

The Link



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



June 2024

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Church Reflection, News & Events

Reflection

**“Come forth into the light of things, Let Nature be your teacher”
William Wordsworth**

As I write, we are coming to the end of UK Mental Health Awareness week. It has been said that there is a mental health epidemic in our nation at the moment and not only amongst the young. The received wisdom from many doctors now is that to go out into nature, be it gardens and parks, or more importantly woods and fields, anywhere that nature and biodiversity is allowed to flourish.

But the important thing is to pay attention. “Attention” says Mary Oliver” is the beginning of devotion”. This means not clutching our smartphones, listening to music, podcasts and audio books, or even discussing politics or sport with our friends. There is time for all of this, but to really benefit from the restorative effects of nature we must be willing to pay attention.

At Mottisfont Abbey there is a well spring, which channels up through a circle of stone about 8 foot in diameter, the surface of which is utterly still. The marvel is that 900 litres of water per minute are pouring up and out from this pool into the stream a little further down the hill. Well springs are ancient and never appear to run out. But many visitors walk right past this marvel, unaware of it, in search of more obvious attractions.

This is the time of Pentecost when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples in Jerusalem. Jesus is quoted as saying in John 7 vv 37 “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink... out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water” Howard Green, a botanist, writes of a walk in Mottisfont. “We pause in stillness at this place, not thinking or trying too hard, but observing the flow, and letting it release something of our own inner source, the living waters that can overflow us, to bring refreshment to the world around us.”

Ninety per cent of people, when asked where they feel closest to God, will say “out of doors”. The earth can teach us (Job 12vv7,8) and heal us if we pay attention. There are times for “power walks”. They are good for our cardio vascular system. But so is a “saunter” which derives from the French “a la saint terre”, to the holy ground.

There are plans afoot to take church outdoors on occasion. Several people have asked about Forest Church. It can simply be Outdoor church, or as in another Somerset village, Church up a Hill. However, we do have some handy woods nearby. So watch this space.....maybe in July. And it’s great for families!

“May what I do flow from me like a River, No forcing and no holding back, The way it is with children” (Rilke).

Barbara Day

Hardington Vale Reader

Church Reflection, News & Events

News From St Lawrence

It has been a busy month at St Lawrence, with cream teas held on both bank holiday week-ends in May and our first 'Contemplation and Coffee' service on the 26th May, a working party to clear up in the grave yard and joining Rode Chapel in 24 hours of prayer.



Our first cream tea event on Sunday 6th May was a huge success, it seemed like scones were flying out of the vestry into the church and we were delighted to have Anthony Powell play the piano for us during the afternoon which added to the convivial atmosphere. I am writing this before our next cream tea event which we hope will be as successful in raising funds for the roof project – see page 6 for more details.

We are revamping our fourth Sunday service at Rode and it will be 'Contemplation and Coffee'. Coffee will be served from 9am with the service beginning around 9.15am and aiming to finish by 10am. The first one on the 26th May will be led by Barbara Day and we aim to give people time to reflect on a reading or poem, pray and listen to music. It is very much intended as a quiet time -time to think, pray, and be still in our increasingly busy lives. So, if you feel you need a bit of space to sit quietly and contemplate then why not come and try this new service, the next one will be on Sunday 23rd June at 9am.

Since the last Link article, we have also said farewell to our curate, Jo who has taken up the post of Priest in Charge at Beckington. It was wonderful to have a full church of over 100 people at her final service in St Lawrence at the end of April where we gave Jo a card and collection reflecting the gratitude people felt for her work in the parish over the last four years. This was immediately followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Memorial Hall where around 70 people gathered to have a chance to say farewell to Jo. We will miss her, even if she's not going far!

Just in case you have missed it, our Rector, Caroline, is also off to pastures new and her leaving service will be at Norton St Philip on Sunday 30th June.

However, have no fear; we have an excellent lay ministry team and additional cover will be provided by visiting priests as necessary, while we wait for the Bishop to make a new appointment.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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Farewell Service
for
Revd Caroline Walker
celebrating all that Caroline and Michael
have contributed
during their time in Hardington Vale

United service at
St Philip and St James Church
Norton St Philip
Sunday 30th June
10.30am



Followed by a bring and share **family picnic**
for everyone in the community -
more details to follow on
social media and the parish website
www.hardingtonvale.org.uk

**EVERYONE WELCOME AT EITHER THE SERVICE
OR THE PICNIC
OR BOTH!**

Churchyard Policy

Following a recent query and misunderstanding here are the Hardington Vale churchyard rules that were agreed by the PCC of Hardington Vale in 2014 and since then have been and still are, displayed on all the notice boards across the benefice. It has been recently updated to include the parish of Buckland Dinham which is also coming into Hardington Vale.

May I draw people's particular attention to the general management of graves so there is no further confusion about what is and is not allowed. Thank you for your understanding on this.

Reverend Caroline Walker
Rector Hardington Vale

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The Parish of Hardington Vale

Buckland Dinham, Farleigh Hungerford, Hemington, Laverton, Norton St Philip, Rode, Tellisford

In order to preserve the dignity of the churchyards, to conserve the number of grave spaces and to ease the task of maintaining the churchyards these Management Regulations have been adopted by the Parochial Church Council of this Parish.

These Regulations are supplemental to the Churchyard Regulations of the Diocese of Bath and Wells which govern the size and form of headstones, memorials etc. and other sundry matters.

Burial Policy

Burials of those living in the parish at the time of their death will normally take place in the churchyard of village church i.e. at St Michael and All Angels Buckland Dinham, St Leonards, Farleigh Hungerford for residents of Farleigh Hungerford, St Mary the Virgin, Hemington for residents of Hemington and Faulkland, St Mary's Laverton for residents of Laverton, St Philip & St James for residents of Norton St Philip, St Lawrence for residents of Rode and All Saints for residents of Tellisford & Woolverton. The boundaries of these villages are to be defined as those of the former ecclesiastical parishes.

Those residents of the parish who moved out of the parish solely for the purposes of care e.g. to Nursing Home accommodation shall also be eligible for interment in the churchyards. Those with strong personal reasons (e.g. former churchwardens, incumbents etc) may exceptionally also be buried in the churchyards with the permission of the current churchwardens and incumbent.

Interment of Cremated Remains

At Norton St Philip cremated remains shall be interred in the Garden of Remembrance, these remains shall be placed in the ground without a casket or box unless such a container is biodegradable. No plaque or marker shall be fixed in this area. Where there is no Garden of Remembrance cremated remains shall be interred in another suitable designated area of the churchyard.

Cremated remains may also be interred in existing family graves. It is vital that all parties closely connected to those already buried or interred in any grave give consent to any new interment.

General Management of Graves

1. The surface of the churchyards shall be kept as far as possible level and free of grave mounds. The Parochial Church Council may level any mound at its discretion at any time more than 12 months after the latest interment in the grave.
2. Bulbs may be planted in the soil of a grave but unless these are kept tidy the Parochial Church Council may treat the grave as part of the turf and mow over it.
3. Wreaths or cut flowers may be laid direct on any grave or in any vase authorised by the Incumbent or by these regulations; but the Parochial Church Council may remove them when they appear to be withered.
4. The Parochial Church Council may in its discretion at any time remove and dispose of any artificial flowers, plastic decorations or other unauthorized items placed in the churchyards.
5. Any power exercisable by the Parochial Church Council under these regulations may be delegated by that Council to a person or persons deputed to care for the day to day upkeep and maintenance of the churchyards.

Signed: Revd Caroline Walker

Date: 1st May 2024

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 25th April 2024 Highlights (minutes available but not published)

The APCM was held at St Lawrence Church on 25th April and was attended by 35 people, with 6 apologies.

Four churchwardens (Parish Wardens) were elected:-
Geoff Banwell, Mary Morrison, Fergus Stewart and Chris Cloke.

The Deputy Wardens are Muriel Duckett (NSP), Sally Pickett (Rode). The Chapel Wardens are Guy Hungerford (Farleigh Hungerford), Bob Hill (Laverton), Rachel Feilden (Tellisford) and Jenny Waller (Buckland Dinham).

The church Tower Captains were recorded as Jenny Middleton (NSP Acting Captain), Sally Pickett (Rode) and Sandy Wheeler (Farleigh Hungerford). Buckland Dinham were waiting to hear who their Tower Captain would be. Coordination of tower captains was being organised by Andy Pickett.

The meeting received the accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2023, the net result being a surplus for the year of £21,511. This is a pleasing outcome which is due to a variety of factors including the generosity of our congregation. Tony Nash has been replaced by Tony Day as the Independent Financial Examiner.

The Annual Reports (as published in H.V. News 2024) were received and it was noted that the benefice was in good heart and encouraged by the progress made.

The Rector, current Area Dean, reported on the three meetings held and the new Frome Deanery leaflet. The visits of Bishop Michael and Bishop Ruth had been very uplifting. Buckland Dinham had merged with Hardington Vale in a mutually warm and joyous way.

The meeting noted that the Deanery Synod representatives still in post for three years are: Barbara Day, vacant, Andrew Morrison, Mark Baines, Jenny Waller.

The meeting received the Electoral Roll Report. There are currently 172 on the roll (up from 164 last year).

The meeting made five appointments to the Parochial Church Council:- David Lockley, Paul Richardson, Susie Filkins, Martin Cragg, Helen Irving

For the record the current PCC members are now:

3 years still to stand: - David Lockley, Paul Richardson, Martin Cragg, Helen Irving

2 years still to stand: - Mark Baines, Anthony Powell, Andy Filkins, Susie Filkins

1 year still to stand: - David Mayell, Peter Stratford, Diana Lucas, Brenda Graham.

It was noted that the Rectors last service is on 30th June at St Philip and St James NSP.

Thanks were given to all those who work tirelessly for the parish.

The Rector said it had been a privilege and a joy to serve in Norton St Philip for eleven years.

St Lawrence Roof Project – Progress Report

As previously mentioned, the work on the church roof is divided up into three phases.

The first phase (South Aisle and South side of the Nave) is complete and looks really good. If you are at the church, go to the south side of the churchyard and take a look.

The second phase is the North Aisle, the Porch and the North side of the Nave. Unfortunately, a further check on the bats is required and this is under way. Subject to that, it is hoped that the work can start in August.

The third phase will be the Chancel and the Vestry, but that will require additional funding because not all the finance for that phase is yet in place. It has not gone out to tender yet, but we anticipate that we are going to need a further £50,000 approximately to complete the job.

Needless to say, all donations (preferably with gift aid) will continue to be greatly appreciated as will your support at our fundraising events.

Our grateful thanks go to all who have supported our efforts to date.



Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

New Rubbish & Recycling Collection Day

Somerset Council has sent a letter to all residents who are affected by this change and in due course you will receive a service guide showing the new 12-month collection day calendar.

From week commencing **17th June** the collection day for recycling and rubbish is changing to **Wednesday**. The frequency of all collections remains the same, with recycling collected every week and rubbish every 3 weeks.

Because the day has changed, there is a **one-off** collection of rubbish (only) on **Saturday 22nd June**.

There is **no change** to the **garden waste** collection day.

	To 14 th June			From 19 th June			June		
	Sat	Fri	Fri	Wed	One-Off Sat	Wed	No Change	Fri	Fri
Recycling	1	7	14	19		26	Garden	7	21
Rubbish	1				22				

Parish News

Highlights from Tellisford Parish Meeting

On Thursday 11th April, 14 residents of Tellisford and Woolverton attended the Parish Meeting's AGM, held at Meadow View, Woolverton by kind invitation of Ray Floyd. Eight households sent apologies. One of our two Somerset Councillors, Dawn Denton, was also present.

Ray Floyd was re-elected Chairman, Ash Morrell was re-elected Vice-Chairman, and Anthony Battersby was re-elected Parish Clerk. Four residents were nominated to serve on the Planning Sub-Committee: Anthony Battersby, Nicholas Diggle, Thom Gorst and Clare Parfitt, and they were elected unanimously. Rowena Smith had resigned from this committee earlier in the year.

Thom Gorst continues to fill the role of Honorary Footpaths Officer. His detailed report had been circulated to residents before the AGM. He drew attention to unsafe hardware and poor signage, especially on FR15/11 which crosses the A36. Charles Helps brought news that on the day of the AGM new Bristol gates (a 5-bar gate plus small side-gate) had been installed on part of that footpath, and more are expected to arrive soon. Terry Dredge had photographed a new plank bridge with handrail installed by Mendip Ramblers two days previously on FR15/6 (at 34315). Thom said that his meeting with Rights of Way Warden (East Mendip) Clare Haskins had been very helpful, but Somerset Council's budget is extremely constrained. He has made contact with other local Footpath Officers and is trying to put together more circular routes.

The Planning Sub-Committee's report since the last Parish Meeting (on 15th May 2023) is summarized the 20 planning applications submitted since then, (detail supplied but not included....Editor).

The progress of plans for users of Rode Memorial Hall, Rode Scouts and Rode Playing Field to share a redesigned, combined facility was discussed. Captain Batten-Pooll (who donated the land for Rode Memorial Hall) was resident in Rode Manor, which is in Tellisford-with-Woolverton civil parish, and current residents of this parish are entitled to use the existing Memorial Hall. An action point was agreed to find out whether TPM could use the Hall for a parish meeting.

The problem of insufficient parking space for residents of West Terrace in Woolverton was discussed, including the impending closure of the Red Lion whose car park was likely to be closed by concrete bollards. At present, buses are having considerable difficulty in getting round the corner when cars are parked there. Councillor Dawn Denton said she would raise the matter with the brewery (Wadworths) to see whether progress can be made.

Parish News

In her report to the meeting, Councillor Denton confirmed that Somerset Council is in a financial emergency; budgets for Statutory responsibilities are ring-fenced but Ancillary activities are not, yet both are needed for Statutory elements to function adequately.

Rachel Feilden

Hon. Minutes Clerk



The Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Group is a National Charity that offers Patients & Caregivers support 24/7. The group is dedicated to give comprehensive support to all those affected by head and neck cancer. There is a local monthly face-to-face group near you where you would find a warm and friendly welcome.

The next session locally will be Wednesday June 12th between 5.00 and 7.00pm at Beckington Memorial Hall. BA11 6SH.

For more information see theswallows.org.uk or contact Paul by email on luminator84@hotmail.com

Norton St Philip Lunchtime Concert Series

Thursday 13th June 12.30 for 1pm

For our lunchtime concert this month we are excited and delighted to welcome back the amazing **Iain Ballamy**, this time with **Gareth Williams** on piano. Gareth is the consummate accompanist with an international reputation.

An electrifying performer, Gareth has been described as "a fantastic improviser" by John Fordham in *The Guardian* and "If you've seen Williams perform, you'll know that he's the embodiment of creative energy, a physical player who gets wrapped up in his work, with a keyboard command that's both impressive and well-directed" by Peter Vacher in *Jazzwise*.

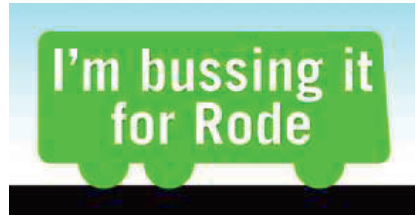
Putting Iain and Gareth together guarantees that sparks will fly!!

David Lockley

Parish News

Bussing it for Rode

A return trip by bus to Bath costs £4. That's less than half of what it cost a couple of years ago. £4 is in fact about what it now will cost just to park in Bath for a couple of hours. Then you need to factor in the actual cost of driving there ... a return journey of 22 miles to Bath costs upwards of another £11 (depending on your car).



So, there's a really powerful economic case for 'Bussing it'.

And if you 'Bus it', you'll also be reducing your carbon footprint thereby doing something towards saving our planet.

But the most powerful reason to BUS IT FOR RODE is you'll be playing your part in keeping our village bus services to Bath and Frome. And it's now a very good service, currently 7 days a week, with late night buses too and more buses through the daytime than we've had in years. Rode has battled hard for the past 10 years to restore our village bus service, so we don't want to lose it now.

But the D2 through Rode is currently under threat. First Bus is saying not enough people in Rode are using the D2.

For the sake of those who are too young to drive ... perhaps too old ...or simply don't own a car ...

...the people in our village who are entirely dependent on a bus to get about ...

... whether that's to work, to college, to school in Bath, to the RUH, to the doctor or to get to the shops ...

... or perhaps just someone who simply wants a night out in Bath or Frome without having to worry about drinking and driving.

For all their sakes, we need us all to go by bus just whenever we can.

We'll shortly have a stash of "I'm bussing it for Rode" stickers. You'll soon start to see these up around the village. If you'd like one, we'll put some in Rode Post Office, which is where you'll also find extra copies of the Rode village bus timetable.

Peter Travis

Rode Parish Council

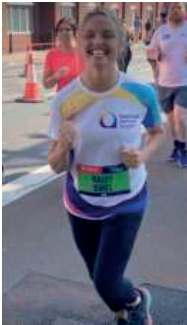
Laverton News

Daisy does it again!

There's no stopping her- she's on a roll, she's definitely on a mission and right now she does seem to be living her best life...

Last month Daisy Bass was a star turn on the stage at the Merlin Theatre and between rehearsals she was also training for a huge undertaking: running a marathon in 3 parts. So, on Sunday 18 May she ran 10k in Bristol, next she'll be running another 10k in Cheltenham and finally she'll complete her personal hat trick at the Great South Run in September - all to raise funds for National Autistic Society.

For someone who claims she lacks discipline, these are some pretty major achievements for 2024.



Daisy keeps on smiling (through gritted teeth?)



Celebrating with Indy, supporter in chief

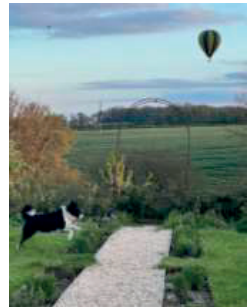
Virginia Garaux

The skies over Laverton can be truly spectacular...

It's lovely to see the barn owl every evening and this morning we saw a slow worm in one of the fields. The bird song is unbelievable.



Here's a photo I took the other day of a rainbow and stunning clouds. And a photo from Roxy Bater: Bonnie in training as an aerial acrobatics sheep dog, using a hot air balloon as something to aim for during training sessions in the back garden. She may have a way to go, but we always like to see a dog with ambition.



Emma Hendy

Parish News

Local Charity Publishes 2023 Impact Report

CHASE (Community Health and Sustainable Environment) Africa is based in Rode. We would like to invite you, our local community, to read our 2023 Impact Report.

The report shows the difference our supporters' generous donations have made in supporting women to lead healthy lives and empowering adolescents.

In collaboration with our local partners in East Africa, we enhance women's and girls' Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and their ability to access quality health services.

Key highlights from 2023 include:

- **137,031 family planning and other Sexual and Reproductive Health services delivered, an increase of 31% from 2022.**
- **144,391 additional health services (non-Sexual and Reproductive Health) delivered.**
- **Over 450,000 attendances at information and awareness-raising sessions.**



We were thrilled to witness a substantial increase in our income, reaching close to £1 million.

Our report also shares highlights from our external evaluation report and our work in human and environmental health in rural areas, as well as how we promoted CHASE Africa's model to new audiences, and more.

Please visit our website to read it at chaseafrica.org.uk/impact or if you would like a hard copy, please come to our office on Tuesdays -Thursdays. You can find us at The Office, Barrow Farm, Rode Hill, Rode, BA11 6PS. **We hope you enjoy reading it and finding out more about CHASE Africa.**



RPF Lottery Winners

Playing Field Lottery winners in April 2024.
Drawn by staff & customers in the Cross Keys:

1st - £50.00 Mr. P. Barnes, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 Mr. G. Robinson, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Sally Dignan, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two at The Cross Keys courtesy of Mark & Hannah, Gary Holloway, Rode.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 & 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 Sunday 30th of June.

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

T: 830408

1st Rode Major Scout Group 200 Club

The results for the Scouts 200 club for April were:

1st prize £50 - The Garmston Family

2nd prize £25 - Nick Russell

Drawn by Robert Randall of Beckington

Thank you

Janet Jupp



Parish Youth News & Events

FRANS Latest

In mid-May FRANS welcomed Friday cafes back for summer 2024! These are not only a good way to end the school week and to bring the community together but also a small way to help raise money for the school. We'll continue to run these throughout the summer term in Norton St. Phillip Mead when the weather is favourable so if it's something you'd like to support keep an eye on our instagram page ([frans_ode_norton](#)) or ask somebody with links to the school. We aim to provide all sorts of refreshments along with games and colouring for any younger cafe goers.

In July we hope our cafe skills will be put to the test as FRANS will be getting fully involved in Rode Parkfest (13th July, RODE playing field). The organisers have very kindly offered FRANS a share of the profits from the weekend along with other village charities for which we are extremely grateful. We hope to support in whatever way we can so that the big day is one to remember. FRANSband will be coming together again to play a little afternoon set and the children of the school will also be performing and possibly helping out on some stalls.

The lineup for the evening looks incredible and tickets are already on sale. Don't delay and help order the sunshine.

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/rodeparkfest

All funds made in our up-and-coming events will go towards funding a new space on the Norton St. Phillip site which will provide SEN opportunities as well as a staff space.

We are also raising money to help fund the 'BIG SHOW'; currently the children of the school are busy learning songs and dances to accompany a no doubt incredible script which they will perform at the Merlin theatre this month. We really love to help support these incredible opportunities for the children which will undoubtedly also leave no parent dry eyed.

If you are on instagram please follow us if you'd like see what we're up to and to hear more regular updates. You can find us under [frans_ode_norton](#).

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



Parish Youth News & Events

Hello from Norton St Philip Pre-school

The children have been celebrating St George's Day, making a dragon and learning about St George. They also enjoyed making flags, swords and shields.

We have turned our indoor role play area to a farm shop and the children have been busy buying all the different produce. They have been using the tills, counting out the money and writing shopping lists!

We have been making the most of the good weather, walking to The Mead and playing in the park. The children enjoyed swinging, sliding, climbing, balancing and rocking.

Zoolab are visiting the pre-school this week so the children will have the opportunity to see and handle (if they are brave enough!) lots of different creatures. The snake is always a favourite!



Dawn Strand

Parish Youth News & Events

Rode Scout Group

Yet another busy month for all the scout groups.

The **Cubs** have been to Crealy and the **Explorers** have been to London to play Monopoly including a visit to Parliament.



Claire Le Page

Nothing like a good bonfire...with Smores....in the pouring rain! We all loved it!!



Pandora Jacobs

Parish Youth News & Events

Our **Beavers** have had a fantastic month.

Village walks, gardening, bee keeping and so much more. Including a trip to Wookey hole with 250 other beavers all from the East Somerset District for their annual Beavers Fun Day.

We may have been few in numbers but our Beavers had a great time, we explored the caves, made paper, learnt about the Witch of Wookey & her dog even got to watch a great circus too.

This also showed us how extremely lucky we are to have our minibus, out of all the groups throughout the district - we were the only group to have one, and no need to ask parents to travel miles to drop off and collect again..

Which leads us to our next event!

Our first Beavers plant sale! Wow, what can I say other than Rode is amazing and so supportive it almost felt like our own Garden Centre with a fantastically run cafe thanks to Diane and her new apprentice - Imogen!

Plans are already brewing for next year, so watch this space. Events like these certainly make keeping our minibus running much easier and is a great asset to us all.

So, thank you everyone for your incredible support before and on the day also to all the local businesses who donated to our cause! Without you all it wouldn't have been the success it turned out to be!



Becca, Alex, Shona & Steve

Parish Youth News & Events

Freshford United Youth FC

We are getting very close to our annual Summer Festival of Football which will take place over the weekend of 29/30th June 2024 at Browns Park, Freshford with tournaments for every age group as well as other entertainment for the family plus lots of food, drink, snacks, sweets and Ice Creams available all weekend.



This event brings a large footfall of over 2000 people throughout the weekend so ***we are looking for any businesses*** who want to place adverts in the weekend programme that is distributed to all arriving at the event as well as donations/prizes/vouchers for the raffle and a substantial donation/prize/voucher can be in place of a free advert. If you are able to offer any advertising or donation, please contact Chris on the number below.

We are almost full in all age groups with a maximum occupancy of teams entered so it should be a good weekend of football with 100 teams entering.

If you have a business that would like to have a stall and presence for the weekend, we are looking for more activities for people to do over the weekend or even a trade stall selling items or promoting your business, just get in touch to find out more.

If you have a building project happening soon, we are after some rubble but mainly any soil of different grades 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 Chris 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

Chris Birleson

Club Manager

07738 741477 cb@dentons.net

RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time

9.45am – 11.15am

Rode Chapel



Parish Youth News & Events

Monthly Youth Activity Space in Norton St Philip

Youth Space is a club open to all secondary age young people in Hardington Vale. It runs on the 4th Monday of each month from 7pm - 8.30pm.



We meet in the St Philip & St James Church in Norton St Philip. The extensive floor space now available allows us to set up a range of activities, including pool, table tennis, badminton, table football, board games and crafts. There is always food as well, and unlimited hot chocolate.

We've had really encouraging numbers so far – an average of 20 young people come from Norton, Rode and Faulkland - and we'd be delighted to welcome new members. We're really grateful for the support we've received from parents and the community.

For more information, contact me on 07789 838418 or fstewart660@gmail.com or 01373 834611

Fergus Stewart

<p>Places Available</p>  <p>Beckington Pre-School</p> <p>Term time only 8:45 - 15:00 2-4 year old's 2 and 3 year funding</p>   <p>Beckington Memorial Hall www.beckingtonpre-school.co.uk 07920 137800 info@beckingtonpre-school.co.uk Cristed no. 2778147 Charity no. 1035832</p>	<p>TOTS AND TOYS MUMS, DADS, CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS...</p> <p>Are you at home with a baby, toddler or pre-schooler?</p> <p>Would you like to meet up with others for a chat, tea/coffee and refreshments while the children play and sing?</p> <p>EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING 9.00am - 10.45am</p> <p>in St Philip and St James church, Norton St Philip</p> <p>£2 donation for refreshments</p> <p>For information, please contact: Maria Fleming, Playgroup Leader totsandtoysnsp@gmail.com</p>
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Parish Health & Wellbeing

Some Help for Those with Mental Health Concerns

Jo Robinson and I recently attended an event run by the Somerset Dementia Wellbeing Service, a collaboration of over 60 organisations that regularly meet to improve services for those affected by dementia. Visit <https://somersetdementia.org>

We talked to representatives from the NHS, Local Government, charities, libraries, and care facilities, all of whom are engaged in helping those with mental health issues and their carers.

Jo founded the Forget Me Not Café that meets every third Monday afternoon of the month at the Church of St. Philip and St. James in Norton St. Philip, but has now moved on to become Vicar of the Beckington Benefice. I'm part of the Café Team and attended the event to collect information that might be helpful to our guests, here summarised for those who would rather not visit the Café.

As one of the last to introduce himself, I confessed to being totally bewildered by the vast array of organisation names and job titles from those who preceded me: What do you all do? How do you help? How do you work together? Who do you contact first? Thankfully, they took pity on me, and after a very sincere welcome said the first place to start is your GP. They can give advice and provide any referrals, including access to Social Services. You can also register as a carer with your GP, for support when looking after a mental health patient. One thing I didn't realise, was that you can also call your local GP if concerned about someone else, even if they are not a family member, or directly contact Social Services if it's a safeguarding issue.

Tailored advice and information for those with dementia, their families, and carers can also be obtained within Somerset from the Dementia Support Service of the Alzheimer's Society. They offer help for you to retain your independence and improve your well-being. Contact them on 01458 251541, or email somerset@alzheimers.org.uk.

Health Connections Mendip also exist to support your health and well being. They'll help you manage long-term health conditions, improve social connectedness, or change health-related behaviours. Call their Frome Team at 01373 468368 or visit <https://healthconnectionsmandip.org/>.

Frome Dementia Action Alliance holds a Memory Café at The Masonic Hall, Frome on the last Wednesday afternoon of each month. The café is for those having loved ones with Dementia or Alzheimer's and their carers. Details are at www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/directory/memory-cafe/.

There's also a Frome Carers Group that meet for a few laughs, and to swap ideas and experiences on the first Wednesday morning of each month at the Cricket Ground Social Club on Rodden Road. If you'd like to join call Tricia on 01373 301369. They're part of Somerset Carers, a charity offering help and advice to carers on 0800 3168600, and practical support to community groups through their Village Agents on 01823 331222.

Also in Frome, Rossetti House run a dementia friendly cinema club every Thursday afternoon, a Knit and Natter group every Tuesday afternoon, and a Carers Cafe on the

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last Friday of each month, so for more details call 01373 887955 or email helen.cross@careuk.com.

If you like singing, try Songs for the Memory, a fun group for those with dementia, memory loss, and their carers, that meets every Tuesday afternoon in The Masonic Hall, Frome. For details call 07747 544773 or email songsforthememoryfrome@gmail.com.

Music can really help brighten your day, so why not develop your own personal playlist of songs and melodies that are meaningful to you? Check out <https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/resources> for free advice and resources to help you collect your musical memories, or visit <https://musicmemories.bbcrewind.co.uk/home>.

Wild Memories is a nature and wildlife social group for anyone with dementia or memory loss, their carers and family members. Sessions are free and involve wildlife gardening, nature walks, and seasonal crafts. They move indoors in colder weather. Free transportation is also available. Wild Memories meets from Monday to Wednesday each week in Mells and Frome, and for more details call Zak at 07949 572849 or email zak.mathergratton@froglife.org.

If you or your family carer served in the British Armed Forces, the Royal British Legion Admiral Nurse service provides advice and support through their network of registered nurses who specialise in dementia. Call them on 0808 8028080 or by emailing ANSupport@britishlegion.org.uk.

Looking for a good book about living with dementia? Well, 'Somebody I use to know' by Wendy Mitchell was recommended as the best read by those at the event.

I was surprised by the range of free services offered by Somerset Libraries for those with dementia, their families, and carers, and not just books! Interactive projectors that promote movement, coordination, and socialisation, including music, quizzes, games and TV shows; loaned iPads pre-loaded with e-books, e-audio books, and links to helpful health information; support for creating personalised playlists, as mentioned earlier; and access to the Somerset Dementia Collection, a range of books offering advice to those with dementia, their families, friends, and carers. Their free Home Library Service arranges for volunteers to deliver books, audio books, e-magazines, e-newspapers, and iPad loans to your home. 'Reading Well Books on Prescription', an array of books recommended by health professionals, are also available at libraries for those with dementia, their carers, or those wanting to know more about the condition. All the above are available at Frome Library, or can be requested by emailing frolib@somerset.gov.uk if unable to visit.

Finally, what was my biggest 'take away' from the event? Well, during my introduction, I said we were thinking about ending the Forget Me Not Café at Norton St Philip, given its relatively low attendance over the last three years, even though it's free. Their unanimous response ... "Don't stop!" and "There's such a need for this support in our communities!". Safe places where you can relax over a cup of tea, know you are being listened to, swap notes with other carers, and laugh among friends. So, I guess we'll carry on, at least for now. Why not?

Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

Paul Shepherd

Parish Environment

Climate Emergency Update

Proposed Solar Farm in Rode

The planning application to build a large-scale Solar Farm in Rode was discussed at the May meeting of the Somerset Council Planning Committee (East). Councillors had a number of concerns about the application and agreed (by 11 votes to one) to defer a decision for a maximum of three months to allow the applicant to address these concerns.

The decision notice states that “The reasons for deferral are for reconsideration of access on Monkley Lane. Also, for reconsideration of the scale of the development in terms of the quantum of the application scheme and its impact on the landscape and heritage assets, in particular the conservation area and listed buildings. A site visit for Planning Committee Members will be arranged.”

The Parish Council is keen to engage with the applicant to constructively seek improvements to the scheme and will in particular want to take account of local residents’ views. If you have already commented on the application your views will already be known to the PC. **However, if you haven’t yet responded to the consultation, you can still do so (whether you support the plans or oppose them).** The level of support or opposition to the proposal was highlighted as an important consideration during last month’s Planning Committee meeting – so: make your views known! Whilst the original deadline for comments has passed, Somerset Council will still consider additional comments as a “late submission”.

If you wish to comment, you can do so via the Somerset Council website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/> Make sure you are logged in (if you haven't previously logged in, simply register first). Select “View or comment on a planning application”, choose “Mendip”, then go to “Find an application”.

The application reference is **2023/2183/FUL**. You should see an option to "make a comment" towards the top right of your screen.

It would be helpful if any further comments could also be sent to the Parish Council: clerk.rodeparishcouncil@gmail.com

Thinking about installing a heat pump?

Last month the Climate Emergency Group hosted an online webinar for local homeowners – “**What you need to know before purchasing a heat pump**”. The talk was given by Philip Haile who runs Transition Bath’s Heat Pump Advisory Service and was excellent. A huge amount of essential

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information delivered in an easy-to-understand way. Copies of the slides are available on the Rode Village website (go to the “Climate Emergency” section, and click on the “Advice and Guidance” icon, then click on “Heat Pumps”).

We will run the webinar again in the autumn – but if you’d like some good, independent advice before then, an excellent start point is here:

<https://transitionbath.org/project/heat-pump-advisory-service/>

Retrofit Community Talks

As the weather gets warmer, you might be tempted to put off thinking about retrofitting. However, now is actually the perfect time to prepare for the cold and wet winter months. By doing renovations now, you can ensure that your house is energy efficient, warm, and comfortable to live in, when the weather is not so warm.

Frome Town Council run regular, excellent talks discussing the various energy-efficiency measures we can implement – with the next talk taking place on June 11th at Frome Town Hall (from 7:30 to 9:00 pm). Check out the Frome Town Council website for more info.

Get involved/keep in touch

The Climate Emergency Group has a monthly newsletter, which now reaches around 100 subscribers....if you’d like to join them, drop me a line at the email address below, or enter this link in your browser: <https://mailchi.mp/4b503e0ba20c/initial-sign-up> (sorry for the rather unfriendly web address!).

And a reminder that the new village website (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, another reminder that - having been in the hot-seat for three years - I will be stepping back from "leading" the Rode, Beckington & Norton St Philip Climate Emergency Group in the summer. Whilst we’ve organised a number of successful events, produced a monthly email newsletter, and sought to highlight the climate emergency locally, I think it's time for someone with more expertise, energy, and time, to take on the mantle - and in particular to inspire us to reach the next level. If you think that person is YOU - please drop me a line....and, if it's not you, but you know someone who could be interested, please ask them to get in contact: jim.mcauliffe@btinternet.com

Jim McAuliffe

Parish Nature

An Early Summer Look at All Saints Tellisford Churchyard

Join us on Monday 10th June, at 10am

Jean Richardson from Hemington visited the churchyard on 14th May to record what could be seen. The new plants that she found which were not already on her spreadsheet were: -

Barren Brome, Bulbous Buttercup, Cock's Foot, Common Bird's-foot Trefoil, Creeping Thistle, Curled Dock, Ground Elder, Lady's Bedstraw, Red Fescue, Rough Meadow Grass, Wood Forget-Me-Not, Yarrow

We will meet in Tellisford Churchyard on Monday 10th June, at 10am, to take the next thorough look at what is in the churchyard.

You are most welcome to join us – bring your elevensies!

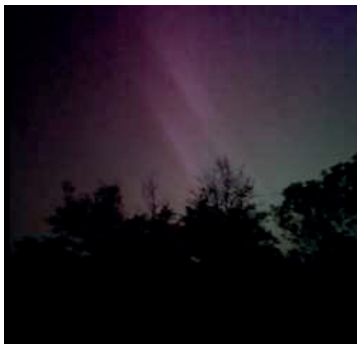
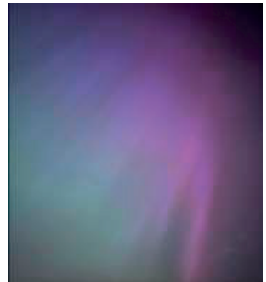
If you have any questions please phone 01373 830 322.

Rachel Feilden

All Saints Tellisford Fabric Committee

Northern Lights

Not to be outdone by all the social media influencers last week, here are Laura Ireland's spectacular photos of the Northern Lights, taken from a Laverton bedroom window:



Parish Gardening

Garden Visits

Since I last wrote some notes about gardening, ooooh months ago (I won't ask if you've missed me) I've been away to see a few gardens that have reminded me of the extraordinary skills and talents of gardeners and plantsmen and women all over the country. And as always, the admiration for their work is mixed in with a very large dollop of humility - the sense that I need to try harder, do better, and above all, observe more in my own garden. And then, as Monty is constantly telling us, to remember to just stop, relax and enjoy the garden as it is. Just as it is.

Anyway, here's what I've seen in the last couple of months:

- Caisson House, Combe Hay is a local gem that is only going to get wider recognition as time goes by. There are some further open days in late May and throughout June and I'd really recommend a visit - fascinating, beautiful gardens, a herd of Llamas and delicious cakes...
- South Wood Farm, Devon is a bit further afield and is another small-scale delight, designed by world-renowned Arne Maynard. It's gardened with attention to detail but also feels soft and easeful and has a glorious kitchen garden. It also has a couple of NGS dates in September, so get yourselves down there!
- Sissinghurst and Great Dixter: I feel sure I've written before about trips I've made to these world-famous gardens in Kent and East Sussex. No apology about that. They are absolutely worth the trek around the M25 and each has a very different character which has to be experienced in person. We had sunshine and rain - no matter, the atmosphere in each is bewitching.

I think what I really want to say though, is that these magical places all rely on brilliant gardeners and that increasingly I feel that this is where the focus and the funding should be - on the people who make gardens, look after them, nurture the plants in them. Here's to all the gardeners!

Stop Press!

Lee Bater is now offering his services as a sheep-ish translator: fees negotiable dependent on whether or not he has to resort to waving his arms about as well. References available (well, we saw him in action in Steps Lane and he had us convinced...mother and baby lamb reunited with the rest of the flock in Sara Jocelyn's field).

Muddy Fingernails

Parish Sport

Rode Cricket Club Update

After a long, very wet winter, it's great to see the sun shining and to hear the sound of willow on leather once again!

Our first game this season was an encounter against Red Star on 9th May. It was a night for the young guns to shine – Nick Wotton (last year's most improved young player) picked up where he'd finished last season, opening the bowling and finishing with admirable figures of 2 wickets for 3 runs; his brother William going one stage further and ending up with 3 wickets for 8 runs! Man of the match however went to Charlie Blanchet, bowling for the first time for Rode and snaring a wicket with his 8th ball! As a result, Red Star were restricted to a total of 135 – not bad for 20 overs, but a gettable target nonetheless, as it proved. Lawrence Gripper (13) and Keinen Cooper (32) put on a brisk opening partnership of 30 off 3 overs, before Nick Wotton, batting at 3 played the anchor role with 26 not out. Not to be outdone by his brother, William Wotton hit a quickfire 17 not out to win inside 18 overs. A convincing win for the opening game, and particularly encouraging given the performances of our younger players.

A depleted team rocked up at Urchfont – one of the more picturesque grounds we get to play on – the following Sunday and restricted the home team to 165 for 6 off 30 overs batting first in ideal conditions. Nick Wotton (2 wickets for 26 runs off 4 overs) continued his great bowling form, ably assisted by young Harry Medlicott (1 for 19 off 3). Rode made a good fist of the chase initially but ended up well short with a total of 107 all out. Wickets fell regularly, with the highest scores being Lawrence Gripper and Julian Wotton both with 15.

Sunday 19th May was a wonderful late spring day to play at the beautiful Ditcheat ground. The sun shone as we took the field and restricted the home side to 131-5 with Kieran Cooper the pick of the bowlers with 2 wickets for 5 runs off his 2 overs and Julian Wotton with 2 for 13 off his.

Rode's reply started shakily with Lawrence Gripper falling in the first over, but new recruit Felix Harrison playing a blinder on debut scoring 25 put us in a reasonably strong position at the halfway stage. Rich Bealing played with uncharacteristic circumspection initially but opened up when the required rate started to rise, falling for a creditable 18. All looked lost when 62 was needed off the last 6 overs but enter Ollie Tucker and Julian Wotton. On a smallish ground, both timed their crescendo to perfection, Ollie scoring 27 not out (including 3 sixes and 2 fours) and Julian scoring 30 not out (including 3 sixes), with Julian hitting a 6 off the final ball with 5 needed for victory and 4 needed for a tie. A perfect end to an excellent match played in great spirits. The beer always tastes sweeter after victory and today was no exception!

So, as we reflect on the early part of the season, 3 games with 2 excellent hard-fought victories in which our young players played instrumental roles, the future looks bright for Rode Cricket Club, especially as the new square/ outfield starts to take shape.

Andy Pickett

Parish Groups

Rode Walking Group (2nd Thursday in the Month)

Our last walk, in May, followed the Tellisford Loop and we stopped for coffee at The Mill on returning to Rode. A few walkers stuck to the basic route, but the majority chose to extend the walk across country in the direction of Farleigh Hungerford until they bisected Tellisford Lane and returned to Rode.

The next walk falls on Thursday 13th June and is further afield in the Tytherington direction so arrangements for car sharing will have to be made. As usual we meet at 10 am.

There are two walks available, both starting from the same point:-

Everyone will start from the car park and walk across fields and parkland towards and in front of Marston House and to Marston Bigot Church (not open). Those not wanting a long walk will return to the car park by the same route. This walk is two and a half miles and there is a cafe at the car park.

The longer walk continues on from MB Church by turning onto a lane and heading south for about a mile before turning left again back towards Tytherington across fields. This walk is approximately 5 miles.

Directions to the car park:- Follow the A361 Frome bypass towards Shepton Mallet. About 500 metres before the final (Sainsbury) roundabout, turn sharp left towards Tytherington. Go past a large wood/builders merchant on the right and then take the next right (about 400 metres) towards the car park.

Further details and car sharing can be obtained from me,

Liz Dinnis

elizabethdinnis49@gmail.com

07788656337

Other Groups News Welcome

News and information about other clubs and groups in the parish are always welcome.

Please contact me:- candn800@btinternet.com

Cathy Taylor

Editor

Parish Groups

Rode Over 60's

Wednesday 8th May arrived, Rode Over 60's and visitors embarked on their first of three "away day" coach trips. The weather was set fine as they journeyed to Portsmouth stopping for coffee on the way at a lovely garden centre.

On arrival at Portsmouth most people had lunch. They were dropped off at Gun Wharf Quay which has many eateries and outlet shop.

The Naval Dockyard is close by, where a specially built museum houses the Mary Rose.

Some of the members took in a boat trip round the harbour, taking in the views. HMS Warrior is moored there. The harbour is the home of the newest warship, HMS Elizabeth and had to be made deeper to accommodate her depth. The warship is presently receiving repairs in Scotland.

A very enjoyable day finished off with the raffle on the way home!



Next trip - Swanage, Wednesday 12th June.

If anyone would like to join us, you are more than welcome. Ring Tom Ryan Tel 07414497846 to book your seat. Fares: Members £20. Visitors £22.

Birthdays: Mr. D. Keys, 23rd June. We wish him a very Happy Birthday.

Sad news in the last week, of the passing of a well-respected member John Thomas. A lovely man.

Gail Stinton

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

Parish Groups

Rode and District Gardening Club – Garden Visits

On the afternoon of Monday 13th May members met for our first visit of 2024 at a lovely garden at Forest Wood, Pen Selwood. Sadly, it was raining, but we had a warm welcome from the owner, Lucy Nelson, and one of the gardeners, who does the hands-on work of looking after the garden. When Lucy moved to the property 25 years ago there was no garden but some established trees, such as the handkerchief tree. She wanted the garden to reflect Gertrude Jekyll's love of curves and to use the slope to enjoy the view of the nearby countryside. Her original designer's plan is still evident today, but over time it has been adapted and tweaked. Because the house is not connected to mains water, they were able to use the springs on the site to create a lake and stream.

Below the terrace is an attractive herbaceous border, which will be fuller in the coming months but the plants that were impressive at this time were the magnolias, camassias, azaleas and rhododendrons. Having acidic soil enables them to grow a wide range of different range of plants. In complete contrast was a quiet green space with a stainless-steel rill through the centre and hedged on each side.

The return route took us past several unusual Chinese shrubs and elegant white birch tree trunks with the scents of azaleas and a feast of colours. The final area we visited is a new area, where vegetables are being grown amongst flowers and it looked very smart. Despite the weather we all enjoyed this very attractive garden, with many beautiful and unusual plants.

Next month we have an evening visit to Milton Lodge Gardens, at Wells. We will meet there at 6:30pm on Monday 10th June. Please let Averil know or use the club's email below to advise us if you are joining us. Guests are welcome too. The cost for them is £10.

On **Sunday 9th June**, it is **Rode Open Gardens**. There will be ten gardens plus allotments to visit from 11am to 4:00pm. Entry to all is by purchasing a map of the open gardens from the gazebo on the Village Green for £5. The money from the sale of maps will benefit Rode Scouts and St Lawrence Church Roof Fund. There will also be a range of plants for sale there. Children are invited to design a garden in a seed tray and entries should be brought to the Green. Refreshments will be available at The Chapel.

If you have an hour to spare, we would be grateful for help on the Green with selling plants and maps. Many committee members are opening their gardens, so we need some extra people to help.

Contact us via rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.com or ring Sharman Flindall 830456

Sharman Flindall

Parish Friends & Family Notices

Thank you

A belated thank you to the numerous people passing my house on the afternoon of Saturday 20th April, after I had fallen down.

Each one driving or walking stopped to offer any assistance required, what a lovely area we live in.

I am now home and slowly getting back on my feet. I am overwhelmed with the amount of cards and thoughtful gifts people have brought to the house.

Thank you all, and I do hope to thank everyone personally soon.

Best wishes,

Mary Dickenson

2A The Mead'



John Bush RIP

John Bush, who died recently at the age of 87, was born and brought up at Peart Farm and although he moved away and spent his working life farming near Westbury his roots were definitely in Laverton.

He was an imposing figure with a sense of fun and immensely tall, one of life's gentle men. He was unfailingly courteous and interested in people and it must have been these qualities which led to him being appointed Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. As the Queen's representative, he attended numerous events and formal occasions, often with his wife, Pam, always bringing his own special style. Pam died a couple of years ago.

John will be remembered with great fondness by all his family and friends and, indeed, by everyone who met him.

Debby Hill

Parish Food & Drink



Calling adventurous cooks of Rode Village!

We sell foodie ingredients sourced from all over the world and write recipes to inspire you to cook new dishes at home. Head to our website and check us out! Ben & Alice xx



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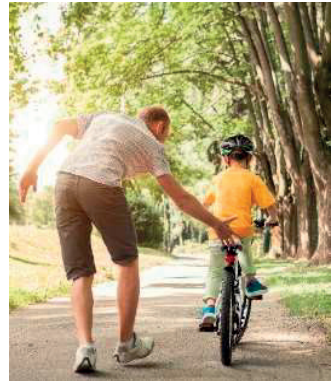
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Frome Toy Library Re-Opens

Making Less Waste and More Space

In addition to its wealth of Holiday Events, the Children's Festival, an early years support group and two weekly Stay-and-Play pre-school sessions, did you know that local family support charity, Purple Elephant, also offers a low-cost, toy-lending service called The Toy Library?

Re-launched this month in partnership with the Frome Library, the Purple Elephant Toy Library will be open to all for borrowing each Wednesday afternoon. Located within the children's reading area, on the ground floor of the Frome Library building itself, staff and volunteers of both organisations welcome local families to join this newly revamped venture.

With over 50 'Play Sacks' to select from, suitable for babies, toddlers and youngsters up to approximately aged 6, the brightly coloured drawstring bags provide a wonderful experience for children who can, along with a parent/carer, make their own choice from the onsite picture catalogue (also viewable online) and then take that home to play with. The contents of the bags have been selected to support learning and development through play, with the borrowing of up to two Play Sacks per family at any one time available, from 1pm to 3pm on a Wednesday.

Ranging from a simple bag packed with nearly a hundred building blocks, to texture toys with shapes and colours for very young learners, to Brio train tracks, a marble run or outdoor circus skills equipment, the Toy Library Play Sacks are a simple but effective way of offering little ones 'new' toys every week, changing with their developing characters. Arguably even more important, this sharing and re-use system also helps reduce wastage and landfill dumping, as well as saves money on unnecessary purchases and stops the family home becoming cluttered with even bigger mountains of discarded toys.

Frome and area families who would like to borrow toys simply need to join the Frome Library as a member (which is free; a parent/carer will need to bring their id/address proof to the Library and complete a simple form) and then come along on Wednesday afternoons to select a take-home-toy.

A fee of £2 (£1 if on Universal Benefit), paid in cash, is chargeable for a fortnightly loan but as Purple Elephant's organising team tell us "We are keen to let people know that the Toy Library, like all our services, is about encouraging families to play together, so there is no deposit needed or any penalty for breakages. Accidents happen, toys wear out – that's all part of play. We are delighted that Frome Library has joined with us in this exciting venture. The Library in our town is so much more than just a book-lending place. Each year it becomes an increasingly vital part of our community, a hub of activity for even the very young, so we can't wait to play...more!" The Frome Library, where the Play Sacks are kept for selection and collection, is located on Justice Lane, near the Market Yard carpark. Full details of how to use the Toy Library loans service, its opening hours, as well as pictures of the Play Sack contents, can be found on the Purple Elephant website:-

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Meeting of Rode Parish Council Held in Rode Memorial Hall

on Monday 13th May 2024 at 8.20 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

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

1. Parishioners Participation: No Parishioners present for meeting

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

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th April were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. County Councillor's report:

Cllr Adam Boyden reported that the Somerset Planning Committee had deferred the decision on the solar farm (2023/2173/FUL) for three months. Low Carbon had been asked to reconsider the access along Monkley Lane and to consider reducing the size of the solar farm to remove some areas close to Rode and the listed buildings. The Planning Committee were also to make a site visit to see for themselves the area for the planning application. It was not known if Low Carbon would be making any changes as there was no obligation to do so. Cllr Boyden agreed to ask Low Carbon to contact Rode Parish Council to discuss any possible amendments. The meeting discussed whether it should engage with Low Carbon and whether further consultation with residents should be undertaken. It was agreed that initial contact should be made to see if Low Carbon are willing to make any amendments to the planning application.

He reported that the Farleigh swimming area had been added to the DEFRA water monitoring sites and this would put pressure on Wessex Water to improve the water quality.

The issue regarding the new licence for The Mill was still ongoing.

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6. Actions from previous meeting:

i. Bench on Lower Street: The new bench had been installed and thanks were given to JB for purchasing and installing it.

ii. Paths at playing field: The new path was almost complete and thanks were expressed to Grant Slade and Mike Moore who had installed the new path and gate. The cost had come in under budget and a request had been made for the Parish Council (PC) to donate the difference to seed fund the Village Day in July. The meeting agreed to make a donation.

iii. The Mill: AP was to discuss with Grant Slade before going back to Phil Wake to seek clarification on what the new licence covered.

iv. Drainage: CALM Engineering were still to complete the work around Crooked Lane. JB reported that he had attended a flood meeting in Frome and this had turned out to have a wider scope than anticipated. It was about parishes setting up Neighbourhood Emergency Plans (which would also cover flooding). Rode does not have an Emergency Plan and he agreed to draw up a draft for further discussion by the PC.

7. Climate Change Group:

It had been agreed to defer the Repair Café to September, and volunteers to help were still being sought. JM reported that a webinar with Transition Bath had been very good, although not well attended and this was to be repeated in September. A new Chair was still being sought for the Group.

8. Highways issues:

i) Autospeedwatch: Statistics were still being kept which showed a frightening number of speeding vehicles going up the Bradford Road, with a considerable number of repeat offenders. JB had contacted Ashley Reay to try and see what action could be taken with all these statistics. Discussions were held over who to approach to get some action taken over these data, should the new Police Commissioner or Somerset Highways or Police be contacted. Gathering the data alone was not beneficial some action was required.

ii) Speed Limit in Rode: The Chair reported that Somerset Highways had informed him that the new 20mph speed limit and extension of the 30mph limit on the A361 should be done in late July.

9. Planning:

i) New applications:

None

ii) Somerset decisions:

2023/2103/FUL: Erection of 2no. semi-detached houses – 4 The Mead. Refused.

2024/0365/TCA: Walnut tree, reduce crown by 1-2m – Mayfield Mill, 4A High Street. Approved.

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2024/0492/TCA: Sycamore, pull back house side by 2-3m and crown lift to 5m; sycamore, crown lift to 5m; horse chestnuts, fell – The Millers House, 1 Rode Hill. Approved.

2024/0421/CLE: Application for an existing lawful development certificate – Slodbrook Farm, Rode Common. Approved.

2024/0356/HSE and 2024/0357/LBC: Works in association with the conversion of 2010 outbuilding (garage) to annex accommodation to include breach of rear boundary wall to install pedestrian gate – Mayfield House, 4 High Street. Approved.

iii) Other

2023/2183/FUL: Application for photovoltaic (solar farm) on land south and east of Rode (discussed under minute 5).

10. Footpaths: The local Rights of Way Officer, Clare Haskins, had met the Chair to discuss the re-routing of path 13/1. It had been agreed to reroute this path to avoid it coming out on the A361 in a dangerous place and it would now be rerouted round the Church Farm estate with Andy Fussell's agreement.

The other path discussed with Clare Haskins was the path from the Church Farm estate to the Playing Field. This was across Andy Fussell's land and he was reluctant to make this an official public footpath and wanted to leave it as a permissive path. The meeting agreed that it should be redesignated as a public footpath as this would be a more permanent solution.

Rights of Way maintenance questionnaire had been received for Somerset with the aim of helping Parish Councils put together a tool kit for footpath maintenance. The Clerk agreed to complete.

11. Neighbourhood Plan: AP had just circulated a brief to consult Context Planning to look at the current Neighbourhood Plan. Those present agreed to review the brief and comment. AP would then approach Context and the meeting agreed an initial budget of £1,000 to progress this review.

12. Buses: There was a need to encourage use and PT reported that stickers for residents to display were being prepared. Somerset had no spare funding to help support buses. The plea was please use the buses.

13. Any other business:

a) Tree on The Mead: It was reported that a tree was growing over a garden in The Mead, this would be investigated to see if it was on Parish Council land.

b) Stones on Marsh Road: It was reported that some stones had been put on the edge of the road and it was thought these were on Council land.

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14. Financial matters:

i) Insurance premium: The meeting agreed to remain with Clear Insurance Management (renamed BHIP) for the coming year.

ii) Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Section 2: The meeting agreed that Rode Parish Council complied. The internal audit would be completed.

iii) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

J H Jones (grass cutting)	£809.99
Jonathan Bowler (bench)	£350.00
Clerk Salary	£259.31
HMRC PAYE	£64.60
Grant Slade (materials for new path)	£752.09
H Williams (payment to Somerset for street lights)	£2,590.02
Clear Councils (insurance)	£795.15

15. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm.**

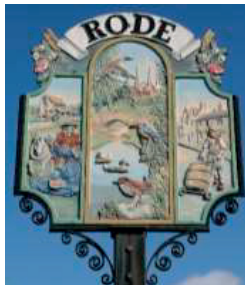
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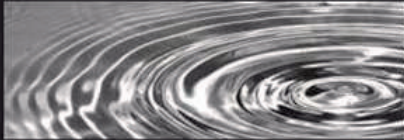
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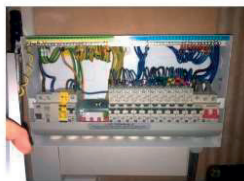


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Hardington Vale Church Services June 2024

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Sunday 2 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Informal Breakfast	A Bowerman C Walker/A Bowerman
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence, United Holy Communion	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Meeting Place	
Monday 3 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 4 June	11.00 am	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion	
	5.00 pm	Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 5 June	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 6 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 9 June	9.00 am	Rode St Lawrence, Informal Breakfast	A/S Filkins C Walker/F Stewart
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, Holy Communion	
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins	
	11.00 am	Buckland Dinham, Iona Service	
Monday 10 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 11 June	5.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 12 June	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 13 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 16 June	9.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford, Holy Communion	C Walker/M Harrison C Walker/M Harrison B Day M Weymont
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence, Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, Informal Worship	
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins	
	11.00 am	Buckland Dinham, Holy Communion	
Monday 17 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 18 June	5.00 pm	Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 19 June	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 20 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 23 June	9.00 am	Tellisford, Holy Communion	C Walker tba C Walker
	9.00 am	Rode St Lawrence, Contemplation & Coffee	
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, Holy Communion	
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins	
	6.00 pm	Buckland Dinham, Evening Service	
Monday 24 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 25 June	5.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 26 June	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 27 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 30 June	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, United service Farewell to Caroline Walker	C Walker
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Meeting Place	

Rode Chapel June 2024 Sunday Services – 10.30 a.m.

9th June Rev A. Prout (HC), 16th June Rev G. Warmington
23rd June Rev M. White, 30th June Local Arrangement

2nd June Meeting Place, 6pm, Contemporary Music Worship
7th July Meeting Place, 6pm, Contemporary Music Worship

June 2024 Diary

Mon 3 rd June	7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting - see page 44
Sat 8 th June	10am - 12pm PCSO Come and Meet Us - see page 35
Sun 9 th June	11am - 4pm Rode & District Gardening Club Open Gardens - see page 29
Mon 10 th June	6.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club Trip - see page 29
Tue 11 th June	
Wed 12 th June	Rode Over 60s Coach Trip - see page 28
Thu 13 th June	10am Rode Walking Group - see page 27 12.30pm for 1pm NSP Church Lunchtime Concert - see page 9
Sun 16 th Jun	Father's Day
Mon 17 th June	2.30pm - 4pm Forget-me-not Café - see page 35
Fri 21 st June	Copy Deadline for July Link 11.15am - 11.45am Somerset Mobile Library, Rode High Street
Sat 22 nd June	Band in A Barn, NSP (sold out)
Sun 30 th June	10.30am Farewell Service for Revd Caroline Walker - see page 4 8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys - see page 13
Year Planner	
Sat 13 th July	Rode Park Fest - see page 36
Sun 14 th July	Rode Park Fest - see page 36
Mon 26 th Aug	Bank Holiday
Mon 9 th Sept	Rode Gardening Club Visit to Wisley

Waste Collection Day Changes

	To 14 th June			From 19 th June			June		
	Sat	Fri	Fri	Wed	One-Off Sat	Wed	No Change	Fri	Fri
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Rubbish	1				22				

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