

# The Link

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



## **FEBRUARY 2024**

Rode Lights Are Going Out & Speed Restrictions Are Coming In!

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and much more local news and details inside...

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## from The Link Team

Hello everyone, we're back, hope you had a good Christmas and 2024 has been kind to you so far. It's February 2024 already and our new Subscription Year fast approaches. I'd like to thank all our readers for your support this past year and thanks also to all those who took the time and made the effort (many monthly) to contribute content to the magazine – without you there'd be no Link! A huge thank you too to our wonderful Link Distribution Team for their dedication in getting the magazine to subscriber's doors and to Sam and Team at Rode Post Office for collecting our annual subscriptions and for ad hoc magazine sales.

The Link is above all a magazine for our local community and so details of local news, events and activities (and more) that will be of interest to our readers are always welcomed. Please forward any content for inclusion to me - and any ideas you may have for improving the magazine - and any help in spreading the word to encourage new readers and contributors would be greatly appreciated.

As you will have read in recent issues, I felt the time had come for me to stand down as Editor and I am delighted to announce that Rode resident Cathy Taylor has come forward and generously offered to take on the role to be able to confirm that The Link can and will be able to continue! Our March 2024 issue will be my last as Editor (coincidentally my ten-year anniversary of being involved with the magazine) and will contain full details of the change.

Now back to The Link subscriptions! Our **new subscriptions year starts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**, and I'm pleased to confirm that there will again be **no increase, the annual subscription will remain at £8.00**, and the price of an individually purchased magazine will remain at £1.00. **So, organising an annual subscription will again offer a saving of £3 - in addition to the convenience of having the magazine delivered to your door!**

An annual subscription covers the delivery to your address of 11 issues of the The Link. The magazine will be delivered monthly to your address (except January when we have a combined December/January issue) commencing April 2024 through to March 2025 inclusive. A subscription envelope is enclosed in this copy of the magazine for your convenience and its use and details of the subscription payment procedure are on the following page.

If you are one of our much valued current subscribers, I do hope you'll be renewing your subscription, and we will be delighted to welcome new subscribers. Thank you.

*Gill Leonard*

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## “THE LINK” ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025 IS NOW DUE...

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Your subscription money is **due by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the latest**, to ensure continuity of subscription and delivery of your April 2024 issue. We would appreciate payment by **cheque or bank transfer**, if possible.

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The completed subscription envelope should be dropped in or posted to Rode Post Office - if posted, please attach a stamp and **do not include cash**.

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**Further subscription envelopes are available from Rode Post Office.**

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Church Reflection, News & Events

## REFLECTION

The biggest news in the UK these last few weeks has been ‘Mr Bates vs the Post Office’. Everybody is talking about it, and everyone seemed to be feeling the same thing saying, ‘it makes me so angry.’ Why do we all feel angry about this? Because it is a huge miscarriage of justice and British people put a high value on justice – we want things to be fair – we don’t like it when powerful people or organisations lie and take advantage of those who are not able to defend themselves. The Post Office appears to have been more concerned about their reputation than speaking the truth, and this cover-up went on for years. The story of the hundreds of sub-postmasters whose lives have been destroyed and changed for ever by the unjust allegations and convictions has led to a public outcry - and rightly so.

This got me thinking about what God thinks about injustice. We say that God is love, but if love is on one side of the coin, I would like to suggest that the other side of the coin is justice. Without justice love is empty and weak.

In Old Testament times God sent prophets to his people, not look in a crystal ball and tell them what the future holds, but to hold up a mirror to them and show them what they are doing wrong. The prophet Isaiah said:

“For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing.” (Isaiah 67 v 8) and he told God’s people:

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.” (Isaiah 1:17)

Isaiah goes on to foretell the coming of Jesus who would bring justice and peace: “Here is my servant...he will bring justice to the nations.... A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice.”

Although God’s people have sometimes been the oppressor rather than the defender of the vulnerable, there are many more who have been in the forefront of fighting injustice – obvious examples from history that spring to mind include William Wilberforce who was at the forefront of the campaign to abolish slavery; George Müller who from 1836, during the time of Dickens and Oliver Twist, cared for thousands of destitute orphans in Bristol; Gladys Aylwood who was described as ‘a small woman with a big God’, who campaigned for the end of the cruel foot-binding practice of women in China, and Martin Luther King who led the civil rights movement in the USA in the 60’s.

So, I wonder what justice issue gets you steamed up? Is it the climate emergency or people trafficking or unfair pay rates for essential workers or....

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There are so many injustices that sometimes it is hard to know what to do about them and we might feel that we are just 'skint little people' - powerless to change things - and so we do nothing. Alan Bates was pretty ordinary, but he didn't give up, he continued to hold up that mirror to injustice – and look what has happened! So, let's learn from him and do our bit to defend those that are voiceless and oppressed.

One way we can offer support is through finances.

In our parish we support 3 different charities and one of these charities is Asha India that offers young people opportunities to gain an education regardless of their background, caste or religious beliefs. Our Rector Caroline will be visiting this project in February, during her sabbatical, as they celebrate 25 years of transforming lives in the slums of Delhi.

And you are a part of this amazing work as all of the donations that were given during our Christmas Services went to our charities and I am delighted to let you know that the total collected was £2330 – so thank you for helping release people from poverty by transforming their futures.

May God continue to use us to challenge injustice and make a difference, one life at a time. Amen!

*Jo Robinson*  
Curate

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Reverend Jo Robinson has been a Curate in Hardington Vale for the last 3½ years. Following an interview on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, Bishop Michael Beasley of Bath and Wells appointed her to the post of Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of Beckington with Standerwick; Berkley; Rodden; Lullington with Orchardleigh; and East Woodlands.

Jo would appreciate your prayers as she finishes her time in HV and prepares for a new Ministry starting sometime after Easter.

**Editor's Note:** I read the above with conflicting emotions, delighted for Jo (and so well deserved) but very sad that she will be leaving Hardington Vale. The residents of her new Parishes are very lucky to have Jo appointed as their Priest-In-Charge.

Many Congratulations to Jo.

# Church Reflection, News & Events

## NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

Happy New Year! What a busy couple of months we've had at St Lawrence, as it should be with Christmas being in the middle of it all. We were delighted to welcome so many people from the community along with their extended families and friends to our Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The church looked beautiful (many people remarked on this with all the flowers, candles and Christmas tree (kindly donated by the Osborne family).

Since Christmas we have also had a busy Breakfast Church in January and our next Breakfast Church will be on the second Sunday in February, the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am, so do please come and join us if you'd like to see what it's all about.

Our Family Carol Concert on the Saturday a week before Christmas was very well attended and it was great to be singing all the traditional Carols by candlelight. Our Outdoor Nativity the previous weekend also attracted a lot of people and thanks to everyone who participated – all the musicians, animals, actors and fantastic children who dressed as shepherds, innkeepers and angels. We had a 'pop up' wardrobe in the back of Jo the Curate's car so many children quickly found an outfit and joined in with the action.

You may be hearing our bells regularly every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm – this is our practice night and anyone who would like to see what it is all about are welcome to come up and see what we do and have a go if you'd like to. We welcome new ringers, lapsed ringers and experienced ringers! We had a visiting band of ringers on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January who you may have heard, and we have another group of visitors coming to ring early in February one Thursday evening so listen out for them.

Please see page 8 for an update on work on the first phase (approximately one-third) of the church roof renewal.

*Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell*





# Church Reflection, News & Events

## TELLISFORD ALL SAINTS

12hours of Prayer

9am - 9pm

Wednesday March 27th

- creative prayer ideas provided
- time for quiet reflection and prayer
- drop in anytime during the day



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Holy Week Compline

A quiet service of  
mediation

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

At 9 PM

In the Chapel

All are welcome



## Good Friday

29<sup>th</sup> March

Events across the Parish

<b>Walk of Witness</b> meet outside St Lawrence Rode at 10am Concluding at The Chapel High Street with short service at 11.00	<b>An Hour at the Cross</b> 2 - 3pm St Philip & St James Norton St Philip prayer and reflection
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## EASTER DAY CELEBRATION!!!

*St Lawrence Church  
Rode*

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March**

*Holy Communion*

10.30am

*He is Risen! Hallelujah!!!*

# Parish News

## ST LAWRENCE CHURCH ROOF RENEWAL UPDATE

Work on the first phase (approximately one-third) of the church roof renewal has been progressing, but the bad weather in December and January has not helped.



Thanks to our bats we cannot do the work in the summer months which is when they are in residence.

By the end of March this phase should be completed if all goes according to plan. The next phase will then have to wait until October, when the bats depart.

Funding to complete the whole project is not yet in place and all donations and assistance with fundraising continue to be welcome.

*Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell*

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## RODE STREET LIGHTS

Thanks go to all those who completed the recent questionnaire regarding turning off streetlights after midnight. There were 99 replies with 65 agreeing to the turn off and 33 against with one abstaining.

There were very few comments on why people were against the turn off, which was slightly disappointing as it would have been good to know why.

One point that we had not made clear in the questionnaire was the estimated cost, and to clarify this; it would be a one-off cost for Somerset to come round and fix new timers to any of the lights that are to go off at midnight and, if necessary, come back on at 5.30am. There should be no ongoing costs.

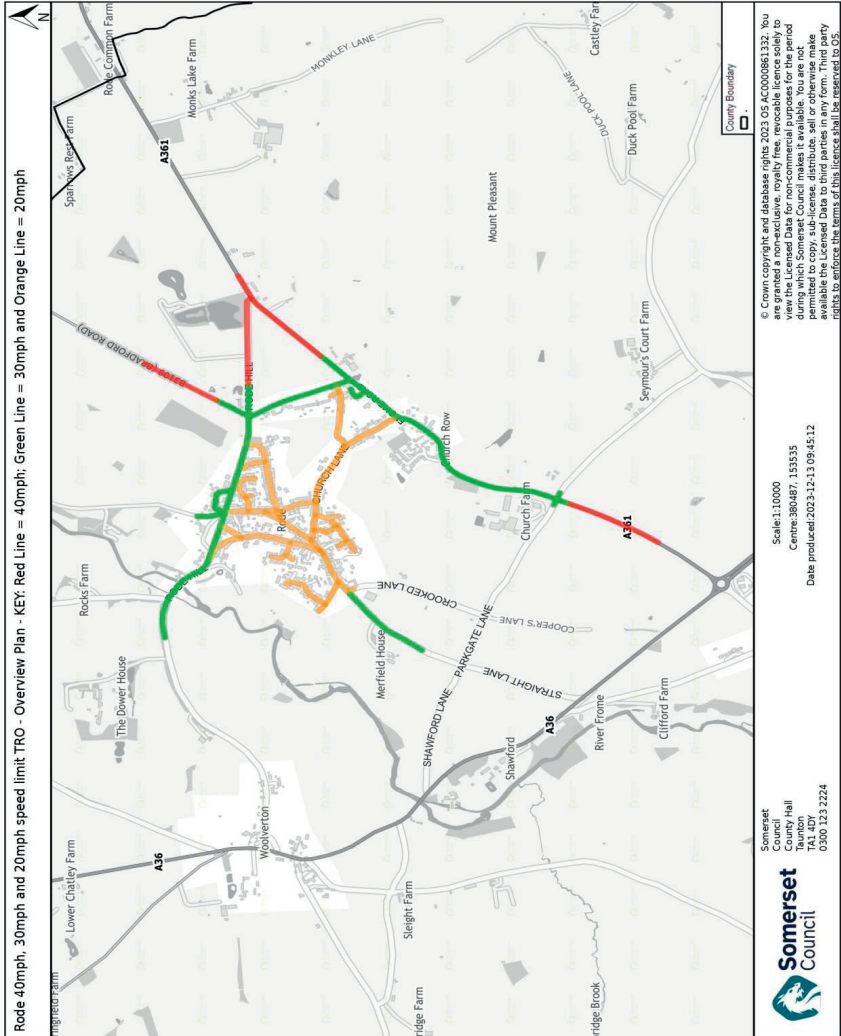
Therefore, the Parish Council plan to contact Somerset Council after its next meeting in February to progress the turning off of all the Rode street lights after midnight except for those on Bradford Road, Church Lane, High Street and Rode Hill.

*Hugh Williams*

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

## PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMITS FOR RODE

The plan below shows the new proposed speed limits on roads in and around Rode. This Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was issued in January and provided there are no major objections these new speed limit will be implemented by



Somerset sometime after April.

*Hugh Williams*

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

# Parish News

## FRESHFORD UNITED F.C. CAFÉ AT R.P.F. PAVILION

For several years now we have been using the Rode Playing Field for training (and some matches) of our Youth Teams – for more information see page 15.

We have started running a little café on Sunday mornings in the Pavilion when our Under 10's and 9's have games or training so if you wanted to grab a hot drink or bacon roll when passing or out on a walk, please feel free to come in and support us.



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

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Club Manager

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RODE CHAPEL

Christmas celebrations got off to a cracking start when the production of the Three Wise Fools took over December's Meeting Place. It was a wonderful production with thought provoking dialogue, followed by drinks and mince pies. Next was the Epiphany Choir's Christmas concert – a joyful occasion of carols and readings ending with mulled wine and mince pies.

The Walking Nativity recreated the Christmas story with many people dressed as biblical characters as we travelled from Osborne's farm to the Chapel, ending with mulled wine and mince pies (sound familiar?!).

On Christmas Eve the Chapel held its Carol Service in the morning conducted by Barry Speddings – another thought provoking service – followed, in the afternoon, by the Crib Service, conducted by Jo Robinson and Caroline Walker. Lots of excited children enjoyed this visit to the stable, and I'm pretty sure they enjoyed the cake at the end!

Christmas morning saw the usual gathering of worshippers, lighting the last Advent candle and singing our hearts out with Carols. What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

*Ros Jackson*

## SCOUTS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Our Carol Singing around Rode village on 13<sup>th</sup> December raised £207.46.

This has been donated to “We Hear You”, a local counselling service for children and adults affected by cancer or life-threatening conditions.

*.Howard Russell*

Leader

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



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## PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in November 2023, drawn by staff and customers in the Cross Keys, were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> - £50.00 .... Gary Holloway, Rode.

2<sup>nd</sup> - £25.00 .... Sophie Sharman, Whitecroft.

3<sup>rd</sup> - £25.00 .... Lindsey McLennan, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two at The Cross Keys, courtesy of Mark and Hannah, Keith Sharman, Rode.



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1<sup>st</sup> - £50.00 .... Pat and Alan Batcheldor, Rode.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> - £25.00 .... Elizabeth Bird, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two at The Cross Keys, courtesy of Mark and Hannah, Jean Attwell, Rode.

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 (which needs all the help it can get right now!) when you buy your ticket.

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

Next draw Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of February. If you would like to do the draw or witness it, then please just turn up at the Cross Keys on draw night at 8pm.

*Keith Sharman*

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# Parish News

## LAVERTON NEWS

Welcome to 2024!

The Christmas season started in traditional style with the Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 17 December. The pews were packed with families, friends and neighbours and the Service was taken by Barbara Day with readings given by Bob Hill, Bun Wordsworth, Suzy McKeever, Louis Knott, Piers Wenger, Gilli Weeks and Mark Milligan.

Indy Bass lit the advent candle and recited a poem "The Innkeeper of Bethlehem", then sang "No hoppers, jokers and rogues" to huge applause.



We also have to acknowledge the amazing harpist Yvaine Su who performed so beautifully to a rapt congregation.

After a rousing final Carol and blessing, everyone gathered for Gilli's welcome mulled wine and mince pies and to enjoy all the chat and catching up with friends and neighbours that Laverton does so well!

**Welcome** - We are delighted to welcome Kathryn and Keith to the village. They've certainly travelled a long way to start their new life in Laverton - the badlands of Beckington are hopefully but a dim memory now that they've settled in at Knoll House. We hope they'll enjoy getting to know Laverton and won't hold it against us that the recent deluge found its way into their kitchen.

**Speaking of which...** Crazy stories of crazy nights out in the lanes of Laverton and further afield - and we're not talking about the bowling nights at Tucker's (although maybe we need another one of those - any takers??). The streams of rainwater became rather impressive rivers for a few hours one night in January, catching out just a few of us. The village Facebook pages were awash with reports of travelers stranded in various unlikely spots and there was even a possibility of Lavertonians having to stay in Norton overnight, until thankfully other escape routes opened up for those brave souls.

The lakes that rose and then disappeared just as rapidly were quite a sight but left behind near-pristine lanes, strangely cleared of the usual winter mud and leaves. Silver linings!

*Virginia Garoux*

# Parish Youth News & Events

## FRANS LATEST NEWS

The FRANS team met recently to plan events for the next couple of months and there are some exciting things emerging.

First up is the annual FRANS quiz which is to be held in Rode Memorial Hall on Friday February 2nd. Last year this was great fun and a real community event. Once again we are looking forward to welcoming the communities of Rode and Norton St. Phillip to battle for the crown. Tickets are selling fast so don't delay if you're keen to join us. There will be a fully stocked bar and snacks available and prizes for the winners! you don't have to be mastermind worthy to have a good chance at the top spot either! Tickets are available online at : <https://FRANSquiz24.eventbrite.co.uk> It would be great to see as many of you from outside the school as possible.



On Sunday March 24th we will be hosting the 'Colour Run' in Norton St Philip. Last year this proved to be one of the most popular family friendly events of the year. There will be a short loop to run around with colour stations. As you run through the colour station you will be dusted with bright colour powder before carrying on to the next station. There will be runner's medals and you can complete as many or as few laps as you like. It's suitable for all ages and protective eyewear (sunglasses/goggles) are a must. Tickets for this are also available online at:

<https://FRANSColourRun2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

These are the main events coming up but watch this space for more in spring. As always, all proceeds of our fundraising go to the school and we appreciate all your support.

If you would like to help towards school fundraising we welcome any donations at any time, even direct transfers:

Friends of Rode and Norton Schools

Account number: 31419160 Sort code: 309875



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## NEW MONTHLY YOUTH ACTIVITY SPACE IN NORTON



After a very successful trial run in the autumn, we're delighted to be offering a monthly Youth Space in St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip.

It runs from 7-8.30pm on the fourth Monday each month – so our next one is on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

The church is full of activities, including badminton, pool, table tennis, board games, crafts, etc. We are also intending to start some creative options, so bring along your musical instrument and / or Drama skills!

The evening is open to all secondary age young people and isn't restricted to those who live in Norton St Philip - everyone is welcome as long as you have a safe way to get to us and home again.

We're asking for a small donation of £1 each to help cover costs, including a delicious hot snack and drink.

Why not drop in and see what's going on? For more information, contact me on 07789 838418 or [fstewart660@gmail.com](mailto:fstewart660@gmail.com).

*Fergus Stewart*

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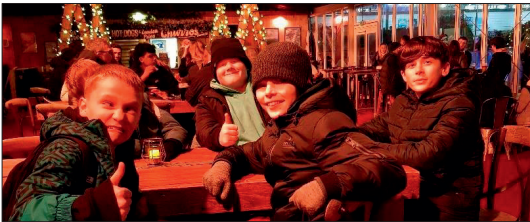
## RODE SCOUTS



**Scouts**

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

All the sections of Scouts enjoyed ice skating in Bath perfecting their gliding skills and drinking hot chocolate together with lots of laughing and fun. They all look forward to a very busy and exciting 2024 - especially the Explorers who are venturing across the water to Guernsey



A big welcome to all our new Leaders.

*Claire Le Page*



# Parish Youth News & Events

## FRESHFORD UNITED F.C.

We are at the halfway point of the season already! It has been a very good season so far with all age groups being built on with more players joining and with our Under 8's now having to make two teams - which is the first time we have had this nice situation.



All of the youth teams are doing well with mixed results but with all players and teams improving and developing week by week which is great to see.

A wonderful moment in history for the club happened in January when we held our first Girls Only Training Session for ages 5 to 11. We had good numbers the first week and are hoping to build on this going forward. Please see following flyer with full details, please get in touch if you have a daughter who wants to give it a try and also, please spread the word.

All teams are still 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.

We also are always 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.

If you have a building project we are after some rubble but mainly any soil at our pitches in Freshford. So, if you'd like to save on skip hire, we would be happy to accept these for free, if interested please speak to me on the number below.

We have started running a little café in the Rode Playing Field Pavilion when training/playing there – see page 10 for more information. As always, we welcome any support from the village.

Keep up to date with what is happening -information is always available on our website [www.freshfordunitedfc.com](http://www.freshfordunitedfc.com)

*Chris Birlson*

Club Manager

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

# Parish Youth News & Events

***Is your daughter aged between 5 and 11 and interested in football?***



## **Freshford Utd Girls Only Training Sessions** Starting 27th January 2024

Fun, mixed age group training sessions for girls looking to develop their footballing skills!

**Saturday mornings 9:30am till 11am**

**Browns Park, Abbey Lane, Freshford BA2 7TB**

Register your interest via the QR Code or speak to Chris on 07738 741477

**Scan me to Register!**



# Parish Youth News & Events



**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  
01373 831492  
info@beckingtonpre-school.co.uk  
Find us on 

Charity no. 1036832

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## RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time

9.30-11.30pm

Rode Chapel



## TOTS AND TOYS

MUMS, DADS, CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS...

Are you at home with a baby, toddler or pre-schooler?

Would you like to meet up with others for a chat, tea/coffee and refreshments while the children play and sing?

**EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING 9.00am - 10.45am**

in St Philip and St James church, Norton St Philip

£2 donation for refreshments

Further information, please contact Maria Fleming, Playgroup Leader email:

[totsandtoysnsp@gmail.com](mailto:totsandtoysnsp@gmail.com)

# Parish Environment

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

**Proposed Solar Farm:** The proposal for a large solar farm in Rode was debated at length at the December Parish Council meeting. After nearly an hour and a half of discussion, the Parish Council unanimously decided to **object** to the application. The PC is acutely aware of the need for more sustainable energy sources, but in this case the scale of the proposed development, and its impact on the setting of the village were over-riding factors. Other reasons were also important, reflecting the views of local residents (as set out in the various responses to the planning application – 43 submissions, of which 42 objected, with one neutral). The PC's submission to Somerset Council is available on the Rode Village website: [www.rodevillage.com/parish-council/planning/major-planning-applications/solar-farm/](http://www.rodevillage.com/parish-council/planning/major-planning-applications/solar-farm/)

In addition to the objection from Rode PC, a number of other consultees have objected, including the Somerset Council Conservation Officer and Somerset Council Ecology Services. Historic England's submission stated "We consider that the proposals could result in both physical harm and harm to the historic rural landscape as a result of the marked change from a rural landscape which forms part of the setting of both the church and the long barrow both of which are considered significant heritage assets." The Somerset Council Landscape Officer had "an objection to its size and resultant visual impact from certain locations." [He recommended a number of changes, including a reduction in scale of the proposed development]. The Environment Agency had no objection on the proviso that a detailed water containment plan was provided (and approved) for the location of the battery storage facility. Finally, although not a formal consultee, CPRE Somerset strongly objected to the proposal. The timetable for Somerset Council to determine the application is not yet known, albeit a decision should normally be reached within 13 weeks of the application being submitted (ie, by 12<sup>th</sup> February).

**Climate Change Means More Flooding:** Climate change is increasing the risk of both flooding and drought in the UK. As the atmosphere warms, it can hold more water, which is then released during rainfall events. According to the Met Office, for the decade 2010 to 2019, UK summers were 13 per cent wetter, and winters 12 per cent wetter, than in the period 1961 to 1990. Seven of the wettest years on record (ie, since 1862) in the UK have occurred since 1998. The five wettest winters have all been from 1990 onwards.

So, it seems pretty certain that Climate Change is already impacting Rode, with various flood events in the village over the past 20 years or so. Fortunately quite a bit of work has been undertaken to try to mitigate the impact of higher rainfall – the holding ponds to the east of the village were upgraded in the early 2000s, and more recently renovations were carried out to the drainage system at locations around the village.

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Notwithstanding these improvements, some problems still remain – notably on Crooked Lane and Straight Lane, and behind the Old Brewery site. Water run-off from the fields, combined with blocked drains, can result in large volumes of water running down the High Street. Likewise, waterlogged fields on the land behind the Old Brewery can cause excess water to accumulate there – all of which occurred most recently on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Rode Parish Council and County Councillor Dawn Denton have been working on some solutions in conjunction with Somerset Council and others. The key actions are as follows:

- An inspection of Crooked Lane was arranged (ref. 620939) in November, and an order as placed with the Somerset Council operations team to cleanse the existing drainage system. This was added to the works programme which started on 8th January, and this work has been completed;
- Some minor improvements on Crooked Lane will take place (to include siding back of highway verges to better channel surface water and undertaking some minor re-profiling of the existing surface);
- An upgrade to a length of drainage towards bottom of Crooked Lane (which has collapsed) has been included in the structural maintenance programme for the new financial year – although there are many sites across the county that need to be prioritised and this work may not be completed for some time;
- A site meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> January with a representative of Somerset Council Highways. As a result drains along Straight Lane (from the junction with Parkgate Lane/Crooked Lane) will be jetted and cleansed in due course;
- Rode Parish Council will liaise with Clive Harrington with a view to arranging a regular (annual) sweep of key roads/lanes in the village to remove surface debris/leaves etc (likely to occur November, after major autumnal leaf-fall).
- Rode Parish Council is liaising with the landowner, such that minor works can take place in the fields behind the Old Brewery to minimise the risks to those properties.

**New Rode Village Website:** A reminder that the new village website ([www.rodevillage.com](http://www.rodevillage.com)) has a section on the Climate Emergency, where you can find a range of information – including resources and advice in relation to household energy saving, installing solar panels, heat pumps, etc; access to grants and other forms of assistance; and all past editions of the Climate Emergency Group newsletter.

Finally, as mentioned in the last edition of The Link, every subscriber to the Climate Emergency Newsletter was entered into a prize draw to win a copy of The Official Veganuary Cookbook. Courtesy of [randomnumber.org](http://randomnumber.org), the lucky winner was Eleanor, from Rudge - aka subscriber number 71!

*Jim McAuliffe*

# Parish Groups

## RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Despite the challenging weather January saw many members rejoin and several new members interested in joining.

The programme of garden visits from May to September is proving popular. This year we will visit gardens in Wells, Wincanton and Newton St Loe plus a day visit to RHS Wisley in September.

Talks during the colder darker days are on varied topics and started in January with a very interesting demonstration on pruning from Neil Ross.

He brought several stems to illustrate how to do it and began by asking if members had any plants that they were particularly concerned about pruning, which he covered. His key points were that you need sharp clean tools; secateurs preferably should be by-pass, a strong pair of loppers but he was increasingly interested in ones that are not so heavy or extendable as they can be frustrating to use. He felt a good quality small saw was most useful, plus shears to shape bushes like box.

When pruning as well as removing dead, dying or diseased branches it is also necessary to take out dainty weak stems as they will not provide strong future growth. Taking out a proportion of old branches ensures the bushes don't get too dense and keeps the plant in a good shape, so it looks right where it is.

Some plants like dog woods can be cut right down to the ground in March to ensure new growth, which will keep the bright colour of reds, yellow and bright green that gardeners prize. The cuttings can be used to support growing plants that tend to flop or crops like peas, which require staking. The cut stems can also be woven into frames to support. While most dog woods can cope with removal of all growth many plants cannot, so just remove a proportion. It will keep the plant thriving and over several years bring it more under control. Bushes should have branches of different ages.

He encouraged gardeners to take out branches from the base on most shrubs rather than trimming just the top. This thinning out is good for renewal of the shrub. Strong growing plants like apples benefit from this, as it allows better air flow, prevents lots of non-fruiting stems and keeps fruiting at the required height. A good rule of thumb is to prune deciduous plants in winter when dormant, and evergreens in the spring or summer after flowering. Rosemary, hebes and clematis montana can all be tidied up after flowering to keep them looking compact and encourage flowering.

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Some shrubs and trees do not like being pruned but if it is necessary, apply the rules above taking out just one or two branches where needed.

Roses can be pruned at any time in the winter and Neil suggested that the whippy growth of climbers and ramblers can be tied loosely to their support in the summer to keep tidy and then tied down into place in the winter, so they are growing horizontally to encourage more flowers.

Neil's talk inspired members and they were more confident in tackling their pruning jobs.

This month's meeting is on 12th February when Derek Dexter will talk on growing fuchsias. Doors open at 7:15pm for refreshments. Talks start at 7:30 pm.

*Sharman Flindall*

R&DGC E: [rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.com](mailto:rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.com)

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### **RODE WALKING GROUP (2ND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH)**

Following our last walk from Bradford on Avon to Avoncliff and back on a crisp and sunny January day, with a coffee stop at the welcoming Lock Inn, we can only hope for a similar forecast for the next walk.

This will take place on Thursday 8 February, meeting in the car park of the Wheelwrights Inn at Monkton Combe at 10 am.

This should be a 'dry' walk of approximately 4 to 5k following the Midford Brook to Midford, stopping for coffee at the Hope & Anchor and then returning to Monkton Combe.

The return journey is along the track that leads to a reservoir at Tucking Mill and then rejoining the original lane which led from Monkton Combe. A short cut can be taken through the Church graveyard to return to the car park.

As usual I can be contacted for further details of the route, car sharing or information for new members etc.

*Liz Dinnis*

07788656337

[elizabethdinnis49@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdinnis49@gmail.com)



# Parish Groups

## MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

Monday 5th February - 12.30pm

Mark, Hannah and the wonderful Lunch Club helpers would be delighted to see you at our monthly over 60's Lunch Club.



Please book by contacting Hannah at The Cross Keys, pop in, or give us a call on 01373 830900, letting us know how many spaces and. of any allergens.

Chicken, Leek and Ham Pie with New Potatoes and Veggies, followed by Belgian Waffle, Homemade Blackberry and Clotted Cream Ice Cream and Berries.

£5 per person - please bring cash on the day.

The raffle will be held as usual, please bring cash to buy tickets, and all donated prizes are very welcomed.

Thank you for your support of this non-profit village initiative, it's a really lovely afternoon; especially with Kim and her team of superstar helpers from Rode School joining us each month.

See you soon.

*Hannah Lovell and Mark Warrener*

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## RODE CRAFT CLUB

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



Weekly on Thursday afternoons, 2-4 pm at Rode Chapel.

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! All abilities too. We all help each other.

*Val Parker*



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## RODE OVER 60'S

Our Christmas Carols by Candlelight on December 1st was a very enjoyable afternoon. Seems ages ago now!

We were entertained by music students from Monkton Combe School directed by Peter Wilson-Lambert. They also accompanied our Carol singing, helping us to make a wonderful sound! The wind ensemble played In Dulci Jubilo, Bell Carol, Christmas Tree and Russian Dance. The string quartet played Deck The Halls. A soloist sang Silent Night. The students sat with our members and enjoyed a very festive afternoon tea. A raffle brought to a close a very happy afternoon and start to the festive season.

There was no meeting in January due to the refurbishing work being carried out on the Memorial Hall floor.

We must draw members attention to a couple of errors on their membership cards. Our apologies for the following errors:

Our Annual Dinner is on Friday 8th March NOT the 9th as printed.

Our AGM is on Friday 12th NOT the 13th as printed.

Our next meeting is on Friday 9th February at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Our topic is "Favourite Poems" Members are reminded to dig out their own favourite ones, romantic, funny whatever floats your boat! Bring them along, don't worry if you don't want to stand up and recite them, other members will do the honours!

Birthdays for February are:

Mrs. S. Beaven - 11th, Mr. B. Jackson - 13th, Mr. M. Sandilands - 16th, Mr. J. Osborne - 20th, Mrs. R. Sanderson - 25th. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

*Gail Stinton*

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**N.B. OTHER GROUPS NEWS WELCOME...** News and information about other clubs and groups in the parish is always welcome. Please contact me E: [gillhleonard@aol.com](mailto:gillhleonard@aol.com)  
T: 831072



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

# Parish History

## JONATHAN NOAD AND HIS LEGACY TO RODE

This article has been inspired by another letter in the possession of Dave Collins of Australia, whose ancestors came from Rode. Below is the only remaining part of the letter that has survived for over 250 years, including being transported to Australia by sailing ship.

“To Miss Sally Whitaker

Dear Miss,

I am going to desire a Favour of you which I hope You'll not deny me, that is to give me your Company five minutes this Night abt. Seven O'Clock on the Top of the Hill, where if you'll be so good I'll do myself the pleasure to meet you. I have something of Consequence to say to you, and have a particular Reason for not coming to yr. Brother's, which. if you'll favour me with a meeting at the place appointed, I will tell you.

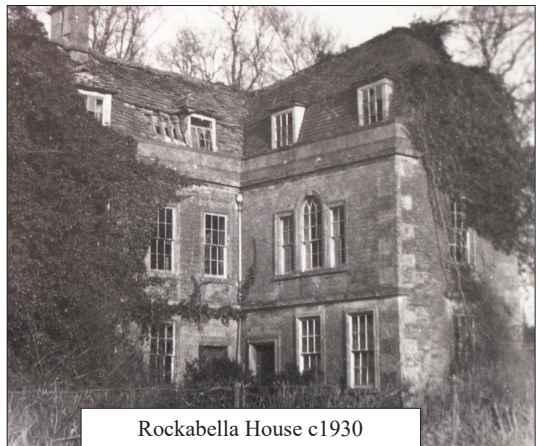
Pray don't be anyways apprehensive that I intend anything dishonourable, for by all that's sacred, I do not. I only want to speak a few words.”

The signature is missing, but the facts that a Jonathan Noad married Sally in 1762; their daughter, Sarah, married James Collins; and that the letter survived in the Collins' family, strongly suggests that he was the author. Presumably he wished to find out how she felt before saying anything in front of her family.

Jonathan's date of birth and parentage are unclear, but he is thought to have been born c1740.

He was brought up by Thomas Noad, a cloth maker and his wife Joanna, living and working at Rockabella.

Jonathan's surname seems to have gradually changed from Miller to Noad. and he was described in Thomas's will of 1760 as: “..... Jonathan Miller otherwise Noad (who has liv'd with me from his infancy and for whom I have a sincere regard) ...”



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Thomas appears to have trained Jonathan in his cloth manufacturing business. Then, lacking any sons of his own, on his death Thomas left the house, business, and the bulk of the rest of his estate to him.

Jonathan and Sally were married at St. Lawrence in 1762 and continued to live and work at Rockabella.

Jonathan had an agent, Mr Elderton, at Blackwell Hall in London, the centre for the wool and cloth trade in England in the 18th century. Elderton bought bags of wool and sent them to Rode where Jonathan had them made into broad cloth, which he sent back to Elderton to sell. The following is a note from Elderton to Jonathan at that time.

“30/6/63 Yours received – is now before me – must inform you it has given me great uneasiness after all the care that I always have taken of your Business (you would recommend to me to pay some regard to your interest) which expression I think very ingenuous nay ungrateful – there is no man in this world ever strived to oblige one person more than I have always done to you, or has any man’s Business him done better or taken more care of – where one blue cloth has been sold for 16/6 there has been twenty sold for 16/- in Blackwell Hall within these last six months and not a cloth of yours has been sold under full price except one which you very well know was very bad.” ..... “Let me tell you once more I have always studied your interest as much as my own – the last twenty bags of wool I sent you are at this time worth full Forty Pounds more than charged to you at. I knew they was good bargain, therefore wrote to you to have them. I have been wrote to ten times for this wool, but if I would give 3/- per pound there is not another bag in London - the very day I sent them you I was offered 2/7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for them – now they are worth 2/8 – but I think there is no pleasing. Three blo<sup>s</sup> received – your Bill shall be paid.”

3 months and several notes later their relationship appears to have improved.

“6/10/63 (3 bl received) I shall be extremely glad to see you in Town. My house you know is your house, am glad to hear Mrs Noad is well Your order of Tulips shall be completed, will call on the person about the colt Am much obliged to you for your kindness & hope by this time you have seen the gentleman you mentioned & pray don’t leave one stone unturned until you can get me a couple of good medley makers and in doing of this you will do me the greatest piece of kindness you possibly can. Pray do all that lays in your power and desire Mr. Ledyard to speak to his brother at Semington. I shall say no more but leave it to your good conduct.

NB Keep your Cloths to a good substance.

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PS I ordered you to dye 20 pieces? of light blues but I would not have” “don’t dye any middling blues yet. Let me have your Bolts - if possible you can forward 1462 pray do.”

Sally’s father, Thomas Whitaker was a very successful dyer with businesses at Rode Bridge, and Shawford. When he died in 1781, he left Jonathan the house and business at Shawford plus £800.

With this and the inheritance from his adoptive father, Jonathan went on to become a wealthy man, and he used some of his money from the cloth trade to provide his children with some of the finest houses in Rode - a legacy we are still able to enjoy today.

They are:

- Ivy House, (22 High St.), suitably upgraded for daughter Sarah who had married James Collins.
- Southfield House (16 High St.), converted from 3 terraced cottages for Thomas and his family.
- Shawford House, renovated for Humphrey and his family.
- Merfield House, (Straight Lane) newly built for Jonathan Jnr. and wife.

Jonathan Snr. died aged 74, having lived most of his life at Rockabella.

To complete the story of the letter, James and Sarah Collins had two daughters and a son, Thomas.

The latter became Captain of a merchant ship and in 1827 his wife travelled with him to Australia. She seems to have continued sailing with him as she gave birth to a child at sea off Trinidad in 1829. They then made a home for a while in Sydney, Australia, but returned to Rode in 1838 so that their eldest son could attend school in England. Later they sailed again to Australia to live out their days in Queensland.

Jonathan Noad Snr was the grandfather of Commander Arthur Mayne Noad RN. of Southfield House, Rode – details of his life, the stained glass window in his memory in St. Lawrence Church and two of his letters were featured in [The Link](#) in 2023.

*Peter Harris*

# Forthcoming Parish Events

FINGERS ON YOUR BUZZERS...  
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# QUIZ!

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RODE & NORTON SCHOOLS

**RODE MONDAY  
LUNCH CLUB**  
**5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 12.30PM**  
**RODE MEMORIAL HALL**  
See page 22

## NSP LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ST PHILIP & ST JAMES CHURCH

### FEBRUARY CONCERT DETAILS

Thursday 8 February  
Roger Heaton  
12.30 for 1pm  
Tickets £5 – available  
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Empire magazine

★★★★  
"Two wonderful performances have transformed this patriotic true story into a touching romance"  
Daily Express

**FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**  
**7.30 pm Memorial Hall**

Tickets: £ 6.00 in advance available from Rode Post Office or £ 6.50 on the door  
Doors open 7pm Raffle Bar

# Forthcoming Parish Events

## Forget-me-not Café



When? Feb 19th 2.30 – 4 pm (3rd Mon of every month)

Where? St Philip and St James Church, NSP

Come and enjoy a cuppa and friendly people to chat with. We have a great café team, all Dementia Friends, who are looking forward to meeting you!



### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Jo for more information [321jorobinson@gmail.com](mailto:321jorobinson@gmail.com) 01373 831381



## Bangers & Mash Evening

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Rode Memorial Hall

Doors open - 6:45pm

Eyes down - 7:15pm

*Menu*

*Local Bangers & Mash (vegetarian option available)*

*Caramelised onion gravy and peas*

*Followed by a selection of desserts*

*Entrance Ticket price includes food*

**Adults £10.00, Children £5.00 Raffle, Licenced Bar**

Tickets available from Rode Post Office



## Who Killed the Golf Pro.....?

A return of the murder mystery evening:

Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 7.30pm

in the Memorial Hall



Tickets available from the Post Office:

£10 per adult including a glass of wine & cheese & biscuits

£5 per child including a soft drink & cheese & biscuits

Profits to The Heart of Rode

# Forthcoming Parish Events

## 2024 NSP LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

### FUTURE CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE CHURCH OF ST PHILIP & ST JAMES, NORTON ST PHILIP

12.30 FOR 1PM

**14 March: Trio Paradis**

**Beautiful chamber music by women composers**

**11 April: Band of Pilgrims**

**Blues, gospel, folk and more ....**

**9 May: Charles Wiffen**

**Classical recital from an internationally renowned pianist**

### SAVE THE DATE...

As many of our readers may know St Michael's Buckland Dinham is now part of the Harrington Vale parish

To this end Norton St Philip church is holding an evening fund raiser event on:

### **SATURDAY 16TH MARCH.**

This will be a musical evening featuring a group called the HooDoos one of whom is Johnny Griffiths.

They are local to Buckland Dunham

They feature on UTube playing an eclectic mix of swampy blues, folk, jazz, bluegrass, country also playing in local venues.

A poster will follow in the March issue of the magazine - in the meantime any queries to [glenysbrown1711@gmail.com](mailto:glenysbrown1711@gmail.com)



**RODE  
PARK FEST**

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
13TH & 14TH JULY

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RODE

[rodeparkfest@gmail.com](mailto:rodeparkfest@gmail.com)

The poster features a dark blue background with colorful triangular bunting at the top and bottom. It includes illustrations of musical notes, a trophy, a beer mug, a guitar, and a barbecue. The text is in white and yellow, with the event title in large, bold, white letters.

# Parish Food & Drink

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## THE MILL *At Rode*

### Mothers Day

### Sunday 10th March

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roast menu alongside pub classics

Booking strongly advised

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# Parish Food & Drink



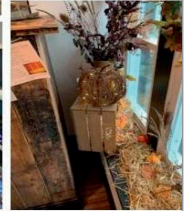
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Thursday	9.00-17.30
Friday	9.00-17.30
Saturday	9.00-13.00



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**If you do, please send it in...**

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

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# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
RODE MEMORIAL HALL  
ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 pm

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## UNCONFIRMED

### **Present:**

Clr Mike Salmon (MS) – Chair, Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR) and Cllr Moira Punt (MP).

**In attendance:** Hugh Williams – Clerk, Cllr Adam Boyden (County Councillor) and 5 parishioners.

**1. Parishioners Participation:** The principal concerns of all Parishioners present were the proposed solar farm and in particular its size and the use of Monkley Lane as an access road. It was agreed that this planning application would be moved up the agenda.

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

**3. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November were approved.

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

### **5. Planning:**

**2023/2183/FUL:** Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm with battery storage and associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.

The Chair outlined the comments that had been received by Somerset, apart from 27 comments from Rode residents (26 opposed, 1 neutral) there had been comments from a number of statutory consultees. There were no major concerns from: Environment (no noise concerns), Somerset Archaeology (apart from one possible barrow), and Highways (apart from need for improved access/egress from the site off A361. Local Lead Flood Authority required improved drainage and plans for heavy rainfall events, the Somerset Landscape Officer did not object but required black panels and improved screening of the ‘farm’ along with the removal of much of the triangular area near Rode on the road to Wingfield. There were objections from Somerset Conservation over impact on listed buildings and supports Somerset CPRE objection which said the ‘farm’ was too large and too close to the village and would impact on it, along with other solar farms in the area this was too many; there was insufficient information and in particular lack of safety regarding the batteries.

The principal local concerns were the use of Monkley Lane for construction and, also for future access to both the site and the batteries and inverters, the scale of the proposed solar farm and concern over the lack of detail provide. Discussion



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over the Parish Council (PC) declaring a climate emergency and possible counter action of not supporting a solar farm. Additionally, concerns were expressed over the lack of benefits to the village itself. However, with the Climate Emergency Group also having concerns over the proposal it was agreed that the PC would submit an objection with comments. These comments would centre on, scale of solar farm and the impact on the character of Rode, use of Monkley Lane, lack of detail on a number of issues and in particular on the safety of the batteries.

Information was given to the meeting that Somerset was working on a renewable energy plan for the county but this would not be ready until sometime in 2024. It was reported that the amount of financial remuneration being offered to the PC was very low when compared to other solar farms and the PC would require further negotiations with Low Carbon on this.

**6. County Councillors Report:** The LCN had recently met and had discussed road safety, this had given a chance to raise the two fatal accidents on the A361 and the delay in implementing a 30mph limit on this stretch of road. This had been taken on board and the TRO for the 30mph limit on the A361 and 20mph limit in the village should now be issued by 21 December.

The replacement sites for consultation on where to build the 505 houses arising from the shortfall to meet the Local Plan Part 2 should be issued soon. It was thought none of the sites would be in Rode, Beckington or Norton St Philip.

A public consultation on the Somerset budget for next year was now open: <https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/budget-consultation-2024-2025/> This is open to all to gauge people's priorities and everyone was encouraged to look at this.

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

**i. Grass cutting:** The Clerk reported that Tony Jones had accepted the cutting of the village grass for 2024, however a contract was to be drafted by Cllr A Pickett and sent to him for agreement.

**ii. Paths at playing field:** Following the meeting of the Playing Field Committee it had been agreed to cut through the fence and put in a path to join up with the concrete path from the skate board area. A sign asking people to keep dogs on short leads would be put in place. It was agreed to progress with this and instal a scalping path.

**8. Climate Change Group:** The Group had recently met and submitted comment on the proposed solar farm development.

## **9. Highways issues:**

**i. Street Lights Turn off:** A new questionnaire outline possible extent of the turn off at midnight had been prepared and members of the PC agreed to circulate this to all Parishioners.

**ii. SIDs:** JB reported on the new automatic SIDs which could be put in place and made continuous recordings during daylight hours. These new devices would help avoid confrontations between the Speedwatch team and motorists

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and the data provision could be used by the police to approach persistent speeders. It was agreed to make the purchase of one automatic SID for use on Bradford Road and Rode Hill. Avon and Somerset Police have still not taken the initiative to sponsor these.

## **10. Planning:**

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

**2023/2187/FUL:** See above under 5).

### **ii) Somerset decisions:**

**2023/2036/TCA:** Fell apple tree and reduce another by 1m to leave a height and lateral branch length of 3m – 13 High Street. Approved

**11. Website:** The new website was now live and thanks were expressed to JM for his work on it. More of the village history still had to be transferred over. Zonkey would be approached to give access to other people. JB requested access to update the Hoedown section, he reported the last Hoedown had collected a lot of litter and it was questioned what could be done to try and stop people just throwing litter from vehicles. This would be considered early next year.

### **12. Any other business:**

**i) Trees behind school:** It was noted that leaves etc. from these were possibly blocking the culvert behind the school. Some had been pollarded and the culvert would be inspected.

**ii) Christmas tree:** The PC expressed its gratitude to the Osbornes for supplying the tree on the green. (Clerk to thank on behalf of the PC).

**iii) Somerset Bus Partnership:** PT reported that the Bus Partnership was asking Parish Councils for support; the official request would follow. The meeting agreed to donate £100 to the Partnership.

### **13. Financial matters:**

**i. Annual donations:** These would be reviewed and payments made in January.

**ii. Payments:** The following payments were agreed:

Clerk Salary (including back pay)	£399.79
HMRC PAYE	£99.40
Perry Landscapes	£95.00
Darren Haine (Unity Printworks)	£22.00

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

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** (A pre-meeting PC starting at 7.00pm for Councillors only will be held to review the Rode Neighbourhood Plan)

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed .....

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL

ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 pm

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### UNCONFIRMED

#### **Present:**

Cllr Mike Salmon (MS) – Chair, Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB), Cllr Moira Punt (MP) and Cllr Andy Pickett (AP).

**In attendance:** Hugh Williams – Clerk and Cllr Adam Boyden (County Councillor)

**1. Parishioners Participation:** None

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

**3. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December were approved.

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

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

**i Grass cutting:** AP reported that he had sent a contract to Tony Jones outlining the frequency of cutting and length of grass required. The contract included termination conditions and requested extra cuts of playing field prior to village ‘fete’ and the village green prior to the Remembrance Service. He was waiting for acceptance and said that Tony Jones had expressed interest in attending the February meeting.

The Clerk agreed to inform Eagle Grounds Maintenance that they would not be required for 2024.

**ii. Paths at playing field:** The Chair reported he and Grant Slade had measured up the new path length and he was now awaiting a quote for the scalping path and new gate. It was hoped the path could be completed after the February meeting.

**iii. The Mill:** The replies from Somerset had still not resolved the issues over the new licence and AP agreed to pose detailed questions again to Phil Wake to try and clarify the situation. It was agreed to copy in the County Councillors.

**iv. Paths from Barrow Farm:** The meeting considered the quote and agreed to request a revision as it was thought too much time had been quoted for the actual work. The Clerk agreed to try and get a revised quote.

**6. County Councillors Report:** It was reported that the Planning Committee was to review the allocated sites to build the ‘missing’ 505 houses on 14<sup>th</sup> February and would then issue the list of proposed sites for consultation.

Cllr Boyden reported that the TRO for the 20mph speed limit in the village along with changes on the A361 had finally been issued. However, this, if approved,

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would not be implemented until the new financial year (after April). There was no news on the solar farm.

The Police were asking for a 10% increase in their precept but even with this increase services would have to be reduced. The Somerset Council consultation on people's priorities was still open to 22 January. However, the financial situation for the Council looked bad and whether sufficient savings could be made to avoid the Council going into a Section 114 agreement was uncertain. A final decision would be made at the 20<sup>th</sup> February meeting.

**7. Drainage:** An inspection of the drains had been carried out on Crooked Lane following the flooding after the recent heavy rains. A collapsed drain had been identified and concern was expressed that the drainage work carried out recently across the village should have included Crooked Lane but appeared not to have done so. Further work by Somerset is expected.

The run off from fields down Straight Lane and Crooked Lane had nearly caused houses to flood and it was agreed to approach Clive Harrington to see if leaf clearance could be carried out in November to help alleviate the problem.

**8. Climate Change Group:** The Group was due to meet soon to agree objectives for 2024. JM reported there were 97 people on the Group's circulation list.

## **9. Highways issues:**

**i. Street Lights Turn off:** The Clerk reported that the responses received indicated a 2:1 majority in favour of turning off street lights at midnight. 99 responses were received (65 in favour, 33 against and 1 abstention). The meeting agreed to go ahead with the turn off after publishing the results in The Link and on the noticeboard.

**ii. SIDs:** Details of the automatic SID had been sent to the Clerk and he agreed to order it along with a solar boost pack and warning sign.

**iii. TRO for 20mph limit:** This had now been issued for the village centre, and if agreed work would take place after April. The TRO included reduced speed limits on the A361. It was reported no signs about the TRO had been put up and this would be investigated.

**iv. Finger post:** The finger post on Straight Lane had been damaged again with a finger being broken off. It was agreed to try and move the whole post back from the junction and mend it.

## **10. Planning:**

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

**2023/2446/HSE:** Rear storey extension, replace house/garage roofs, removal of parapet, demolish room on south east elevation, replace/add new windows/doors and amend existing access – Hill View House, Bradford Road. No objections.

### **ii) Somerset decisions:**

**2023/2135/TCA:** To fell cherry tree and reduce height of cypress by 50% – 25 Lower Street. Approved

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**11. Website:** JM reported he was still transferring the large amount of village history from the old site to the new one. The PC expressed its thanks to him and especially Peter Harris who had compiled all this history.

**12. Neighbourhood Plan:** There had been a pre-meeting of Parish Councillors reviewing the current Neighbourhood Plan. Since the Plan was drawn up a large number of houses had been built in Rode and it was agreed to get accurate numbers for these. The 2021 census would be checked to see if more up to date information on Rode was available. It was noted that 2029 was now only 5 years away and that the PC would need to conduct an in-depth review of the Plan in 2-3 years.

AP agreed to approach Liz Beth or Context Planning regarding reviews of Neighbourhood Plans.

The meeting agreed to confirm information for review at the February meeting.

## **13. Financial matters:**

**i. Memorial Hall:** A request from the Memorial Hall to pay for the floor sanding was agreed as the Memorial Hall was through agreement linked to the parish Council. Reimbursement would be sought.

**ii. Payments:** The following payments were agreed:

Hardington Vale PCC (donation)	£650.00
Rode Chapel (donation)	£350.00
Mendip Community Transport (donation)	£150.00
Citizens Advice Somerset (donation)	£100.00
Pearns Tree Services	£960.00
Clerk Salary	£259.31
HMRC PAYE	£64.60
G Berry (website hosting for 2023)	£143.86
Somerset Bus Partnership (donation)	£100.00
Total Floor Care (Memorial Hall)	£2,819.70

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

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** (A pre-meeting PC starting at 7.00pm for Councillors only will be held to review the Rode Neighbourhood Plan)

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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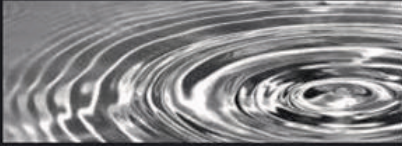
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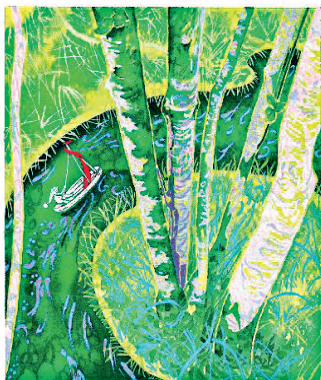


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<b>Thursday 1 February</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 4 February</b> (green) Proverbs 8: v1, 22-23 John 1: v1-14	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Informal Breakfast <b>Rode</b> , Holy Communion <b>Laverton</b> , Holy Communion <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Meeting Place	A & S Filkins J Robinson/M Harrison S Kivett
<b>Monday 5 February</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 6 February</b>	9.45 am 5.00 pm	<b>Rode Chapel</b> , Ecumenical Holy Communion <b>Tellisford</b> Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 7 February</b>	8.30 am 6.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 8 February</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 11 February</b> (green) 2 Kings 2: v1-12 Mark 9: v2-9	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	<b>Rode</b> , Informal Breakfast <b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion <b>Laverton</b> , Matins <b>Buckland Dinham</b> , Iona Service	B Day J Robinson/F Stewart
<b>Monday 12 February</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 13 February</b>	5.00 pm	<b>Laverton</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 14 February</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	8.30 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer <b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion & ashing	J Robinson
<b>Thursday 15 February</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 18 February</b> Genesis 9: v8-17 Mark 1: v9-15	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	<b>Farleigh Hungerford</b> , Holy Communion <b>Rode</b> , Holy Communion <b>Norton St Philip</b> , Informal Worship <b>Laverton</b> , Matins <b>Buckland Dinham</b> , Holy Communion	J Robinson J Robinson R Stewart/M Harrison M Weymont
<b>Monday 19 February</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	5.00 pm	<b>Tellisford</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	8.30 am 6.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	
<b>Sunday 25 February</b> (purple) Genesis 17: v1-7 Mark 8: v31-end	10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Holy Communion <b>Laverton</b> , Matins <b>Buckland Dinham</b> , Evening Service	J Robinson/A Bowerman
<b>Monday 26 February</b>	9.00 am	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Morning Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	5.00 pm	<b>Laverton</b> , Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	8.30 am 6.00 pm	<b>Hemington</b> , Morning Prayer <b>Rode Chapel</b> , Informal Prayer	
<b>Thursday 29 February</b>	6.00 pm	<b>Norton St Philip</b> , Silent Prayer	

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Sunday February 4th. Rev. Gill Warren / Sunday February 11th Rev. Andrew Prout (HC)  
Sunday February 18th. Mrs Trish Mugridge / Sunday February 25th Local Arrangement

RODE CHAPEL MEETING PLACE - 6 p.m. Sunday 04.02.24

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Sunday 10th of March: Mother's Day... posies (free) from the Chapel steps  
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## FEBRUARY 2024 DIARY

Fri 2 Feb	11.15 -11.45am Somerset Mobile Library, Rode High Street, BA11 6PB 7 for 7.15pm FRANS Quiz Fundraiser see pages 13 & 27 for details
Mon 5 Feb	12.30pm Monday Lunch Club see page 22 for details
Thu 8 Feb	10.00am Rode Walking Group see page 21 for details 12.30pm for 1pm NSP Church Lunchtime Concert see page 27 for details
Fri 9 Feb	2.30pm Rode Over 60s see page 23 for details
Mon 12 Feb	7.15pm Rode & District Gardening Club see page 20 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 43 for details
Tue 13 Feb	Shrove Tuesday
Fri 16 Feb	7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy see page 27 for further details
Mon 19 Feb	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 28 for details
<b>Thu 22 Feb</b>	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR MARCH LINK</b>
Sat 24 Feb	6.45 for 7.15pm Bingo Bangers & Mash Scouts Fundraiser see page 28 for details
Mon 26 Feb	7-8.30pm Monthly Youth Activity Space see page 14 for details
Thu 29 Feb	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 11 for details

## YEAR PLANNER

Sat 2 Mar	7.30pm "Who Killed the Golf Pro?" see page 28 for details
Sun 10 Mar	Mothering Sunday
Thu 14 Mar	12.30pm for 1pm NSP Church Lunchtime Concert see page 29 for details
Sat 16 Mar	Buckland Dinham Fundraiser see page 29 for details
Fri 29 Mar	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday
Sun 31 Mar	Easter Sunday
Mon 1 Apr	BANK HOLIDAY – Easter Monday
Mon 6 May	BANK HOLIDAY – Early May Bank Holiday
Mon 27 May	BANK HOLIDAY -- Spring Bank Holiday
Sun Jun 16	Father's Day
Sat 13 Jul	Rode Park Fest – see page 29 for details
Sun 14 Jul	Rode Park Fest – see page 29 for details
Mon 26 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY – Summer Bank Holiday
Wed 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY – Christmas Day
Thu 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY – Boxing Day

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