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Church Reflection & News

REFLECTION

‘We have a glut, help yourself’ was the sign on the box of veggies in the porch in Norton St Philip church – so I did!

Outside a house on Church Lane in Rode there was a tray with a few cucumbers and another sign saying: ‘Free cucumbers – Please Take’.

Then as I sat down to write this piece there was a knock on the door and someone arrived with a box full of home-grown vegetables for me!

We live in a place of abundance and being on the receiving end of generosity has been so lovely!

But I wonder if you have ever been in a house of someone who hoards? I have been a hoarder - I hoarded packages of cheese sauce when I lived in China. Cheese was not available in Chinese supermarkets so I would bring packets of dried cheese sauce back in my suitcases whenever I visited UK. When I packed up to leave China there was a cheese-sauce mountain in my kitchen cupboards – most of the packets were years past their sell-by-date and had to be thrown away!

Hoarding happens because of fear and greed. At the start of the pandemic people rushed to the supermarkets to stock up on toilet rolls! But there have been other types of hoarding too.

The BMJ reports that the US had already thrown out more than 180,000 expired vaccine doses by the end of March while the BBC reported on the 9th of September that 40,000 vaccine doses were wasted in Wales with the amount of wastage probably even higher in other parts of the UK.

At a press conference on 21 July WHO’s director general, Tedros Ghebreyesus, said, “Over 3.5 billion vaccines have been distributed globally, but more than 75% of those have gone to just 10 countries. Vaccine inequity is not only a moral failure, it is also epidemiologically and economically self-defeating.”

The issue is complicated, it involves logistics, legalities and licences, but essentially hoarding means that others go without - it comes down to greed and injustice.



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In Luke 12 Jesus told a story about a man who hoarded: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’”²⁰ “Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’”²¹ “That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

In November the UK will host the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. This is a key time for our planet. Will we choose to stop consuming, hoarding and destroying the earth’s resources or will we decide we want to share them with our poorer neighbours and protect them for our descendants?

Here in Hardington Vale Parish, during our October Sunday Services we will be focussing on this amazing world God has given us to enjoy and we will be thinking about how we can be part of the solution rather than the problem (these talks will be available online too).



We will also have an interactive display -The Time is Now - which will help us think and pray about this global issue (16 - 30 October in St Philip and St James NSP, and 1- 13 November at The Chapel in Rode).

These will be suitable for all, so do pop in and take a moment to think and perhaps pray.

Our community is incredibly generous – if we don’t want our homegrown beans and tomatoes to go to waste, I know we will want to be involved in making a difference to climate change through prayer and action!

Jo Robinson
Curate

Details of all Hardington Vale Services in the month of October are listed inside the back cover of this magazine

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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the bottle stall on August Bank Holiday. First of all, thanks go to the RPF Committee who organised the Village Day, without which nothing else would have been possible. Then there are the people who contributed the bottles. The generous response to our request for bottles was well beyond our expectations, to a point where we thought we would have a substantial number left over. However, the people who turned up on the day and bought tickets were equally generous. Consequently, no bottles of any significance were left and just over £500 was made. Finally, our thanks go to those who helped on the day to make it such a success.



We reported in the August Link that the Reverend Alex Holmes would be leaving during August to take up a new parish at Westbury-Sub-Mendip with Easton. There was a Licensing Service held at Westbury-sub-Mendip in the middle of September and so she is now the official incumbent in that parish. We wish her well in her new post and hope she may cross the Mendips occasionally to come and visit us in Rode. Reverend Jo Robinson has now moved into the vicarage on Church Lane in Rode and we know she has already met lots of Rode people on her dog walks around the village.

We have recently received a donation of £130 under a scheme (Trust130) run by Ecclesiastical Insurance Company. Briefly, this has arisen as a result of someone taking out a house insurance policy with that company and nominating our church as the beneficiary under the scheme. This is not a recommendation to take out a policy with that particular company, but, if your research leads you to them anyway, it would be helpful if St Lawrence could be mentioned in relation to the scheme. Details are on the Ecclesiastical website.

In October we will be resuming our pre-Covid Service patterns so as well as the Holy Communion Services held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10.30am I am delighted to say that Breakfast Church will be returning on the 10th of October (second Sunday) at 9am and the Informal Service on the fourth Sunday (in October this will be the 24th). Breakfast Church had been running for four and half years before Covid struck and it was a very popular service involving wonderful music from Steve, Becky and Mirjam, breakfast, activities for children and a talk with discussion. There's no need to book, just turn up at 9am and you'll be made very welcome. Hope to see many of you on the 10th of October.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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

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

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

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

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

Rachel Feilden

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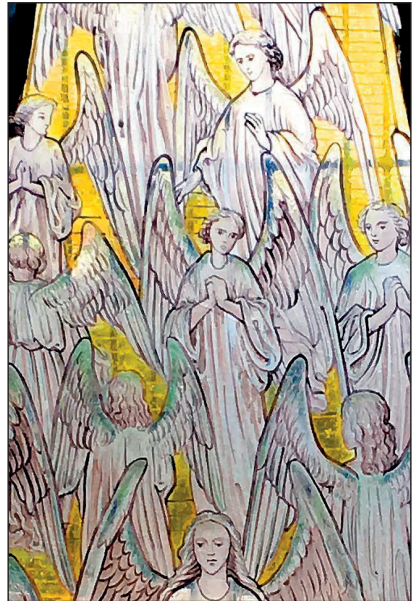
“Saints are those who by their life
and work make it clear and plain
that God lives.”

Nathan Soderblom

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

To Trust and to Love,

by Michael Mayne



Detail from the Andrews
window in Tellisford Church

Parish News

OUR BEAVER COLONY NEEDS HELP IF IT'S TO CONTINUE.

We have at present 11 Beavers, with a few on the waiting list. They are our youngest section for Boys and Girls aged 6–8 years and meet in our Scout hut Wednesdays 4.45-5.45pm.



Esther has been our main Beaver Leader for the last 7 years supported by Lisa and Betty. Esther is now moving on to look after our Cub Section and cannot do both. Lisa and Betty cannot run the colony with just themselves and with work commitments as well, so we need your help.

We need 1 or 2 or more people to come forward to help this section of our very successful Scout Group. If you would like to know more at this stage, please give me a ring or email me.

Howard Russell

Group Scout Leader 1st Rode Scout Group

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RODE CRICKET CLUB

Following 6 years of no cricket in Rode, an attempt to restart the club has been launched. An Emergency General Meeting (EGM) is to be held at the Cross Keys at 7pm on 13th October 2021.

All members – past, present and potential future – are welcome, at which the existing committee (elected in 2015) will propose a motion to restart competitive cricket from Summer 2022, with the intention of playing 12-15 Sunday afternoon fixtures per year in the local area. If this motion is passed, elections to the following posts will take place:

- Chairman
- Club Secretary/ Fixture Secretary
- Treasurer
- Captain
- Vice-Captain
- Team Secretary
- Groundsman

If you are/were a member/ prospective member, please come along and support this relaunch. All ages/ genders/ abilities welcome!

Jim McAuliffe

EXPLORERS NEED HELP!!

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

Explorers are a group of young people aged 14-18 who meet every 2 weeks on a Tuesday evening, and the occasional weekend, to have fun, try new experiences and activities, learn skills of survival and independence in the true scouting tradition.

We would welcome some help to assist with the group as due to personal circumstances Leader Marcus Bradshaw is unable to continue for the foreseeable future. He will be greatly missed, and we take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication over the last nine years.

If anyone would like to join us in this very rewarding role as a Leader or would like more information please contact us for more details T: 07773 280939.

Many thanks

Nick Russell and James Osborne
Group Leaders



THE RETURN OF RODE ROXY



Covid and BoJo permitting, the Roxy reopens on the 15th of October with the Comedy “Love Sarah” starring Celia Imrie amongst others – this film is also a romance with cooking!



Tickets will be available from Rode Post Office as before, at a cost of £5.00 per person, and the bar will be open, plus a raffle will be available in the Memorial Hall.

This show will be subject to any Covid caused regulations in force at the time, and should ticket holders feel ill on the night, they will be refunded.

More details on the village posters – we look forward to welcoming you back.

Adam Harris

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SCOUTS SILENT AUCTION AND CREAM TEAS 31.10.21

We are still looking for donations for the above event. Items can be brought along to the village hall on Saturday 30th October between 2pm and 5pm, however, if you cannot get to the Hall, we can arrange to collect them during the week prior to the event. Please contact us on 01373-830640 - also use this number if you need clarification on what you're donating. Please note small items of furniture will be accepted at the discretion of the organisers



On the day, from 2pm, each item will have a lot number and sheet, if you are interested in something you just put your name down and what you want to bid onto the sheet, do check again as you may be out bid, this makes it very exciting and you may need to bid more!!! At 3.50pm a warning whistle giving 10 minutes to secure bids will sound, at 4 pm the final whistle blows and everyone must step away from the tables, stewards will then highlight the winner of the lot.

This is a fun event and a great way of recycling things and you will also help to raise valuable funds for the rebuilding of Rode Scout Headquarters. Hope to see you there - Sunday 31st October 2021, 2-4pm at Rode Memorial Hall.

Howard Russell

Group Scout Leader 1st Rode (Major) Scout Group.

RODE VILLAGE DAY



At the time of writing Ann Edney and Pat Restorick, who organised the event, are still collating all to do with Rode's Village Day on August Bank Holiday Monday but I managed to catch up with them and can already confirm that over six hundred pounds has been given to Rode Playing Field for work on the Pavilion. They understand that village organisations did very well (the Bottle Stall definitely did – see page 4) and felt everyone seemed to enjoy it, especially the children with all the entertainment.

Ann and Pat would like to thank everyone who helped them with donations and running stalls for them. It was a marvellous day and they thank everyone.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ann and Pat for organising such a lovely community event – just one of the many they have been responsible for bringing to us over years.

Gill Leonard

Editor

STILL WANTED – NEW PUBLIC PATHS LIAISON OFFICER

Last month Caro Smith, our current Public Paths Liaison Officer, explained that she was sadly having to stand down due to health reasons and appealed for someone to replace her. Unfortunately, at the time of going to press no one has contacted her...



As Caro explained the unpaid role involves happily walking the public footpaths in and around the village, clearing them when overgrown, dealing with queries from the public, issuing permits for the River Walk and liaising with contacts at Somerset CC and Rode PC over any problems and compiling a short report to Somerset CC once a year.

Caro tended to cover the footpaths once a month when she was fit, and the other duties are apparently not that time-consuming. Many have taken up walking since the pandemic began - is there someone out there who would/could combine their walking with some volunteering and help look after our local walks and free Caro from worrying about them!

Caro would be delighted to elaborate on the role – please don't hesitate to contact her to find out more if you think you might be able to take it on: Telephone 01373 830911 Email caro.a.smith@gmail.com. I do hope that I will be able to confirm in our November issue that someone has come forward – certainly would be good news for our paths, walkers and Caro!

Gill Leonard
Editor

RODE PANTO CLUB LIVES TO TELL ANOTHER TALE!

After a series of clandestine discussions and a flurry of promises, threats and bribes it seems that another show is on the cards.

The plan is to go live in March 2022 and so rehearsals will start in the near future, although the cast is still being finalised as I type. The thespians include a great mix of young and old, the experienced and wide eyed first timers, and they are eating to go.... hopefully!

We will keep you posted as to how things are going and maybe in the next edition of the Link, we'll announce what the show is. Watch this space.

Gary Holloway

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RODE GROWS & SHARES - GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our Giant Sunflower Competition. I am so pleased with how many people have taken part and well done to those of you who managed to defy slug/snail/weather issues to grow beautiful giant sunflowers! I am sorry to those who lost their sunflowers along the way but hope that you will try again next year and have better luck.

We have been checking out and measuring some giant sunflowers across all categories – adult, children’s and school and are now happy to announce the winners...

Adults

Tallest sunflower: Mike Salmon 9’6”

Largest sunflower head: Sally Pickett 11.6”

Children 16 and under

Tallest sunflower: Sammy Clay with “Sonny”, 11’0”

Largest sunflower head: Edward Mangham with “Sam”, 15.75”

Rode and Norton Federation School

Tallest sunflower: Reception class 2020/21 now Elmer Class, 9’3”

Largest sunflower head: Gardening Club, 17”

Many, many congratulations to all of the winners and to all of the runners up too! Well done to you all for such sterling efforts and commitment!

Each winner has now been awarded a £10 gardening voucher (kindly donated by Rode and District Gardening Club), and some of our homegrown flowers and veggies from our plot. Mike Salmon has donated his prizes to the Rode and Norton Federation School.

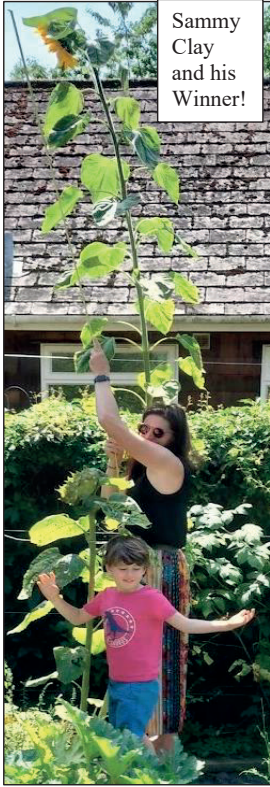
Thank you again to everyone who entered! There are talks of a longest carrot competition next year...so watch this space.

On the following page are photos of two of our winners with their entries and photos of some of the other sunflowers that were grown across the village and Rode and Norton Federation School so you can see some of the giants and get a sense of the growing efforts. Hopefully you’ve also spotted some in person.

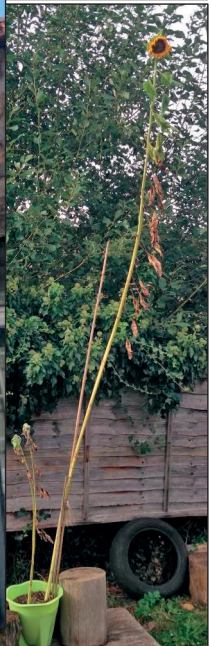
Well done to everyone!

Julia Robb

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Sammy Clay and his Winner!



Mike Salmon and his Winner!

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FRANS LATEST

Smile while you shop!



Did you know you can support us while you do your Amazon shopping?

All you need to do is visit smile.amazon.co.uk, choose 'Friends of Rode and Norton Schools' as your chosen charity and each time you order, do it via smile.amazon.co.uk and they do the rest. It really couldn't be easier. Thank you so much!

Window Wander - Can you lend a window?

After the success of last year's Winter Window Wander, we're going to run the event again, from 11th-23rd December in both Rode and Norton St Philip and would love to invite more households to join in. After the positive feedback on the event in 2020 a few people outside of the school network approached us showing interest in decorating a themed window.

It would be brilliant to have a few windows from the wider community, so please do get involved! To give you a flavour, last year, each window was themed to a Christmas song and we'll do something similar this year. It was a really lovely community event so if you would like to get involved, let us know via friendsrodenorton@gmail.com.

Santa Dash is back!

Subject to restrictions, the much-loved Rode Santa Dash will be returning December 12th.

More details to follow but save the date!

FRANS Team



200 CLUB

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

1st prize £50 Liz Osborne

2nd prize £25 Jean Hornsey

Jan Jupp



1st Rode (Scout Group)

LAVERTON NEWS

Wasn't it lovely to have some gorgeous September sunshine to extend the summer? Autumn is now approaching but with some exciting events to look forward to.

Hold the date for the Laverton Christmas Bazaar:

Saturday 27 November - please see page 45 for details.

Dorothy House's Biggest Tea Party at the Laverton Book Exchange:

Saturday 16th October from 10-12 noon at Row Barn Laverton BA2 7RA - I have ordered the pack and bunting and look forward to serving tea and cake in aid of Dorothy House Hospice Care. If anyone would like to help serve, wash up or make some cakes then please get in touch with me: martinandjackiemoss@gmail.com. Thank you!



Many congratulations to Bob and Debby Hill on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

And belated congratulations to Alan and Caroline Balch on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding, which they celebrated at the end of August.

Laverton Book Exchange on the Radio!

We were recently approached by Karen Stewart who is part of the Frome FM Book Club. She asked if we would be willing to take part in a short interview for their September issue. Karen and her technical team arrived on a Thursday morning, and over coffee we discussed how and why the Book Exchange came to be. They were certainly impressed with the array of books on offer and loved the idea that it's become a hub for the village to meet over a coffee and have a catch-up. It was really fun having them here. A link to the interview is below - if you don't want to listen to the whole show fast forward to 32 minutes!



Photo courtesy of Frome FM

www.mixcloud.com/FromeFM/60-on-air-book-group-100921-oabg-libraries/

Jackie Moss

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AUGUST RODE HOEDOWN

As ever a massive thanks to all who came out to weed around your home areas when you had time, and those of you who joined in on August Hoedown Day.

The path off Crooked Lane, on the left after the little goats which goes to Fussel's track, had a necessary strim as it was grown over with nettles. Church Lane had some weeding and sweeping done as did Lower Street and Walnut Close. The Little Shard got a total makeover and is weed free again. There was clearing, weeding and sweeping around the Phone Box and Bus Stop, the Green and further down High Street around the exit for the bungalow building site. Fairfield had a good weed and sweep too, Farthing Row had also been weeded, and Memorial Hall car park was weeded and invasive ivy taken off the wall. The pavement down to The Mill Bridge had nettles/brambles cut back and vegetation on the left at the beginning of the bridge had a good cutting back making visibility a lot clearer. Also, a shout of thanks to the Residents of The Mead who got together on Wednesday evening to give their streets a good weed – see photo below.



We were beginning to feel that maybe Hoedown fatigue had set in so it was extremely encouraging to have so many of you participate, thank you. Also, a big thank you to Hannah and the Cross Keys for providing us with the delicious refreshments, enjoyed by us all on the Green afterwards.

Our final Hoedown for this year is on Sunday 26th September so an update on that Hoedown will be in the November Link as the October submission deadline will have been and gone! Enjoy the autumn colours and sun.

With warm wishes.

Elaine Butler, Mike Salmon and Hugh Williams

MORE PHOTOS OF AUGUST HOEDOWNERS AT WORK...



R.P.F. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Rode Playing Field Committee, which is at 7:00pm at The Pavilion, Rode Playing Field, on Tuesday 12th October 2021, provides the community of Rode the opportunity to actively participate in the maintenance and running of this invaluable facility. During the pandemic, access to open spaces has been essential in supporting residents' fitness, both physical and mental. The current committee needs new members to help run the playing field and to be trustees of the charity. The AGM Agenda is below:



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| 1. | Welcome to Attendees | Chair |
| 2. | Apologies for Absence | Chair |
| 3. | Minutes of AGM 2020 and matters arising | Chair |
| 4. | Financial Statement | Treasurer |
| 5. | Chairs' Report | Chair |
| 6. | Election of Trustees
(As per the current Declaration of Trust the charity requires the appointment of 7 trustees) | |
| 7. | Election of Officers | |
| | a. Chair | |
| | b. Treasurer | |
| | c. Secretary | |
| | (Note - all elected officers will be trustees of the charity) | |
| 8. | Close | |

Maybe you'd like to volunteer a little of your time? All are welcome to attend.

Nigel Clarke

Chair Rode Playing Field Trustees

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REPORT FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Grants - Mendip District Council has many grants available to support businesses, local organisations, voluntary and green groups:

Mendip Tourism Grant – NEW!! The Mendip Tourism Grant is now open until Monday, 1st November 2021. Mendip District Council has launched a new, one-off £50K fund to help boost visitor numbers, increase spending in the area and promote Mendip as a ‘go-to destination’ in Somerset. The Mendip Tourism Grant offers funding of between £3,000 and £6,000 and particularly welcomes projects that demonstrate that they link-up districts and extend the holiday season. Any local organisation or business can apply, but applications should be submitted with the knowledge and support of your parish, town or city council. Applications are open now. Closing date 1st November 2021 at 9am. Full criteria and eligibility terms can be found here: www.mendip.gov.uk/mts or email annie.simpson2@mendip.gov.uk.

Business Revitalisation Grant for Mendip – NEW!! Launching soon. The grant is aimed at businesses employing between 5 and 49 people in Mendip. www.mendip.gov.uk/revitalisegrant. Applications open 9am on 27th September for two weeks only... Applications close 5pm on 11th October

Communities Fund - closing soon – 30th September www.mendip.gov.uk/cf

Climate and Ecological Emergency Fund – closing soon – 30th September www.mendip.gov.uk/ccf

COVID-19: Business Grants – ongoing www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants

Grants available for residents to enable safer, healthier and warmer homes www.mendip.gov.uk/energyefficiencyfinance

For our farmers and rural communities, support available through the Future Farm Resilience Programme. An exciting new programme that begins in September available FREE to all farmers and land managers who are based in Somerset. The support is designed to help those eligible businesses to learn more about:

- Helping to understand any changes within the agriculture transition
- How their business models might need to adapt
- Business planning
- Performance recording
- Succession planning
- And the impact of reductions to direct payments on their business

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These topics will be delivered through a programme of 5 FREE workshops. The programme also offers free one-to-one sessions with a business advisor to help farmers map out their future plans/cash flows to take account of diminishing farm payments. Visit: Future Farming Resilience | Somerset Business Agency where there is a facility to register your interest and to book on to the events.

Saxonvale, Frome - Mendip District Council, as landowner, can confirm outline planning permission for land at Saxonvale, Frome, was approved by Planning Board last night (Wednesday 15th September 2021). This was in line with officer recommendation, and subject to agreement of conditions with developer Acorn Property Group. Additional information was put before councillors for clarity and transparency purposes following the recent receipt and publication of the Local Plan Part 2 Inspectors Report, and also in response to a solicitors 'Judicial Review - Pre-Action protocol letter'. Planning Board took the opportunity to endorse their previous decision - to grant outline planning permission for the Frome development - which was first approved back in January this year. The item was carried; 7 voted for, and 6 voted against. Press Release: www.mendip.gov.uk/article/10360/A-statement-from-Mendip-District-Council-Outline-planning-approval-for-Saxonvale-Frome-Decision-confirmed.

Barbi Lund

MDC Councillor for the ward of Rode and Norton St Philip

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in August 2021, drawn by Jan Nesbitt (Cross Keys closed):

1st - £50.00 ... Steve and Amanda Eyles, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... Adam Harris, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Pat Applegate, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two, Beth Wright, Rode, thanks again to Mark and Hannah.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 and two Sunday roasts, possible all for £1.00 per ticket! And remember you are supporting the Playing Field when you buy your ticket. Tickets on sale at the Post Office, or directly from Jane and I. Next draws, Thursday 30th September and Sunday 31st October.

Keith Sharman

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SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE



Somerset Waste Partnership: Recycle sites switch to winter hours on 1 October - Every one of Somerset's 16 recycle sites will go over to their winter timetables from Friday 1 October, with weekday opening hours of 9am to 5pm while weekends remain 9am to 4pm. "With impressive recycling rates of up to 72%, Somerset's recycle sites network is open every day of the year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day to take dozens of materials." For more information on each recycle site, including opening schedules, details of charged materials, and van and trailer permits, click on recycling centres at somersetwaste.gov.uk. To keep up to date with recycle site changes, sign up for the SWP e-newsletter at somersetwaste.gov.uk and follow @Somersetwaste on Facebook or Twitter. Collections Service update as of 22nd September - It is expected that there will be full crew deployment for all recycling, rubbish and garden rounds, though misses can happen for other reasons. The ongoing national driver shortage means services are fragile. Recruitment, retention and close monitoring of the Covid situation continues." Residents are encouraged to report any missed collections after 7pm on due day each time using My Waste Services at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

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

Somerset steps up to support Afghan refugees: People across Somerset have been stepping forward to help support Afghan refugees as the crisis being played out in the international spotlight deepens. Somerset County Council is committed to help a scheme to house Afghans who supported British military and to resettle interpreters and translators.

Local residents have done our county proud offering spare rooms, lodgings and entire houses to help out. The Council anticipates the Government will fund a number of places for refugees through its resettlement programmes. These programmes have strict rules on the types and locations of suitable accommodation. "It has been an amazing response and I want to acknowledge all those who have offered their time, help and even lodgings or spare rooms," said Cllr David Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council. "Sadly, we are unable to place refugees in temporary accommodation. We have had a number of very generous people offer self-contained flats and houses and that is the type of accommodation that we need."

Most resettled Afghans will be housed in town centres where they can access

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specific foods, medicines and transport to link with other communities. Anyone who would like to help in anyway please contact us at resettlement@somerset.gov.uk and we can put you in touch with partners and voluntary groups doing great work in this crisis. The Council is particularly keen to speak to private landlords with self-contained accommodation. For more information, visit: www.somerset.gov.uk/refugee-resettlement

Queen's Green Canopy tree-planting initiative for Platinum Jubilee:

Somerset residents, communities, and organisations are being asked to join a national initiative to plant trees in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Next year will mark 70 years since HM The Queen came to the throne – the longest reign in our history. There are various plans for celebrations to mark her Platinum Jubilee, including a 4 day Bank Holiday from Thursday 2 June through to Sunday 5 June. As part of the celebrations, HRH The Prince of Wales has devised a project called The Queen's Green Canopy, which is designed to leave a legacy in memory of his mother's reign for many generations to come.

The idea is for people – both individuals and organisations – to plant as many trees as possible around the country during the tree-planting seasons that run from October 2021 through to March 2022, and again from October 2022 to the end of next year. This initiative will not only celebrate the Queen's long reign but also have a positive impact on the environment and help to counter the damaging effects of climate change. And it should provide a useful educational opportunity for young people – and perhaps not so young people, too. To learn more about the project, visit: www.queensgreencanopy.org. This provides advice about how best to select and plant trees. The Woodland Trust is offering free packs to schools and communities who apply at the following website, which also gives a lot of detail about what is available and answers a comprehensive list of questions about the scheme: Free Trees for Schools and Communities – www.woodlandtrust.org.uk.

Carbon Reduction: Over half of street lighting in Somerset is now eco-friendly and playing an important role helping the county work towards 2030 carbon neutral target. SCC's Highway Lighting Team has started to reduce its carbon footprint in the past 5 years thanks to the installation of LED lanterns in 56% of street lighting stock. The LED replacements have seen a reduction in carbon produced per year, down from 9,522 tonnes in 2015/16 to 3,278 tonnes in 2020/21: a reduction of 6,244 tonnes of Co2 and resulting in 31.75% of energy saving equal to £950,000 per year.

Linda Oliver

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KEEPING THE PLAYING FIELD TIDY



As a kid I remember The Generation Game hosted by Bruce Forsyth, ably assisted by Anthea Redfern. The show was a firm favourite for many families from 1971, through its various iterations until its eventual demise in 2002 when it was hosted by Jim Davidson. So, you might well ask, what's this to do with the playing field? Well, at the end of the show they had the famous conveyor belt with 20 prizes displayed always including a 'cuddly toy'. Winners could take home all that they could remember in 45 seconds. The playing field committee often find things left behind so here's your conveyor belt of a mere 13 items for October:

A partially deflated yellow and white football... a gents yellow polo shirt... a 2-metre, rusty iron bar... a wooden fence post... a white Nike baseball cap... a child's cycle helmet... a green compact umbrella... a 10-foot scaffolding pole... a beige metal water bottle... a full-size basketball hoop... a miniature red plastic bowling ball... a Selwood Academy sweatshirt... and a child's cuddly toy. Can you remember if any of them are yours? You do have more than forty-five seconds to recall!

The iron bar and scaffolding pole were a surprise of course and never actually appeared on The Generation Game (nor did any of the other items that I can remember!). However, the former proved really handy for breaking up a perfectly good picnic table apparently (see right).



Iron bars, scaffolding poles and jests to one side, if you recognise any of the items on the list and would like to claim them just call or drop me an email to arrange collection.

,
Nigel Clarke

Chair Rode Playing Field Trustees

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SOME LAST MINUTE NEWS

Fibre broadband has arrived we are advised – via a community leaflet drop from Voneous (one of the providers) received as we go to print. The leaflet informs they will be available at Rode Memorial Hall from 2-7pm on October 1st to discuss. No doubt we will have more on this in future issues...

Parish Health & Wellbeing

NEWS UPDATE FROM BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE

We have now started booking appointments for annual flu vaccinations for eligible patients. If you are over 50 years old or/and have a chronic condition, please telephone us on 01373 830006 between 2pm and 5pm to book your appointment.



Covid Booster vaccinations will be offered in collaboration with our primary care network practices at Shape Mendip in Shepton Mallet. Eligible patients will be contacted by Shape Mendip to book an appointment – these cannot be booked by telephoning the practice.

Those of you old enough to remember the BBC Test Card may recall the phrase ‘normal service will be resumed shortly’. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic means that for us and the NHS as a whole, this is still some way off and a difficult winter lies ahead.

We are conducting more than 100 extra appointments a week to try and meet the unprecedented levels of demand but, in common with hospital services, ambulance services and GP surgeries across the country delays are inevitable. We are working as hard as we can to do as much as we can but there are still limits to what we can safely and sustainably do, despite good levels of staffing.

A national shortage of blood bottle supplies has not helped but this is now easing. On a positive note, our new Advanced Nurse Practitioner Jane Holmes joins the team at the beginning of October and will work alongside the GPs to offer on the day appointments for acute medical problems, which will increase our capacity to help those needing to be spoken to or seen on the day and free up GPs to offer more pre-bookable appointments, enabling our patients to book ahead to see their usual GP more easily. She will also help cover our sessions at Frome Community Hospital.

Dr Tippin now joins Dr Wooding and I as GP Trainers and Dr Matthew Cowan will join us as a second trainee in October.

GP appointments continue to be ‘phone first’ in order to limit waiting room overcrowding, protect our most vulnerable patients and prioritise requests on the basis of medical need, but we are seeing increasing numbers face to face following this. We thank you for your continuing patience.

Dr John Beaven

Parish Health & Wellbeing

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSIONS

What do fairy lights and bookcases both have in common? They were both used as helpful analogies by Polly Andrews, a Dementia Friends Champion, to help us understand Dementia better.

On 6th September at St Philip and St James Church we had a Dementia Friends session where we learnt how people can live well with dementia and how, by understanding this disease better, we can help our community become more dementia friendly.

The session was attended by 20 people, including a representative from Rode, and was very well received, and so as a result we plan to hold another Dementia Friends session in November, this time in the morning. See below for details.

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

All are welcome

Jo Robinson



INFORMATION SESSION

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

Contact Rev Jo Robinson

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

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OCTOBER VILLAGE AGENT NEWS



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

We're delighted to be back in venues, meeting people face to face once again! We know many people have enjoyed our online Talking Café Facebook live sessions during Lockdown, we're still continuing these, as it's a great way to share information but due to reopening venues we have reduced the online sessions to weekly: 1pm Wednesdays on www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset. You can still watch any previous Talking Café sessions (www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/) covering every subject you can imagine. So many fantastic informative films you can watch anytime - most around 30 minutes long.

Unpaid Carers Website Relaunch! We're pleased to announce we've revamped the website www.somersetcarers.org. Which now includes the Carers Hub – an online place where you can easily search for exactly the right support/advice for yourself or the person you care for. With training videos, links to Somerset based agencies, respite options and more. We'd love to know what you think of it, and hope you find it really useful in your day-to-day lives. If there's something missing, or you'd like a service listed please email carers@somersetcc.org.uk with your feedback.

Best wishes as always and don't hesitate to get in touch if we can be of help.

Nic Edwards

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Vaccines are our best protection this winter.

It's easy for us to pass on COVID-19 or flu viruses without knowing. This winter there are two essential vaccines you'll need to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Find out if you're eligible now at nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

Parish Youth News & Events

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS

Dear families, I hope that settling back into pre-school, school, college, or university has gone well for your children.

It has been good to resume assemblies at NSP and Rode First School as well as Hemington Primary School. The children are so pleased for Caroline, Jo and myself to visit them. I have also been able to start visiting NSP Pre-school for story and songs once a week.

TOTS AND TOYS: We go from strength to strength and are welcoming new families each week.

Our drop-in session is from 9.30am-11.00am every Wednesday morning in NSP church.



We ask for £2.00 per adult for a hot drink and slice of cake. You can stay for the whole session or part of the session.

We are a friendly group and offer a good selection of toys for your child to play with and a fun singing activity.



MINI BREAKFAST CHURCH: Now we have finished using Zoom we meet on the third Sunday of the month in NSP church 9.00am-9.30am.

Sunday 17th October – Harvest Theme

Sunday 21st November – Peace Theme

Sunday 19th December – Christmas Theme

An adult does need to accompany their child.

We have hot drinks for parents/carers and cereal and juice/water for the children if it has been a 'bit of a rush' to get to MBC!

We start with a Bible story and song followed by a craft activity and finishing with a reflection and prayers.

If you'd like more information, please contact me.

Sue Rodford

H.V. Children and Family Worker

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FRESHFORD UNITED YOUTH F.C.

Every week at Rode Playing Fields we have our Under 9's and 11's playing and training, so if your child is looking to get into football why not come along and check us out?

This year we have a team in every age group from Under 6's to Under 13's (minus Under 10's unfortunately) plus our Adult team.

All teams are looking for more players of all ages, abilities, boys and girls.

If you want to try it out and not commit straightaway, we can offer a free tester session for 2 weeks to see how your child gets on before you have to commit to anything.

Freshford United Youth F.C. are now full steam ahead, every team has re-started training weekly with their games already underway.

We have everything organised and we are still being cautious and sensible, following guidelines, but hoping for a full, interruption free, season.

You may also be interested to know we are always looking for coaches, helpers, supporters and committee members to cover a wide range of roles, some of which would only require an hour of your time a month at the most. Please make contact with me on the number below if you would like to know more.

If you have a building project happening now or in the future we are after some rubble but mainly any soil at our pitches in Freshford so if you want to save on skip hire and would like to discuss this more, please speak to me on the number below.

As always, we welcome any support from the community and if you want to keep up to date with what is happening information is always available on our website www.freshfordunitedfc.com. The club is located at Browns Park (named after our founder Henry Brown), Abbey Lane, Freshford BA2 7TB - opposite the entrance to Homewood Park Hotel.

Chris Birluson

Club Manager

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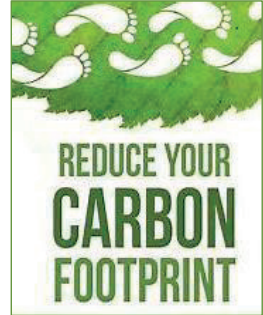
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RODE CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP

As you probably know, Rode Parish Council declared a “Climate Emergency” earlier this year.

That was the easy bit!

We now need to focus on what concrete actions we as a community can take to reduce our carbon footprint. Most of us will already be taking a whole range of steps to limit our impact on the planet. But I think we all acknowledge we need to do a lot more.



The Climate Emergency Group has been set up to help us as individuals, and groups (e.g. the Parish Council) to do more.

There are currently nine members of the group (although we'd welcome others!). We held our first meeting in mid-September and started to form some ideas.

Broadly, our objectives will be to initiate, inform, educate, encourage, and (where specific projects are identified) potentially get involved in helping to manage those projects. But the group itself is small, and we don't have the resources, or the expertise, to deliver solutions ourselves...hence the emphasis on initiating and encouraging!

So – what are we looking at? Here's a list of some of the things we'll be considering over the next few months:

- Collaborate and share ideas with similar groups in Norton St Philip and Beckington
- Holding a series of talks on climate-related issues likely to be of interest in Rode (probably initially via Zoom over this autumn/winter, but hopefully in-person next spring/summer)
- Ask the Parish Council to undertake an audit of its property and activities to assess the level of climate impact, and identify actions which the PC could take to reduce its own carbon footprint
- Signpost residents to ways in which we can calculate our own carbon footprint, and/or better understand the changes we can make which will impact climate change most effectively

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- Tree-planting and re-wilding. Discuss with the Playing Field Committee ways in which the Playing Field (including the s106 land) can be used to reduce the carbon footprint of the village. Look at other re-wilding opportunities (including in individuals' own gardens). Support the PC in its plan to follow the "No Mow May" philosophy on small areas of PC owned land
- Investigate the potential to install at least one electric vehicle charging point in the village
- Investigate the potential for additional allotments in the village (there is currently a waiting list of 13, and we only have a dozen plots at the moment)
- Ensure we can identify potential grants that may be available for "green" initiatives
- Look at ways to get Rode young people, including the Scouts and the school (and other village groups) involved in local Climate actions (and help with actions they may already be taking, where possible)
- Transport is key – every effort to be made to support/encourage use of public transport
- Investigate the issues surrounding solar panel installation within a Conservation Area

That's quite an agenda to start with, and we're a small group – so, if you think you have some expertise, experience, or energy to get involved in any of the above, please let us know.

In particular, if you have ideas for a speaker or a subject for one of our Climate talks, please get in touch.



And if you have other ideas about what we, as a village, should be doing to combat the Climate Emergency, contact us.

Initially, you can contact the group via my email address:
jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com.

Jim McAuliffe

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MONDAY LUNCH CLUB (FOR THE OVER 60'S)

We are getting very excited to welcome every one of our members back to the Village Hall for our first meeting back on 4th October from 12.15pm. As this is our first meeting back since the first Lockdown, I shall be contacting all our regulars as it's important I know how many members we will host.



For those who are new to the village The Hall provides a very valued meeting place for Lunch Club which is a lovely friendly gathering for villagers over 60/70/80 year olds - and my goodness 90 year olds too. It's great to get out, have a natter and enjoy socialising whilst benefiting from a very wholesome freshly cooked 2 course meal - something we can especially appreciate after the last 18 months. Lunch Club has been running for over 20 years and keeps our senior folk talking, getting out and getting well fed for the very reasonable charge of £4.00! The Hall is licenced so you can also bring your own bottle of wine if you wish.

If you're interested in joining Lunch Club, please give me a call (as soon as possible - not the day before!) - a warm welcome awaits you!

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

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RODE MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

Last month's walk took place in Freshford and with fair weather. We stopped for coffee at Freshford cafe/shop and the entire event seemed to be enjoyed by all.



The October walk, on Thursday 7th, will be the Tellisford loop with an extension! On reaching Tellisford and climbing up the steps, we turn right and follow a public footpath for approximately 2 km until reaching the Tellisford/Farleigh Hungerford Lane. Turning south we follow this Lane back to Rode.

Meet on the village green at 10.00 am, contact me for further details.

Liz Dinnis

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RODE OVER 60S CLUB

Our September meeting was an evening Buffet Supper in the Memorial Hall to celebrate our return to (almost) normal life.

Just over thirty people attended and it was a very convivial occasion.

It was so lovely to be able to get together and chat. There was a raffle at the end and it was like old times - well I suppose we are old timers!

Our next meeting will be on Friday 8th October at our normal time of 2.30pm and it will be our usual tea.

Regular members will know that our “usual tea” is anything but.

It is of a quality and sumptuousness that you would struggle to find in the length and breadth of the country in these days of post - Covid shortages of lorry drivers and restaurant staff.

So come along and indulge yourselves and we would welcome prospective members too.

Rox Dymond

RODE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We are looking forward to greeting lots of new members at our next meeting on Monday 11th October 2021 when Neil Ross will give his talk 'The X Factor.-10 Tips For Gardeners'.



Neil is a gardener, journalist and author with experience in New Zealand and at Sissinghurst. He will be bringing a range of plants for sale.

On Monday 8th November 2021 we will hear Martin Young talk on 'The Dry Garden' a topic of increasing interest with the changing climate.

All meetings start at 7.30pm in Rode Village Hall.

Meetings this year are free and all are welcome.

Averil Morrow

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LOVE TO DANCE!

At last, I've got some definite news for you regarding restarting the Tuesday morning Dance class - I have booked Rode Memorial Hall for the first session on Tuesday 19th October at 9.30a.m.

This will be a social event open to all and the first session is FREE!!!

So please let your friends know - everyone is invited, even if they just want to socialise and watch and see what we get up to. We will be doing a couple of Line Dances, or maybe more depending on the mood!

As usual tea and coffee will be provided with a variety of milks to cater for everyone hopefully! And there'll be a few nibbles.

I wanted to make it a CELEBRATION of our return to freedom and actually getting together, which we've been starved of for so long.

I can't wait to see everyone!

Patti Moyes

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RODE LADIES GROUP

Pat Banwell welcomed members back to the first meeting of Rode Ladies Group since the Covid pandemic closed down our village activities.

We were joined by three new members, plus Clare Wilson of Flamingo Cards, with a fantastic range of cards and stationery for sale.

Pat explained that having lost our regular Thursday evening slot in the Memorial Hall, we were trialling the new time of 2.30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Tea and cakes were enjoyed as we caught up with friends and considered whether to organise a Christmas meal this year. Angela Slay won the raffle.

The next meeting on Wednesday 27th October at 2.30 p.m. will be on "The Silk Road" by Ian Williamson and the subsequent meeting will be on Wednesday 24th November.

Pam George

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ONE VOICE COMMUNITY CHOIR

One Voice Community Choir is back!

The group, which has been running for several years, took an enforced break over Lockdown, but following the lifting of restrictions in mid-July has now re-formed. After almost eighteen months away, the singers are back and glad to be together again.



One Voice is based on good, uplifting songs that everyone loves to sing – with a strong emphasis on fun and the social aspect. With popular songs ranging from 1930s to the present day, with plenty of recognisable 60s and 70s hits, show tunes and fun numbers, there's something for everyone.

There are no auditions and an ability to read music is not required.

The local meeting takes place on Monday evenings at the Chapel on Rode High Street. It is advised that face coverings are worn when entering and exiting the building. Chairs are well-spaced and there is plenty of ventilation.

Are you interested in joining the choir?

It's fun, friendly and feel-good!

Contact me on 01373 825058/07766 244321.

Lee Ingram

www.onevoicechoir.co.uk

ANY MORE CLUBS?

It's great to see our community clubs restarting and group activities returning after so long!

Our readers are eager to socialise again and they, and I, would love to hear details and learn about any other Hardington Vale clubs - why not get in touch and we could have details in our next issue...

Gill Leonard

Editor

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Parish Farming

AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR, HARVESTING THE MAIZE

The morning dew is very apparent now, along with distinctly shorter days; quite dark by 8pm.

Lots of cutting back in the gardens as we ready them for whatever Autumn brings.

Personally, I don't think we are finished with the warmth and we may yet get a flurry of sunshine as this edition arrives in your letterbox. I stand corrected... there are still some Housemartins about; the third brood having fledged and can be seen practising their flying, feeding and gaining strength for the long journey they will soon be embarking upon!



Canada Geese over Rode
courtesy of Michael Gane

The trees are just on the turn and soon we will be enjoying all the colours of Autumn. I noticed that some farmers have managed to get a third cut for silage or hay, which will be a bonus when winter arrives. There is plenty of foraging to be had; plump blackberries and sloes go well with a bottle of gin! My cousin has just picked the last of her raspberries and is awash with tomatoes all ripening at once.

Fine Foods: Our Factory Shop is getting busier and open now on Saturday mornings between 10 – 1pm. As we start to think about the 'gifting season' look out for our hampers and gift boxes, having been a huge success last year. We can process the order and send on to recipient of your choice, making gifting easier all round. We are also hoping to add a gift-wrapping service too.

Talks and Tours continue to be popular. Our Demonstration Kitchen can also be hired for events or just a bigger space for preparation. Next Tour Thursday 20/10/21 10.30-1 p.m.

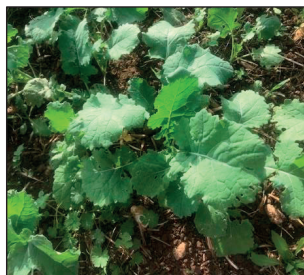
Farmer's Markets: The Frome Independent returned on Sunday 5 September and was well attended. Everyone was so pleased to be able to celebrate all that is Frome once again. Axbridge 2/10 Nailsea 16/10

Shows/Events: October takes us to the Wells Food Festival on Sunday 10th, a great family day out situated in the lovely city of Wells. Stalls are placed around the Moat, in the adjacent field and through into the Market Place. Well worth a visit; the Cathedral too.

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Farm: Finally, our harvest is in and now is the time to be looking to ready the ground for our winter barley and wheat crop. Farming is never straightforward and we are now faced with a delay in the processing of seed and awaiting delivery! Orders are always placed in good time but with Britain leaving the EU, many difficulties have presented themselves. They are not insurmountable but cause a lot of head scratching, discussion and additional worry. The Fertiliser we use is a liquid fertiliser and so the problems with the shortage of gas, will not affect us. It is at this time of year that we start to tidy our hedges and can get into the fields without crops. The turnaround is very tight so Angus is already out trimming away. There is always plenty of groundwork to be covered and it is much better if this can be done without too much rain. Our choice of minimal tillage means that we can create a good seedbed without turning the soil. Once the seed has arrived, Shaun will be out planting the wheat and barley, but with a shorter window!

The Maize: 35 acres will be harvested in 3rd or 4th week of October. Andy has yet to finally decide whether it will be combined or foraged. The plan was to combine it this year but that depends on the end user (all for cattle feed) but in different forms. Combining is just one option! Watch this space! It's standing very tall this year.



The Rape is doing very well and has given a good covering with not too much evidence of the Flea Beetle. The Rape's waxy leaves ensure it overwinters well. It has some more growing to do before it settles down to hibernate until February. Andy will also be growing Stubble Turnips for Tom Wheeler for sheep grazing in the Spring. There will also be grass in our rotation and Brown's Ground has already been put down to grass which I'm sure is welcome.

Andy now has some great kit which inevitably makes what he and Shaun do, a little easier. Kit coming at the right time either as a replacement or more up to date, saves time in 'man' hours and diesel! Even though we are not finished the planting this year, there will be discussion as to what is to be planted where, in blocks, next year. A farmer is always working ahead, not only with planning the layout of his crops but also who is the buyer. Being on top of the Grain Markets and buying and selling ahead is crucial to the success of all the hard work. No good growing if you can't sell! Take care.

Lizzy Etheridge

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Parish Wildlife

COVID CORVID CAUSING CHAPEL CHAOS!

In Laverton's quiet dip 'Bill nd his boys', vindictive crows, have settled.

Let's leave 'Covid' awfulness for a brief while; we're experiencing some 'Corvid' disruption here.

He (maybe she, I'm not sure how to sex these birds) arrives punctually each morning at around 5am, sometimes alone, but often mobbed up in the large oak opposite the Chapel.



First, he faces off the eight magpies West Side Story-style.

The magpies have already seen off all the gentle garden birds; my feeder has not been touched for a month. But now 'Bill nd his Boys' have arrived. A display of loud, gratuitous violence is called for, a message even a magpie will understand.

It starts on our neighbour's bathroom window: weaponised by a honed chisel of a beak, he attacks the linseed oil in the putty leaving a scar of nearly two feet long. Not enough? He thrills at the sound of his beak on the glass. The jackhammer racket inside both homes causes 'Tippi Hedren like' fear. High on linseed now, he gives each ancient window a go, gouging their wooden lintels.

A bird tapping on your window?

Doesn't this all seem a bit...well... precious?

I laughed when my neighbour first mentioned it.

"Putty? Are you sure it was a rook, not 'a putty cat'!" ... and four days later, Bill's down to our own cottages, he gouges the wood of yet more listed frames: inches deep here, inches! Major surgery!

Not so funny now, eh?

It's 5:00 am, I leap from bed. Less than lithe, I rush down to confront him, nearly falling down wooden stairs and tripping over Rufus, the prone, somnambulant dog. I tear open the curtains with all the drama of a West End farce. "Aha!" I confront him. Time slows to "Matrix" slow-mo. I stare deep into those jet black eyes for less than a second. The deep black of Darth Vader's eyes. "You creature of doubtful birth!" I scream.

Parish Wildlife

He flits casually back to the cedar branch across the road and waits, staring malevolently, three loud caws aimed at me. Always three...he can count! I will learn to dread that sound.

5.20 am. I return to bed, Clint Eastwood-smug. "You won't see him again, Sue!"

...BANG! BANG! BANG! You get the picture; you understand the pattern.

Now imagine three weeks of it so far...5- 7am every morning, religiously.

But... and here's the thing: how well do I know my crows? Every local farmer will tell you corvids are rampant this year. Rooks on barn roofs in their hundreds, magpies everywhere, perhaps they know mankind is on the back foot? 'Us today, you...'

I have had corvids tap gently on windows once or twice before, but 'Bill 'nd his boys' hate us. It's personal, and I loathe him; it's a strong word, but roused from sleep at 5am, I loathe pretty much everything!

Every friend or Lavertonian has a thoughtful theory on crow behaviour:

Hormones? His morning reflection? A taste for linseed putty? Defence of young? His territory? Childhood trauma revenged? A harbinger of one's doom (certainly feels like it at 5am)? Offending an old lady selling lavender? Loather of the brutalist Methodist architecture that defies the Gothic beauty of the pure church?

Likewise, everyone has a good solution:

Drawn curtains or open curtains; whitewash your windows; feed him; the Council; a mirror; swap Rufus for a decent cat; chilli peppers rubbed on lintels; silhouettes of hawks; owl automatons; fishing line on paperclips; flashing lights; netting; boarding up; an exorcism; pay the ransom; get advice from Wile E. Coyote and Acme; earplugs and wood filler; pest control... and (very commonly for such a gentle, polite community!) the more permanent option.

All agree it's seasonal and will pass. It did in Hitchcock's *The Birds*.

Then again, I once had to endure kidney stones.

I Know How That Felt.

Kevin Eveleigh

Parish History

We have another of the of seven “Those Were The Days” articles originally published in the Link in 1976 which Peter Harris has kindly transcribed for our current readers.

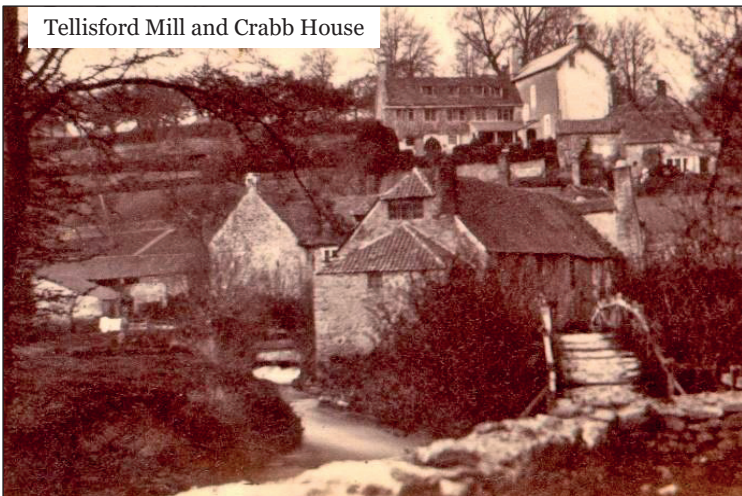
THOSE WERE THE DAYS... Tellisford

Several histories of Tellisford have been written since its existence was first recognised in the Domesday Book, but we are concentrating on “living memory” in this series.

For memorable personalities the name Baker seems virtually synonymous with Tellisford: for nearly 130 years, three generations of the Baker family - father, son and grandson - were “rectors, lords of the manor, and benefactors of the village”, most of which they owned. The grandson, the Rev. R. W. Baker, died in 1945.

Another character well-remembered was Jo Greenhill: when he was head cowman at Manor Farm, he would greet any of his dairymen who arrived late for work at 5 a.m. with “And where have you been all day then?! Long after he died, they felt he was still there sat on the milking stool waiting for the cows each morning.

Nobody remembers there being a shop in Tellisford, though “Granny Dixon” used to sell sweets in the front room of her cottage (where Mr. Humphreys now lives). The village school was also in Mrs. Dixon’s cottage at one time, and later moved to Church Farm, where the three R’s were taught in the sitting room at a cost of one penny per child per week.



Tellisford Mill and Crabb House

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Up to the turn of the century the Tucking Mill provided work for the villagers of Tellisford and the neighbourhood: the womenfolk weaving clothing in their cottages and taking it to the mill where the menfolk worked on the tucking process (finishing off the loose threads and fluffing it up with teazles, an abundance of which can still be found in the surrounding woods).

It was a very happy, resourceful community, and residents still remember the Harvest Suppers held every year in the garage of the Rectory. For the sing-song that followed the meal, the piano was carted up the road from Church Farm on an old set of wheels, ready to be played upon by Mr. Frank Woolley in an assorted repertoire, which regularly included Mrs. Washington's magnificent rendering of "The Village Pump" accompanied by Mr. N. Brunt.

On these occasions there was no cost to anyone ("money didn't come into it") but everyone contributed something towards the food and drink in the way of rabbit pies, apple tarts, etc. etc.

Nor was there any charge for anything at the equally popular annual Gymkhana: a function which began as "An Afternoon of Mounted Games" in Tellisford, and whose sponsors then united with their counterparts in Rode and called themselves the Saddleflaps.

Mercifully only mock war hit Tellisford when, during 1914-1918, the guns and horses of the Royal Horse Artillery battery are said to have forded the River Frome and charged up the hill beside the Pack Steps into the village – as part of an assault course.

Contributed by Col. Darley Tucker, Mrs. Olive Brunt and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dredge.

Editor's Note:

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

Peter is a published author on Rode – his books are available at Rode Post Office and General Store.

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

Parish Family Notice



DEREK STINTON

19.01.1944 - 31.07.2021

We moved to Rode twelve and a half years ago. Derek already knew about Rode. Some years ago, when he was working for a printing company in Chippenham as a graphic designer, he designed advertising literature for Rode Bird Garden.

On retiring, Rode was on our list of places to investigate. It didn't disappoint! We made the best decision to move here.

Derek rekindled his passion for painting. He was an active member of both Frome and Warminster Art Societies, exhibiting regularly. He loved this village and found inspiration for his paintings. He made many friends here and enjoyed many village social events and joined several clubs.

His health wasn't good when we moved here, but he made the most of the early years here. As his condition worsened, he was determined to enjoy each and every day.

My family and I want to thank you all for your support when he passed away, and in these days since.

The Tribute Page and donations for Dorothy House made at his funeral amounted to £600. Their care was invaluable in the last weeks of his life. The overnight sitters were especially welcome, enabling me to get some rest. As I write this, Eileen Byrne and I will have held an Afternoon Tea Party in the Chapel on 24th September to raise much needed funds for Dorothy House.

Thank you all for so many kindnesses to me over the last few weeks. Words cannot express how much I appreciate every card, kind word and the offers of help and companionship.

Thank you.

Gail Stinton and Family

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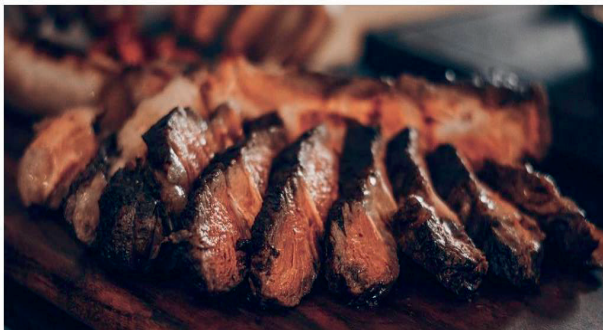
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

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

1. Public Participation:

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council (PC) for opposing the development on Barbara's Field which had led to Mendip rejecting the application.

Concern was expressed over the Bradford Road and Rode Hill junction with cars travelling too fast on all the approach roads to this junction, a major accident could happen any time. The Chair said that some additional markings had been added and the police were aware of speeding on these roads.

A question was raised as to how the 20mph speed, when introduced to the village, would be enforced. It was reported that Somerset had now applied for the 20mph zone to the police and their endorsement was awaited before signs could be put up. Apart from the use of SID enforcement it would be up to the police to enforce.

It was asked if the Inspector's Report on the Hearings on the Local Plan Part 2 had been published yet, in response it was reported that an off the record comment that there were no surprises in the report had been given, which would indicate RD1 was not included as a development area.

The Declaration of Trust for the Playing Field S106 land was considered to be poor and a request for it to be improved made.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr B Lund and Cllr L Oliver

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th August were approved. It was pointed out that the minute 7i) the following text should be included: 'The PC should check with DLA Piper whether there would be any benefit to the objection to the planning application if the PC requested a public enquiry. Also, could the PC actually make such a request.'

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4. Declarations of interest: JM expressed an interest in planning application 2021/1816/LBC.

5. Report from County Councillor: The report from Cllr Oliver had shown that covid19 cases across Somerset were still very high but fortunately the take up of the vaccine in Somerset had been one of the highest in the country. Rural grants for up to £5,000 were available to help recovery following the covid virus, these were on the Somerset website. Somerset was supporting Afghan refugees and anyone wanting to help should contact resettlement@somerset.gov.uk

6. Actions from the previous meeting:

- i) **Hoedown:** The August Hoedown had been well attended with various projects undertaken and special thanks went to the residents of The Mead who had done an evening clean up. Next year the number of Hoedowns might be reduced to just 3 in April, June and September.
- ii) **The Bell:** Contact had been made with the managing agents who have confirmed that they are still seeking a tenant. Questions were raised over this as it was reported a business proposal to take it over had been submitted but the applicant had been told they were unacceptable. It was probable once in a very poor state a planning application would be submitted. The PC were in a difficult position to put pressure on the owner/agents. The managing agents however, have confirmed that a tree surgeon had been approached about the dead trees and they were awaiting the owner's approval.
- iii) **The Mead:** A report of the condition of the trees on The Mead was still outstanding.
- iv) **Marsh Road:** An onsite meeting with Somerset County Council had taken place and it had been pointed out that Highways had right of access over all the land between the wall/fences of properties on either side of the road. However, it was difficult to make any changes to appearance now as so many changes had been made over the years. However, it was agreed the gully needed repair and that a proper gully installed across the pavement to take water from Brown's Ground into the roadside gully. Calm Engineering would be approached to see if its funding could be used to make these improvements.
- v) **Dog bin foot of Marsh Road:** A further request to move this bin had been received. It was agreed the bin could be moved about ten feet up Marsh Road, still under the trees. Grant Slade would be approached to do this.
- vi) **Fingerpost – Straight Lane:** The Clerk reported that he had received quotes for a new finger for this fingerpost. It was agreed that as removing

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the broken end could be difficult a full repair involving installation of a new finger, blasting and repainting the fingerpost should be done. The Clerk was asked to check if the PC insurance would cover this or future repairs, if necessary.

- vii) **No mow May:** An initial approach to Julia Robb had been made, this was to be discussed further.
- viii) **Village day:** Thanks were given to AE and PR for organising a successful day. Thanks were also given to all those who attended.

7. Climate Emergency: Following the well-attended (over 40 people) Extinction Rebellion presentation JM reported that a number of people had come forward to join the Climate Emergency Steering Group and an initial meeting was planned for w/c 13 September.

8. Highways:

- i) Speedwatch were considering purchasing an additional SID (speed indicator device) which would provide a visual speed reminder but not collect data. This could be moved to key locations. However, it was agreed that until the Memorandum with Somerset was seen this should be put on hold as Rode might be limited to a single SID. The cost was estimated at around £2,000 for an SID.
- ii) The Clerk reported there was no update on The Sportsman being adopted.
- iii) The meeting discussed concerns over traffic speed along both Bradford Road and Rode Hill and the junction of these two roads. A major accident could happen any day and although some increased signage and markings had been put in by SCC it was essential something more was done. The Chair agreed to initially speak to Cllr Oliver and possibly pursue this with Sara Davis. It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

9. Planning matters

i) Appeal of: 2020/1686/OTS: To build 29 dwellings and associated roads and access to site on The Mead/Merfield.

The extension to the deadline for comments to 14th September had given the PC time to get a Heritage Expert to come and view the site and prepare a report, this report was expected any day now. JM was thanked for preparing an initial response to submit to The Planning Inspectorate and this would include parts of the Heritage Expert's report, it was agreed that his report would also be submitted as a separate document. It was noted that Ashford Homes appeal was focusing on the tilted balance in favour of development if there was no 5 year housing supply but did not fully consider the requirement to meet all three sustainability tests.

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The meeting agreed that up to £1,000 could be spent on getting DLA Piper to check the more technical parts of the PC comment document to The Planning Inspectorate.

ii. New applications: 2021/1816/LBC: Replace existing stormsure profiled windows and panelling with new conservation timber framed windows and panelling, 17B High Street. No objections, leave to Planning Officer.

iii. Mendip decisions: 2021/0071/OTS: Application for outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of up to 49 dwellings, formation of vehicular access, open space, landscaping and associated works. Refused.

2021/0087/VCR: Application to vary condition 13 (obscure glazing) of approval 2021/1212/VCR, 6 Stable Close. Approved with conditions.

10. Broadband: SE informed the meeting that Voneus was planning to start the introduction of fibre broadband, capable of giving each property ultrafast broadband, late this year. It should take around four months to complete installation of fibre to each property and it would be up to residents to decide whether they would link up to this. This had recently been done in Buckland Dinham with 60% take up.

11. Church Farm access to village/footpaths and playing field: The path from the site to the playing field had not started although emails had been sent to Autograph and Enforcement at Mendip. The latest reason given was waiting for the crop to be harvested and hedge cut. The harvest was now in. It was agreed the Clerk would send another email to Autograph and copy in Enforcement at Mendip and Andy Fussell.

The Declaration of Trust covering the playing field was difficult to follow and needed improvement with there now being two documents covering the playing field it was thought that a new Trust could be drawn up and a charity had a template which could be used to minimise costs. It was important that the PC had clarity on the Playing Field trustees and their actions, as ultimately the PC had responsibility for the land.

12. Parish Elections: There had been a request by the Somerset Association of Local Councils to parishes to bring the elections forward from May 2023 to May 2022 to tie in with the Unitary Authority elections and reduce costs. The meeting agreed with this.

13. Unitary Authority/Frome: The Chair reported that Frome's spreadsheet to ascertain the issues and responsibilities within Frome and all the

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surrounding parishes councils had been returned. This was part of Frome trying to set up a larger group which could act locally once the new Unitary Authority was set up. A further virtual meeting was planned for October.

14. Conservation Area/Neighbourhood Plan: AP reported he had arranged a meeting with a consultant to discuss this further. It was possible a good case for a Conservation area covering the whole village could be made which would give better protection over further development.

15. Bus services: PT reported that a new timetable had been published which had added an extra daytime bus to Bath and also one back. Further meetings were planned to get improved bus services across the whole of Somerset. Consultants had been brought in by Somerset to progress the case which had to be submitted to Government by the end of October. He said there was now some agreement by Somerset that improved services should run in the evenings and at weekends.

16. Financial matters: The following payments were agreed:

Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£725.12
Matthew Lucas (mowing)	£20.00
Steve Eyles (Vistaprint signs)	£31.19
G Berry (website setup)	£150.00
J Flindall (Mindset training for SID)	£234.00
Clerk salary	£228.74
HMRC PAYE	£55.00

The meeting also agreed the request to fund refreshments for the Remembrance Day Memorial parade by giving £100 to the Cross Keys towards these.

17. Any other business: Concern was expressed that building works were being undertaken at 1 The Mead without any planning permission. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners. The tree on the walk through in The Mead required pruning and a quote would be obtained.

18. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in the main hall of the Memorial Hall at:
7.30pm on Monday 4th October

The Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council/

...and finally

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George Cooper, "October's Party"



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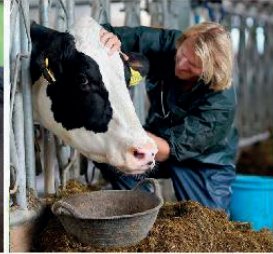
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Sunday 3 October	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast	F & R Stewart
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion	J Robinson/C Walker
	11.00 am	Laverton , Holy Communion	S Kivett
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Meeting Place	
Monday 4 October	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 5 October	9.45 am	Rode chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion	
	6.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 6 October	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 7 October	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 10 October Harvest	9.00 am	Tellisford , Matins	
	9.00 am	Rode , Informal Breakfast	C. Walker
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Holy Communion	C Walker
	11.00 am	Laverton , Matins	M Milligan
Monday 11 October	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 12 October	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 13 October	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 14 October	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Saturday 16 October	4.30 pm	Hemington , Festival Service	
Sunday 17 October Harvest	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Mini Breakfast Church	S Rodford
	9.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Holy Communion	J Robinson
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion	J Robinson
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Informal Worship	M Walker/B Day
	11.00 am	Laverton , Matins	A Dawson/Shepherd
Monday 18 October	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 19 October	6.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 20 October	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 21 October	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 24 October	9.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion	C Walker/S Kivett
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Informal Worship	M Walker/M Harrison
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Holy Communion	C Walker/S Kivett
	11.00 am	Laverton , Matins	R Hill
Monday 25 October	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 26 October	6.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 27 October	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 28 October	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 31 October	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , United parish service	J Robinson/C Walker

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24 October - Local Arrangement / 31 October - 10 Rev. Tina Swire (Holy Communion)

OCTOBER 2021 DIARY

Mon 4 Oct	11.25am-12.05pm Mobile Library, Memorial Hall 12.15pm Monday Lunch Club is back!! See page 28 for details
Tue 5 Oct	7.30pm Rode PC Monthly Meeting, Main Hall, Rode Memorial Hall
Thu 7 Oct	10am Rode Walking Group see page 28 for details
Fri 8 Oct	2.30pm Over 60s see page 29 for details
Mon 11 Oct	11am-12.30pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 39 for details 7.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 29 for details
Tue 12 Oct	7pm Rode Playing Field AGM see page 15 for details
Wed 13 Oct	7.30pm Rode Cricket Club EGM see page 6 for details
Fri 15 Oct	Return of Rode Roxy Cinema see page 7 for details
Sat 16 Oct	10am-12noon Dorothy's Tea Party see page 13 for details
Mon 19 Oct	9.30am Let's Dance see page 30 for details
Fri 22 Oct	NOVEMBER LINK COPY DEADLINE
Wed 27 Oct	2.30pm Rode Ladies Group see page 30 for details
Sun 31 Oct	2am British Summertime ends clocks go back 1 hour 2-3pm Silent Auction & Cream Teas Scouts Fundraiser see page 8 RPF Lottery Draw The Cross Keys see page 17

YEAR PLANNER

Sat 6 Nov	6pm Norton St Philip Firework Display see page 40 for details
Thu 11 Nov	11am 2 minutes silence Remembrance Day
Sun 14 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Rode Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service, details TBC
Sat 20 Nov	10am-2.30pm Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar see page 41 for details
Mon 22 Nov	10.30-11.30am Dementia Friends Information Session see page 22 for details
Sat 27 Nov	10.30am-12noon Laverton Christmas Bazaar see page 41 for details
11-23 Dec	Winter Window Wander see page 12 for details
Sun 12 Dec	Rode Santa Dash see page 12
Sat 25 Dec	Christmas Day
Sun 26 Dec	Boxing Day
Mon 27 Dec	SUBSTITUTE BANK HOLIDAY (Christmas Day)
Tue 28 Dec	SUBSTITUTE BANK HOLIDAY (Boxing Day)
Sat 29 Jan	"Bangers & Bingo" Scouts Fundraiser details TBC

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