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Farleigh Hungerford, part of Hardington Vale



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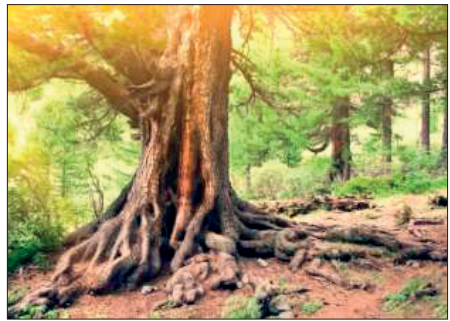
# Church Reflection, News & Events

## REFLECTION

"You are blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family." Matthew 5 v 9 (The Message)

Summer holidays can be a good time to catch up on reading. A friend lent me a book called "Searching for the Mother tree" by Suzanne Simard. It is Suzanne's personal account of growing up as a child in the forests of British Columbia, Canada, in a family who make their living by logging. As well as writing fondly and movingly of her family life, she also gives an account of at least four decades field research into varieties of mycorrhizae that exist beneath the surface of the soil. Our understanding of these vast fungal networks that communicate between trees and plant species sharing nutrients and protection is largely due to the exhaustive work of Suzanne and other scientists working across the world.

In the early days of her forestry apprenticeship, she became concerned that the fir seedlings she was asked to plant on large monoculture slopes were not thriving. As she experimented more she became aware that firs planted alongside other species such as birch fared better. She was vilified by the forestry community for suggesting such an idea. Birch and other woodland plants were considered weeds and blanket sprayed with glyphosate weed killer on a regular basis, killing the birch and destroying the mycorrhizae in the process. In her work she discovered that the firs and birch communicate underground supplying each other with nutrients that they each need at different times of the year. She has since gained her doctorate and is professor of Forest Ecology at the University of British Columbia, with a global reputation. She also found that the old trees, the mother trees, provided the nutrients and liquid that the new seedlings need. Fascinating stuff.



One of her conclusions was that nature depends far more on mutual cooperation than competition. Although some competition is inevitable, the wholesale survival of the fittest that some eminent biologists have led us to believe might not always be the case, and that the plant world cooperates in a remarkable way. During Creation Time, that we are celebrating in our churches this month, we can grow yet more aware of the wonderful world we live in. There is so much we have yet to understand. We must resolve to steward and serve it, not dominate it, but learn from its wisdom.

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Our Queen Elizabeth, who sadly has died made cooperation between people and nations one of her abiding thoughts. In her Commonwealth Day message on the 14<sup>th</sup> March this year she said: *"In these testing times, it is my hope that you can draw strength and inspiration in what we share as we work together towards a healthy, sustainable and prosperous future for all."* The Queen has been praised for her stalwart determination to keep her promises and to be a servant to her people. She was following the example of Jesus, her inspiration and her strength who said in Mark's gospel (10 v 43) "whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.... for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve"

The forest, part of God's beloved creation has a wisdom and intelligence we might all learn from. I think our new King Charles 111 has been saying this for a long time and also been mocked for it. It now turns out that he was way ahead of his time. Let us learn all these lessons of cooperation instead of competition and find out who we really are and our place in God's family.

Barbara Day



## 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](mailto:carolinehwalker@btinternet.com)

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

**5-6pm**  
Optional donation 25

A blue-themed poster for CrossYoga at Norton St Philip Church. It features a logo of a person in a yoga pose, a title, contact information, a description of the event, instructions for participants, and a list of dates. The background shows a pair of hands in a prayer position.

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## NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

By the time you are reading this we may well have already celebrated this year's harvest with our Harvest Festival on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and our Harvest Supper on 1<sup>st</sup> October. In next month's edition we will give you an update on how these went.

Not surprisingly most of September has been dominated by the sad passing of our Queen. From a bellringing perspective plans had been put in place years ago as to the procedures for ringing bells on the Queen's death. You may therefore have heard the tenor being rung 96 times on 9<sup>th</sup> September (the day after the Queen's death). This was rung by Andy Pickett, and I, Sally, counted to check he rang the correct number of times! On 10<sup>th</sup> September we rang 6 bells to celebrate the proclamation of King Charles III. At this time the flag was also raised on the church for 24 hours in recognition of the new King. It was lowered again to half-mast one hour after the proclamations in Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh on 11<sup>th</sup> September. 19<sup>th</sup> September, the morning of the funeral, the bells were rung half muffled for half an hour, then Andy once again tolled the tenor.

I hope you were able to hear the bells at some point over the 10 days depending on the direction of the wind. I think all the bell ringers felt very honoured to be a part of these sad but historic events. We record ringing for events such as this in a book which we keep in the bell tower. We also had a book of condolences in the church which members of the congregation signed. This is now with Peter Travis whilst he waits to hear where these books will be stored for the future.

On 28<sup>th</sup> August, we were delighted to host the wedding of Hannah Organ and Jeremy Larcombe. Hannah is the granddaughter of the late David Joyce and his widow, Olive, who continues to live in Rode. A splendid occasion, we were delighted to play a part in it. We wish them every happiness for the future.

In this column we've previously mentioned the need to repair and replace the roof of St Lawrence. The church architect mentioned in his 2017 quinquennial report that the time for action was coming. That time has now arrived. This, together with the total estimated cost of £400,000, is the bad news. However, the good news (actually fantastic news!) is that our prayers have been answered and the Trustees of the Richard Oatley Foundation have indicated that they are prepared to provide funds of £300,000 towards this project. That leaves £100,000 to be found by our village and from whatever grants we can obtain. We must not miss this opportunity of a lifetime and an appeal will be launched as soon as possible. More details will be provided at that time.

*Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell*

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## ALL SAINTS DAY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TELLISFORD

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 6pm**

All Saints' Day is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

T: 01373 830322

“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



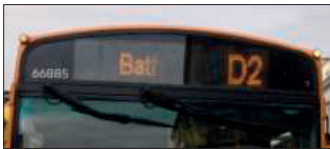
# Parish News

## RODE TO GET BACK ITS BATH BUS SERVICES



July 4<sup>TH</sup> 2015 when over 250 Rode residents blocked the High Street in a protest over the loss of most of our bus services to Bath

Rode Parish Council, Frome And Villages Bus User Group (FAVBUG), our MP, our County Councillors and Rode bus users have battled over the past seven years to get once again a proper bus service for Rode folk who need to go to Bath for work, school, college, shops, hospital or just for a night out.



After many years of campaigning, we have finally heard that in the soon-to-be-announced, new D2 timetable from October 9<sup>th</sup> First Bus will once again send most of its D2 Frome to Bath bus services via Rode.

A key reason for this success is that Rode Parish Council has always shown its strong backing for bus services, both for First Bus and for Faresaver Buses. The Parish Council has funded the production of a special Rode Village bus timetable that lists all our village bus services and door dropped a copy into every home in the village in order to encourage use of Rode's bus services.

Villages across Somerset are now being advised to follow Rode's example and print and deliver their own village bus timetables. If people know when buses are running, then they are far more likely to catch the bus and leave the car at home.

A new Rode bus timetable incorporating all the new First D2 and Faresaver X34 bus times is now being produced by Rode Parish Council in time for the new October 9<sup>th</sup> timetable.



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It will be a case of USE IT OR LOSE IT. It's vital we all try and use the D2 and X34 as often as we can. Going by bus ensures there'll be a bus service for our fellow villagers who rely on buses (especially that's the young and old).



Worth noting too that in the midst of this cost of living crisis, going by bus is usually far cheaper than going by car to Bath. It's 'greener' too as it reduces your carbon footprint.

The message to the good folk of Rode, please do try and BUS IT whenever you can.

*Peter Travis*

Rode Parish Council/FAVBUG/Somerset Bus Partnership

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## ROXY RETURNS WITH 'THE DUKE'

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7 for 7:30pm, Memorial Hall, Rode.

“A ridiculously charming British comedy”

The Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Times and The Guardian ... how often do they agree? ... all awarded The Duke 5 stars. No surprise though as the movie stars Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent.

The plot: back in 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly - he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television.



What happened next became the stuff of legend.

You'll really enjoy this film .. that's guaranteed!

Bar and a raffle as usual.

*Peter Travis*

Heart of Rode Team

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## A RARE MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY

After more than fifteen years of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson--otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown--have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting.



In the winter of 2003, the duo quit their boring desk jobs, moved to the green hills of Vermont, and decided to pursue a full-time career as touring musicians. They released their first CD, Hungrytown, in 2008; Any Forgotten Thing in 2011; and Further West in 2015.

The couple continue to spend more than half of each year on the road, especially roads in N. America, Europe and New Zealand and are currently touring the UK.

Lyricist Rebecca Hall is credited with compositions “that sound as timeless as any traditional songs” (Northern Sky, UK) while producer/multi-instrumentalist/husband Ken Anderson is lauded for his “remarkable affinity for instrumental embellishment.” For more information about ‘Hungrytown’ and samples of their music you can visit [www.hungrytown.net](http://www.hungrytown.net)

Don't miss a rare opportunity to hear their highly acclaimed music in the beautiful setting of **St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip, on Saturday 8th October. Doors open at 7.00pm.** A licensed bar and refreshments will be available. Tickets are just £10 and are available from me), on Eventbrite or at the door on the day.

*David Lockley*

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## 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*

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## DONATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE

Donations of preloved clothes and accessories that are in good condition needed.

We are holding a world scout Jamboree fundraiser on 9th November at Rode Village Hall. There'll be 2nd hand clothes, shoes and other accessories, along with a bar and raffle.

Donations can be collected during the first week of November, please contact Jacqui Rottenbury on 07795 843035, or can be brought to the hall on the evening.

Thank you

*Jacqui Rottenbury and Sally Pickett*



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## NSP CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE

For more information on the Christmas Fayre on 10<sup>th</sup> December see page 44.

Donation for a table will be £15, if anyone is interested in taking a stall for their arts and crafts please contact me on 01373 834226

*Glenys Brown*



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## THIS YEAR'S RBL POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal dates are from 27th October to 13th November this year.

During this time there'll be house to house collections as well as poppies available in local shops/ pubs.

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

*Jacqui Rottenbury*

Rode British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser



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## RODE FOODBANK COLLECTION

Tuesday 15<sup>h</sup> November 6.30pm to 9.00pm



1<sup>st</sup> Rode (Scout Group)

Rode's Scouts and Explorer Scouts will be picking up donated food from homes and doorsteps around the village between 6.30pm and 9.00 pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November collecting for the Fair Frome Foodbank.

Our previous collection was an extremely generous 558 kg of food / 140 bags!

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.

The food is made up into 3 day emergency food boxes and is given to local people who have been identified as being in crisis by care professionals. Fair Frome has helped over 350 families in the last 12 months.



It is a very good cause, helping local people who are in crisis to bounce back.

Please donate: Non-perishable food and basic toiletries.

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*

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## RODE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Christmas Bazaar will be here again on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 2pm and at the time of writing we still have still one or two tables left for traders.

Interested? Please call me to find out more...

*Ros Jackson*

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## LUNCHTIME CONCERTS IN NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH.

We drew one of our largest audiences yet for September's lunchtime concert. Trio Paradis offered a fascinating programme called Daughters of the Muse featuring music written by women composers. I shall certainly be inviting them back to give another concert in 2023.

Our next lunchtime concert takes place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and features Roger Heaton.

Roger is an outstanding professional clarinettist specialising in contemporary music. He has performed throughout Europe alongside the Arditti, Kreutzer and Smith String Quartets and was a member of the London Sinfonietta. His recordings have won critics' awards in the Sunday Times and the BBC Music Magazine.



His concert will include works for solo clarinet and bass clarinet that have been written for Roger by Gavin Bryars and Dave Smith.

He will also play Tom Johnson's amusing Bedtime Stories for narrating clarinettist and his number game pieces Rational Melodies.

As always the concert begins at 1pm and tickets are £5, available on the door.

### **Future Concert Dates For Your Diary:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November : Band Of Pilgrims

"Some old blues numbers, gospel tunes and some original songs too."

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Saxophony

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

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

And getting the New Year off to a sparkling start I am looking forward to being able to team up with John Law "one of the UKs most imaginative and versatile jazz pianists" (International Piano Magazine). "Virtuoso pianist John Law provides a challenging foil for Nick Sorensen's lyrical and creative saxophone playing. The result is exciting and adventurous improvising of the highest order from an outstanding jazz duo."

*Nick Sorensen*

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## GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2022

Thank you so very much to everyone who took part in growing giant sunflowers this year! It was a challenging summer to grow giant sunflowers, having to keep them watered through all the hot weather we had. I think this had a lot to do with not quite reaching the heady heights of last year's 11ft Sonny. Well done everyone for all your efforts!

And here are the results...drum roll please...

### **Adults:**

Tallest sunflower: Sue Shannon, 7 foot 6 inches

Largest head: Mike Salmon, 12 inches (technically Sue Shannon grew the largest head in the adult category at 14 inches, but the rules are that only one prize can be won per person, so this prize gets awarded to the second largest in this instance)

### **Children 16 and under:**

Tallest sunflower: Georgie Bealing, 8 foot 7 inches

Largest head: Sam and Chloe Peatman, 6 inches (technically Georgie Bealing grew the largest head in the children's category at 1 foot and 6 inches, but the rules are that only one prize can be won per person, so this prize gets awarded to the second largest in this instance)

*A special mention to Sammy and Soren Clay for growing a 10ft 3 inch giant (and multi-headed) sunflower this year. They wanted to step aside and to let someone else win this year, which is incredibly generous. Thank you to Sammy and Soren, and well done - you will receive a thank you prize.*

### **Rode and Norton First School:**

Unfortunately, a naughty horse ate the heads off the giant sunflowers, so there weren't any to enter this year, just the stalks were left. Horse protection needed for next year! A prize will be awarded to the school gardening club for their efforts!

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 will be awarded a £10 gardening voucher - kindly donated by Rode and District Gardening Club, and some homegrown veggies and flowers from our plot.

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Here are some photos of the brilliant and very impressive giants grown this year:



Roll on next year's competition!

*Julia Robb*

Rode Grows and Shares

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## RINGING FOR THE STATE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On the morning of the 19th September, 5 ringers from Rode joined with ringers across the country to ring for the state funeral of our Queen.

As a mark of respect we rang the bells half muffled. You may have noticed that the 5 bells all rang out and then there sounded like an echo of them.



We rang from 10am until 10:25am and then the tenor was tolled for a further 20 minutes.

The ringers were Andy Pickett, Sally Pickett, Sandy Wheeler, Geoff Banwell and myself.

*Nicola Ratcliffe*

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## RODE SCOUT GROUP

Really good news from Rode Scout Group, that the Scout Troop is back up and running.

We have welcomed 3 new volunteers Pandora and Graham Jacobs and Wes Masters who will be joining Dan, Alex and Mitzi all under the wonderful guidance of Sarah Djinnis who has moved up from our Cub Pack.



Sarah will be staying until Christmas to make sure they are all happy with the programmes and training, so they can carry on in her absence. She will hopefully be back to help for certain occasions

The Remembrance Sunday Parade will be held on Sunday 13th November, more details in next month's Link.

*Howard Russell*  
Group Leader



## PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in August 2022, drawn by staff & customers in the Cross Keys:

1<sup>st</sup> - £50.00 .... Mr. M. Bower, Rode.

2<sup>nd</sup> - £25.00 .... Rode School, Rode.

3<sup>rd</sup> - £25.00 ..... Keira, Cross Keys staff, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2, Richard Livingstone, Rode (thanks again Mark & 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! Remember you're supporting the Playing Field when you buy your ticket.

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

Next draw Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of October. If anyone would like to do the draw or witness it, then please feel free to do so, just ask.

*Keith Sharman*

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## LAVERTON NEWS BY JACKIE MOSS

**Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022:** On the news of the Queen's passing, we came together to ring the bell at St Mary's Church continually for one hour, 17 of us, all together, taking it in turns for a few minutes each. It was an incredibly moving experience. And then on the Sunday a special service, so well put together by Bob and Andréa, to remember our late Sovereign. There were poems, readings and favourite hymns and the service gave thanks for the 70 years of the Queen's reign and ended by looking forward to the reign of our new monarch, King Charles III, with the singing of the National Anthem. Looking back, how wonderful that we were able to come together as a village back in June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - great memories. RIP

**Ruby Anniversary:** Many congratulations to Jeff and Stella Sargent as they celebrate their Anniversary, they were married in NSP Church on 08.09.1982.

**Fair Frome Food Bank:** A tremendous response to the recent collection for Fair Frome and the food was very gratefully received by the Food Bank.

**Repair Café:** This was such a great event held in the Palairret Hall in NSP with a very talented team of 'repairers'... including our very own Martin Moss.

*Jackie Moss*

# Parish News

## SOMERSET ENERGY SAVER



Mendip District Council has recently launched Somerset Energy Saver. It's an online portal where households can learn about the ways to make your home more energy efficient, from small free of charge changes to low-cost improvements to bigger projects which you may be able to gain financial help with. To find out more visit: **SOMERSET ENERGY SAVER** somersetenergysaver.co.uk

## ENERGY REBATE SCAM

Action Fraud is warning the public about a sharp rise in reports relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem, the independent energy regulator for Great Britain.



Please see below for more information:

### **ALERT: Energy rebate scam emails**

Action Fraud is warning the public about a sharp rise in reports relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem, the independent energy regulator for Great Britain. The emails claim that the recipient is due a rebate payment as part of a government scheme and provides links for the recipient to follow in order to apply for the rebate. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.

**Between Monday 22nd August 2022 and Monday 5th September 2022, a total of 1,567 phishing emails related to this scam have been reported via the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS).** All the emails display the email subject header "Claim your bill rebate now". Offenders are using the Ofgem brand logo and colours to make the emails look as authentic as possible. However, the emails ask recipients to "apply for an energy bill rebate before September 2020", which is what prompted many recipients to realise the emails weren't genuine.

You can view examples of the fake emails in our social media posts on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### **How you can protect yourself and others**

- If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. Don't use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from their official website. Remember, your bank (or any other official source) **will never ask you to supply personal information via email.**
- If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Send us emails that feel suspicious, even if you're not certain they're a scam - we can check.

For advice on how to stay secure online, please visit: [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

**STOP PRESS:** Sorry, no Gardening Section this issue "Muddy Fingernails" is busy in the Potting Shed! Back next month...

# Parish Youth News & Events

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER NEWS



### Tots and Toys October Half Term:

Tots and Toys will be running on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00am-10.45am and older siblings are welcome to join us. £2.00 for coffee and cake for grownups and please bring your own refreshments for your child/ren.

### Caterpillar Club:

Caterpillar club for 3–9 year olds will run Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm-3.30pm both inside and outside at St. Philip and St. James Church, Norton St. Philip. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather on the day.



An adult or older responsible sibling needs to accompany the child/ren and places need to be booked in advance - I need to plan resources for each session. The cost will be £2.00 per child to include refreshments. Booking is now open either by email or phone. There will be a limit of 18 children per session.

*Sue Rodford*

Children and Family Worker

E: [kidschurch@hardingtonvale.org.uk](mailto:kidschurch@hardingtonvale.org.uk) T: 01373 812766



**Beckington Pre-School**  
Open term time from 8:45am  
Children aged 2-4 welcome  
30 hours funding accepted  
Beckington Baptist Church Hall  
[www.beckingtonpre-school.co.uk](http://www.beckingtonpre-school.co.uk)  
01373 831492  
[info@beckingtonpre-school.co.uk](mailto:info@beckingtonpre-school.co.uk)  
Find us on

Charity no. 10356832

**DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

We've got a class for your little princess (and your little prince!)

Let them dance to their own tune with our classes for age 3 upwards.

**FOR FURTHER INFO: CONTACT:**  
07526 922863  
"A DANCING CHILD IS A HAPPY CHILD"  
Welcoming all students to explore their passion for dance.

# Parish Youth News & Events

## FRESHFORD UNITED F.C. NEED YOU!

This year we will have a team in every age group from Under 5's to Under 14's (minus Under 11's unfortunately) plus our adult team.

We are looking for coaches, helpers, supporters and committee members to cover a wide range of roles of which some would only require an hour of your time a month at the most so please make contact with me on the number below if you would like to get involved.



All teams are looking for more players of all ages, abilities, boys and girls. We do give the option for everyone test it out and not commit we can offer a free tester session for 2 weeks to see how your child gets on before you have to commit to anything.

At Rode Playing Fields we have our Under 9's, 10's and 12's playing and training each week so if your child is looking to get into football then please get in touch and come and test it out, do come along and watch.

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

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

*Chris Birleson*

Club Manager

T: 07738 741477 E: [cb@dentons.net](mailto:cb@dentons.net)

### **RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP**

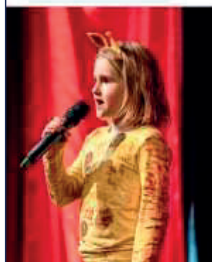
**Mondays during term time  
9.30-11.30pm  
Rode Chapel**



# Parish Youth News & Events

## Rode and Norton St Philip First School Federation

Small Schools, Thinking Big



# OPEN DAYS

Friday 14th October & Thursday 10th November  
or by appointment any other day

**Starting school in September 2023?**

Come and join the adventure at our federation

Tel: 01373 830523 / 01373 834327

[www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk](http://www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk)

# Parish Health & Wellbeing

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

There is an expression in Africa: It takes a village to raise a child. The 'village' can be a physical village, or any community. And the 'child' can be any project, idea or even a business. On a deeper level, this expression is about connection. And as a Somerset County Councillor, my role is to facilitate this connection.



The passing of our Queen has also shown how we, as a nation, are connected with our past, helping us create a positive future. The outpouring of love and respect makes it clear that there is more that connects us, than divides us. I have reflected on how much I have learnt from Her Majesty – care, kindness, acceptance, duty, reliability, honesty, commitment, community, but most importantly, service. For me, this is about every aspect of my life, not just as a councillor. She will forever feature in our national psyche as a symbol of those traits that make us good human beings, and a great Britain.



1<sup>st</sup> October is the International Day of Older Persons. A day to consider how we connect with those in our 'village' who are older, who may need assistance, transport, a phone call, or a cup of tea and a chat.

I was sadly not able to have children of my own and will be growing old without that support. This has always been a great sorrow, and honestly, terrifying. This is one of the reasons why I selected to sit on the County Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care. In September we received dementia training which was eye-opening and concerning. We know, as a county, that there is so much more we need to do around dementia, but we are making progress and I will ensure that this continues.

I have also met with Age UK, Active and In-Touch, and Anne Hills who hosts a coffee morning in Frome for those 'Aging without Children'. I will be joining Anne when her monthly meetups are revived (post-pandemic) in October. There is so much out there to support us as we get older. Sometimes we just don't know what is available or how to access what we need.

A highlight over the last month has been 'Community Connector' training with Mendip Health Connectors. If anyone is facing a struggle, in any aspect of their lives, the Health Connectors are there to signpost and support.

Health and wellbeing are about the *whole*, so if anyone in our 'village' has money concerns, cost of living anxiety, needs medical guidance, is suffering with mental health, the Health Connectors are there.

# Parish Health & Wellbeing

They can be reached by phone, email, online, in groups or 1-2-1. They even have delicious, seasonal, and healthy recipes on their website.

Please do reach out to the Mendip Health Connectors for yourself, or if you need support to help someone in your 'village'. And if you would like to be a Community Connector, the training is only an hour, and you can wear your 'Community Connector' badge to help 'spread the word' locally about how to contact the Health and Green Connectors in the area (especially as we move inside and close our doors with the changing of seasons).

To learn more visit: [healthconnections-mendip.org/](http://healthconnections-mendip.org/)

Phone: 01373 468368 Email: [mendip.healthconnections@nhs.net](mailto:mendip.healthconnections@nhs.net)

Talking Cafes: Frome, Mells, Beckington and around Mendip

Talking Benches: Every Wednesday from 10.30-11:00 outside Frome Library

No one has to struggle on their own. No one has to be alone. And no one has to be lonely.



October begins the new era under King Charles III. But to our dear Queen - RIP Your Majesty. And thank you.

If you have anything you would like to raise with me, please do get in touch:

Email: [dawndentonfrome@gmail.com](mailto:dawndentonfrome@gmail.com) Facebook: Dawn Denton – Frome North 'Diary of a Councillor' on <https://dawndenton.wordpress.com/>

*Dawn Denton*

Somerset County Councillor - Frome North



Talking cafes, 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

An advertisement for Stoptober. It features a man in a blue plaid shirt blowing a large green balloon. The text reads: 'Stopping smoking to breathe easier this Stoptober? You've got this.' Below this, it says 'For free support Search Stoptober' with a search icon. The NHS logo is in the top right, and the 'STOP TOBER' logo is in the bottom right. A 'Better Health Let's do this' logo is also present.

Stopping smoking to breathe easier this Stoptober?

You've got this.

For free support  
Search Stoptober

NHS

STOP TOBER

Better Health  
Let's do this

# Parish Ecology

## THE BIG GREEN WEEKEND!

The Rode Climate Emergency Group was formed just over a year ago, but before we embarked on anything too substantial, we decided to seek villagers' views on the climate crisis, and the key environmental priorities for Rode. Nearly 200 residents completed our survey back in April, which has helped us establish a number of priorities for 2022. One of our key actions was to hold an “environmental event”, designed to both inform and inspire.

In collaboration with Norton St Philip and Beckington, the “Big Green Weekend” took place last month. Amongst the various events, nine local residents show-cased environmental technologies and solutions – hosting visits to their properties and answering questions on heat pumps, solar power, hydro power, composting, re-wilding, electric cars and e-bikes.

Many of the properties had up to 25 visitors on the Sunday afternoon, and Tellisford Mill hosted 4 separate tours, with nearly 40 visitors. In addition, Nigel Clarke hosted a well-attended tour of the Community Orchard in Rode.





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The day before, the Palairet Hall in Norton St Philip was the venue for the Repair Café. And in the afternoon the Memorial Hall sprung to life, with a range of stalls and three fascinating talks in the Committee Room. The speakers were Mickey Green (Managing Director of Somerset Waste Partnership), Mike Dowell from JB Group Renewables, and Shane Collins, Somerset Councillor and climate activist. Each talk was very well attended and sparked lots of interaction and questions from the audience.

Meanwhile in the main hall a range of stalls provided the opportunity to find out more about issues such as the Somerset “Catch the Bus” campaign, The Frome Food Hub, heat pumps, energy efficiency, ways to manage your heating bills this winter, and recycling. In the car park the Frome Community Bike Project provided a free bicycle check-up, as well as the opportunity to use the smoothie bike! We also had a couple of e-bikes and an electric vehicle on show. Many thanks to



the exhibitors, speakers, and the hosts who kindly opened their properties on the Sunday afternoon....without their enthusiasm and commitment this event couldn't have taken place.

The Big Green Weekend was the first event of its kind in Rode, and I think definitely counts as a success. For example, several visitors have since expressed an interest in both community hydro power and solar power, and we hope to work in small groups to move these ideas forward. If anyone has a special interest in, or knowledge of, such projects, please contact me at the email address below.

The next Climate Emergency Group meeting is on October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Memorial Hall (7.30pm)...again, please contact me if you are interested in joining the group or would just like to attend the meeting. Amongst other things we'll reflect on the Big Green Weekend and take some initial soundings on whether to repeat the event next year.

*Jim McAuliffe*

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# Parish Ecology

## MOST PEOPLE IN SOMERSET ARE RECYCLING, ARE YOU?

### RECYCLE MORE COLLECTIONS, A REMINDER



#### Bright Blue Bag:

- Plastic bottles – please rinse, squash, put caps and tops back on. Discard pumps and trigger sprays, e.g. from soap bottles and cleaning sprays.
- Plastic pots, tubs and trays – any colour.
- Tins and cans, steel or Aluminium, rinsed and squashed if possible – no need to remove labels – please place loose can lids inside squashed cans; all other metal items should be taken to any recycling site.
- Aluminium foil – rinsed and scrunched, not if plastic or paper backed.
- Aerosols – only recycle empty, and do not pierce or squash.

#### Green Box:

- Glass bottles and jars rinsed and unbroken – no table or cook ware, put metal and plastic tops and lids back on.
- Cartons, such as Tetra Paks – please rinse, squash, put any caps back on.

#### Black Box:

- Paper, newspapers, magazines, leaflets, directories, white envelopes (no need to remove windows) and other white paper.
- Cardboard that is brown corrugated, grey card, greetings cards and brown envelopes – please flatten. Small bits of card can be put into larger boxes before flattening – cut or tear up large pieces.
- Please remember, large boxes or large pieces should be taken to a recycling site and may not be collected at the kerbside.

#### Plastic bags (not black sacks):

- Small household batteries, in a small, tied bag.
- Small electrical items such as kettle, radio, laptop, iron, toaster, phone, charger, printer, router - with plug, cable or batteries, that can fit into an untied carrier-size bag (plastic, compostable, freezer etc). Keep any wiring in the bag, put on top of recycle box.
- **IMPORTANT kerbside collection of textiles, clothes, shoes has changed. Clothes and shoes must be good enough to be worn again. Textiles – bedding, curtains, throws – are NO LONGER TAKEN. Tie wearable clothes and shoes in a carrier bag – not a black sack – to keep them completely dry and put out on top of your recycling boxes.**

#### Food waste bin

- All food waste, cooked or raw.

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**Sorry, we can't take these in your recycling... the following items are never taken in a kerbside recycling collection – do not put these out in your recycling.**

- Compostable or biodegradable packaging – these can't be recycled with SWP's food or garden waste collections
- Broken glass
- Glass that is not a bottle or jar, such as mirrors, drinking glasses, Pyrex, vases.
- Old or unused wallpaper
- Shiny, thermal paper, as used for many till receipts
- Plastic films and wrappers, for example crisp packets, pet food pouches, film lids, bread bags (Many supermarkets now collect soft plastics)
- Syringes, knives and other sharp objects
- Metal kitchenware, such as saucepans, baking trays, cutlery
- 5 litre large beer kegs
- Old metal tools
- Nappies and pet excrement
- Large quantities of cardboard or excessively large kerbside boxes – please take to a recycling centre
- Single-use “paper” cups – take these to a recycling centre
- Textiles which are not wearable clothes or shoes – please take to charity shop or textile bank...

N.B. Very little to recycle? You can use one box if that is all you need.

See our website [somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://somersetwaste.gov.uk) for more on waste services and how you reduce, reuse and recycle. .

## **RECYCLE SITES GO TO WINTER HOURS FROM 1ST OCTOBER**

All recycle sites switch to winter timetables from 1 October 2022 to Friday 31 March 2023.

When open weekdays, sites operate 9am-5pm October to March.

Saturday and Sunday hours remain 9am-4pm at all sites year-round.

Visit [somersetwaste.gov.uk/allatall/](http://somersetwaste.gov.uk/allatall/) for more details on sites and timetables.

# Parish Friends & Family Notices

## IN MEMORIAM - DUNCAN MCLENNAN



Back in June, we lost Duncan McLennan, the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee. Duncan was long since involved in many aspects of village life but he'll be best remembered for the legacy of the memorial hall.

It is down to Duncan that we have a thriving hall for all to use. During his tenure there was much development and maintenance to ensure that the hall remained a safe, welcoming resource for the village and surrounding area. During this time, amongst many things that he instigated was the redevelopment of the kitchen, ensuring groups could provide refreshments to support their activities. The heaters, doors and curtains were replaced to ensure it was a warm and safe environment. The back room was redeveloped with new carpets, chairs and curtains.

But most of all Duncan was a practical man. He kept on top of any issues, ensured that any necessary work was undertaken. He did a lot of the work himself, with other members of the committee or used his many contacts across the village. He always knew who to ask for help. Duncan was always doing something to keep the hall at its best, whether it was buying tables, sorting out, or chasing people who left the hall in an undesirable state.

One of his major achievements was the fund raising at the annual quiz. He transformed the quizzes by bringing in technology that took it to a different level. As always, he used his contacts to make those evenings great fun for everyone and raised a lot of money for the hall maintenance.

Through Duncan, we have a strong committee to steer the hall through the next phase. As a practical man, he always spent as little time in meetings as reasonable, all meetings were focused and to the point, one of the best chairmen in this respect. We cannot thank Duncan enough for all his time and effort at the hall or for the legacy that he has left us. Thank you, Duncan, you'll be remembered for your legacy.

In the New Year - led by his daughter, Jess, Duncan's family will be running a quiz in memory of Duncan to once again raise money for the hall and for blood cancer charities. It will be truly an evening to remember. Watch out for posters and information about tickets, they will be sold out fast!

*Nicola Ratcliffe*

# Parish Friends & Family Notices

## JAPONICA HOUSE & CLINIC

The time has come for us to leave our beautiful Japonica House and Rode village and after 22 years this has not been an easy decision for us. We have so many wonderful memories of our family home and the village; bringing up 4 children with an age gap of 11 years between youngest and oldest, and more recently looking after 4 grandchildren!

It has been a great honour being involved in many of the really special moments in Rode. Particularly the annual Remembrance activities and the special 100th anniversary of the armistice, as well as the celebration of Batton-Poole VC.

We have been so lucky to get to know many lovely people here, also through Merete's Physiotherapy Clinic in Rode over the last 11 years.

Why leave ? Well the 5 bedroom house is too large and our new path and new adventure will be by the South Coast. Peter will be busy with his new charity work within The Warrior Academy bringing joy and hope to children globally, but starting in Africa, Nepal and India and Merete will be focussing on family both here and abroad.

Thank you all for your kindness, friendship, loyalty and support over the years. We will treasure these memories in our hearts forever. Rode will be greatly missed ♡

*Peter, Merete Bates and Family xx*



# Parish Business

## The Mill at Rode Under new management

Meet the new Lord & Lady of The Mill.

Sam and Rachael have recently reopened the doors to The Mill at Rode. Their team have been working really hard to allow you to enjoy the last of the Summer sunshine, and warm you up in the cosy Winter months.

Sam & Rachael started The Vintage Box back in 2019, which served food & drinks at large events. Their business grew to a total of five horse boxes that traversed the likes of Isle of White Festival, Silverstone & many horse racing venues.



Sam has worked his way up from cloakrooms to looking after the SEC event campus in Scotland, but has always wanted to work for himself and has been the driving force behind the couples strong career growth.

Rachael did a foundation degree in Hospitality Management, which was put to good use in event planning for large venues such as Sandown Racecourse and The Brits at the Millenium Stadium.



The Mill at Rode is their next exciting adventure, the beautiful Eating House, Wheel Room, and Loom Room are ready to be booked, with the full menu launch on 30th September 2022.

Sam and Rachael will be on site most days, so pop in and say hello!

Book online via our website: [themillatode.com](http://themillatode.com) or call us directly on 01373 673112  
Follow us on Instagram & facebook to keep up with all our latest goings on! @\_themillatode

## BEING A MICRO-PROVIDER

The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) has launched a vital new service to help increase the capacity and variety of care and support services within Somerset.



The service helps new and existing sole traders, self-employed or small businesses to join Somerset's network of Micro-Providers.

A Micro-Provider offers paid-for support or care to help local people with everyday tasks, to stay well and get out and about.

There are currently almost 700 accredited Micro-Providers in Somerset who are making a positive difference to the lives of local people every day. Services provided can range from anything from gardening to cleaning, care provision to mobile hairdressing and even dog walking.

Two Enterprise Advisors have joined the Community Council for Somerset and are working across the county to support people in becoming a Micro-Provider. The Advisors offer free help, advice and specialist signposting to anyone with an idea to develop and set up a small service, or micro-enterprise, to support people in the community.

Cat Sweatman, CCS Enterprise Advisor said: "Becoming a Micro-Provider offers flexible working hours and interesting and varied work within your local area. It can be done alongside other employment and built up whilst starting up. The flexible hours can help fit work around the school run or perhaps you're retired and want a little extra income to help with the increasing cost of living."

Claire Searle, CCS Enterprise Advisor added: "We can support you through the process of becoming accredited through the 'Doing it Right' quality standard, led by Somerset County Council. We offer support through mentoring, one-to-one coaching and are only ever a phone call, email or What's App message away. We are really keen to hear from anyone who thinks they would like to become a Micro-Provider, so do get in touch."

For more information visit [www.ccslovesomerset.org/ccs-micro-ent](http://www.ccslovesomerset.org/ccs-micro-ent) or contact:  
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What is a Micro-Provider? <https://fb.watch/fyLqOk45ld/>

# Untold Tales

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

## CROSS BORDER: NAGORNO KARABAKH (NOW CALLED ARTSAKH REPUBLIC)

In May 1993 Rachel and I were preparing for our wedding at the beginning of July. I received a request from UNICEF: Please would I go to Armenia and review the immunisation programme there. At the time Armenia was at war with Azerbaijan over the mountainous region called Nagorno Karabakh. This area, like Armenia, is predominately Christian, and under the USSR had been autonomous. Before the collapse of the Soviet Union there was a move to transfer the autonomous region from Azerbaijan which is mostly Muslim to Armenia. It did not happen before the USSR ceased to exist.

When I arrived in Yerevan, the UNICEF local office asked me to go to Nagorno Karabakh, a Christian enclave inside Azerbaijan, where the British NGO Merlin was working. The war had been running



since 1988 and in that time the Karbakhis had been highly successful in expelling the Azeris from their mountain. Despite its size Nagorno Karabakh provided the USSR with 13 generals and one admiral in WWII. They are good at fighting.

I left Yerevan heading southeast to the province of Syunik, at that time still called by its old name Zangezur. We passed Lake Sevan with its old churches - Armenia has many very old churches, some dating back to the fourth century. They are constructed entirely from Tufa, a honeycomb structured red rock. Because of its structure it is easy to cut and carve, but because the stone itself is very



6<sup>TH</sup> Century Church overlooking Lake Sevan



## Untold Tales

hard the carving does not wear away. As a result these ancient churches, some of the oldest in Christendom, still have beautiful carved details.

Our journey was broken at a small village where we stayed overnight at a farm. The farmhouse was an unremarkable concrete structure but the welcome was warm and hospitable. I was asked how old my house was; “It was built about 1350” I replied. “Ah quite old” I was told, “but not as old as this one.” “How old is this one?” I asked. “The oldest part is 4,000 years old,” said my host, “follow me.” Fascinated I followed; we passed through a door at the back of the modern building and entered a building with metre thick walls, small rooms and tiny windows, but that was not the end. Again we passed through a door and I found myself in a series of caves, in one of which lay a cow chewing the cud; others were used as storerooms and this was the part that was 4,000 years old. “How long has your family lived here?” I asked. “Well” I was told, “our forebears built the bit on the front of the caves somewhere in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, but it was too small and poky so we built this nice new airy house on the front of that about 40 years ago.”



The next morning I was woken by a golden oriole singing in the walnut tree outside my window. It was hard to realise that I was in a war zone and that until very recently this whole area was the site of heavy fighting. Much of Armenia is a high mountain plateau and we were at an altitude of about 1,500m.

There are two ways into Nagorno Karabakh: the northern route, at that time more prone to bombing, and the southern across the Lachin Corridor. This is the narrow deep valley that separates the Nagorno Karabakh mountain from the main massif of Armenia. It is a long way down and then a very long way back up again on the other side.

The control of the Corridor was vital to the Karabakhis as holding it made their land contiguous with the rest of Armenia. It is equally important to the Azeris as it is the only link to Nakhichevan, a province of Azerbaijan wholly separated from the rest of the country by Armenia.

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Road to Stepanakert

Once through the Corridor, having passed much war debris we reached Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno Karabakh. While there the Minister of Health gave me lunch. Because of the instability in the area he had armed bodyguards who joined us for lunch. The one opposite me had the manner of a terrier: he looked as though he would like to kill something and was not particularly fussy about who or what it was. Every time he leant forward to take food I could see a large automatic under his arm. Suddenly the Minister

asked, "Have you ever been to Turkey?" "Yes" said I, noticing the terrier's eyes brighten and his position shift slightly. "Ah" said the minister "We do not like the Turks." I thought it best to keep quiet about my antecedents and we passed to a safer subject, discussing vaccine and how to immunise children. The terrier looked disappointed.

Before leaving I asked if it would be possible to buy a Karabagh rug; they are very beautiful, geometrically patterned tribal rugs. I was told that unfortunately that would not be possible because the previous year all the rugs and carpets had been collected together and sold to buy weapons. I subsequently found some in Yerevan.



Karabagh Rug

We returned to Yerevan the way we had come, stopping on the way at a point where naturally fizzy water comes gushing out of the ground. I was told it had medicinal qualities - it tasted disgusting so almost certainly did. On return to the city I bumped into a Merlin staff member. "Oh" she said, "you're just back from Stepanakert aren't you?" "Yes" I said. "Did you get bombed?" she asked; "No" I replied. "Oh bad luck" she said: funny priorities I thought.

Due to shortages of every kind in Yerevan my return flight had just enough fuel to reach an airport in Southern Russia where it could refuel cheaply. No meals were offered except to the cabin crew. It was not a good flight but I got home in time to get married.

*Anthony Battersby*

# Parish Cricket



Rode CC played one match in September, against Witham.

We batted first and Lawrence Gripper got us off to a great start, making a sparkling 46 opening the batting. He was well assisted by Adam Kwasnicki who made 32 and the ever reliable Julian Wotton (41).

Rode managed a creditable 157 for 8 off our 30 overs, but with a target requiring not much more than 5 runs per over, Witham started their innings as slight favourites. Lawrence could not be kept out of the game nicking one of the openers out cheaply, and regular wickets from Nick Wotton (2 wickets for 4 runs off three overs), Dave Edwards (3 for 24 off 6, including catch of the season off his own bowling), Simon Westbury (1 for 16 off 4) and Julian Wotton (2 for 16 off 5, plus a run out) resulted in them being bowled out for 132 and a win for Rode by 25 runs! A great end to the season, and fantastic that we ended on a winning note!



All in all a very successful return for Rode. We managed to fulfil all our fixtures bar one, managed to be competitive in most matches, even if we only got across the winning line on two occasions, but most importantly, had a lot of fun and team spirit, especially with the younger generation of players on which the future of the club depends.

We will return in late May 2023 for another season, until then, thanks for all the support we have received from the village in our first season back in Rode colours!

*Andy Pickett*

# Parish Wildlife & Nature

## SOME OF OUR LOCAL MOTHS

Leave the light on...

Accidentally leaving a light on overnight is an expensive business nowadays. But it does come with one consolation. Moths!

Whilst butterflies are the barometer of our environment, the same is true of moths. They are vulnerable to climate and habitat changes and perform the same important ecosystem roles as butterflies.

And there are loads more of them. The UK has 67 (or so) butterflies. But over 2,500 different species of moth.

We usually have 16 or 17 butterfly species in the lanes, gardens and fields of Laverton each summer.

Realistically we could have how many different moths? 200, 300, 400, 500? It would be a full time job to monitor them.

Here are a few you can see locally this Autumn as a start.....

### **The Herald:**

These are beautiful moths with bright orange blotches on grey-brown wings. They overwinter in outbuildings and sheds. You can see them in evenings feeding on over-ripe fruits such as blackberry and sloe.

### **Large Ranunculus:**

This sounds like an angry uncle but actually it's named after the Latin name for the buttercup-like plants it likes to lay its eggs on. They have beautiful but subtle colouring.

### **Silver Y:**

It takes a bit of imagination but you'll see where this moth got the name. It is our most common migratory moth. It will be here until November when survivors of our summer migrate to southern Europe. Its caterpillars love nettles – and cabbages!

### **White Plume Moth:**

This doesn't look like your standard Moth. Early naturalists gave it the Latin name *Pterophorus pentadactyla* alluding to its slightly prehistoric looks. They emerge twice a year and you can often see them in long grass during the Autumn.

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**Magpie:** A day-flying moth so you can see them easily. There's an aberrant variation (it's in Laverton and has more white and less black on the wings). Most have disappeared by late September but you might just see one if the weather holds.

So leave a light on (the bathroom is their preferred room) and every day is a surprise.

There is always a new moth to find.

Good luck!

*The Red Admiral*



The Herald



Large Ranunculus



Silver Y



White Plume Moth



Magpie

# Parish Wildlife & Nature

## THE JOYS OF NATURE - OCTOBER

Our Indian Summer encouraged me to take a walk across the fields one evening, bare now of their crops as harvest is home. I noticed maize kernals left on the ground missed by the forager, and they had clearly been nibbled! I think the rabbits had emerged from their burrows to quite a feast! Also Butterflies are still fluttering about searching for some late nectar. I have to say that I did not feel pestered by wasps this summer; a pleasant surprise.



The hazelnuts have fallen onto my 'lawn' and are fast being collected by the squirrel. I find seedling hazels all over my garden where nuts have been forgotten. The squirrel is not so timid now and pops into the garden to retrieve buried nuts while I quietly watch. Delicate hands lifting the soil and grass from the hiding places, leaving me with holes all over the lawn! I don't mind .... It's part of the cycle of the seasons.

This year many of the trees felt the need to shed their leaves even as early as August, due to the drought like conditions. I noticed the conkers falling too. But now, as they fall, they are fully ripe and shiny, as a great conker should be. I read in a magazine that there will be Conker Competitions all over the country. A simple pleasure and far more exciting than a screen!



It's so important that the current generation of children are immersed in learning about nature and the countryside, the seasons and the weather. Of making dens and playing conkers, planting acorns and collecting 'fairy cups'. I fear that they will not have the memories and it's vitally important that they are encouraged to just play, away from screens and electronic games.

The birdsong has been quite epic of late, broods flown the nest and starting to mark territories select building sites and repairing nests to cosy up for winter. Who knows what weather will be offered us this Autumn and Winter but let us make the most of the last of the light evenings before we slip into Winter.

*Lizzy Etheridge*

# Parish Groups

## RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

A good number of members and guests came to the final garden visit of the year at Batcombe House on the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> September.



In warm sunshine we were met by the Head gardener, Tom in front of a formal Georgian house. The restrained planting in this area gave little clue to the exuberance we discovered in the grounds behind. The house belongs to garden designer Libby Russel and her husband.

Colourful herbaceous planting outside her studio links the house with more formal planting at the far end of this level. Much earth has been moved to create terraces for a swimming pool and a tennis court higher up the hillside. An impressive fruit and vegetable garden contained a wide range of produce and flowers. The final garden has a more subtle colour palette beautifully planted on three sides of a grass amphitheatre gently descending to the house. Our visit finished with delicious cake and a drink. All agreed it had been a lovely way to spend the afternoon.

This month we are meeting in Rode Village Hall at 7:30 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> October when Julia Robb will be speaking on dahlias.

*Sharman Flindall*

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## RODE WALKING GROUP - OCTOBER'S WALK

We had a very enjoyable walk in September, despite the rain. We climbed up through the woods from Avoncliff to Westwood and continued along lanes to Freshford. After a coffee stop at the cafe/shop we followed a pleasant river path back to Avoncliff.



October's walk date falls on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and we are exploring around the village of Faulkland. Meet and park at the Faulkland village green at 10 am. The proposed walk is approximately 5 km but unfortunately the cafe at the Lavender Farm is closed so those wanting coffee will have to drive back to Farleigh Hungerford farm shop cafe.

Let's hope for better weather this time!

*Liz Dinnis*

E: elizabethdinnis49@gmail.com T:07788 656337

# 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*

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## RODE OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Our September meeting was a quiz afternoon. Coming the day after the death of the Queen we started on a slightly sombre note.

Gail had brought a vase of lovely red roses and our Chairman said a few words remembering Her late Majesty's coronation, which many of us admitted recalling having watched, in black and white, on very small TVs - often at a neighbour's house.

Joan Carter had organised a very good quiz of anagrams and general knowledge and it was so nice to have her husband David with us again after his illness.

There was a bowl of sweets on each table to help brain function and I think we all did rather well. Anyway we enjoyed ourselves and were certainly ready for the delicious tea which followed.

Birthday greetings in October go to Mr K Stone and we wish you a very happy day.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th October and will be an Historical Slide Show of Rode Village.

*Ros Dymond*



# Parish Groups

## MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

Our next meeting is Monday 3rd October 12.15pm 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 - we can arrange transport if you need help getting to the Hall.

I'm delighted that we will be welcoming back our Year 4 children from Rode School who play such a vital role interacting with our members, helping to serve and clear lunch and helping with the raffle.

We have missed them greatly since the pandemic and can't wait to meet them again!

Future dates for your diary:

Monday 7th November

Monday 5th December

We welcome new members - if you're new to the village you will be made most welcome, don't sit home alone! So - what are you waiting for? Please give me a ring and book your place - you do need to book in advance!!

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

T: 01373 830836 / 07828600095

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## OTHER CLUBS/GROUPS

News and information about other clubs and groups in the parish is always welcome for our readers. If you are thinking of starting a new group we'd love to help in promoting it.



If you'd like us to include it do contact me E: [gillhleonard@aol.com](mailto:gillhleonard@aol.com) T: 831072

*Gill Leonard*

Editor

# Parish Events

**WEEKLY  
RODE CRAFT CLUB**

**THURSDAYS  
2-4pm  
RODE CHAPEL  
See page 38**



**3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER  
SEE PAGE 39 FOR DETAILS**

Hungrytown is American folk music at its zenith, retro yet shiny and new, like a freshly minted copper penny. If you've been craving folk music of substance, head off to Hungrytown.  
—Feminist Justice

Hall's vocals are wonderful, pitch-perfect and rich in emotion, perfectly paired with Anderson's harmonies. Hall and Anderson have cultivated a wonderful musical rapport that will entice more than 10 many as they continue to tour and record.  
—Loren Page

Rebecca Hall presents one of the most enjoyable vocal performances that we have ever heard.  
★★★★★  
—Koch Music Report

The duo's mostly original material blends smart modern lyrics with a traditional Americana feel.  
—Dirty Linen

I love the sound of Rebecca Hall's voice, there's a sweetness and a worldly wisdom in perfect balance.  
—Loren Dickinson

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**St Philip & St James Church  
Norton St Philip**

**Saturday 8 October**  
7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Licensed Bar**

**Tickets £10**  
available from David Lockley 01373 834414, Eventbrite or on the door

**ST PHILIP &  
ST JAMES  
CHURCH  
NORTON ST PHILIP**

**Lunchtime  
Concerts**

**THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER**

**Featuring  
Contemporary Clarinetist  
Roger Heaton**

**See page 11 for details of this  
and future concerts**

# Parish Events

**Scouts**   
#DreamWild  
scouts.org.uk/wsj  
@ukcontingent



Quiz with bar and food  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

Doors open at 7pm in the Memorial Hall  
Quiz starts 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 each to include food  
Quiz teams of 4-8 people.

Raising money to send two Rode Explorers to the  
World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 .

Tickets available from Sally Pickett (831796)  
and Jacqui Rottenbury (07795843035)  
or Rode POST OFFICE

 **25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree**  
Jamboree Scout Mondial

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*Forget-me-not Café* 

When? - October 17th (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

# Parish Events



Friday  
21<sup>st</sup> October  
7 for 7:30pm

Memorial Hall  
Rode

See page 7 for  
more details...



**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

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## Parish Events



**Pre-Loved  
Clothes Sale  
November 9th**

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

Fully stocked bar & Raffle  
Rode Village Hall  
November 9th, 6-9pm

SAVE THE DATE  
RODE  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
PARADE  
Details to be confirmed



### RODE FOODBANK COLLECTION

Tuesday 15<sup>h</sup>  
November between  
6.30pm and 9.00pm

Please see page 10  
for more details.



**Norton St. Philip**  
ARTISTS TOGETHER



SAVE THE DATES MORE  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW....

**Arts & Crafts Weekend**  
FRIDAY 18, SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

CERAMICS • DRAWING • GRAPHICS • JEWELLERY • LEATHER •  
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PRINTMAKING • STAINED GLASS • TEXTILES • WATER COLOURS

# Parish Events

**Rode Chapel  
Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
from 10am – 2pm.**

Buy your Christmas gifts locally  
from local people and indulge in  
Bill's bacon buns!

Toys, games, cards, crafty craft  
work, jewellery and lots more.



**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

**BOOKS  
RAFFLE**

**Save the date  
Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm  
at St Philip & St James Church, NSP  
The Mendip Male Voice Choir  
Tickets £10.00  
in advance or on the door**

**A fundraiser for the church**



**Christmas Fayre  
Saturday**

**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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# Parish Food & Drink



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CAFE & POST OFFICE**

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**E: [gillhleonard@aol.com](mailto:gillhleonard@aol.com)**



# Parish Food & Drink



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those not feeling comfortable visiting us.*



# Noticeboard

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### WANTED:

### SERVICE DIRECTOR, FUNDRAISER, BID WRITER AND ADMINISTRATOR

A&IT support lonely and isolated people (of any age) in our community with befriending, running groups, providing transport and some shopping. We do this by working in collaboration with many other groups/charities and our local health connectors.

We are now looking to support our activities and small number of staff with new leadership and management, (our current director is moving on), some administrative support, some regular fundraising hours and/or bid writing to ensure we are sustainable within our local setting.



For further details contact: Dougie Brown, Service Director via email [manager@activeandintouch.org](mailto:manager@activeandintouch.org) or telephone: 07539 795261

Closing date: Friday 7th October 2022, 12 midday • Applications using CV to Dougie Brown please. Interview dates to be announced and agreed with individuals.

	Friends of St George's <b>AUTUMN FAYRE</b>
<b>SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	
<b>10:30am to 2pm</b>	
<b>BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL</b>	
<b>GIFTS AND COLLECTABLES</b>	
<b>NEARLY NEW CLOTHING</b>	
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<b>Free entry &amp; parking</b>	

### Frome's Annual Walking Festival

11th-13th November 2022



It offers a diverse weekend programme of guided and self-guided walks, trails and activities for young and old alike. Explore Frome's history and heritage and the beautiful surrounding countryside in walks ranging from easy afternoon strolls to longer riverside rambles. 17 walks in all.

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The 2022 Festival will, for the first time, be offering an accessible walk telling some highlights from the 'Long History of Frome'. There will also be a 'Buggy Walk' and family-friendly trails. The Festival both encourages people to get into the outdoor fresh air and to take some time to learn more about the rich history of the town.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
RODE MEMORIAL HALL  
ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 pm

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## UNCONFIRMED

### **Present:**

Cllr Mike Salmon – Chair (MS), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Andy Pickett (AP), Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR) and Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB)

**In attendance:** Cllr Barbi Lund, Cllr Adam Boyden, Hugh Williams – Clerk and 4 parishioners.

**1. Public Participation:** Good news was given to the Parish Council that new leaders and helpers had been found for the Scouts so the groups could keep going. However, there was still a shortage of Beaver leaders and these were being sought. There were now 62 young people in the Scout groups.

Concerns were expressed over the proposal to build 7 dwellinghouses on land between Clay Lane and Church Lane, these could block light and views and encroach on the privacy of the existing surrounding properties. Access to the site could result in further narrowing of Church Lane which was of concern. It was pointed out that only those directly adjacent to the proposed development had been notified by Mendip and it was thought a wider area should have been notified. The limited notice could restrict comments on the application.

There were still problems on the Bradford Road with the hedge by the empty (for sale) house forcing pedestrians into the road. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Mendip (cc Cllr Lund) as approaches to the selling agent had not managed to get the hedge cut.

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Denton (County Councillor)

**3. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August were approved with the following amendment to minute 13 which should read: ‘AE had attended the AGM representing the Parish Council and she reported that the Memorial Hall was keen to work with the Playing Field. It had also been agreed that the Hall would be free for Community village organisations until March 2023.’

**4. Declarations of interest:** None.

**5. Report from District Councillor:** Cllr Lund had put an article into The Link on the annual review of Mendip’s Carbon Management Plan and agreed to send this to the Clerk to upload onto the PC website.

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**6. Report from County Councillor:** Cllr Boyden reported that the Local Community Network (LCN) consultation had just started and would run until 17<sup>th</sup> October. There were seven questions in the survey asking about the geography of each LCN and the priorities these groups should have. The Chair was surprised so little had been agreed by now and that once the survey was completed, results analysed and approval given there would be less than 5 months to get these up and running. It was known the LCNs would have all the local County Councillors on them along with representatives of the parish and town councils they represented. It was agreed to put this onto the October agenda and agree a PC response to the survey.

In response to a question Cllr Boyden said that planning application decisions would still be made under the Mendip planning panel with representatives from the local County Councillors until a Somerset wide plan was in place.

He said that he and Cllr Denton had met with Somerset Highway representatives who confirmed the 20mph speed limit in Rode along with village gates and speed restrictions on the A361 would be installed before the end of the financial year. Somerset was working on a design for the Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction which could include a flashing speed sign for traffic approaching from Bradford on Avon along with rumble strips this would be circulated when completed. The double yellow lines at the Rode Hill/High Street junction had had no objections and would be probably be painted in Spring. This was due to the queue of work to be done.

There was continued pressure to maintain bus services across Somerset.

A drought had been declared across Somerset.

## **7. Actions from previous meeting:**

- i. Trees: Merfield/The Mead:** Cllr Lund said she would chase Bo Walsh as she had not heard from him who should write to the owners regarding the state of the trees.
- ii. Ultrafast broadband:** Gigaclear is answering residents' questions on their ultrafast broadband coming to Rode in the Memorial Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> September, letters had been delivered to residents alerting them to this. It was, however, noted the box had not been installed at the end of Lower Street before the end of August as previously informed.
- iii. Grass round Christchurch:** JM reported he would chase up the diocese as the PC had approved rewilding this area.
- iv. Dog bin on Marsh Road and trees:** Grant Slade had agreed to move the bin further up Marsh Road and had apologised for having forgotten to move it. The Clerk said that the two branches that had come off one of the adjacent trees had been cleared away promptly by John Osborne and thanks were given to him.
- v. Trees by Rode Bridge:** A parishioner had noted that some trees by the bridge were in an unsafe condition and had informed the County Arboriculturist and they have asked the PC to apply pressure. It was agreed

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to check the location of the trees as these could be in Tellisford and therefore Tellisford PC should take action. [Clerk's Note: the trees are in Tellisford and they have been informed of the issue.]

**8. Climate Change Group:** The Big Green Weekend was taking place this weekend (10/11 September) with the repair café in Norton on Saturday morning then stalls and three lectures on Saturday afternoon in the Memorial Hall, Rode and on Sunday there were 9 open houses demonstrating various green initiatives. Thanks were given to JM for getting this weekend organised and it was hoped this would be a success.

The rewilding area by the Memorial Hall had not been that successful due to the yellow rattle not getting established. However, it was agreed to continue with the experiment and to consult with experts who could help with the rewilding.

## **9. Highways:**

**a) Church Lane closure:** The Clerk agreed to inform Somerset/Mendip that the signed diversion down Marsh Road was incorrect and should be rerouted. A bus had tried to go down the road and had to reverse back up.

**b) Other issues:** Already covered under 6. Report from County Councillor.

## **10. Planning:**

### **i) New applications:**

**2022/1516/OUT:** Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for 7no dwelling houses with access details – land at rear of 41A Church Lane. Concerns were expressed over this application as already expressed in the Parishioners participation it was also noted that the development was outside the Rode development boundary as agreed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The infilling of green spaces would harm the village and therefore it was unanimously agreed to reject the application.

**2022/1612/TCA:** Crown-lift pine to 4.5m by removing SE laterals – The Millers House. Approved.

**2022/1753/TCA:** Fell magnolia tree – 31 Lower Street. This was approved once it was explained that the roots were damaging the neighbouring drive and that felling was the only option.

### **ii. Mendip decisions:**

**2021/2297/FUL:** Erection of four dwellings and creation of new access – The Bell Inn. The developer has issued an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate due to Mendip not making a decision on the application within the prescribed time limit. The PC noted the appeal.

### **iii. Other:**

**2021/0071/OTS:** Information from Mendip indicated that this would probably be a one-day hearing and could be a combination of 'real life' attendance and virtual. The PC would be able to participate in the hearing. There was still no start date from the Planning Inspectorate. The Clerk agreed to send the agreed questions to DLA Piper.

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**Enforcement:** Concerns were expressed over work at houses on The Mead and the buildings at The Coach House where work had been done without planning approval or was being done contrary to approval. It was agreed these should be brought to the attention of Mendip.

**11. Playing Field Constitution:** AP had contacted Steve Eyles and it had been agreed a meeting with the solicitor would to be held in the future.

**12. Church Farm:** Some surfacing of the development had now been done but the main roads were uncompleted. No further work had taken place on the path within the development area or resowing grass or planting of trees/shrubs. Mendip had not made a decision on the planning application regarding affordable housing.

**13. LCNs:** See 6. Report from County Councillor.

**14. Buses:** PT reported that the catch the bus month had started but due to the closure of Church Lane it was possible the catch the bus campaign for Rode would take place in October. There were problems with bus services across Somerset and locally there was a campaign underway to support the D2 especially the evening bus from Bath. Pressure and action would be maintained.

**15. Allotments:** To be actioned.

**16. New Website:** JM had still to have further discussions with the provider and would report back at a later PC meeting.

## **17. Financial matters:**

**i) Payments:** The following payments were agreed:

Downlands Tree Surgery	£384.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£777.40
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Clerk Salary	£240.24
HMRC PAYE	£56.00

## **18. Other business:**

i) It was agreed to consider a fire plan at a subsequent meeting.

## **19. Date of next meeting:**

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed .....

Date ..... Print .....

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# ...and finally

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

## POEM OF THE MONTH

How innocent were these trees, that in  
Mist-green May, blown by a prospering breeze,  
Stood garlanded and gay:  
Who now in sundown glow  
Of serious colour clad confront me with their show  
As though resigned and sad,  
Trees, who unwhispering stand umber, bronze, gold:  
Pavilioning the land for one grown tired and old;  
Elm, chestnut, aspen and pine, I am merged in you,  
Who tell once more in tones of time,  
Your foliage'd farewell.

*Siegfried Sassoon, 'October Trees'*







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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
<b>Saturday 1 Oct</b>	11.00 am	<b>Hemington</b> , Harvest festival	C Walker
<b>Sunday 2 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Informal Breakfast	F & R Stewart
	10.30 am	<b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Harvest Holy Communion	B Day/C Walker
	11.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Laverton</b> , Harvest Holy Communion <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Meeting Place	J Robinson
<b>Monday 3 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 4 Oct</b>	9.45 am	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Ecumenical Holy Communion	
	2.30 pm	<b>Laverton</b> , Prayer in church	
<b>Wednesday 5 Oct</b>	8.30 am	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 6 Oct</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 9 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Tellisford</b> , Matins	
	9.00 am	<b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Informal Breakfast	A & S Filkins
	10.30 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion	C Walker/M Harrison
	11.00 am	<b>Laverton</b> , Matins	B Hill
<b>Monday 10 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 11 Oct</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Tellisford</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 12 Oct</b>	8.30 am	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 13 Oct</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 16 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Farleigh Hungerford</b> , Holy Communion	S Kivett
	10.30 am	<b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Holy Communion	S Kivett
	10.30 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Informal Worship	M Harrison/B Day
	11.00 am	<b>Laverton</b> , Matins	A Dawson-Shepherd
<b>Monday 17 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 18 Oct</b>	2.30 pm	<b>Laverton</b> , Evening Prayer in church	
<b>Wednesday 19 Oct</b>	8.30 am	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 20 Oct</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 23 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Tellisford</b> , Holy Communion	C Walker
	10.30 am	<b>Rode St Lawrence</b> , Informal Worship	N Jacobs
	10.30 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion	C Walker
	11.00 am	<b>Laverton</b> , Matins	P Simper
<b>Monday 24 Oct</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 25 Oct</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Tellisford</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 26 Oct</b>	8.30 am	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 27 Oct</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 30 Oct</b>	10.30 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , United Holy Communion	C Walker/J Robinson

## OCTOBER 2022 DIARY

Mon 3 Oct	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 39 for details
Tue 4 Oct	7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 53 for details
Sat 8 Oct	7pm NSP Concert see page 8 for details
Mon 10 Oct	7.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 37 for details
Tue 11 Oct	10am Rode Walking Group see page 37 for details
Thu 13 Oct	1pm-2pm NSP Lunchtime Concert see page 11 for details
Fri 14 Oct	11.25-11.55am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode 2.30pm Rode Over 60s see page 38 for details 7 for 7.30pm Quiz Fundraiser see page 41 for details
Mon 17 Oct	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see pages 41 for details
Tue 18 Oct	7.30pm Rode Memorial Hall Meeting
Fri 21 Oct	7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy for pages 7 & 42 for details
Sun 23 Oct	<b>NOVEMBER LINK COPY DEADLINE</b>
Sun 30 Oct	2am British Summertime ends clocks go back 1 hour
Mon 31 Oct	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 15 for details

## FORWARD PLANNER

Sat 5 Nov	6pm gates open NSP Bonfire & Fireworks see page 42 for details
Wed 9 Nov	6-9pm Preloved Fundraiser see pages 9 & 43 for details
Fri 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Sun 13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Rode Remembrance Sunday Parade details tbc
Tue 15 Nov	6.30-9pm Scouts Foodbank Collection see page 10 for details
Fri 18 Nov	NSP Artists Together Arts & Crafts Weekend see page 43 for details
Sat 19 Nov	10am-2pm Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar see pages 10 & 44 for details NSP Artists Together Arts & Crafts Weekend see page 43 for details
Sun 20 Nov	NSP Artists Together Arts & Crafts Weekend see page 43 for details
Sat 26 Nov	10.30am-12pm Laverton Christmas Bazaar see page 44 for details
Sat 3 Dec	7.30pm Mendip Male Voice Choir in NSP see page 44 for details
Sat 10 Dec	10am-12noon NSP Christmas Fayre see pages 9 & 44 for details
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 <sup>th</sup> December

Somerset Waste Partnership						
Oct 2022						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	● 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 offcuts £140
- 🔥 Bagged logs (Approx 12 logs per bag) £6
- 🔥 kindling £6
- 🔥 Natural Firelighters (40 in a box) £6



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