Hungerford Chapel Trust, which for many years had been held in Farleigh Hungerford Castle Chapel, will this year be held in St. Leonard's Church, Farleigh Hungerford.



The Service, which will be led by Rev. Robin Hungerford will be on Saturday 18th December and will start at 6.00pm.

There will be Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served in the School Room opposite the Church at 5.30pm

Also, there will be a Service of Holy Communion at 9.00am at St. Leonard's Church Farleigh Hungerford on 25th December, Christmas Day morning!!

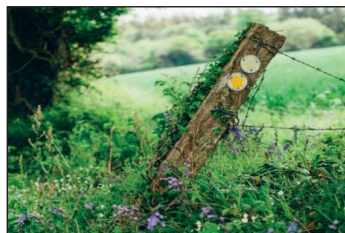
All are welcome, save the dates in your diary.



Sue Beaven

NEW PUBLIC PATHS LIAISON OFFICER FOUND!

In recent issues we included that Caro Smith, our current Public Paths Liaison Officer, was sadly having to stand down due to health reasons and needed someone to replace her.



Good news! Delighted to report that Cathy and Nick Taylor have come forward and are taking over the role from Caro.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Caro for all her work on our paths and to wish her well with her operation and the lengthy recovery process. Thanks also to Cathy and Nick for volunteering and I do hope they enjoy their new role.

Gill Leonard
Editor

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... AND SO WE CONTINUE



Annual General Meeting:

On 12th October Rode Playing Field held its AGM.

In the past 3 years I can honestly say attendance by Rode residents peaked at 1 but was usually zero. So it was heartening to have 3 members of the community joining the outgoing Committee this year.

The form was the standard 2 reports, from Treasurer and Chair, followed by dissolution of the Board of Trustees. People then volunteered to stand as Trustees of the charity as per our Declaration of Trust so we're operating again.

The AGM is always a tricky time - one never knows if everyone will be willing to continue, leaving the charity with insufficient Trustees or worse, none at all. Anyway, we're back, raring to go. A full copy of the AGM Minutes can be seen on the RPF Pavilion Noticeboard.

Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden:

During my frequent walks around the village I often stop to chat to people. One of the key questions I get asked these days is "What's happening about the S106 land?".

The Design Team have a rough outline for landscaping, but more work needs to be done. That said by the time you read this it's expected that removing overgrown vegetation will have been started, along with preparing part of the ground for installation of a wildlife hedgerow.

By mid-November it's hoped the whole 1.7 acres will be looking a bit tidier. Depending on weather, as well as availability of equipment/ people, we're also hoping to have the old wire and concrete post fencing removed.

We're very fortunate in that the RPF Committee have secured a National Lottery Community Fund Grant which we estimate will cover about a third of the cost, enabling us to get started. We're also being supported by the new landowner, Rode Parish Council, who are funding the initial clearance of the ground, as well as funding raising events such as Julia Robb's highly successful Rode Open Gardens Day. This is a great start for the project. Of course, we need people to help us on the basis of many hands make light work. If anyone out there can help with things such as land preparation, planting and the like please get in touch.

Looking After Our Children:

Just one final thing – dogs on RPFd. The other evening as I went to check on RPF I met a lady walking her dog across it despite prominently displayed notices prohibiting dog walking. From talking with my fellow Trustees dog walking on RPF is increasing, despite being surrounded by a good number of rural footpaths.

We host a football club comprising under 10 and under 12 children. Sometimes it's not pleasant for their parents to do the post-match washing. Also, I believe that having Toxocariasis is not a pleasant experience for those who catch it. Help us look after those who use RPF, especially our children.

Please, please no dogs on RPF.

Nigel Clarke

Chair, Rode Playing Field Trustees

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PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in September 2021, drawn by Mr. and Mrs. Giddings, and Zack in the Cross Keys

1st - £50.00 ...Gary Holloway, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... Sally Picket, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Anthea Moody, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two, Gill Leonard, 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 two Sunday roasts, possible all for £1.00 per ticket! And remember you are supporting the Playing Field when you buy your ticket.

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

Next draws, Sunday 31st October and Tuesday 30th of November. If anyone would like to do the draw or witness it from a suitable social distance then please feel free to do so. Just ask.

Keith Sharman

T: 830408

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RODE CRICKET CLUB - UPDATE

The meeting in early October to consider the future of Rode Cricket Club resolved to restart the club from 2022 season. A Committee was then elected which will meet in November to formulate plans for fixtures, pitch and communications to ensure this relaunch is successful. Further updates will be posted in The Link in the coming months.

Anyone interested in playing and/or contributing to the club please contact me on Andypickett2013@gmail.com or 07775 805546.

Andy Pickett

LAVERTON NEWS

The Laverton Christmas Bazaar - will be held on Saturday 27th November – see page 37 for details. All are welcome!

Mhairi's Birthday - the wonderful Mhairi Milligan celebrated her birthday on Saturday 23rd October, Happy Birthday Mhairi from all your parish friends!

Book Exchange Dorothy House Tea Party - Thank You to EVERYONE who came along to support our little coffee morning in aid of Dorothy House. It was a tremendous success and you raised the amazing sum of £255. Thank you also to those who made delicious cakes, helped with the washing and clearing up and donated so generously.



Jackie Moss

STOP PRESS... Sadly, we've had several late changes to content for November events due to increasing Covid cases, some definite cancellations, and some warning the situation will be reviewed nearer the date. Please do check before attending any November events included in this issue, details are correct at the time of going to press but this may change. I do hope not and that things improve so we can bring good news about Christmas 2021 in H.V. in our next issue - I look forward to receiving content from you about what's going on in H.V. for the December/January double issue (copy deadline 20th November). *Gill Leonard*, Editor.

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INFORMATION SESSION

- **Where?** St Philips and St James Church NSP
- **When?** Monday 22nd November 10:30- 11:30 am
- **How?** Book a free place

Contact Rev Jo Robinson

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

An opportunity to learn how people can live well with dementia and how, by understanding this disease better, we can help our community become more dementia friendly. (Do see page 36 for details of other events).

Please do invite your friends and neighbours to this informal and informative session! We will serve tea and coffee afterwards and you will even get a Dementia Friends badge!!

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WITH THE FLU VACCINE + COVID-19 BOOSTER

Flu and COVID-19 can both be life-threatening and spread more easily in winter. If you're over 50 or in an at risk group, you are eligible for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster.

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NEWS UPDATE FROM BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE



If you have been to a harvest festival service recently or perhaps just been enjoying either a fruit tree in the garden or the blackberries in the hedgerows, then you may have been in thankful mood. We are certainly very grateful to all those who have taken the time to offer words of thanks to our hard working and sometimes weary team - it means a lot to us to have your encouragement and support. Dr Bruggers and I took part in a service of thanks and prayer for all healthcare workers at St George's Church, Beckington on 17 October – our thanks to Rev Ronnie Crossman and all who attended for your concern and support. With very high circulating levels of COVID in Mendip we are frequently losing staff to either illness or self-isolation so thank you for your patience when we have to swap appointments around at short notice and as requests are inevitably processed more slowly.

We look forward to the return of Dr Vicki Nunn from maternity leave at the end of the year, which will more or less coincide with Dr Helen Ryan taking leave for the same reason. Dr Esther Loh will also be leaving us at the end of the year to work in New Zealand and be closer to family: we are very grateful for all that she has done for our patients and the practice and wish her every blessing on the other side of the world!

I omitted to mention last month that Dr Kate Wooding has now joined the GP partnership here, after 5 years with us as a salaried GP. It is good to have her in the partnership team as we try to bridge the significant gap between demand and supply in the NHS currently, which I know many of you will be feeling just as much as we are, in different ways.

Annual 'flu vaccines are now well underway so please do contact us if you are eligible and not already been called in as 'higher risk'. Our COVID booster immunisations are being carried out at Shape Mendip in Shepton, so for most people influenza and COVID immunisations will be given separately this year. Do make sure that you get both – we are being advised that this winter could be a very difficult one, with high levels of both illnesses. Invitations for COVID booster doses are sent out in cohorts – please note that as a practice we have no discretion over when you are called or for which vaccine.

Children's 'flu vaccination sessions take place on 6th and 12th November and invitations are being sent out for these.

I do hope that you can enjoy some of the colours and fruits of autumn.

Dr John Beaven

Parish Health & Wellbeing

TALKING BENCH RODE

The Talking Bench is a simple idea that a member of staff from the Health Connections team visits a bench once a month and is present to talk and signpost people to other organisations and services in the area.



Come along and say hello to a Health Connector. It's a chance to meet outside face-to-face and find out what help and support is available in the community, as well as meeting others. Look for the Rode Talking Bench flag: 1st Thursday of the month 11:00-11:30am outside the Post Office (4th November).

Visit: healthconnections.mendip.org for information about the wide variety of things we signpost and offer. Also, for advice on how to “Live Well” and tips and tools to help you make the best choices about your health and wellbeing do visit: nhs.uk/live-well/

Caroline de Leeuw
Mendip Health Connections



www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/your-mind-plan-quiz/

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REWILDING IN RODE

At the October meeting of the Parish Council, a resolution was passed to run a pilot “rewilding” project on the area off of Farthing Row, immediately behind the Memorial Hall.

What is rewilding? In this context, it is not just letting nature take over in an uncontrolled way – this would just lead initially to rampant dandelions, bindweed and nettles, giving over eventually to brambles. The intention instead is to introduce a whole raft of wildflower species and manage the land on a much reduced mowing regime, enabling a wider diversity of insect life, in particular bees and butterflies.

Why is this desirable? Many bee and butterfly species are under threat in the UK, primarily from habitat loss, but also climate change. The more habitat we can re-introduce, the more we can help arrest this decline, whilst creating an interesting and beautiful wildflower border in the heart of our village. The hope is that, not only more pollinators will be attracted to the area, but the wildflower bed will be a beautiful and interesting area throughout the cycle. If successful, more areas could be converted, creating pollinator friendly “corridors” throughout the village.



So, what has happened so far?

The first stage of the process was carried out on Saturday, 23rd October by Elaine Butler, John Flindall, Sally Pickett and myself, when the existing grass was cut very short and the area intensely scarified.



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A total of 26 different wildflower species were then oversown, including cornflowers, ox-eye daisies, poppies, corn cockle, red and white clover and, most importantly, yellow rattle.

Why is yellow rattle so important? Yellow rattle is a native wildflower which is parasitic to grass. A wildflower area (whether in a small garden setting or a large meadow one) is a balance between grass, the desired wildflowers, and less desirable weeds such as the dreaded dandelions, brambles and nettles. If left unchecked, the grass crowds out the wildflower species, allowing the only diversity to be the weeds. By introducing yellow rattle, the balance is shifted in favour of the wildflowers, which in turn crowd out lower broad leaved weeds such as dandelions.

What is next? The next stage is to cut the grass again as early in the spring as the weather allows, before the wildflower seeds start growing. Then the area is left until July/August time, allowing the annual wildflowers (such as poppies and cornflowers) to set seed. The entire area is then cut back and the resultant hay left to dry, during which the seed heads shed their seeds.

If necessary, a third cut, possibly even a fourth, is carried out in September and/or October, at which point the cycle begins again.

What can you do to help? Firstly, please take time to look at the area as it develops and enjoy the spectacle as it evolves.

Secondly, PLEASE do not think that longer grass/plants means it's OK to let your dog litter in the area – enthusiasm among the volunteers will swiftly dissipate if we are having to dodge deposits from our canine friends!

Thirdly, please do not cut the grass back as soon as it starts to look a bit long and shaggy in the spring – let the yellow rattle establish and do its job, it will be worth it in the end. If we cut back the grass before that happens, all the annual species, including the yellow rattle, will be lost, as they won't have had time to set their seed for the next cycle.

Finally, a few thanks. To John, Elaine and Sally for their hard work on Saturday; to Simon at FABS for donating some large bags for us to take away the debris from the clearing up of the area; and thank you to the friendly and helpful team at Sydenhams Tool Hire for their generous discount on the hire of the scarifier.



Andy Pickett

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO COP26,

The story of COP26 started at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. That summit opened the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change which gained almost universal acceptance. The countries that signed up were referred to as “Parties to the Convention” – hence the name Conference of the Parties or COP. Because of the growing urgency a process was put in place to finalise a binding agreement for COP15 in Copenhagen. Sadly, it failed to deliver any serious commitments and the process was rethought with a focus on agreeing global climate targets at COP21 in Paris in 2015. The Paris Agreement was a historic moment at which the climate science was accepted by the vast majority of nations and its target was far more ambitious. The Paris Agreement aims to “hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Centigrade (C) above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C.” It was based around voluntary “nationally determined contributions” (NDCs) from each country.



In 2018 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report stated that CO₂ emissions need to decline by about 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net zero around 2050. In 2019 the UK enshrined “net zero by 2050” in law by amending the 2008 Climate Change Act. However, the Climate Change Committee, (the UK advisory body established under the Act), is not satisfied with the UK’s rate of progress. To influence negotiators in the run-up to COP26 the UK must publish robust policies to meet its carbon budgets in transport, buildings, land use and energy.

Globally, the collective total of NDCs offered by countries across the world is insufficient to meet the Paris Agreement target. This has become known as the “emissions gap” – and it is large. The 2020 UN Emissions Gap Report estimates current NDCs would lead to a global average temperature increase of at least 3 degrees C by the end of the century.

The understanding of both the problems and solutions has developed over the six years since the Paris Agreement and the negotiating process must recognise this. We must keep 1.5 degrees alive and continue to push for the ambitious action that keeps this target within our reach. It is vital that we use this moment to push for higher ambition, the provision of finance needed for mitigation, adaptation and support for countries experiencing loss and damage from climate impacts and for nature protection. Every fraction of a degree makes a difference. We need deeds not words.

Barbi Lund (with thanks and acknowledgement to Edition No121 of Clean Slate, Centre for Alternative Technology)

Parish Youth News & Events

SCOUT CAMPS RESUME

Excitement, relief, apprehension; the three emotions consuming leaders before District Camp. For nearly two years now, all camps have been postponed. We were all glad to receive the green light to go ahead; however, the forecast looked ominous indeed.

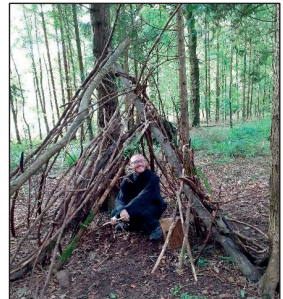


There, 160 odd scouts and a fifth as many leaders gathered at Hornblotton. Unified in cause, all hands-on deck erected tents before the onset of ill weather and night appeared. As the last of the sunset colours vanished under the shroud of darkness, we comforted ourselves with the traditional camp hot chocolate and cake (Jack's brownie being a group favourite!) before settling

in for tomorrow's activities. As leaders we discussed the upcoming archery, shooting, climbing and more with great excitement, all curious to see whether the following day's weather predictions would be accurate.

All predictions unfortunately proved right, the unrelenting downpour looked set to dampen the day's mood, but the Scouts managed to overcome the challenge. Despite being largely inexperienced to camping, Rode 1st Major Scout Group managed to show incredible resilience; whether it was climbing great walls in the pouring rain, running through the mud with a frisbee or making a "Minecraft" themed Den in the forest, our Scout division proved they had the unyielding strength of spirit (not to mention the enduring optimism!) every Scout needs to make the best of any situation, especially when dealing with John's corny 'Dad-jokes'.

"We stayed happy in the rain, we stayed happy in the mud, we stayed happy with growing confidence and growing strength in the fields, we will never surrender (to the British weather)!"



John, Jacqui, Alex and I were all mightily impressed with our Scout's fortitude and found the inevitable camp take down a sombre affair; however, now a new Leader and the new scouts have been on camp, we are all filled with excitement, relief and apprehension with the prospect of more camps over the horizon...

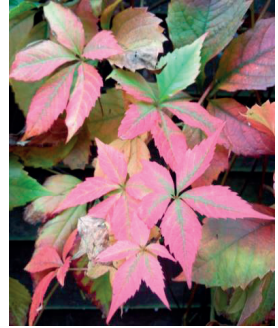
Dan Barry

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER

As autumn deepens and leads into winter, it is a time of slowing down and letting go, just as most plants and trees around us are doing.

I find the seasons very comforting, and there's always something to look forward to (despite the shorter days we're getting!) – now it is nature's autumn colour display, the smell of autumn in the air which is hard to describe and wrapping up in woollies. Now is the time to start winding down the garden for winter and preparing and planning for the next year.



- Tender plants to bring under cover – If you haven't already, you will now want to move any frost tender plants inside the house, or under cover in a greenhouse/ cold frame – such as geraniums and aeoniums, or if they are too big to move, to wrap them up in a sheltered position.
- Collecting leaves – It is best to keep any lawn or path areas free from leaves, and if you have the space, they can be collected into a bag to make leaf mould. Add some moisture, tie up and poke holes in the bag and leave somewhere out of sight for the leaves to break down over the next year or so to be used on the garden.
- Cutting back – once we have had a frost, there will be plants that will most likely still look good (*verbena bonariensis*) and can be left standing perhaps with some support, and others that won't as their older leaves and stems will wilt (*alchemilla mollis*) so can be cut back. It is great to have as much structure in the garden in the form of seed heads during winter, to provide interest for you and also a source of food and of shelter for insects, birds and various animals.
- Spring bulb planting - It's not too late to plant spring bulbs in pots or in the ground – if you have been meaning to, but haven't got around to it yet, then go for it. The spring colours are always such a welcome delight, and just what we need after winter. Think about flowering times when buying bulbs and try to plant different spring bulbs to flower from February – May for maximum enjoyment before the rest of the garden fully blooms.



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- Pot feet – As the weather is likely to get wetter from now on, it is a good idea to remove pot saucers and replace them with pot feet, to aid drainage or avoid pots getting waterlogged.
- Wrap up outdoor taps – to protect them from heavy frosts.
- Cutting the lawn – On a dry day and depending on your lawn, you can keep mowing your lawn on a higher setting to keep it looking good.
- Pruning to avoid wind rock and branch tearing – If you have rose shrubs or climbers that are particularly leggy then is a good idea to give them a little prune to reduce their size, to be more resistant against strong winds. Then in late winter, you can prune most roses again to prepare them for the new growing year ahead.
- Cuttings – Now is a great time to take hardwood cuttings of plants that you wish to have more of, either for yourself or to give away. Hardwood cuttings can be taken from a range of deciduous shrubs (e.g. cornus, philadelphus and rose), climbers (e.g. honeysuckle and jasminium) and some trees too (e.g. willow). Depending on how many you wish to propagate, you can put them in a pot or dig a trench in the ground, using lots of grit to keep it free draining. These cuttings are slow to root and need to be left for a year. They are not too fussy; just ensure they don't dry out. There is a lot of information online that you can read up on for the specifics – try the RHS website.
- Wildlife – Keep putting out water and food for birds if you can, a range of different foods including those with high fat content. Providing a range of food at different heights - some up high, others on the ground should entice a variety of birds into your garden. If you have grown sunflowers this year (perhaps even a giant sunflower entered into the competition!) you can cut the sunflower heads and leave them face up on the ground or somewhere elevated for birds to pick at - a natural bird feeder. If you have the space, perhaps at the back of a border or behind a shed etc., it is so valuable to wildlife if you can leave some space for a pile of sticks and leaves, where insects and animals can shelter in the worst of the wintery weather.

SHARED GARDENS

As we are starting to tackle tidying up our shared growing space, I am reflecting how our growing plot has given us so much pleasure and produce this year.

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I am feeling very grateful for the abundance of flowers we've enjoyed and all the veg harvests we have brought in and shared.



I've been cutting flowers for drying at home to use for various creative uses over winter, and we've been doing some preserving – my favourite is pickled cucumbers!



We have had some great veg successes (notably runner beans, cucamelons and our first squashes and pumpkins) and also some things that haven't done too well (broad beans got shaded out by the mangetout, and the 'enormous' kohlrabi, well ours turned out tiny and very eaten by caterpillars), but that's gardening and growing for you, always learning.



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 you would like to know more about the Garden Share Scheme across the parish or would like to get involved, I would love to hear from you.

Happy gardening and keep warm.

Julia Robb

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One of the contributors to last month's 1976 "Those Were The Days" article about Tellisford, was Colonel Darley Tucker. Our thanks to Anthony Battersby, who resides in Tellisford, for responding to our request for any information on people mentioned in the articles.

COLONEL TUCKER, HIS BACK STORY



Colonel Tucker was my stepfather. In 1954 we came to live at Riverside Cottage Tellisford. Before that my stepfather had been in the Burma Rifles.

In April 1942 he was the garrison commander in Taunggyi, a Hill Station in Southeast Burma. On 17 April 1942 he was ordered to abandon Taunggyi and withdraw to India.

As he left the city on one side the Japanese were entering on the other. The march took him two months and only two European officers, one Burmese officer and four Other Ranks completed the 500 miles to Imphal. Quite apart from the fact that the whole journey was carried out behind the Japanese lines, and involved crossing three heavily guarded major rivers, the country is extremely mountainous and they had to cross four ranges of "hills", we would call them mountains, up to 1,800m above sea level.

He was invalided back to UK to recover and that is how he met my mother. His father was the Locum Priest at Chittoe near Devizes while my father was away serving as a chaplain to the Royal Marines.



My parents divorced in 1946. In 1948 Unk (as I knew him) and my mother married and set up an interior design business in Bath. He died in 1980 and is buried in Tellisford churchyard.

Anthony Battersby

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We have another of the “Those Were The Days” articles originally published in the Link in 1976 – if you do have any further information, please ignore the instructions below and instead please contact Peter Harris. N.B. The other article referred to below has in fact already been published as part of this series – in September 2021.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS... RODE

I have collected so much material about Rode from the early memories of some of our senior residents that I think it will make better reading divided into two sections, (1) this month, the outlying areas of the two Rode Parishes, and (2) next month, how the heart of the village has changed since the days when there were 7 pubs, 5 Chapels and Lower Street was the shopping centre. Was your house once a Chapel or a pub or a butcher’s shop? My list still has some gaps so if you have any knowledge of change-of-usage of your house, we would all be interested to hear about it. Please just drop a note through my letter-box at 18 Lower Street. Many thanks. *Jenny Swinley.*

Firstly then, to the outlying areas when the two churches had their separate congregations more closely huddled around them with the linking roads practically unpopulated. There was quite a large group of cottages in the Moberly Pond area below St. Lawrence, some of which were destroyed in a fire and gradually the rest, became vacant and derelict, leaving now only Brook Cottage on the other side of the road. Church Lane really was a lane, with no houses between the Bell and Newtown except on the corner of Clay Lane, and likewise Bradford Road had only Clayfield, Greystones, the Old Rectory and Rode Hill House.

What is now the Steak House was a genuine Barn, with accommodation and hay loft for the cows who grazed in the surrounding fields, and the forecourt was for some years a coal depot. There was a reservoir in the upper corner of the large triangular field opposite these houses in the Bradford Road, to which a pump brought water from the pond now hidden in the lower corner of the field where Rode Hill joins the Trowbridge/Frome Road at Rode Common. A busy brickyard at this road junction caused there to be another group of cottages here for its employees, and they even had their own pub. During the last war a stray bomb landed on one of these cottages and gradually the others followed the brickyard into non-existence, leaving only two dwellings proudly standing there today.

Rode was a very thriving self-contained community, with plenty of employment provided by the six mills situated along this short stretch of the River Frome between the parish boundaries of Rode Major, where apparently the river flows

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at just the right pace for a miller's needs. Added to which each mill owner built a large house nearby which also employed the villagers, as did the machine factory opposite the one-time tennis court at the entrance to the Mead, known for producing high quality milling machinery for country-wide distribution, especially to the mills in Yorkshire and Lancashire, and even for export to the Continent.

Of the six mills Shawford is the only one to survive, rejoicing in its conversion into the Shawford Mill Theatre. Travelling down-river towards Tellisford, Scutts, Rockabella, Rode, Langham and Tellisford Mills all brought prosperity to the village in their time, and with it so many attractive old houses, large and small, which happily have outlived the remains of the mills themselves, to form the backbone of Rode's special character today.



Clayfields and Greystones pre 1960

Information contributed by: Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Rossiter and Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Fussell.

Editor's Note: Our thanks again 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 Post Office and 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.

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MONDAY LUNCH CLUB



Firstly a big apology to all our members for the last minute cancellation of our Lunch on 4th October; given the circumstances of the rising numbers of Covid in Frome and the surrounding villages I didn't feel we could go ahead.

Regretfully I still feel there is too high a risk and therefore November's Lunch will NOT be taking place on Monday 1st November.

I very much hope that our Christmas Lunch can go ahead as planned on 6th December - but that will really depend on the situation at that time - I'll be in touch with all our existing members nearer the time to confirm or otherwise.

If you are new to Lunch Club but would like to come along you will be very welcome but PLEASE LET ME KNOW (well in advance - not the evening before!) as unfortunately it's not possible to just turn up on the day! I'll also post updates on our village Facebook page.

Best wishes to everyone and all being well look forward to seeing you on 6th December!

Alex Sing and the team

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LOVE TO DANCE!

The Social get-together/Dance on Tuesday morning at the Memorial Hall went ahead as planned.

Three intrepid ladies turned up, raring to go! They did the two dances well and we all had a good natter over a cuppa as well!



Starting properly on Tuesday 2nd November, 9.30am at Rode Memorial Hall.

All welcome. Great exercise and great FUN!

Patti Moys

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RODE MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

October's walk was kindly led by Pam George who took the group to Tellisford and further on a glorious autumn morning, finishing with coffee at Rode Cafe. Many thanks Pam.

In November we will revisit the walk from Bradford on Avon along the canal to Avoncliff for coffee at the Cross Guns and return on the river walk, or vice versa depending on the general inclination that day!

Please meet in the Tythe Barn car park at 10 am on Thursday 4th November, unless there is torrential rain of course, and contact me if you either need a lift there or can offer to take anyone else.

Liz Dinnis

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RODE OVER 60'S

Our October meeting was Afternoon Tea in the Hall. The attendance was disappointingly low with only 9 members coming, this was probably due to the high increase of Covid infections in Frome and surrounding villages, which, understandably, made Members anxious about mixing with other people.

The Committee had prepared a delicious tea and thanks go to Tom Ryan who had made and brought a Dundee Cake. After tea the chat continued and a Raffle was held. The next Afternoon Tea will be on 12th November at 2.30pm in the Hall, Members please note that all Meetings will now be held on FRIDAY's at 2.30pm in the Hall.

For future meetings, and for catering purposes, it would be helpful if Members could notify any of the Committee if they are not able to come.

We wish a very Happy Birthday to all those in the Club that have Birthdays in November.

New Members will be made most welcome.

Sue Beaven

STOP PRESS... Sadly the Committee have decided to cancel the Meeting on Friday 12th November due to the increase in Covid infections locally.

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RODE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In October we enjoyed a return visit from Neil Ross who talked about tips for making a difference in your garden.



He was keen to stress the use of strong architectural shaped feature plants to give drama amongst the mounds of shrubs or perennials.

Plants such as inula magnifica, a yellow daisy flowered giant perennial, cardoons with silver leaves and thistle flowers. Phlomis, evergreen with whorls of hooded flowers and bronze fennel which will self seed everywhere and need pulling out whilst small.

These will give height above mounds of heathers, erica darleyensis or reseda lutea, wild mignonette or above some of the new smaller growing choisya with finely cut leaves. The smaller yucca flacida is more manageable but with the same dramatic sword shaped leaves.

Neil recounted that he is busy replacing blight -ridden box hedging with yew at Hanham Court (near Bristol) where the garden is being altered to include a wider range of plants to extend the period of interest beyond the summer roses.

The dramatic foliage of melianthus major will be cut down in winter but will reappear the next year if frost is not too severe, to achieve more than 6ft in a season. Variegated foliage can be useful to break up evergreen shrubs with some lovely pittosporum available now. Lime green foliage can have the same effect. Variegated hostas may be saved from slugs and snails with constant use of garlic spray- recommended by the head gardener at the Bishops Garden, Wells.

Bold colour on walls can have the same effect of providing a feature or black painted fences making a dramatic backdrop. Neil recommended limiting colour palates to make more impact, generally going with the maxim that less is more.

Neil is working with Root Connections, a community garden and farm in Stratton on the Fosse. They are part of Flowers from the Farm and deliver veg boxes in Frome.

In November we will welcome Martin Young to talk about the Dry Garden: Monday 8th November 7.30pm in Rode Village Hall. New members welcome.

Averil Morrow

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ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Singing for fun at Rode Memorial Hall, Thursdays 1:15 - 3:15pm

All Together Now! is a group of people from varied backgrounds who meet weekly to sing and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and informal environment.

The Group has been singing together for a number of years, and our aim is to sing for fun and relaxation in the company of friends and neighbours, as well as making new acquaintances in the process.

Given our range of ages and abilities, we mostly sing in unison, although if we have enough different voices we might attempt some harmonies - as long as it doesn't become too much like hard work! But we're not a choral society in desperate pursuit of perfection, we don't have a professional leader, and we don't offer coaching - we just sing for pleasure!

Our existing repertoire is an eclectic mix of songs, many of them ones that most of us know fairly well. They include popular songs from the fifties right up to the present day, traditional folk songs, 'country' ballads, sea shanties, songs from the Shows, and even a Round or two. But we're always willing to try something new - as long as somebody can teach us the tune! Whatever your favourite genre, we like to think that there is something for everyone in the mix and variety of songs we sing.

If you think you might enjoy being All Together Now!, you are welcome to come along for a free Taster Session where you can meet us, experience what we do, and join us in song. There is no audition, no need to read music, nor any need to feel you are a strong singer; and you won't have to sing on your own. All you need is enthusiasm and a love of singing. So don't worry if you're thinking "What would you do if I sang out of tune, would you stand up and walk out on me?" We wouldn't!

Most weeks we are lucky enough to have accompaniment from Stan on guitar. At other times we make do with some amateurish strumming on a couple of ukuleles. (If you have a portable keyboard or other instrument, and can play without a music score, you will be very welcome indeed, however good or bad your singing voice!) There are, of course, many songs that we know well enough to sing without accompaniment.

We look forward to welcoming new members from Rode and the surrounding villages. However, our group includes several people who are more vulnerable

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than most to infection, so we reluctantly ask that you come along only if and when you are fully vaccinated against Covid.

We are a not for profit group, but after your free Taster Session there will be a small monthly charge to cover our overheads such as printing and stationery costs. So that we can make sure we have enough song sheets available - or if you have any queries - please get in touch with Erik or Gill before you join us for the first time.

Come along and experience the joy that comes from singing with others. Ready?
ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Erik Dorman

Gill Poa

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RODE LADIES GROUP

Unfortunately, we had to cancel October's meeting due to the rising Covid infection rates in this area. We will review the situation nearer to the date of the next meeting currently scheduled for Wednesday 24th November at 2.30 pm.

Pam George

ANY MORE CLUBS?

It has been great to see our community clubs restarting and group activities returning after so long – sadly, due to the increasing numbers of Covid cases, activities are now being cancelled again. We can but hope that this is a temporary setback.

As previously mentioned, our readers are eager to socialise when conditions allow and they, and I, would love to hear details and learn about any other Hardington Vale clubs.

My thanks to All Together Now! for sending in information about their group - why not get in touch and we could have your group's details in our next issue...

Gill Leonard

Editor

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Parish Events

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learn about this charity and enjoy tea and cakes

Every year thousands of unaccompanied child refugees arrive in Europe in search of safety. They find themselves stuck in squalid camps or sleeping rough on city streets unaware of their legal right to travel safely through Europe. Safe Passage is there to help child refugees access their rights. The headquarters of Safe Passage are in London.

On **Saturday the 6 November 3.00pm** we are hosting a tea in St Philip and St James church Norton St Philip, and a representative of Safe Passage will be there to talk about the work of the charity.

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Dates: Nov 15 / Dec 13



We look forward to seeing you.

The Café team have all undergone dementia friendly training

Tellisford Parish Meeting

**The Meeting will be held on Monday, 15th November, 2021,
At All Saints Church, Tellisford, at 19:30.**

All electors in Tellisford and Woolverton, over the age of 18, are entitled to attend and vote.



Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 20th November
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...see page 33/34 for details

Christmas Bazaar Saturday 27 November

10.30 – 12.00

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Parish Food & Drink



The Mill at Rode have some exciting events coming up this November for you all to enjoy in the run up to Christmas!

2nd November – Seniors Lunch Club
£10.50 for 2 courses, £13 for 3 courses

4th November – Unlimited curry night
£16.00 (food only – bottomless bowl)

5th November – Mega Bonfire night

There will be free hot dogs for all kids. You will need to **pre book** for this event as we have a max of 100 people, first come first served basis.

9th November – Seniors Lunch Club
£10.50 for 2 courses, £13 for 3 courses

11th November – Tapas Fiesta

13th November – The Rode Show starting at 11:00.

The Ultimate Pet Show! Bring your pets from parrots to poodles, there will be prizes for all pets. There will also be a petting zoo & donkey rides for kids. You will need to **pre book** for this event as we have a max of 100 people, first come first served basis - event will also be weather dependant.

14th November – Remembrance Sunday
£13.00 Carvery

16th November – Seniors Club Lunch

18th November – Our famous Steak Night

21st November – Kids Sunday at The Mill

There will be movies on the big screen, face painting, popcorn, and a children's clown!

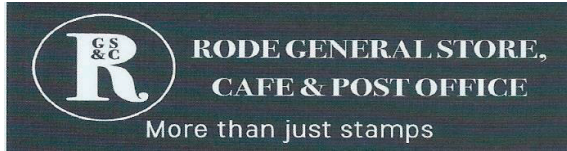
25th November – Vegetarian Vegan Day

We are also so excited to announce we are taking your Christmas / New Years party bookings! This can include but is not limited to company, office, and business parties.

If you would like to book any of these events, please call **01373 831100**
John and the team.

Follow us on Facebook for updates #RodeMill
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Parish Food & Drink



Normal Opening Hours

Monday	9am – 5.30pm
Tuesday	9am – 5.30pm
Wednesday	9am – 1pm
Thursday	9am – 5.30pm
Friday	9am – 5.30pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	Closed

Christmas Ordering

A selection of delicious, locally sources products, available to order for Christmas.
Last date for ordering, Friday 3rd December. £10 deposit required.
Orders will be ready for collection before noon on Christmas Eve.

Unfortunately, Castlemead Poultry are unable to supply us with turkeys this year, however they are hoping to do large chickens and possibly cockerels...

I have tried to source turkeys elsewhere without success,
it is very hard to find a supplier to a small shop.

I am waiting for price lists for chickens etc. and will have them displayed in the shop as soon as they are available, along with Christmas order forms for bread, dairy products, pastries, fruit and veg and more.

Christmas opening hours will be as follows:

Christmas Eve 24 December 9am - 1pm
Christmas Day 25 December Closed
Boxing Day 26 December Closed
Bank Holiday Monday 27 December closed
Bank Holiday Tuesday 28 December closed
Wednesday 29 December 9am -1pm
Thursday 30th December 9am - 5.30pm
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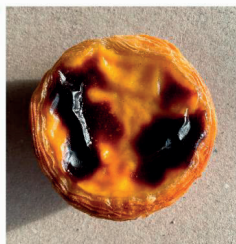


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PARISH RECIPE



On the next page we have a very seasonal recipe from Jackie Moss.

Do you have a favourite recipe that you'd like to share with our readers?

If you do, please send it in... you'll receive a bottle of Fussels' Rape Seed Oil courtesy of Fussels' Fine Foods for your trouble!



If you have a photograph of the finished dish, please do forward a copy of that too.

Email: gillhleonard@aol.com.

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PARISH RECIPE

It's been a glorious October and wonderful to see so much produce on offer in the village - apples, pears and pumpkins sat outside homes in boxes, encouraging us to cook and eat what we grow.

Inspired by an array of pumpkins and having a glut of apples, a friend gave me a delicious recipe including them, see below:



Spiced Pumpkin and Apple Chutney

(About 1.2 kg pumpkin (to give 1 kg prepared weight))

3 tbsp sea salt / 75g raisins / 2 medium onions, chopped / 3 Bramley apples peeled, cored and chopped / 75g chopped glacé ginger / 4 garlic cloves, crushed / 4 red chillies, deseeded and thinly sliced / 1 tbsp coriander seeds, crushed / 1 tbsp mustard seeds / 3cm piece root ginger, peeled and grated / 1 x 500 ml bottle cider vinegar / 400g caster sugar

- Put pumpkin into a large bowl, sprinkle with sea salt and toss together. Cover with a tea towel and leave overnight.
- Next day, tip raisins into a small bowl, cover with 200ml boiling water and soak for 15 mins.
- Rinse and drain the pumpkin and put into a preserving pan or very large saucepan (min 6 litres capacity) with the onions, apples, glacé ginger, garlic, chillies, coriander, mustard seeds and grated root ginger. Add the raisins and their soaking water too. Pour in the vinegar and 350-500 ml water to just cover the ingredients in the pan.
- Bring slowly to boil, then reduce heat and gently simmer, partially covered, for 1 hour or until the pumpkin is tender. Stir in sugar over a low heat until it dissolves. Increase the heat to medium and cook for about 40 minutes until thickened, stirring often to prevent sticking - squash larger pieces of pumpkin with a wooden spoon.
- When chutney is ready, a wooden spoon drawn through it will leave a trail for 30 seconds before filling in again. Add more salt if needed.
- Ladle the chutney into warm sterilised jars. Secure lids and leave to cool before labelling.

Best left for a couple of weeks before eating. Enjoy!!

Jackie Moss

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Beckington Creatives : Artists Open Houses

Friday 19 November - Sunday 21 November 2021 Open 10am - 5pm
Launch Preview at each venue on Thursday 18 November, 4 - 6pm

We invite you to experience the wonderful wealth of talent within the village of Beckington, where you will find a wide variety of art on display—showcasing paintings, sculptures, printmaking, photography, mosaics and jewellery by local artists.

Also, we know you will enjoy the weekend as an opportunity to explore our beautiful village, where you'll be able to sample a choice of delicious refreshments from one of our supporters.

Look out for the Beckington Creatives brochures,
available from 1st November, listing all individual artists and locations.
(Available from various shops around Beckington, Rode and Frome)
Also, visit Facebook/Instagram: Beckington-Creatives, for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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At this special time of year we invite our wonderful community to dedicate a light in remembrance of their loved one. These lights will shine brightly on our beautiful Christmas tree at Dorothy House, Winsley. Dedicating a light on our Christmas tree is a way to remember those we hold so dear.

These kind donations ensure other patients and families are able to receive the outstanding care they need now. Each light is a beacon of hope that shines out into our community, for our community. It is only through the kindness of our supporters that we will be able to continue to care for those in our community that need our help. From all of us here at Dorothy House we thank you. Your ongoing support is so gratefully appreciated and we look forward to joining with you to remember all of those we hold so dear.



To sponsor a light in on our beautiful Christmas Tree in remembrance of a loved one, please visit: dorothyhouse.org.uk/light-up-a-life-appeal/ Or if you have any queries please email fundraising@dorothyhouse-hospice.org.uk

The effects of the pandemic mean your help is needed now more than ever. As the future of fundraising income is still so uncertain, and currently in decline, your dedication is vital to ensuring we continue to care for those that need it. You can make a donation at: dorothyhouse.org.uk/light-up-a-life-appeal/

We are also delighted to offer our supporters the opportunity to attend one of our Services of Light. We are very much looking forward to sharing them with our community. A community who we are so grateful for, this year we will be holding two daytime services in the grounds of Dorothy House, Winsley on Sunday 21 November, at 12 noon and 3pm respectively (government guidelines permitting). This will include the switching on of the lights on our beautiful Christmas tree.

Our 12 noon service will also be available through a live stream on the day. At 7pm there will be a live stream of the Christmas Tree on our Facebook page, so those who are unable to attend the services can see the dazzling tree, sparkling in all its glory. Philly Gaisford, Individual Giving Fundraiser, Dorothy House – "Dedicating a light on our beautiful Christmas tree is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a loved one, and at the same time support our local community. We are so grateful to anyone who considers supporting those in need of palliative and end of life care. This year's Light up a Life will be a wonderful time to reconnect with our community. I do hope that you will join us to remember all of those we hold so dear, at one of our Services of Life".

Numbers for these services are limited and places can be reserved by signing up for a free ticket here:

Winsley services: winsleyservices.eventbrite.co.uk.

Services of Light: lualservices.eventbrite.co.uk

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Local Frome charity, Active and In Touch, which has made a difference to the lives of many of our parishioners over the years – both beneficiaries and volunteers - has this year been presented with the award. Those that know the charity will understand how well deserved this is.

They need more volunteers - perhaps you could give some of your time to help them in their valuable (and rewarding) befriending work...



**Active and
In Touch Frome**

Throughout the Pandemic the amount of people we helped tripled in size and we have more on waiting lists. If you can help with befriending, driving or shopping then please contact us for more information:

enquiries@activeandintouch.org or
phone Di on 07468 859453 or
Gwen on 07375336733

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could really use the extra hands.**



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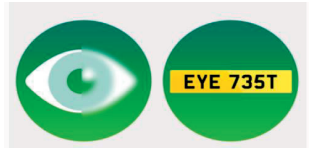
Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency

Under 50% of motorists are aware they must read a number plate from 20 metres, figures show. Fewer than half of motorists surveyed by DVLA know they must be able to read a number plate from 20 metres away in order to drive safely.

Now, with more drivers set to resume their daily commutes, undertake the school run, and traffic returning to pre-pandemic levels, the agency is calling on drivers to ensure they take the 20-metre number plate test. The test aims to ensure that all drivers meet the minimum eyesight standards before getting behind the wheel.

Anyone can do the test at any time. Twenty metres is typically around the length of five cars parked next to each other – you can test yourself on whether you can clearly read a number plate of the furthest car.

Having good eyesight is essential for safe driving, so it's really important to have regular eye tests. Eyesight can naturally deteriorate over time so anyone concerned about their eyesight should visit their optician.



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 4th OCTOBER 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 Steve Eyles (SE), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM),
Cllr Elaine Butler (EB)

In attendance: Hugh Williams – Clerk, and 3 members of the public

1. Public Participation:

The hole in the pavement on Lower Street had been there for over two months and needed repair. It was pointed out that the developer of the new houses on Lower Street had been responsible for repairing this part of the pavement but when he went to repair it, he discovered the culvert was badly damaged. Calm Engineering had taken on this repair as part of their work around Rode and it was agreed they would be contacted on this issue.

The trees along Halfpenny Row were encroaching over the road and the Parish Council (PC) were asked if these could be cut back. It was pointed out that only some were on parish land but it was agreed AP would ask John Osborne to look at the trees.

Concern was expressed over the state of a large fir tree, covered in ivy, at the bottom of Walnut Close. Again, John Osborne would be asked to inspect this and, if necessary, the owner would be alerted to its condition.

A building in the grounds of the Coach House on Rode Hill was thought to be an inhabited building and it was questioned whether planning permission had been given for this. The PC agreed to investigate.

The PC was asked about the councillor elections to which the Chair said that these might be brought forward to May 2022, currently the majority of the parishes in Somerset had voted in favour of this although no final decision had been made. The PC agreed it would advertise these councillor elections, but an election in Rode would only be necessary if more than eight people stood to be councillors.

A request was made for the Parish Council to purchase four automated speed watch devices (currently undergoing approval trials) for use in the village and especially on Rode Hill and Bradford Road. These devices had the ability to photograph cars and record number plates therefore identifying repeat offenders, these would be reported to the police who could use the data to monitor offenders at specific times and places, where the repeat offenders had

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been identified, and possibly prosecute. The devices and installation would cost around £3,000. It was agreed that once approved by Mendip the PC would purchase these, provided they met the Memorandum of Understanding Rode had with Somerset County Council (SCC) regarding positioning and number of speed devices; a request had been made for a copy of the Memorandum and EB agreed to chase this up with Sara Davis at SCC.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Andy Pickett (AP), Cllr B Lund and Cllr L Oliver

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th September were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Report from County Councillor: The report from Cllr Oliver had shown that covid19 cases across Somerset were still very high but fortunately the take up of the vaccine was high too. The ward boundaries within Somerset were under review with a limit of 85 Unitary Councillors to be elected; this process was still ongoing and boundary changes could be made. The new Unitary Authority should start in April 2023.

6. Climate Emergency: JM reported that the first meeting had taken place in mid-September with nine participants. Some base actions had been agreed and one of these was for the PC to carry out an audit of its own activities. JM agreed to investigate this and bring a proposal to the next meeting. Encouragement would be given to more younger people to join the Climate Emergency Group.

7. Actions from the previous meeting:

- i) **Hoedown:** The September Hoedown had been the last of the year with litter collecting and weeding carried out.
- ii) **The Mead:** A report of the condition of the trees on The Mead was being chased up.
- iii) **Dog bin foot of Marsh Road:** Grant Slade has agreed to move the bin slightly further up Marsh Road.
- iv) **Fingerpost – Straight Lane:** The Clerk reported that he had ordered the new finger, but its delivery and fitting was unknown. Once repaired new photos would be taken and it would be added to the asset register to be covered by insurance.
- v) **Parish Elections:** It was agreed to advertise for a new Councillor to start from January 2022 to replace Steve Eyles who was stepping down.

8. Highways:

i) Speed Watch: discussed under Parishioner's Participation.

ii) Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction: the Chair had taken up the PC's concerns with Cllr Oliver who had pursued this with Somerset. Initially it was thought the PC would have to pay for a further survey of this junction, however

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following discussions with the Small Improvements Scheme (SIS) it has been agreed that as they have made improvements to the junction they will carry out a post improvement survey of this junction. The results of this post improvement work will be compared with the survey carried out before the SIS did the work. The survey is to be carried out at the same time of year as the pre-improvement survey. The PC will be given the results of these surveys.

iii) Village gates and 20mph limit: Somerset are to send mock-ups of the proposed village gates to go on the A361 for the PC to agree the preferred design. The TRO for the 20mph limit in Rode is still going through the approval process but will be completed before the end of the financial year.

iv) Cleveland Bridge Bath: Bath City Council are considering banning lorries from using this bridge when it reopens. The meeting did not think this would make a significant impact on lorries using roads round Rode, as the Cleveland Bridge was within the Bath Clean Air Zone lorries would avoid this bridge anyway.

v) No idling – Mendip initiative: It was agreed that provided the school agreed these signs could be put up there, PR agreed to contact the school. It was also proposed to put them up in the layby at the end of Straight Lane.

vi) The Sportsman: Cllr Oliver was continuing to chase this up with Somerset.

9. Planning matters:

i. New applications: None.

ii. Mendip decisions: 2020/2267/OTA: Erection of a detached two storey dwelling – 4 Fairfield. Refused.

10. Broadband: Voneus had come to the Memorial Hall on 1st October to answer residents' questions on their fibre broadband plans for Rode. SE added that although Voneus would be starting installation before the end of the year it was not known which village they would start with, fibre was to be installed in Rode, Beckington, Batcombe, Wanstrow and Trudoxhill.

11. Church Farm access to village/footpaths and playing field: The path from the site to the playing field had not started although the Clerk had spoken to and emailed Autograph Homes on the issue. It was agreed the Site Manager should be approached and if nothing happened Mendip Enforcement informed again.

12. Unitary Authority/Frome: The Chair reported that Frome and surrounding PCs were in the process of arranging another meeting with the Programme Manager of Somerset County Council to discuss the Unitary Authority plans at the end of the month.

13. Conservation Area/Neighbourhood Plan: Discussions on this were held over to the next meeting. However, one key aspect of any plans rested on the status of the housing supply within Mendip and SE agreed to ask Jo Milling

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to determine whether Mendip had either or both a three year supply plan or a five year supply plan and also what effect moving to a Unitary Authority would have on these.

14. Bus services: PT reported that the papers (Bus Service Improvement Plan for Somerset) for the 'Bus Back Better' project were being finalised and that these would be considered by the Scrutiny Board next week.

He said that the D2 bus to Bath in early mornings was over capacity and leaving school children stranded. Requests to First and local authorities had been made for a second bus to come along at the same time. However, with constrained budgets no money was available for this and also drivers were in short supply. But this morning two buses did come along and it would be monitored to see if this continued.

He also asked for the PC to fund printing of new timetables for circulation to all residents in Rode and this was agreed.

15. Financial matters: The following payments were agreed:

Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£1,450.24*
Matthew Lucas (mowing)	£20.00
Clerk salary	£228.74
HMRC PAYE	£55.00

*The August cheque to Eagle had gone missing and so this has to be repaid.

16. Any other business:

i) The notice board outside the Memorial Hall was in a very poor state and it should be replaced by a new board. AE agreed to ask Duncan McLellan to request it was replaced; the Clerk agreed to look into the price of a new notice board.

ii) It was reported the burial ground by the church would be full in 2-3 years. The meeting said that the Parish Council had no say in this matter, as it did not own the land, but the vicar should approach the diocese on this issue.

17. Date of Next Meeting:

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

7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th November

The Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council/

...and finally

WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

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

Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph? It was Clay Lane from The Sportsman.



POEM OF THE MONTH

Fog in November, trees have no heads,
Streams only sound, walls suddenly stop
Half-way up hills, the ghost of a man spreads
Dung on dead fields for next year's crop.
I cannot see my hand before my face,
My body does not seem to be my own,
The world becomes a far-off, foreign place,
People are strangers, houses silent, unknown.



Leonard Clark, 'Fog in November'

Codeword

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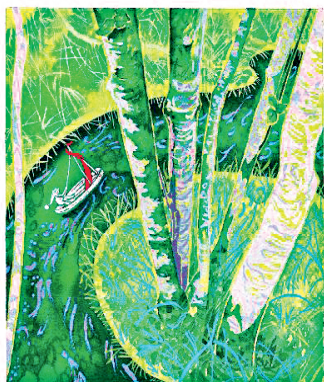


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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Monday 1 November	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer Tellisford , All Souls service	
Tuesday 2 November	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 3 November	8.30 am 12.15 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	C Walker Zoom
Thursday 4 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 7 November	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip & Rode , Informal Breakfast in NSP Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Laverton , Holy Communion Rode Chapel , Meeting Place	B Day C Walker+ Safe Passage S Kivett
Monday 8 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 9 November	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 10 November	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 11 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 14 November (Remembrance Sunday)	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Norton St Philip , Holy Communion (said) Rode , Remembrance service at memorial with Chapel Norton St Philip , Remembrance service	S Kivett J Robinson-G Wormington S Kivett/M Harrison + British Legion
Monday 15 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 16 November	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday 17 November	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 18 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 21 November	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	B Day/J Robinson B Day/J Robinson C Walker J Naismith
Monday 22 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 23 November	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 24 November	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 25 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 28 November	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	C Walker/S Kivett M Walker/B Day C Walker/S Kivett R Hill
Monday 29 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 30 November	5.00 pm	Laverton Evening Prayer	Zoom

NOVEMBER 2021 DIARY

Mon 1 Nov	11.25am-12.05pm Mobile Library, Memorial Hall
Tue 2 Nov	9.30am Let's Dance see page 30 for details
Thu 4 Nov	10am Rode Walking Group see page 31 for details 11.00-11.30am Talking Bench see page 19 for details
Sat 6 Nov	3pm Safe Passage see pages 3 and 35 for details 6pm Norton St Philip Firework Display see page 35 for details
Mon 8 Nov	7.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 32 for details
Wed 10 Nov	7.30pm Rode PC Monthly Meeting, Main Hall, Rode Memorial Hall
Thu 11 Nov	11am 2 minutes silence Remembrance Day
Sun 14 Nov	Remembrance Sunday 10.50am Rode Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service see page 7 for details
Mon 15 Nov	11am-12.30pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 36 for details 7.30pm Tellisford Parish Meeting see page 36 for details
Fri 19 Nov	7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy Cinema see page 9 for details
Sat 20 Nov	DECEMBER/JANUARY LINK DOUBLE ISSUE COPY DEADLINE 10am-2.30pm Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar see page 36 for details
Mon 22 Nov	10.30-11.30am Dementia Friends Information Session see page 17 for details
Wed 24 Nov	2.30pm Rode Ladies Group see page 34 for details
Sat 27 Nov	10.30am-12noon Laverton Christmas Bazaar see page 37 for details
Tue 30 Nov	RPF Lottery Draw The Cross Keys see page 15 for details

FORWARD PLANNER

Mon 6 Dec	Monday Lunch Club see page 30 for details
11-23 Dec	Winter Window Wander see page 10 for details
Sat 11 Dec	Rode Grows and Shares Wreath Making see page 12 for details
Sun 12 Dec	10.30am Rode Santa Dash see page 11 and 37 for details
Sat 18 Dec	5.30pm Farleigh Hungerford Chapel Trust Carol Service
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)
Sat 29 Jan	"Bangers & Bingo" Scouts fundraiser - details TBC
3/4/5 March	"Toad of Rode Returns" pantomime - details TBC

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