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



NOVEMBER 2022

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Seems A Lot's Going On In November...

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and much more local news and info too...

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Church Reflection, News & Events

REFLECTION

November is a month for remembering. Remember, remember the 5th of November, fireworks to look forward to then Remembrance Sunday on the 13th. It is important to stop and remember...

Remember loved ones who are with us no more but who left a precious heritage of values, thoughts and insights that continue to shape our lives.

Remember all who have died in the service of this country and who still do so for us to live in the freedom that we take so much for granted.

Remember those who are suffering the ongoing fall out of political unrest and aggression in many countries around the world, not just Ukraine.

Remember those who are suffering life-threatening environmental disasters brought about by climate change.

The tendency is to so fill our lives with busyness and our own agendas that others get forgotten and quickly squeezed out. So this November why not take the opportunity to go for a walk. Stop and admire the changing colours and seasons as winter approaches and give thanks for memories as we are reminded in this well-known poem ...

Leisure by William Henry Davies

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

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.

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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 has recently changed, and it is now **Asha**, meaning 'hope' in Hindi, www.asha-india.org

Asha has been helping the slum dwellers of Delhi since 1988, when Dr Kiran Martin started treating cholera victims who were too poor or culturally constrained to seek help elsewhere. Now over 700,000 residents in 95 slum colonies have access to essential medical care and treatment with Asha, as well as a wide range of other support and benefits to help improve peoples' lives and bring them 'hope'.

On **Saturday 12 November 6.30pm** in St Philip and St James church Norton St Philip we are having a *Bring and Share curry supper* in aid of Asha. Their founder and a slum resident are coming to talk about life in the slums and what Asha is doing to help, see page 38 for more details. Please do come along...

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. 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



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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

The church was decorated so beautifully for Harvest Festival by our talented team of flower arrangers, and it was a perfect setting for our Harvest Supper at the beginning of the month.

The purpose for the supper was to come together and enjoy a meal together and to celebrate the harvest and share some harvest poems and stories.



A side benefit of the supper was also to raise £251.00 for the maintenance of St Lawrence. We hope to replicate this event in future years.

The following morning, we had our Harvest Festival Service. It was lovely to see so many people in church and the harvest flowers were much appreciated. Food donations were also collected from the congregation during the Service and were 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. They sang at all the Harvest Festivals in the parish during September and October.

We are very much indebted to the Heart of Rode Committee (who fundraise for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard) for starting up the Rode Roxy again. At the end of October, we enjoyed *The Duke*. Please see page [xx](#) for the next film on offer in November.

Remembrance Service falls on the second Sunday of the month in November so there will be no Breakfast Church on Sunday the 13th of November at St Lawrence and Breakfast Church in December falls on the same day as the Outdoor Nativity so that will not take place either... 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 11th 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!

We are delighted that Jo Ellis is organising a Children's Carol Service in St Lawrence on Monday 28th November at 4pm. All are welcome and obviously we'd love to see lots of children of all ages.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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ALL SAINTS DAY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TELLISFORD

Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 6pm - All Saints' Day is on Tuesday 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 in the church calendar is celebrated the following day. 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

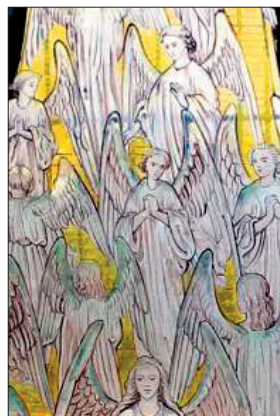
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“Saints are those who by their life and work make it clear and plain that God lives.”

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



Last Sunday of the Month

CrossYoga @Norton St Philip Church

Gentle yoga with Christian meditation to deepen your experience of God. ALL are welcome.

Bring a mat and blanket. Wear comfy clothes.

Sign up: carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 27, Dec 18, Jan 29, Feb 26, March 26

5-6pm
Optional donation £5



Parish News

RODE PLAYING FIELD PAVILION – WORRYING NEWS

Large cracks suddenly appeared last month in the walls of Rode's Pavilion.

Serious subsidence has subsequently taken place so severe that the main doors of the Pavilion couldn't be opened.



Not that this has stopped Ann and Pat from still serving teas and bacon sandwiches to the footballers each week!

But the Playing Field Committee is very concerned about the Pavilion and is arranging for an assessment to be made by a surveyor to advise on the best course of action to take... and with an estimate of cost.

The Pavilion, like the Playing Field itself, are major village assets.

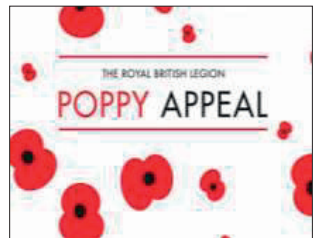
There is a cost to the upkeep of such assets and the Playing Field does try to be as self-sufficient as is possible. However, given the problems with this subsidence, it is likely that an appeal will be needed to be launched seeking financial support from village residents. See page 48.

Rode Playing Field Committee

THIS YEAR'S RODE RBL POPPY APPEAL

This year's Poppy Appeal runs from 27th October to 13th November.

During this time there will be wonderful volunteers going door to door as well as poppies available in local shops and pubs.



Thank you in advance for your support and generosity for this worthwhile cause.

Jacqui Rottenbury

Rode British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser

RODE CHAPEL APPEAL

We don't often write to this great journal, in fact hardly ever, except to advertise our Sunday Worship schedule and any forthcoming events.

The last series of articles were in fact reports on the development of the Village Quiet Garden and acknowledgement of the support given by so many volunteers.

The entire graveyard is now tidy, well groomed and planted and we're pleased to say has become a place of pilgrimage for many of our local community and visitors from outside. We are very grateful for those tireless volunteers who continue to give of their time and effort to keep it looking its best.

So why am I writing now?

The Chapel is once more in need of your support. It is a grade 2 listed building and needs repairs to its windows as a matter of some urgency. Our expert advice is that the problems are fixable if undertaken more or less immediately, but delay will only make the eventual repairs even more expensive.

There are 11 windows in all, two large ones behind the altar and 9 smaller ones...5 in the front wall of the chapel and two in each of the side walls.



The Fellowship have accepted an estimate for the whole job and need to raise some additional funds to meet it.

It is hoped that families or individuals might consider sponsoring individual windows, or making donations towards the total cost. There is already the promise of a one-off donation of £500, there are some limited financial resources already in hand and there is active research into grant aid. Around £15,000 is needed in total.

So, please support us in our fundraising activities in the coming year (see page 46) and if you are able to make a larger donation towards the upkeep of this iconic village facility, please do. Cheques payable to "Rode Chapel" can be left at the Post Office.

Bill Jackson

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APPEAL FROM THE H.V. COMMUNITY GROUP FOR UKRAINE

Many people in our wonderful community have, in one way or another, helped our 80 or so Ukrainian war refugees arrive, be homed and get settled into life in rural Somerset over the last 7 months. These acts of humanity and friendship have been hugely appreciated by the Ukrainian families and we hope have been rewarding for everyone involved.

The great majority of hosts who took in a family are able to extend their hosting to beyond the first six months commitment, which is very generous of them and a reflection of the closeness of the bond that has developed. Other Ukrainian families have managed to take the step to independent living, which is wonderful, and of course the desired end result of the whole process. However, we have 3 small families for whom we need to find the next 6 months' accommodation in our community. For these folk their work income, coupled with the terrible shortage of affordable accommodation, plus landlords who won't take on tenants who have no previous UK rental history, means that we need to appeal to our community for anyone who could:

1. Step forward to become a new host for a family already in the community, for 6 months or longer
2. Consider letting out any property or annexe of their property to one of our community's families for 6 months or longer.

Two of the families need 2 bedrooms and the other family needs 1. Our experience suggests that any extra space, such as a room that can be used as their sitting room, makes a huge difference, allowing guests and hosts to be somewhat independent from each other.

Of course, as these are guests who are already registered here, there is very little of the complicated bureaucracy to battle with that potential new arrivals have to deal with, such as visa applications and so on. And once you are registered as a host, you will start to receive the monthly payment of £350 (apparently to be raised soon to £700 to help with fuel cost rises) to help with the expenses involved, until the date when they have been here for a year.

Please get in touch a Committee Member, contact details below, if you think you can help, we can talk to you about what's involved (we're all hosts), and put you in touch with hosts/guests who need to make a change. Thankyou.

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DONATIONS PLEASE...

Preloved clothes and accessories in good condition are needed for the World Scout Jamboree fundraiser on 9th November at Rode Village Hall. Donations can be collected during the first week of November, please contact Jacqui Rottenbury on 07795843035, or can be brought to the hall on the evening. Thank you.



There will be 2nd hand clothes, shoes and other accessories available at the sale, along with a bar and raffle. We hope to see you there...

Jacqui Rottenbury and Sally Pickett

A MESSAGE FOR RODE PET OWNERS

On Wednesday 2nd November, Rode Scout Group will be having their own private firework party on the Playing Fields.



There will be loud bangs from about 18.00 until 19.30 so please make sure pets are indoors.

Howard Russell
Group Scout Leader

JAMBOREE QUIZ - THANK YOU!

Juliet and Sam, who are going on the World Scout Jamboree to South Korea in 2023, would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the quiz in the middle of October.

It was a fun evening and £1150 was raised!



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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

Norton St Philip Judicial Review of Mendip District Council Local Plan Part 2: I'm giving an update on this item because, although it's not strictly speaking Rode business, Rode was fully involved in the "additional hearings" for Mendip's Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) and the outcome of the Judicial Review may well effect planning decisions in Rode in the future.

On Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October I was in London with 4 other members of Norton St Philip PC to attend the JR into Mendip's LPP2 held in the Royal Courts of Justice. The trial took place in Court No 1 before the most senior planning judge in England, Mr Justice Holgate, and took two full days.

The case had certainly aroused a lot of interest - the court was full, with many Government Inspectors attending. The NSP PC barrister, Alex Greaves, with support from the PC's legal adviser, Tobias Paul from DLA Piper, presented the PC's case. This was followed by the arguments from barristers for Mendip District Council (the defendant), The Secretary of State (for the Planning Inspector) and the barrister for the developers, Lochailort and Redrow. NSP PC's barrister then had the opportunity to respond to the arguments from Mendip and interested parties (Lochailort & Redrow) before Mr Justice Holgate brought the proceedings to a close. He stated that he would try to produce his judgment as soon as possible. DLA Piper anticipate that there could hopefully be a judgment in about a month and, if not, before Christmas.

Mendip Tree Wardens: Mendip District Council piloted the Mendip Tree Wardens scheme earlier this year to help people take part in local, practical action to find out about, and support and care for wildlife and the environment in their area.

Being a Tree Warden is voluntary, and it is up to the individual or group to decide on what they want to do or get involved with. Existing volunteers are starting a community tree nursery, helping plant trees and hedges. Others are interested in taking part in Citizen Science Surveys, to record wildlife that lives in their area, such as ancient trees and woodlands, important hedges and the species that live in them. The Council can deliver the following training sessions, to help volunteers get started:

- Ancient Trees Survey using the Woodland Trust Survey forms.
- Hedgerow Surveys using the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species Survey forms.

There may be other Citizen Science Surveys to take part in too. The hope is that volunteers will survey their local areas and collect baseline information on the

wildlife within their parish. These surveys will contribute to local and national databases and help inform Mendip about the valuable local wildlife, which is frequently under-recorded.

Everyone is welcome, whether you are experienced or just beginning to learn about wildlife. So if you are interested in getting involved or want to find out more, please email climate@mendip.gov.uk

Barbi Lund



TELLISFORD'S JUBILEE BENCH ON THE MOVE

All praise to Terry Dredge for initially installing the wonderful jubilee bench at Tellisford crossroads used by so many on their walks through the village. More praise for orchestrating the removal and return to the suppliers to repair it and for then reinstating it for all to enjoy!

A very ingenious method of transportation up the lane from Terry's house strapped onto a skateboard. Husband Geoff saw him solo transporting so offered his help too.



Many thanks Terry from all those who sit, reflect and rest their weary limbs before continuing on their walks.

Kay Cannon
Top Farm, Tellisford

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SOMERSET COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Finding creative solutions - Henry Ford famously said, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."



I wonder if we consider this enough in work, projects, communities and in life in general.

Maybe we need more creativity to find solutions to 'old' problems. Everywhere I look in my role as Somerset County Councillor, I see buds of creativity. Some ideas have resistance because we are 'creatures of habit' and continue to 'flog a dead horse', but some solutions are simple and can have a big impact. We just need to be brave and bold.

The 18th of October was World Menopause Day. Dr Helen Kingston at the Frome Medical Practice realised that a 10-minute GP appointment is not enough to discuss menopause symptoms and for questions about HRT. The Practice has, creatively, set up Menopause information sessions. I attended the first one, which was a huge success as women were given a safe space to get all the information they need to make informed decisions about their bodies.

I am always amazed at the creativity of children. In the past month, in my role as Enterprise Adviser for Selwood School, I met with staff to discuss how I can support children to understand the value of what they are learning in the classroom and to apply concepts in their everyday lives. In October they made items to sell to friends to understand business. And in November the children will be making recycled gifts for Christmas. Creativity at its best!

I was invited to Critchill School as part of a work preparation programme for children with a range of disabilities. This creatively asks people from different careers to be interviewed, by the children, about their jobs. The students consider the jobs and craft their interview questions with a deeper understanding and assessment. It was such a wonderful experience which I will be supporting again in November.

A friend of mine does a fundraising project every year. As she volunteered for the Princes' Trust in the past, she decided to fundraise for this remarkable charity. She invited those in the community she loves spending time with, and who she may not see often enough, to a delicious breakfast. We chatted, laughed, ate, and celebrated the power and strength of community. It was the perfectly creative way to spend a morning and make a difference.

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Norton St Philip Parish Council has agreed to fund the re-connection of a previously purchased AutoSpeedWatch. The unit will be fitted to record persistently speeding vehicles in an easterly direction, above 40 mph. Details of how Avon and Somerset Police will handle the data are yet to be confirmed. But there is a big drive in November across the region to clamp down on speeding, so if you don't keep an eye on that dial enough, be warned!

I am 5 weeks into a 10-week philosophy course with the London School of Philosophy and Economic Science. Our 'homework' is to constantly ask, "What would a wise man / woman do?". This could mean simply not responding to a social media post, listening in a meeting without feeling I have to say something, or simply taking a step back. This has given me the opportunity to come up with solutions (without overwhelm or heightened emotion) and create something new. I hope to find more wisdom in the way I tackle life and my job, by continuing to ask the question. Fingers crossed.

I adore this time of the year as the nights draw in and the colours of the trees become richer. I find myself being more creative as I bake more, write more and I start thinking about gifts I can make for the festive season. Have a happy creative November! Please get in touch if you need support, have a question or for a chat: E: dawndentonfrome@gmail.com

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RODE MEMORIAL HALL

Did you know that if you run a not for profit/charity group for the residents of Rode, Tellisford & Woolverton there is no hire charge until 31st March?



There are two rooms, the large hall and a smaller back room plus kitchen and toilet facilities.

If you would like to hold a get together during the winter for a chat and coffee in a warm hall, check out the website - rodevillagehall.co.uk - to see what times are available.

Once you have found a suitable time make your booking by emailing rodehall@bananasoft.net

Nicola Ratcliffe

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OUR UKRAINIAN GUESTS - NOVEMBER UPDATE

Vladimir Putin launched his invasion of Ukraine on the 24th February. That is already, as I write this, nearly 8 months ago. He may have hoped for a quick overrun of the whole country, as he achieved in Crimea in 2014, but it hasn't worked out like that. And so, for the Ukrainian guests that we have welcomed into our community, the months pass. Having hoped initially for a quick resolution of hostilities and a speedy return to Ukraine and some semblance of their old life there, it now looks increasingly difficult to imagine that happening any time soon.

The majority of our guests arrived in the initial desperate flurry, so between March and May, which means that the earlier arrivals have already come to the end of their initial 6 months, and soon they will pretty well all have got to that point. Many have now found work in and around the area, the children are all happily installed in their schools, and those who can afford it are now looking to find independent accommodation.

Their English lessons have been invaluable in getting them to this point, and the teaching provided by Bath Academy has been excellent in so many ways. The teachers have formed a real bond with the students over the last few months, and they will all be sad to come to the end of their lessons. But we have arrived at the stage where the more advanced students are spending a lot of time job hunting if they don't have a job already. So it was felt that we needed to bring the Bath Academy teaching sessions to a conclusion. We will however be continuing with the lessons funded by Somerset Council, these being primarily aimed at the less advanced students.

At this point I must offer a really heartfelt thank you to all the helpers who have driven to Bath to pick up the teachers and bring them to Rode, and then return them at the end of the classes. Without their help these classes would not have been feasible, and so we and the Ukrainians are indebted to them for their dedicated effort over many months!

There are still issues for our guests to overcome, but on the whole these are more the issues that everyone in the community has to deal with. The one that comes to mind and has been discussed in the hosts' WhatsApp group recently is the difficulty (or rather impossibility) of getting registered with an NHS dentist. But as I say, this is not a problem specifically for the Ukrainians.

And then there are several unresolved issues around driving / cars / licenses / insurance and so on. But slowly these are being resolved one way or another.

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Meanwhile the Ukrainians are gradually and successfully being integrated into the community, so they have become less of a self-contained 'refugee' group and more just ordinary folk going about their business. And from the point of view of a Rode resident, the restoration of the D2 bus service to Rode means the Ukrainians (and we!) can travel to Bath so much more easily, a real bonus.

My Personal Note:

Our three guests will have been here for 3 months by the time you read this, and they have become very well settled in. We left them on their own in the house in September as we were abroad, but they were well supported by our buddies Jane and Martin, and Sue, so we had no real concerns. And with the Internet and instant communication these days, it doesn't seem you are really ever out of contact, even when in a lodge in the Amazon jungle!

Volodymyr continues to find leads for his company back in Ukraine, which provides personal self-contained self-rescue safety equipment to outfits involved in underground work, tunnelling and so on. The kit comes into use when people are trapped in a confined space, and will provide a supply of oxygen for anything up to 3 hours, which can of course be life-saving. Olena is developing various software projects, and when she showed me her code the other day, it brought back nostalgic memories of when I used to write software for a living! Meanwhile, Volodymyr's mother Liliia is currently back in Kyiv, clarifying her work situation. Apparently if she doesn't turn up in person she can be dismissed, which seems a bit harsh in the current situation.

Despite their inevitable concerns, still they manage to remain cheerful and upbeat, a real pleasure to have living with us, not just a duty.

We share meals together from time to time and sit chewing the international cud round the table for hours at a time, often discussing the finer points of English grammar. For example the other day we were talking about the use of 'either...or' and its negative counterpart 'neither... nor'. I then realised that though we may say 'I am not going' with the response 'Neither am I', if we say 'I am going' we do not respond with 'Either am I', we say 'So am I'. This they found somewhat confusing (me too when I thought about it!). But we also talk of their hopes and aspirations for the future, all the more sad and difficult given the state of limbo they find themselves in at the moment, with no prospect of an early resolution.

Who know what the months ahead have in store for us all?

Ali Smith

Parish News

MDC RODE DRAINAGE PROJECT - LATEST NEWSLETTER

Since our last newsletter to you in March 2022, the project team has been working hard through the tender process to appoint a contractor to undertake the long awaited infrastructure improvements to the village.



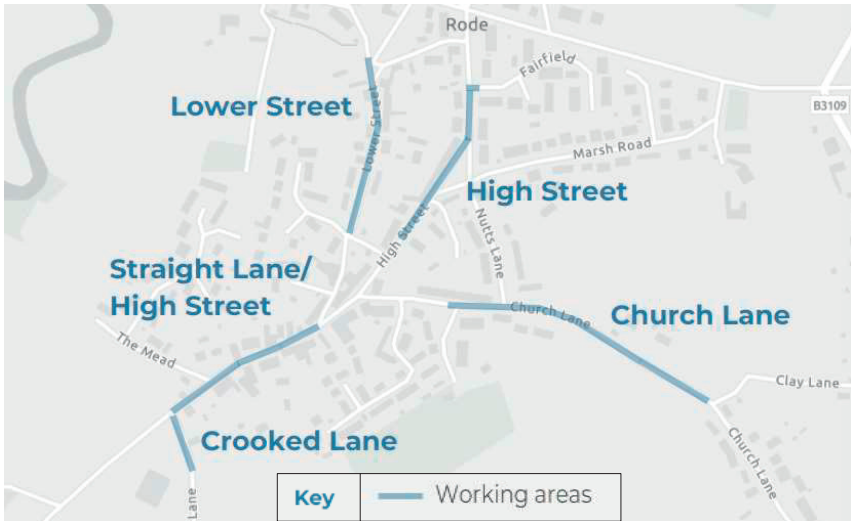
Through this process it became clear that additional funding needed to be secured to deliver the extent of works that we felt were crucial to the long term flood resilience of the village. The rising fuel prices and costs of materials are partly to blame, but we also did not know at the time of the initial funding award for Rode what the CCTV surveys would find.

We are pleased to inform you that the **Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA)** Board approved the additional funding in September (circa £200,000) to deliver the full scope of works.

We can confirm that works for the **Rode Drainage Project** are now due to commence on **7 November 2022**.

The programme for the works is expected to be **6 weeks**, with completion anticipated by **16 December 2022**.

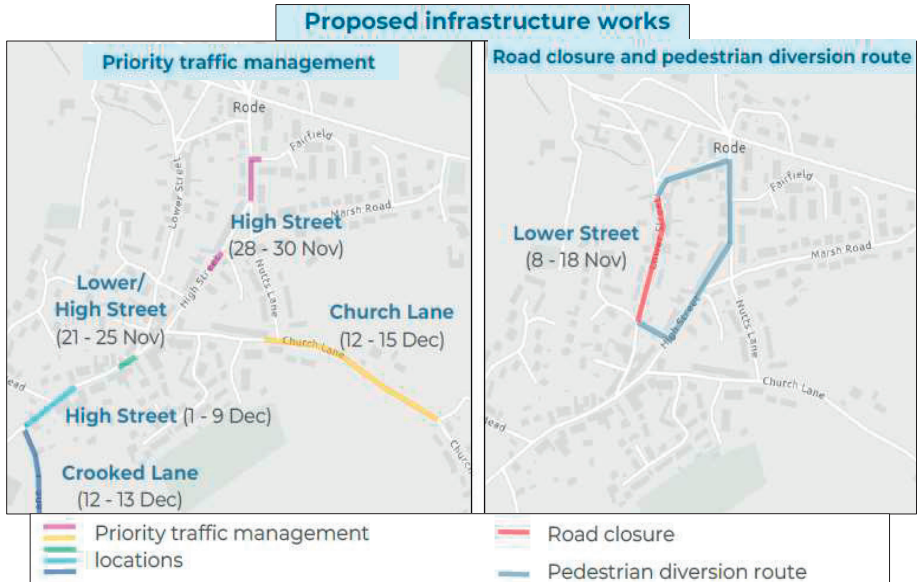
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community for your continued support on this project. We appreciate that it has taken us a long time to get to this stage, so thank you for your patience.



Traffic Management

Traffic management measures will be required during the proposed infrastructure works in order to ensure the safety of the contractors and the public. The measures will include road closures and priority traffic management as set out below.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the construction phase of these important works.



Mendip Flood Hub

For further information about the Rode Drainage Project and other projects within Mendip district, please visit: mendip-flood-risk-management-programme-mendip.hub.arcgis.com/

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



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

Parish News

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Do you have an old tent, sleeping bag, or blankets that you no longer need?

**CARE 4
CALAIS**

If so, and they're clean and in good condition, it would be great if I could collect them from you - I'm a Care4Calais collection point, and as winter approaches there is a desperate need for such items in and around Calais.



The majority of refugees in Calais are from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Eritrea and Sudan. These are all amongst the top 10% most dangerous countries in the world. There are virtually no legal ways for such individuals to reach the UK (where most have some family link). Many have fled war or oppression and are now at the mercy of the winter weather.

Your old tent or sleeping bag can help keep families warm over winter.

I'm planning a trip to Calais at the end of November, so – if you have something you can donate – contact me via the email below. In addition to tents, sleeping bags and blankets, men's coats are also a high priority.

Many thanks in advance!

Jim McAuliffe

E: Jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com

SPEED WATCH

Do you wish to help reduce speeding traffic within the village? The speed watch team needs more volunteers - just 2 or 3... be assured there's no fixed obligation.

One of the present team does just 1 hour every six weeks or so. Another does about 6 months of the year. It is an as you are able task for 1 hour of your time. Be interested and do your bit for the village, please contact me to learn more...

Malcolm Wood

T: 830301 E: mwood17@uwclub.net

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

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

1st - £50.00 Tim Plaister, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 Olivia Nolan, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Pat Smith, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2... Vaughan Bristow, Rode (Thanks 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 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 draw Wednesday 30th November.

If anyone would like to do the draw just ask.

Keith Sharman

T: 830408

200 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

The winners for September were:

1st Prize £50 Sally Dignan

2nd Prize £25 Wendy Gould

Drawn by Janet Metcalfe and Pauline Leaver.

Thank you.

Jan Jupp



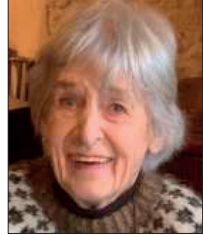
Parish News

LAVERTON NEWS

Birthday Wishes!

I would like to begin by wishing a very special Lavertonian a belated happy birthday.

The wonderful Mhairi Milligan celebrated her 97th birthday on Sunday 23rd October. Many happy returns Mhairi from all of your friends and neighbours in Laverton.



The Queen's Green Canopy:

A new tree has been planted in St Mary's churchyard Laverton as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy initiative.

The tree, kindly donated by Graham and Gilli Weeks is an Amelanchier or 'Robin Hill'. The label describes it as follows - Lovely neat small tree bearing mid green leaves, bronze when young. Racemes of white flowers in early spring precede the leaves followed by blue/black fruit. Stunning autumn colour.

It's been planted beside the weeping pear behind Church Cottage which makes it visible from the road.

Many thanks to Gilli and Graham - such a gorgeous reminder of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for years to come.

Laverton Defibrillator Update:

We're almost there! Everything is ready and waiting for the defibrillator to be installed.

The electrician is lined up and we're now just awaiting permission from the Church to allow us to install it in the porch of St Mary's - watch this space!

St Mary's Church Laverton Christmas Bazaar:

Just a reminder that the Christmas Bazaar is being held on Saturday 26th November 2022 between 10.30am and 12 noon (see page 47). Everyone welcome!

Jackie Moss

Laverton Newsletter

Parish History

THERE'S BURIED TREASURE IN THESE PARTS!

I was so pleased to get this story from Shirley Sargent about Will's exciting find in Laverton. Will and a family friend often spend time with their metal detectors on the land around the farm.

They were excited to recently discover a small silver lion, which on closer inspection turned out to be part of a spoon. The item is now in the safe hands of the British History Museum and the Coroner has opened an inquest as the item has been classed as treasure. Below is an excerpt from their findings so far.



Find: silver spoon terminal. Description: An incomplete Post-Medieval silver spoon terminal. It is a lion couchant, facing. It is a detailed depiction with body, legs and head realistically depicted and with engraving to show fur. The head, however, appears to have been modelled on the face of a person, with hair, in 17th century long style (rather than a mane) heavy eyebrows and moustache but no beard. Possibly allegorical alluding to Charles II. The lion is moulded in such a way as to lie flat on its stomach and folded legs, with the very top of the shaft/stem of the oval section spoon handle evident within a rectangular plinth at the tail of the animal. There is a maker's mark stamped on the lion's back, possibly reading H.C. The spoon handle was lost to an early break. Date: c. AD 1650-1700 Discussion: no direct parallel in metalwork has been found.

Well done Will - keep up with the detecting!

The Antiquities Liaison Officer has said it is unlikely the item will ever be returned to Laverton but will be exhibited in a museum somewhere.

Historians tend to work at a fairly slow pace - when an item is 400 years old – what's another few months!

Watch this space for a further update on the Laverton Lion!



Jackie Moss

Laverton Newsletter

Parish Health & Wellbeing

WHY CAN'T I SEE MY GP?

A good question and I have every sympathy for anyone asking it at the moment, as the NHS struggles in almost every area with a mismatch between demand and resources.

Our team are working as hard as they safely and sustainably can and yet appointments are often still in short supply: our practice team provided almost 85,000 appointments last year, with the majority of those being face-to-face.



Looking ahead in hope, some good news to impart:

Firstly, direct booking of face-to-face appointments with GPs is back! From the beginning of October, we have been offering pre-bookable routine appointments with a choice of face to face or telephone, subject to availability. We receive feedback that both appointment types are very valued and so are offering a mixture. Requests for acute on-the-day care with our GPs and Advanced Nurse Practitioners will continue to be 'phone first', as this allows us to prioritise the most acutely unwell and make sure that those presenting with an urgent medical need are seen at the most appropriate time and place, by the most appropriate person.

Secondly, I am pleased to announce that Roxine has joined our team as our second ANP. ANPs have additional training to provide on-the-day care for acute medical problems and exacerbations as a GP would, allowing us to release GPs from this to routine and complex care, so that we can get back to offering continuity of care and management of long-term problems in pre-booked routine appointments. Our ANP team are key to us being able to provide more routine face-to-face GP appointments in future.

So, if you think you need on-the-day acute medical care, you may well speak to or see an ANP and not a GP. Our four first contact physiotherapists are also able to assess, diagnose and treat patients presenting with musculoskeletal problems at first presentation with shorter wait times than GPs.

We are now on Facebook! Check us out for news and useful information.

Finally, I would encourage you to get your COVID and influenza immunisations, if eligible: we may well be facing a very tough winter ahead.

Dr John Beaven
Senior Partner

Parish Health & Wellbeing

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET (CCS) LATEST

Carers: November 24th is Carers Rights day – our Somerset Carers Agents, support unpaid Carers in Somerset. We have a whole week of training, activities and fun planned for those who look after others – find out what’s coming up here: somersectcarers.org/news/

Staying warm and well this winter: Many people will be extremely concerned about the rise in fuel costs. Please do get in touch if you are struggling – we want everyone to be warm and well this winter! Alternatively, contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy and their Home Energy team on 0800 082 2234 to deal with fuel debt, help find cheaper fuel, aid in switching suppliers and more. Go to youtube.com/watch?v=y7FsnSrJAow and watch a Talking Café with tips and advice on saving and keeping warm home.

Over 60, or rely on electricity for medical or mobility reasons or have a hearing or visual impairment or a long-term health condition? Sign up for the priority services register here: nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services/priority-services-register, the website also has advice for registering with other utilities. Many older people in Somerset are forced to choose between heating and eating. Agents will be able to help with keeping warm by distributing Surviving Winter Grants to those most in need. Funding comes from the financially able donating their winter fuel payment to SCF – to do this please visit: somersectcf.org.uk/special-projects/surviving-winter

Crisis Fund Appeal: The CCS Crisis Fund is distributed by Village and Community Agents to help people in crisis situations. A small grant can make a huge difference – and we need your help now more than ever! We are asking YOU to get involved anyway you can with sponsored runs, bake sales, walks - setting yourself any kind of #CrisisFundChallenge – or by simply and very kindly donating! Please visit somersectagents.org/crisis to find out more. You can donate to a county-wide ‘pot’ localgiving.org/charity/somersectcrisisfund/ or text CRISIS to 70580 to donate £10. You can donate locally: Text **MENDIP** to 70085 to donate £10 or visit localgiving.org/charity/somersectcrisisfund/project/mendipcrisisfund/
Recent examples where the Crisis Fund has helped:

- Buying 2 mattress protectors for a carer supporting an incontinent loved one
- Supporting a family with funeral costs for their teenage son
- Purchasing children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer

If you think your local CCS Village Agent help you in any way, please call 01823 331 222 or visit www.somersectagents.org/agent-call-back and request a call back. To find out more about all that CCS offers visit: www.ccslovesomerset.org

Nic Edwards

Local Village Agent

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Parish Youth News & Events

CAN YOU HELP BECKINGTON PRE SCHOOL AVERT CLOSURE...

We take children from all of the surrounding villages and Frome.

We desperately need new Committee Members or the Preschool will have to close permanently. The Preschool is run and CAN ONLY BE RUN if we have Committee Members.



Committee Members do not have to have a child at Preschool, perhaps someone newly retired, or with older children? Or someone that just cares about the running of the Preschool for the children.

Committee Members do not have to have an official role but in particular, we are looking for a Treasurer. The Accounts are well organised & the numbers are good. We all support each other in our roles.

We meet at the Preschool or pub for about one hour a month on a very informal, friendly basis.

Please, please message if you are interested or would like further info and if you cannot help then please spread the word.

Thank you.

Beckington Preschool

E: info@beckingtonpre-school.co.uk

RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time

9.30-11.30pm

Rode Chapel



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Parish People

A CHARITY WORKING IN EAST AFRICA MOVES TO RODE

CHASE Africa has recently moved to an office at Barrow Farm in Rode.

I have been lucky enough to have visited Kenya many times over the last 45 years. My father-in-law was in the safari world and we had some wonderful trips into wild places. It was thrilling to see Africa's extraordinary range of wildlife, many related to species we in the 'developed' world had hunted to extinction many years ago.



But each trip was tinged with a sense of sadness as a rapidly increasing number of people were living in poverty, and what had been wild land, was now cleared for settlement and agriculture.

My wife's family lived close to a shrinking forest and determined to try and make a difference I founded a charity called the Rift Valley Tree Trust in 2000.

We began to plant trees in schools, woodlots on small farms, and along watercourses. It was through the course of this work that I had some fascinating conversations with women about the challenges they faced. What became very clear was that most of them these women would like to have had fewer children and to have been able to look after them better, but that this wasn't an option as there was no access to family planning.

It became very obvious that there was a link between poverty, the disappearing forest and the lack of family planning. The Rift Valley Tree Trust changed its name to Community Health and Sustainable Environments (CHASE) Africa in 2012.

Since then we have supported organisations in East Africa to start projects which provide access to sexual and reproductive health information and services, such as family planning.

We continue to plant trees to protect the environment and build resilience to climate change.

We focus on reaching marginalised, rural communities who have an unmet need for family planning, poor access to health services generally and whose lives and livelihoods are heavily depending on natural resources, so there are strong connections between environmental and human health.

Parish People



A mobile clinic on the move in North Kenya

In recent years, CHASE Africa has established an effective approach of working with conservation organisations, to support them to engage in community health projects, including addressing issues around lack of access to family planning

I think most people can agree that Planet Earth cannot cope with an ever-increasing human population. How many people the world can support, where we all have a reasonable standard of living, and where we can start to repair the damage we have done to the natural world, depends on many things. What we all consume is a primary issue.

Africa's population is predicted to double by 2050. Umpteen millions of people already live in dire poverty and a rapidly increasing population will only increase the pressure on what is, in many places, an increasingly depleted environment. Coupled with the fact that Africa is facing the added burden of climate change, giving women the chance to choose how many children they would like to have can only point to a brighter future for those that live there.

CHASE Africa is participating in the Big Give Christmas Challenge fundraising week from the 29th of November until the 6th of December. Any donations in this week will be doubled as part of the campaign. There will be a live link on our website to this campaign www.chaseafrica.org.uk

It costs us just £5 to give a couple family planning for a year. This gives the opportunity for a family to break out of poverty and to give their children a much better start in life We would be very grateful for any support.

Robin Witt

Parish Friends & Family Notices



I, James, Kate and Jeremy are overwhelmed by peoples' kind words, cards, letters and beautiful flowers for the sudden loss of Tony - we thank you all so much.

Jenny Gayer

TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN BEREAVED..

In the last few weeks I seem to have heard of the passing of several Hardington Vale parishioners, the majority of whom were residents of Rode.



I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere condolences to all those who have recently lost a member of their family.

In this last year it does seem as though we have lost rather more of our parishioners than has been the average of recent years.

I felt it timely to explain that we do not mention deaths, births or weddings in the magazine unless requested to. We would not wish to intrude or appear to be selective.

Some of the deceased have been remembered by their relatives and friends in the pages of The Link. However, many have not.

If anyone should wish to use The Link to remember the life of a family member or friend, or to communicate information to family, friends and acquaintances please do not hesitate to do so.

I can be reached via T: 01373 831072 E: gillhleonard@aol.com

Gill Leonard
Editor

Parish Gardening

NOVEMBER GARDEN NOTES

I managed to sneak in a day trip to RHS Wisley recently on the most glorious autumnal day. I drove along the A303 and the M3, in and out of rolling mists, but by the time I parked up the sun was out and the sky was one huge uninterrupted expanse of intense azure. Glorious.

There was a lot to enjoy at Wisley, but the autumnal trees were outstanding. It reminded me of RHS Chelsea Flower Show autumn of 2021, when the Queen's Green Canopy garden project was launched: 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' - every county in the UK was invited to create a network of trees, tree-lined avenues, copses and woodlands in honour of Her Majesty's 70 years of service to the nation. Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II the project has been extended until the end of March 2023, so there's still plenty of time to choose and plant your own tree. I've got a few recommendations below for slightly unusual small to medium-sized trees that really show off their autumn foliage but if you don't think you have the space, I've also included a couple of suggestions for shrubs and perennials that also give a fiery autumnal glow in the garden. Surely there's something there to pique your curiosity and inspire you to get planting?

Trees:

- Amelanchier - whether lamarckii, 'Robin Hill', 'Ballerina' or any of the other varieties, all have delightful colour in the autumn
- Parrotia persica - Persian ironwood with flaking bark and colourful leaves
- Cercyodiphyllum japonicum - the tree that smells of burnt sugar in autumn
- Nyssa sylvatica - a native curiously not so well-known, it's lovely
- Acer griseum - chosen for its peeling bark, especially in low autumn sunlight
- Malus (crab apples) & Prunus (cherry trees) - most have great autumn colours
- Liquidambar styraciflua - a bigger tree but boy is it worth the space it takes!

Shrubs:

- Euonymus Alataus - lots of different spindle varieties to choose from, it's called the burning bush for a reason!
- Euonymus europaeus 'Red Sentinel' - any type of Euonymus, with fascinating berries and foliage
- Cotinus - one of my all time favourites. Depending on the variety, it'll have plum/purple foliage through the year but it's outstanding in the autumn
- Viburnum plicatum 'Mariesii' - wide branching & tiered, strong autumn colour
- Vaccinium corymbosum - aka the blueberry bush - really good autumn colour as well as the delicious berries
- Callicarpa bodinieri var giraldii 'Profusion' - the beauty berry, slightly weird purple berries. I find them a bit too psychedelic in colour, you might like them?

Muddy Fingernails

A Parishioners Challenging Experience

SWIMMING THE NORTH COAST OF LESVOS

Back in November 2018 I spent a month volunteering with a small humanitarian charity called Lighthouse Relief on the north coast of Lesbos, Greece. Lesbos had been at the forefront of the refugee crisis in 2015 and 2016 when thousands of refugees were arriving every day. Although numbers were much reduced by 2018, there was still much to be done. And, after returning from my stint as a volunteer, in 2019 I started to work formally with the charity and have done ever since.

The Idea: Whilst on a short visit to Lesbos in the summer of 2019 I had the idea of doing a swim to raise money for Lighthouse. Not that I'm a swimmer! At the time I couldn't even swim front crawl and was pretty nervous about the sea.

But I knew, if I was going to ask people to sponsor me, I needed to do something that would really stretch me. My initial plan was to do the swim in the summer of 2020. However, Covid intervened, and then, in early 2021, I started suffering with tendinopathy in my right shoulder, which basically meant I couldn't swim. A long period of rehabilitation followed, but I eventually set a date - 1st October 2022. The swim itself was to be 6km, the distance from the Turkish shore to the "safety" of the Greek border, halfway between Turkey and Lesbos. It would have been impossible to replicate that exact journey, but 6km was also the distance from the lighthouse at Korakas (which inspired the name of the charity) to the fishing village of Skala Sikamineas where the charity had been based, and that's the route I followed.

Preparation: There were three things I needed to do to prepare myself for the swim – 1. Overcome my fear of sea swimming and get used to swimming a reasonable distance in the open sea; 2. Sort out my shoulder; 3. Get fit! To address the first issue, I went on a few holidays with a small company called Swimquest. These trips were invaluable, specially the most recent one where I was able to gradually get accustomed to swimming 2km-3km in the open sea, in a safe environment. To manage my shoulder, I had a great physio and tried to follow his exercise regime as closely as possible. It needed a lot of patience, but I stuck with it. And with fitness, I soon realised there were no shortcuts, especially as I'm now the grand old age of 60! I had a simple routine involving two or three visits to the pool every week. I gradually ramped up the distances, so that in the final month I was doing 2km or 2.5km every time I went to the pool. Ideally I would have swum a bit further, but I'm rather slow, and to be honest doing 100+ lengths in the pool can be a bit tedious!

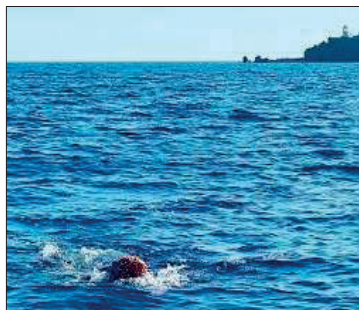


A Parishioners Challenging Experience

The Swim: The swim almost didn't go ahead as planned. On the eve of the big day, one of the guys who had helped organise everything rang me to tell me there was a problem. It turned out that we needed to get permission from the Hellenic Coast Guard to do the swim. My immediate thought was that classic Greek bureaucracy was going to cause the whole thing to be abandoned. However, after further consultation, and a trip to see a very jovial coast guard in the nearest town, I signed a rather forbidding document which, as far as I could tell, basically gave the coast guard the right not to rescue me if I got in trouble! After that, they were very happy to wish me luck and allow the swim to proceed.

On the day, the sea was colder than anticipated. Luckily I'd taken a wetsuit with me, but as I hadn't done any training in a wetsuit it took me at least half an hour to get used to it, which didn't help my initial anxiety levels!

Plus, I had multiple other anxieties: jellyfish, cramp, my shoulder, the weather, my general fitness levels.... But most of all, I was very much out of my comfort zone and attempting something that was significantly more challenging than I'd ever done before. Also, because I was raising money for charity, I had to be very public about the swim, and I was absolutely dreading the prospect of potentially telling my sponsors that I had failed.



I anticipated that the first few kilometres would be mentally the toughest, and this proved to be the case. It took me ages to get my breathing right, and the novelty of swimming in a wetsuit made it worse. I had two techniques to combat the demons. Firstly, I just focused on my stroke and tried to banish every other thought from my head. And, when I found the doubts and fears filtering in, I thought about an amazing family member who is fighting leukaemia and reminded myself how brave she is. That was very inspiring. And, with a bit of help from a following wind, I managed to complete the swim in just under 2 hours. I was extremely relieved!

Hopefully my swim will have helped raise awareness that the refugee crisis in Greece isn't over, and also provided some much needed funds for Lighthouse's vital work. It was also a great lesson for me personally, as it helped to prove that I could overcome my fears and do something pretty challenging. And, if you are interested, you can still donate to my fundraiser by following this link: <https://www.globalgiving.org/fundraisers/korakas/>

Jim McAuliffe

Parish Groups

RODE WALKING GROUP (2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

October's walk took place on a gloriously bright and sunny autumn morning, we were exceedingly lucky!

We set off from the village green in Faulkland, following one of the many public footpaths that lead away from the village, only to be instantly thwarted by a recently ploughed field!



Choosing another path instead we passed the remains of lavender rows and then came across a field of sunflowers from which a flock of gold finches, who had obviously been enjoying the seedheads, rose up in front of us. It was such a magnificent sight that we stopped short to watch them fly into nearby trees and to debate what species they were. Once they had decided that we were not a threat they returned to the feast.

After following lanes, with far-reaching views to the south, we came to a junction where the unanimous decision to leave the planned route in order to visit Hemington Church was taken.

This Norman Church, the oldest parts being the south aisle and the nave, dates from the 1340s with several updates and additions taking place throughout the centuries. One especially interesting feature was a 900 year old stone hedgehog carved at the foot of a column. It was so small that it might easily have been missed but for a vigilant walker reading the comprehensive guide provided.

Next month the walk will be on Tuesday 8th November following paths on the outskirts of Bradford on Avon. Meet near Sainsburys, parking in Moulton Drive just over the canal bridge, at 10 am.

We will walk along the canal path towards Trowbridge before turning off to follow a public footpath that runs alongside the river back to BoA. Coffee at the Lock Inn on the return to the cars by way of the canal path.

Please contact me for further details or any transport queries.

Liz Dinnis

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NB The walks will always be cancelled if there is a heavy persistent downpour but drizzle won't deter us!

Parish Groups

RODE CRAFT CLUB

We each bring long whatever we are working on, share ideas and skills and enjoy each other's company over a cuppa and biscuits.



There is no need to book or to commit to coming every week. We have knitters, embroiderers, crocheters, card makers, leather workers and cross stitchers. The list goes on!

We have all abilities too, from 'new to' crafters to the experienced. We all help each other.

So if you fancy a change this Autumn, why not give us a try - Rode Craft Club weekly on Thursday afternoons, 2-4 pm at Rode Chapel.

Val Parker

RODE OVER SIXTIES CLUB

At our meeting on 14th of October we were entertained to an historical slide show of Rode village by Peter Harris, one of our members. It was fascinating to see how the village developed over the centuries and, as we only covered up to the end of the 17th Century, we will be looking forward to another instalment sometime next year. Thank you Peter.

This was followed by our usual tea and raffle.

Birthday greetings in November go to Mrs Helen Toogood (13)th, Mrs Hazel Robinson (19)th and Mrs Sue Shannon(29)th. We all send you our best wishes for a very happy day.

Our next meeting, on Friday 11th November, is entitled "Antiques and Valuations" when Mr Gareth Wasp from Cooper and Tanner will be telling us about any items we may care to bring along for valuation. He will charge a nominal fee of £1 per item for his charity.

This sounds like a fun afternoon so start unearthing your heirlooms, the more obscure the better and see if we can challenge his expertise a little!

Ros Dymond

Parish Groups

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB NEXT MEETING 7TH NOVEMBER

What a great gathering we had on 3rd October - 24 members came and enjoyed what was a very popular lunch!!

It's great that our numbers have increased so much, we're delighted that Lunch Club is thriving - nothing better than seeing our more senior villagers enjoying themselves, especially now our wonderful Year 4 Rode School children are back helping serving and interacting with our older folks - a truly all inclusive community event!!!



So - our next meeting is next Monday, 7th November, 12.15 at The Village Hall - come and join us for a tasty two course, freshly home cooked meal, for £5 per person (please bring cash as we have no card facility). Bring your own wine if you fancy as The Hall is fully licensed!

If you've not been before you'll be most welcome but please let me know well in advance that you'd like to come - with our numbers increasing it's even more important now - please don't just pitch up!! We can arrange transport if you need help getting to the Hall.



Our Christmas Lunch Club will be held on 5th December - please make sure you book your place for what is a great event!!

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

T: 01373 830836 / 07828600095



RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We missed our talk on Dahlias in October and hope Julia will be able to come and talk on another date.



In November we welcome Nicholas Wray, a very distinguished Director of the Bristol Botanic Garden, to talk about The Landscape and Gardens of Sicily. Monday 14th November 7.30pm in Rode Village Hall. In December we will have a sharing Christmas Supper on Monday 12th December at 7pm.

Averil Morrow

Forthcoming Parish Events



**NORTON ST PHILIP
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2022

GATES OPEN 6 PM - BONFIRE LIT 6:30PM - FIREWORKS START 7 PM
MULLED WINE - SPARKLERS - BBQ - BAR (Cash only)

ADMISSION ON THE DAY (Cash only)
ADULTS ~ £5 CHILDREN ~ £3

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY :-
PLEASE DON'T BRING FIREWORKS WITH YOU
DON'T DRIVE OR PARK ON THE CHURCHMEAD

ORGANISED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH MEAD
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCHMEAD

Forthcoming Parish Events



Come along for a fun-filled evening
and grab yourself a bargain!

Fully stocked bar & Raffle

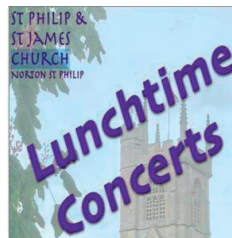
Rode Village Hall

November 9th, 6-9pm

Forthcoming Parish Events

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS IN NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH

This month's lunchtime concert takes place on **Thursday 10th November** and features The Band Of Pilgrims. They describe themselves as "more or less an acoustic band that have been together for several years now and have played in churches, pubs and cathedrals". Their repertoire includes old blues numbers and gospel tunes alongside original songs. www.thebandofpilgrims.co.uk



The concert starts at 1pm and tickets are £5, available on the door. If you haven't come to any of the concerts yet do come and join us and if you have been to them spread the word and invite a friend.

Nick Sorensen

REMEMBRANCE PARADE - SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022



The village are very fortunate to be joined once again by soldiers from 9 Regiment RLC Buckley Barracks, Stanton St Quintin, Chippenham.

Rode's Scout Group will be out in force once again.

We will all march to the village green from the village hall for 10.50am.

The Service will be entirely outside again this year. Please come and join us on the Green.

Howard Russell
Group Scout Leader



Fancy A New Hobby For The Winter?

We're recruiting for new bellringers at St. Lawrence...
and are holding an open evening for anyone interested
to see how it is done and have a go.



15th November from 7.30pm - 9pm.
All are welcome, hope to see you there!



Forthcoming Parish Events

ASHA EVENING

Asha, Hardington Vale's recently appointed international charity is a charity working in the slums of Delhi, India. They started 35 years ago when a recently graduated doctor rolled out her rug in a cholera-ridden slum and started dispensing medicines.

Since then they have grown to support 95 slums and some 700,000 people with healthcare, environmental improvements, self-empowerment programmes, education, financial inclusion and most recently through the Coronavirus pandemic. You can find out more at www.asha-india.org



The founder, Dr Kiran Martin and her husband Freddy, work tirelessly to improve the lot of those least able to help themselves. Already known to many in Hardington Vale, they depend entirely on charitable donations to fund their operations.

A bring and share curry supper evening will be happening at St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip on **Saturday 12th November at 6.30pm** and Freddy will be attending, accompanied by a young lad from the slums. Before dinner they will tell about life in the slums and what Asha is doing to help. There will be photo books and Delhi slum cookbooks for sale (great Christmas presents!) and the chance to talk to Freddy over the bring and share curries.

Please do come and bring a curry or side dish to share – rice and drinks will be provided. No entrance fee - but a donation to Asha would be greatly appreciated.

Please do come and bring a curry or side dish to share – rice and drinks will be provided. No entrance fee but a donation to Asha would be greatly appreciated. For more information do contact me T: 07860 799426 E: mark@mar-com.net

Mark Baines

Forthcoming Parish Events

SCOUTS FAIR FROME FOODBANK COLLECTION



Tuesday 15th November, 6.30pm to 9.00pm, Rode's Scouts and Explorer Scouts will be picking up donated non-perishable food and basic toiletries from homes and doorsteps in Rode for the Fair Frome Foodbank. It's a very good cause, helping local people who are in crisis to bounce back.

This year we will be ringing doorbells again but if it is more convenient for you to leave a box or bag labelled 'Foodbank' on your doorstep please do so. If for some reason we fail to pick up your food donation, please contact me on 07831 904948 to organise collection. Thank you.

Claire Le Page

Norton St Philip
ARTISTS TOGETHER



**Arts & Crafts
Weekend**

FRIDAY 18, SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

CERAMICS • DRAWING • GRAPHICS • JEWELLERY • LEATHER •
PHOTOGRAPHY • PAINTING • SCULPTURE • POTTERY •
PRINTMAKING • STAINED GLASS • TEXTILES • WATER COLOURS

Brewery House, Barn and Chicken Shed • Gaugers • Fairfield, Bell Hill
• St Philip & St James Church • Palairet Hall •
Rowen Tree, Ringwell Lane • Townsend

Friday 18:30 – 21:00 Saturday 10:00 – 17:00 Sunday 14:00 – 17:00

Free catalogues available from Pubs, Coop & Church & venues
or email tonyjday22@gmail.com

Forthcoming Parish Events



Friday
18th November

A CINEMATIC RETURN

7:30 pm
at the
Memorial Hall

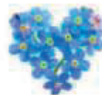
RODE ROXY **DOWNTON ABBEY** **PU**
A NEW ERA

• Doors open 7pm • Raffle • Licensed Bar •
Tickets £6.00 at the Post Office • £6.50 on the door

The poster features a large group of the Downton Abbey cast in period attire, posed in front of a grand stone building. A vintage red car is parked on the right, with a dog lying on the ground in front of it. Two studio lights are visible on the left and right sides of the scene.

Forthcoming Parish Events

Forget-me-not Café



When? - 21st November (THIRD Monday of every month) 2.30 – 4 pm

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

321jorobinson@gmail.com 01373 831381

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 15th December: Saxophony

Our favourite saxophone quartet will offer a programme of Christmas music to bring our musical year to a close.

Thursday 5th January: The Nick Sorensen / John Law Duo

Nick Sorensen is looking forward to being able to team up with John Law “one of the UKs most imaginative and versatile jazz pianists” (International Piano Magazine).”



Parish Christmas News, Events & Food

NATIVITY POSADA 2022

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

I have made two Posada boxes which are Covid safe as all the items are wooden and therefore washable. These two new Covid safe Posada boxes successfully made their way around the villages in 2021 for the first time.



Families sign up to look after the Posada Box for one day and night. In the Posada Box are the Holy Family and animals and the Nativity story in a wipeable folder, the story of the Posada 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.

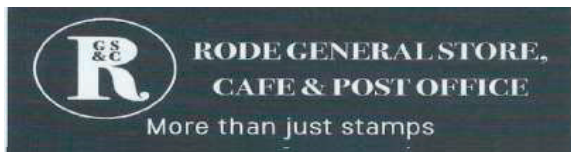
Would your family like to be part of this lovely Christmas tradition? Please contact me for more details ASAP if you would as I make the rota up during the last weeks of November.

Many thanks

Sue Rodford

Children's and Family Worker Hardington Vale Parish
T: 01373 812766 E: kidschurch@hardingtonvale.org.uk

Parish Christmas News, Events & Food



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 sourced products are available to order.
Last date for ordering, Friday 9th December. £10 deposit required.
Orders will be ready for collection before noon on Christmas Eve.
Order forms are available in the shop.

Christmas Opening Hours Will Be As Follows:



Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 9am - 1pm
Christmas Day Sunday 25th December Closed
Boxing Day Monday 26th December Closed
Bank Holiday Tuesday 27th December Closed
Wednesday 28th December 9am -1pm
Thursday 29th December 9am - 5.30pm
Friday 30th December 9am – 5.30pm
New Year's Eve Saturday 31st December 9am -1pm
New Year's Day Sunday 1st January Closed
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd January Closed
Tuesday 3rd January 9am-5.30pm

32a High Street, Rode BA11 6PA
Telephone 01373 830321

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**We are now taking
Christmas Orders**



Farleigh Road

FARM SHOP & CAFÉ



**Last Order Date
15th December
01225 720006**

**Book a Work or Family
Christmas Meal
Call for information.**



Have you tried our cafe yet?

We are serving a great selection
of Winter Warmers!

Perfect for this time of year.

Cafe Opening Times

Breakfast 9:00-11:30

Lunch 12:00-3:30

Afternoon Tea Served Until 4:00

 Farleigh Road Farm Shop  @Farleighroadfarmshop  farleighrdfarmshop

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THE MILL
At Rode

RECENTLY RE-OPENED UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT



Now taking booking for **Christmas Parties** from small groups up to 100 guests in our private function space. Please visit our website for sample menus and email for more information.

01373 673112 | info@themillatode.com | themillatode.com |  

RODE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

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

James advised the plan is that it will be erected over the weekend 19th/20th November.

The weekend before they open for Christmas Tree sales in Rode (see page 46).



Gill Leonard
Editor

Parish Christmas News, Events & Food

RODE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Rode Chapel's Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 19th November, 10am – 2pm**. Get your Christmas shopping done early.

We will have a range of crafts for sale from various local craftspeople, some of whom have been before and some new to us.

You can expect to see lots of friends plus sweets, lampshades, cushion covers, toys, stocking fillers, jewellery, cards and loads more.

All topped off by a cuppa, cakes and/or Bill's famous bacon rolls – and try your luck at the raffles – both children's and adults'.

...and if you would like to donate a cake we will be happy to receive it!

Ros Jackson



OSBORNE'S CHRISTMAS TREES

Hillview Farm, Marsh Road, Rode BA11 6PE

**OPEN DAILY FROM SATURDAY 26th November
9am - 5.30pm**

Traditional Norway spruce, Nordman & Frazer fir

Potted trees

Large trees up to 15ft

A variety of stands

Holly & Mistletoe

Wreaths

Loads and bags of logs and Kindling

Don't Forget your FREE Reindeer dust!!



Any latest updates and news will be listed via our facebook page and our website

www.o-christmas.co.uk

[01373 830571](tel:01373830571)

[07494 015440](tel:07494015440)

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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday
26 November

10.30 – 12.00

St Mary's Church

LAVERTON

PRODUCE & DECORATIONS

BRING
& BUY

in aid of
church funds
Entrances £1
for coffee &
biscuits

BOOKS
RAFFLE



F.R.A.N.S
Rode and Norton Schools

Family
Carol Singing

Everyone welcome - bring parents,
grandparents, toddlers and your singing voices!
Mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies
4pm
Monday 28th November
St Lawrence Church, Rode, BA11 6PW
Parking: Churchyard, The Bell



Winter Concert

Sat 3 December

7.30 pm

Mendip Male Voice Choir

St Philip & St James Church, Norton St Philip

Tickets £10 available from
The George, The Fleur de Lys or tel: 01373-834414
Licensed Bar
(proceeds for church funds)

The choir of choice for audiences, charities and as performance partners for other choirs



www.mendipmen.co.uk

Reg Charity No. 1154605



Christmas Lunch
7th December
@ 12.15pm
See page 31



Christmas Fayre
10th December
10.00am till 12 noon
In the Norton Church

There will be stalls including
Craft work
Coffee/tea
Mulled wine
Mince pies and cake stall

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RPF PAVILION CHRISTMAS MARKET FUNDRAISER

Rode Playing Field will be holding a Christmas Market at the Village Hall on the **11th December at the Village Hall, from 11am to 3pm.**

There'll be Crafts, food, gifts etc. Mulled wine and mince pies on sale. A raffle and lots more.

We are trying to raise funds to repair the Pavilion, please do come and help us, have a cup of coffee and a chat.

If you are Interested in a stall please contact either Ann on 830544, or Pat on 830572.

Ann Edney and Pat Restorick



RODE OUTDOOR NATIVITY

If anyone would like to dress up and take a part in our annual Outdoor Nativity at 3pm on Sunday 11th 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!

Sally Pickett

T: 831796

FRANS RODE SANTA DASH IS BACK

Save the date - Sunday 11th December, full details next month.



...no news as yet on Rotary Santa, hopefully he will be returning as usual and we will have details in time for inclusion in our December/January double issue.

Please do send in any details of parish Christmas and New Year events so we can include them for all to enjoy E: gillhleonard@aol.com

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.



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

Frome: Mondays 10am - 11.30am Cheese and Grain, Market Yd, Justice Ln, Frome BA11 1BE

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

Visit healthconnections Mendip.org to find out more about talking cafes and much more about



DOLCE SINGERS
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: DANIEL ROBERT CUSHING

**CHRISTMAS BY
CANDLELIGHT**
for all the family

Saturday 3rd
December, 7:30pm
St. Margaret's Church
Corsley

Tickets - £15 | Under 18 - £5
dolcesingers.co.uk

Dolce Singers making music

Noticeboard



Volunteer to be an Independent Visitor or Advocate for children in Somerset.

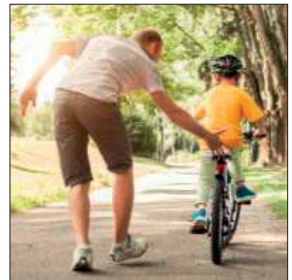
These are fascinating and inspiring opportunities, which can bring real benefits to vulnerable children and young people (travel and reasonable expenses are reimbursed).

You can help children and young people understand their rights and ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are heard.

What is an Independent Visitor?

Independent Visitors are volunteers who befriend and spend time with a child or young person who is in the care of the Local Authority. By law all local authorities have to provide an Independent Visitor service.

In Somerset our intention is to encourage the relationship between the Independent Visitor and young person to continue beyond care. This way the care leavers continue to benefit from support, while making the transition to young adulthood. Independent Visitors are highly valued by the young people as they may be the only person involved in their lives who is not paid to be there.



What is an Advocate?

An Advocate is an independent person who can offer one-to-one support to children and young people to have their voice heard when meetings are taking place concerning their wellbeing.

It's the role of the Advocate to speak up for the young person, make them aware of their rights, listen to them and represent their views, wishes and feelings. Why not join our bank of advocates? You chose when you're available.

Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills.

Please contact us and we will arrange a short visit or call to explain more and discuss your options.



For more information, visit our website at www.route1advocacy.co.uk

E: Route1businesssupportadmin@somerset.gov.uk
T: 01749 822801

Follow us on social media:   

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUSTS ONLINE AUCTION



Registrations for Somerset Wildlife Trusts popular virtual auction with money-can't-buy experiences and prizes from local businesses and artists is open. There is something for everyone, from exclusive tours and luxurious stays to beautiful paintings and drawings by renowned artists - more lots to be announced in the coming weeks. Many unique gifts and experiences have been donated including:

- **Knepp Rewilding Project: 1 week stay in Bothy for 1 or 2 guests** - Hidden in an ancient wood in the rewilded park surrounding Knepp Castle, originally a dairy for the castle's three cows, the Bothy has been converted into a charming rustic cabin. Enjoy a week getting close to nature, falling asleep to the hoots of owls and roaring stags, in this cosy and comfortable escape.
- **Exclusive gallery tour and lunch at Hauser & Wirth** – Enjoy a director-led tour for up to 4 people of *Louise Bourgeois Drawing Intimacy 1939 – 2010* and *Fabian Peake. an eye either side* at Hauser & Wirth Somerset, plus a two-course lunch for 4 with house wine at Roth Bar & Grill.
- **Box tickets at Bath Rugby Club, kindly donated by Ben Cundy at Advance Investments** – a supreme match day experience for 2 includes balcony viewing, full hospitality, complimentary drinks and, quite literally, the best seats in the house.
- **A private nature and wildlife photography day for 2**, led by Victoria Hillman, with a signed copy of her *Forgotten Little Creatures* book, which celebrates our local wildlife through a combination of photographs and scientific and historical facts.
- **Exclusive drone-flying experience at Ringdown Meadow in the Blackdown Hills** with Somerset Wildlife Trust's very own Environmental Records Centre Manager, Leon DeBell, who will demonstrate how we use and fly our drones for conservation and ecological purposes.
- **A truffle-making workshop for two at Craft House Chocolate in Somerton** - Learn how to make your very own truffles with an award-winning Chocolatier.
- **Private guided tours of some of Somerset's most beautiful reserves** – Experience a large blue butterfly walk at Green Down Nature Reserve, a dawn chorus walk in the Poldens or an exclusive Avalon Marshes Safari for two.
- **Incredible, unique gifts for nature lovers**, including Hawke Frontier Binoculars, complete bird dining station feeders, local gins and a wide variety of nature inspired artworks.

Live bidding commences at 7pm on Thursday 3 November. Bidding closes on Thursday 24 November at 9pm. To register to take part, please visit: somersetwildlife.org/auction

“We have always been overwhelmed by the success of our online auction in previous years and wanted to bring it back this year in a big way. This is a fantastic opportunity to buy some unique experiences and lovely gifts for the art or nature lover in your life, so dig deep and #BidForWildlife.” Kate Wilson, Community and Events Fundraising Manager

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Mike Salmon – Chair (MS), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR) and Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB)

In attendance: Cllr Dawn Denton, Hugh Williams – Clerk and 2 parishioners.

1. Public Participation: There were still problems on the Bradford Road with the hedge by the empty (for sale) house forcing pedestrians into the road, the Clerk had approached County Roads regarding this and a work number had been assigned but nothing had happened. He agreed to chase up. [Clerk's Note: This should be done within 7 days.]

There was comment that Mendip should remain consistent in its objection to the development on Barbara's Field. The Chair said that Mendip were still against this development.

The PC was asked about the flying of the Ukrainian flag and it was agreed this would only be flown on the country's significant days (with 14th October being the next one – Defenders of Ukraine Day).

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr J McAuliffe, Cllr A Pickett, Cllr B Lund (District Councillor) and Cllr A Boyden (County Councillor)

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 District Councillor: Cllr Lund's report had been circulated to the PC. There was support for the Mendip motion on river quality although it was uncertain what action could be taken. The Energy Saver website was a good place for people to look for energy tips (<https://somerseenergy saver.co.uk/>).

6. Report from County Councillor: Cllr Denton reported that Somerset County Council was struggling financially with overspend in some areas. The Local Community Networks (LCNs) were still the subject of a survey and it was possible this could be extended to 1st November. People across Somerset were encouraged to have a flu jab and also a Covid booster jab.

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7. Actions from previous meeting:

- i. **Trees: Merfield/The Mead:** Cllr Lund had chased Bo Walsh as to who should write to the owners regarding the state of the trees, but had not had a reply. [Clerk's Note: We have now heard Mendip will write to David James on this issue.]
- ii. **Ultrafast broadband:** Gigaclear had held an information evening and were still optimistic as to when Rode would have full fibre available. However, Voneus had gone quiet and it was unlikely fibre (via Gigaclear) would be in the village until late 2023. The base for the Gigaclear box had been put in on Lower Street so some progress was being made albeit later than promised.
- iii. **Bradford Road Hedge:** See under 1. Public Participation.
- iv. **Dog bin on Marsh Road and trees:** Grant Slade had moved the bin further up Marsh Road.
- v. **Slip road onto A36:** Videos were now available of vehicles stopping on the slip road and it was agreed that National Highways should be approached again to see what can be done to stop people parking on the slip road. Cllr Denton agreed to speak to Sara Davis at Somerset Highways to see if she had any contacts or the best way to take this forward with National Highways.
- vi. **Fire Plan:** Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue had informed the PC that they do have fire plans for rural areas. However, it was agreed that Frome Fire Service should be approached to come to Rode to see if any actions should be taken to reduce fire risks.

8. Climate Change Group: The Big Green Weekend had taken place this on 10/11 September and this had been well attended and the PC thanked Jim McAuliffe for arranging this. It was agreed that another one should be held but there was a need to try and encourage younger people to attend, especially as they would be the most effected by climate change.

9. Highways: A361 by the church: The wall had been hit again and damaged, there was concern that the insurance premiums could rise significantly as the wall had now been hit three times in recent years. Cllr Denton agreed to approach Sara Davis to see if there were any traffic calming measures that could be carried out to try and reduce accidents on these bends. Although a 30mph zone traffic often exceeded this limit. It was agreed traffic flow figures would also be given to Sara Davis.

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10. Planning:

i) New applications:

2022/1846/TCA: Fell birch tree – 1 Hughes Court. The meeting had no objections to this but was concerned that a tree was being felled in a conservation area and this comment would be made to Mendip.

2022/1877/TCA: Reduce height of apple tree by 2.5m and spread by 2m; reduce height of magnolia by 3m and spread by 1m – 17 High Street. No objections.

ii. Mendip decisions:

None.

iii. Other:

2021/0071/OTS: DLA Piper had been sent the PC questions and their responses had been received and circulated. There was some discussion over how the challenge to Mendip's refusal would be conducted and it was agreed that Mendip should be approached to enquire by what route it would like the appeal to be heard.

11. Playing Field Constitution: This still had to progress. However, it was brought to the PC's attention that there were structural problems with the pavilion with cracking, probably caused by the dry summer. A builder was to inspect the building and it was agreed that as the building was used by the public a structural engineer's inspection should be carried out. JB would give AE details of a company who could do this.

12. Church Farm: It was reported that Mendip is inclined to refuse the application to allow two affordable houses to be sold on the open market. This decision would be contrary to the Rode PC and residents' position which would favour this change in ownership as part of a condition to substantially improve the path from Church Farm to the village. It is likely that the final decision will go to the Mendip Planning Board. Autograph Homes had been chased up over gravel etc. for improving the 'bridge area'.

13. Local Community Networks: The Chair reported he had attended a meeting where recommendations were given on how to respond to the survey. It had been pointed out that the questions regarding the roles that the LCNs should have should have a 'very important' answer given to many of these otherwise there would be no point in having LCNs. The meeting worked through the questions on the survey and agreed 'very important' to most of the roles. Discussion favoured a smaller number of LCNs across Somerset, this would give the LCN greater power through weight of numbers represented by the LCN but would unfortunately reduce the power of any individual parish council within the LCN. The Clerk agreed to complete and submit the survey.

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14. Buses: PT reported that very unexpectedly First Bus had agreed to reintroduce a greatly improved service running through Rode. This would include buses on a Sunday for the first time in years as well as an improved evening service and regular daytime service to Bath for the first time in seven years. Unfortunately, this improved service would only initially run for six months as a trial and therefore it was essential people used the buses as much as possible. The meeting thanked PT for his work in improving bus services and unanimously agreed to fund the printing of new timetables for distribution to all households in Rode.

15. Allotments: To be actioned.

16. Drainage work: It was noted that work to improve and repair the drains and culverts etc. in Rode was scheduled to start on 7th November.

17. Financial matters:

i) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

PKF Littlejohn (audit fee)	£240.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£777.40
Clerk Salary	£224.58
HMRC PAYE	£56.00
P Travis (Books of condolence etc.)	£72.96
G Slade (cement)	£12.55

18. Any other business:

a) Hoedowns: JB reported that the Hoedowns would restart next spring and that Clive Harrington would be contacted regarding sweeping the gullies early next year.

b) Remembrance Day: It was agreed the PC would fund a wreath and contribute to the food for the soldiers on Remembrance Sunday.

19. Date of next meeting:

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

Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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...and finally

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Last month's Codeword

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POEM OF THE MONTH

The body is like a November birch facing the full moon
 And reaching into the cold heavens.
 In these trees there is no ambition, no sodden body, no leaves,
 Nothing but bare trunks climbing like cold fire!

My last walk in the trees has come. At dawn
 I must return to the trapped fields,
 To the obedient earth.
 The trees shall be reaching all the winter.

It is a joy to walk in the bare woods.
 The moonlight is not broken by the heavy leaves.
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Robert Bly 'Solitude Late at Night in the Woods'



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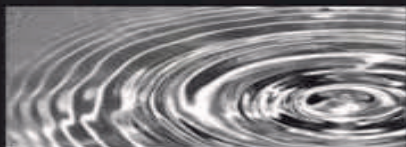
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Tuesday 1 Nov	2.30 pm 6.00 pm	Laverton , Afternoon Prayer Tellisford , All Souls service	
Wednesday 2 Nov	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 3 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 6 Nov	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Laverton , Holy Communion Rode , Chapel, Meeting Place	B Day J Robinson/M Harrison S Kivett
Monday 7 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 8 Nov	9.45 am 6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 9 Nov	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 10 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 13 Nov REMEMBRANCE	8.00 am 10.50 am 10.45 am	Norton St Philip , said Holy Communion Rode at Memorial , Remembrance Parade Norton St Philip , Holy Communion	J Robinson/Methodists C Walker + RBL
Monday 14 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 15 Nov	2.30 pm	Laverton , Afternoon Prayer	
Wednesday 16 Nov	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 17 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 20 Nov	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Laverton , Matins	C Walker C Walker R Waller Taize B Hill
Monday 21 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 22 Nov	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 23 Nov	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 24 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 27 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent	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/J Robinson S Pickett/B Day C Walker/J Robinson P Simper
Monday 28 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 29 Nov	2.30 pm	Laverton , Afternoon Prayer	
Wednesday 30 Nov	8.30 am 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	

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Sunday 13th November: Moira Cowell

Sunday 20th November: Rev. Michael White

Sunday 27th November: Rev Gary Woodall

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Sat 5 Nov	6pm gates open NSP Bonfire & Fireworks see page 35 for details
Mon 7 Nov	Rode Drainage Project works scheduled to commence see pages 16/17 12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 34 for details
Tue 8 Nov	10am Rode Walking Group see page 32 for details
8-18 Nov	Planned Closure of Lower Street Re Rode Drainage Project see pages 16/17
Wed 9 Nov	6-9pm Preloved Fundraiser see pages 9 & 36 for details
Thu 10 Nov	1pm-2pm NSP Lunchtime Concert see page 37 for details
Fri 11 Nov	Remembrance Day. 11am two minutes silence. 11.25-11.55am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode 2.30pm Rode Over 60s see page 33 for details
Sat 12 Nov	6.30pm Asha Evening see page 38 for details
Sun 13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday. 11am two minutes silence. 10.50m Rode Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service see page 37 for details
Mon 14 Nov	7.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 34 for details
Tue 15 Nov	6.30-9pm Scouts Foodbank Collection see page 39 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 55 for details
Fri 18 Nov	NSP Artists Together Arts & Crafts Weekend see page 39 for details 7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy for pages 40 for details
Sat 19 Nov	10am-2pm Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar see page 46 for details NSP Artists Together Arts & Crafts Weekend see page 39 for details
Sun 20 Nov	NSP Artists Together Arts & Crafts Weekend see page 39 for details
Mon 21 Nov	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 41 for details
Tue 22 Nov	DECEMBER/JANUARY LINK DOUBLE ISSUE COPY DEADLINE
Sat 26 Nov	10.30am-12pm Laverton Christmas Bazaar see page 47 for details
Mon 28 Nov	4pm FRANS Family Carol Singing see page 47 for details
Wed 30 Nov	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 19X for details
Sat 3 Dec	7.30pm Mendip Male Voice Choir Winter Concert see page 47 for details
Mon 7 Dec	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club Christmas Lunch see page 34 for details
Sat 10 Dec	10am-12noon NSP Christmas Fayre see page 47 for details
Sun 11 Dec	FRANS Rode Santa Dash details tbc 11am -3pm Christmas Market see page 48 3pm Rode Outdoor Nativity see page 48
Fri 16 Dec	Rode Drainage Project works scheduled to end see pages 16/17
Sun 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY Christmas Day
Mon 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY Boxing Day
Tue 27 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY in lieu of Christmas Day falling on Sunday 25 th December




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 REFUSE  RECYCLING  GARDEN						

Osborne's Firewood Services

Seasoned barn dried logs!

-  1/2 load (1/2 Cube) £50
-  1 load (Cubic meter) £100
-  2 loads (2 Cubic meters) £200
-  Dumpy Bag of Oak Sawmill off



-  Bagged logs (Approx 12 logs per bag) £6
-  kindling £6
-  Natural Firelighters (40 in a box) £6

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