

The Link



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



July 2024

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Rode Park Fest - Fun for all the Family!

Summer Reading Challenge for 4 to 11 Year Olds

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Reflection

Let us step out like toddlers

Do we take things for granted? Our lives have routines and some of us pursue routines “religiously”. For example: I wake up and eat the same breakfast though I vary the fruit I add to it (!); I go for a walk with my “virtual dog” every morning and say hello to the same people (and their dogs), who like me have a routine; and then I work. When I do something different, things just don’t feel the same. For example, on a Saturday I spend time reading a paper version of my usual newspaper (instead of online), and add a piece of bread and marmalade to my routine breakfast.

What happens when our routines are broken? Since we moved here and she visited us within our first week, I more or less take it for granted that Caroline Walker is around and taking a service somewhere in Hardington Vale on Sunday. Her presence is encouraging to so many throughout the parish, she builds us up with her positive and straightforward sermons and she gently leads us in our communion services. But the time has come for Caroline to move on. She has done a wonderful job, and she has a wonderful husband who has also done so much for the area as a member of the parish council, as a singer in local choirs and as someone often to be found mending fences, putting up notices and trimming edges.

How do we cope with this break in our life patterns? For some obscure reason I have found myself in thought comparing the situation with that of life as a toddler. Parents don’t prevent (with limits) toddlers from falling when they begin to walk. This is how they learn to walk. As well as the pattern of varied church services, formal and more relaxed, including the nourishment of breakfast church! – Caroline has done much to identify and enable activities that are now normal in our area. There is the coffee meeting for older members, fun times for toddlers and monthly activities for teenagers. Through leading the process of changing the seating and layout of the church in Norton St Philip she has enabled a whole host of new community activities in the building, including a lunchtime concert once a month.

She has enabled the church to walk forward in our times. Now is the time to walk forward without her and of course it is possible that we might have falls – but the scrapes need not be serious. We can continue to be open to new initiatives in the villages and develop new skills as a community over and above the bountiful skills that are already at work.

In more than one passage of the gospels we read that Jesus sent out His disciples. They were sent out in twos, they did not do it alone. Many amazing and wonderful things happened even though Jesus was not physically present. In Matthew’s gospel (Chapter 10: 17) we read that the seventy (in that case) returned with Joy, saying “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your

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name”. The disciples worked without their Lord, but they were not without the Lord, and wonderful things happened. We like the disciples have the Lord ever with us, and we can like them go out in confidence, act out what we are called to, and discover and see many wonderful things. So let us rejoice that we have an ever-present saviour – and step out in hope like toddlers.

Michael Harrison

Hardington Vale Reader

News From St Lawrence

A lot of people are involved in the smooth running of the church, and we are very grateful to our army of volunteers: organists, flower arrangers, cleaners, bell ringers whose efforts are greatly appreciated and without whom the church would not function in the way it does. If you feel you'd like to volunteer in some way, then please do contact us to find out more or how we could use your skills! (Sally 831796).

We hope you are enjoying hearing the bells being rung on a Tuesday evening (as a backdrop to the clay pigeon shooting in the summer months!), this has become our regular practise night, and we are delighted so many learners have decided to have a go at campanology. You may have noticed we are ringing for most Sunday services too. On Thursday 6th June the bells were also rung to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day. This was a national initiative to have all church bells ringing on that day and we were delighted to be a part of it.

As mentioned in the last edition of the Link we are revamping our fourth Sunday service at Rode and is now '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 was led by Barbara Day and it gave 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 at 9am Sun 28th July.

Caroline our rector, left at the end of June and we are very grateful to her for all her hard work in her 11 years in Hardington Vale. By the time you read this we hope she will have had a good send off with her final service followed by a bring and share lunch on the Mead in Norton St Philip on the 30th June. There is a separate article about 'what happens next'.

Our service pattern will continue as planned throughout the summer although there will be no breakfast church in August due to holidays.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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A New Rector - What next?

After Jo's departure in April and Caroline's last service in June, we will no longer have a resident rector or curate for the parish. What is the next step?

Firstly, Sunday services and prayer meetings will continue to be held at Farleigh Hungerford, Norton St Philip, Laverton, Rode, Tellisford and Buckland Dinham. These will be coordinated by Michael Harrison who, as a lay reader, will not only be undertaking some services himself but also arranging and coordinating other lay readers and recently retired vicars in the locality to provide all the normal services including marriages, baptisms and funerals.

As to obtaining a new rector the process adopted by the Church of England is long and tortuous! We wish it could be reduced in length but it is largely out of our hands. Initially the Archdeacon meets with all the churchwardens and chapel wardens and explains the legal responsibilities and duties they have during the period (known as the Vacancy) between the incumbent rector leaving and the new rector taking up their duties. This is followed by the Bishop meeting the whole Parochial Parish Council (PCC) who number 22 in total to establish what the needs of the parish are and what sort of person they are seeking as their new rector. Because the Bishop has a very busy schedule this meeting is 3 months after the Archdeacon's. Following the Bishop's visit the PCC, led by the churchwardens, compile The Parish Profile. This comprehensive document sets out a description of the parish, its churches, who we are, what we do, what qualities we seek in our new rector, as well as our spiritual needs and ambitions.

This document is given to all applicants and enables them to understand what is on offer and whether they feel they can meet what we need and whether our needs and aspirations coincide with theirs. A period of five months is allocated to produce the draft and final versions and we hope to streamline this requirement to reduce the timetable if possible. Once the Parish profile is finalized, the Archdeacon places an advertisement in the church press and diocesan website for a new rector. Initial interviews are then held and from this a shortlist is drawn up and these candidates invited to visit the parish, view their accommodation, tour the churches and meet some of the parishioners. Formal final interviews then follow, and the chosen rector is selected.

As you can gather from the description of the process this all takes time! The chosen rector needs to then give their parish 3 months' notice of their intention to leave. We anticipate the Vacancy period will be approx. 1 year. During this time, we will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the churches in the parish and will keep you posted with updates on progress on our journey to seek a new rector. Please contact the church office or one of the churchwardens if, during this period, you have need of the offices or support of the church.

Mary Morrison, Fergus Stewart, Geoff Banwell & Chris Cloke
The Hardington Vale Parish Wardens

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Frome Deanery News

Following her appointment as Interim Minister for Cam Vale in the Bruton and Carey Deanery. Revd Caroline Walker will be standing down as Area Dean from the end of June.

Going forward the role of Area Dean will be shared more amongst the clergy of the Deanery. Revd Liz Dudley will be involved with new appointments and parishes in vacancy. Revd Ian Snares will lead the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) including driving a Deanery Bid to the National church for funding of a Deanery Youth, children and family co-ordinator and interns.

The focus of the DMPG has shifted from Pastoral to Missional, now that all the major Pastoral Reorganisations have been agreed and are being actioned. Ian and Liz will share who attends the Bishop Staff meetings and both are now on Diocesan Synod along with Lois Bushell, Elaine Gilbert and Barbara Day.

At the last DMPG meeting the questionnaires on Communication in our benefices were reviewed and the DMPG is considering the main themes that came out of these and how to address them going forward. These included: -

- Helping to clarify what the Deanery offers
- Offering Deanery page/insert to Parish magazines (such as this)
- The developing of Deanery networks for Administrators, Treasurers, PSO, building work etc - further suggestions welcomed
- Knowing who the stakeholders are - so many different people across the Deanery and so many different needs
- Recognising that it is not just communication needed but also practical acts of love and service - there are many lonely people
- Identifying and communicating what is the long-term objective of the Deanery?
- Not simply telling people what we are doing but also listening to what people are asking and needing. Working on websites, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp

Please do contact us if you have further questions about the Deanery or suggestions about how to improve communications more.

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Thank you

Caroline Walker

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St Lawrence Church Roof Project – Progress Report

The second phase (North Aisle, Porch and North Side of the Nave) should be going ahead in August, subject to any adverse report on the bats. Once the work starts, the view of the church from the road will be obscured for several weeks. You may wonder why the shuttering around the base of the scaffolding has to be so high. It is all to do with security and is necessary to meet the requirements of our insurance company. In addition, we have to pay for an alarm to be fitted in case any intruders appear when the Contractors are offsite.



Meanwhile, the fundraising goes on. The Cream Tea Events organized by Sandy Wheeler raised over £800. Our thanks go to Sandy and all who helped her with these two excellent village get-togethers. Rode and District Gardening Club very kindly donated £300 from their Rode Open Gardens event. Our thanks go to the Club, all who opened their gardens and those who attended the event. The “Band in a Barn” committee at Norton St Philip have very kindly donated £250, so our thanks go to them. Two individuals donated money they received from the sale of surplus furniture etc., and other donations from individuals have continued to come in. Thank you to everyone.

At the time of writing the donations from individuals (and one limited company) living in or connected to the village has just topped £25,000 (£25,033.75 to be precise). This includes Gift Aid. Readers may recall that one resident pledged to match donations from other residents up to a total of £25,000 (including Gift Aid). This has been duly honoured, so the total raised as a result of individual donations is now in excess of £50,000.

In the light of the money still required, the same resident has agreed to match further donations from other residents up to a total of £10,000, including Gift Aid. This generous gesture is obviously wonderful news. In practical terms it means that a donation of, say, £100.00 becomes £125.00 with Gift Aid and £250.00 when the matched funding is added.

We are determined to get the work on the church roof completed and, with the help of everyone in the parish, we will.

Once again, we will be running the tombola (bottle stall) at Rode Park Fest on the 13th July. All donations of bottles will be gratefully received.

Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett

Parish Council Thanks to Gill



I have to admit I was very surprised recently to receive a phone call from Peter Travis to invite me to a Rode Parish Council Meeting and to inform me that his he and his fellow Parish Councillors and our Parish Clerk had a gift for me!

He went on to explain that they had organised a collection amongst themselves to thank me for my years as Editor of The Link. What a lovely surprise it was, totally unexpected and, as I said to Peter, and to those present at their June meeting, not necessary but lovely of them and very much appreciated. I was so grateful that when asked I even agreed to pose for a photo - which as anyone who knows me will confirm is a rare thing! To Andy, Ann, Hugh, Jim, Jonathan, Mike, Moira, Pat and Peter.

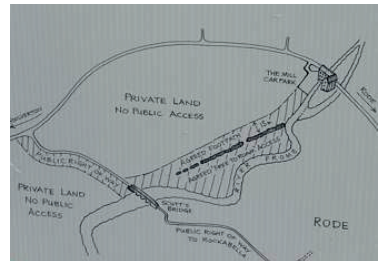


I (and my feet) are very grateful to you and my new Birkenstocks will serve to remind me of your generosity whenever I wear them. Thank you again.

Gill Leonard

River Walk Passes

It is necessary to have a pass to walk on the fields down by The Mill towards Scutt's bridge. The field is privately owned by a farmer who has kindly allowed local villagers walk across it. Passes are only available to residents from Rode, Tellisford and Woolverton. Anyone who wants a pass should now contact Caroline Williams on 01373 831046.



Caro Smith used to issue passes and act as the local footpaths officer, but she has now moved away from the village and our thanks go to her for dealing with the issues of passes and footpaths.

Her role as local footpaths officer for Rode has now been taken on by Cathy and Nick Taylor and our thanks go out to them for their work in this area.

Hugh Williams

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

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Laverton News

Gilli Weekes writes:

Thanks to the Friends of Frome Hospital who kindly supplied the village with the Defibrillator which is situated in the Church porch. We now also have an Emergency Bleed kit in the village. It is situated on the wall outside the Church and is easily accessible.

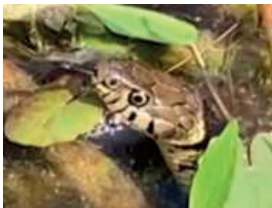
Here's a photo of what it looks like and where it is (clue: on the wall outside the churchyard)



Nature!

We also have more nature news and queries to report (crazy, huh??)

- Jane Benney asks: is anyone missing a black ferret? One on the road near the church on Monday 10th June in the afternoon, didn't seem particularly scared but neither did it come up to me. Not sure what I would have done with it if it had done so!!
- However, the plot thickens, as sources report that Graham Weekes disputes Jane's identification and claims it was a black mink
- Jill and David Trick have also now shared photos and images of Jake the snake from their pond - his identification hasn't been challenged, although the other pond inhabitants may have something to say about his residency...
- Caroline reported seeing a baby snake but was then trumped by Ellie Rossiter who calmly announced that she has one or two (!!) that have been living in her compost bin for the past few years... so Bob Hill wonders if they're related to Jake??



Photos of snakes - can we all agree on a clear family likeness, please??



Events coming up in the village: Saturday 13th July: A group of musicians will be giving a short concert in the church at 12 noon. Saturday 20th July: The annual Garden Fete (see page 27 for more details on both events).

Virginia Garoux

RPF Lottery Winners

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



1st - £50.00 Mrs. M. Martin, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 Lucas Garmston, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Mr. & Mrs. Lowe, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two at The Cross Keys, courtesy of Mark & Hannah... Mr. J. Garmston, 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 Wednesday 31st of July.

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 May were:

1st prize £50 - James Osborne

2nd prize £25 - John Roberts

Drawn by our local PCSO Officers at Rode Post Office

Thank you



Janet Jupp

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Ultra Challenge Walk for Alzheimers



My name is Richard Churchyard and hopefully many of you will know me from the village.

I have lived in Rode for three years and I am undertaking a 100km continuous walk on 6th/7th September. I am walking from Eastbourne to Arundel on one of the country's Ultra challenge walks.

I am raising money for Alzheimer's as I did on my previous two long distance walks. This is a charity that is very dear to me as my father passed away from vascular dementia three years ago.

It would be fantastic if you could support me by sponsoring the walk for this great charity. You can do this either online on [justgiving/ravesfromthegrave](https://www.justgiving.com/ravesfromthegrave) or by a donation via my shop in Frome, Raves from the Grave.

I am hopefully going to leave a sponsor form in the Cross Keys and Post Office. Thank you in advance.

Richard Churchyard



Rode Artists Exhibit Their Work in Frome Open Art Trail, 6th to 14th July

Jennifer Douglas has lived in Rode for over 25 years, an art teacher and practising printmaker and ceramic artist. She will be showing new ceramic works that she makes at her home in Rode, as part of Frome Open Art Trail, sharing with 3 other talented artists at Venue 5 at Arthaus, Great Elm.

There will also be work from local artists Lynn Baxter, Brian Baxter and Cath Bloomfield, together offering a super exhibition of paintings, watercolours, printmaking and ceramics, so well worth a visit, with a lovely garden!

Jan Nesbitt will also be representing our village showing her paintings, prints and cards inspired from the natural world at Venue 1 in Rode.

Both Venues look forward to seeing you, we are open 6th - 14th July 11am-5pm. For more details see [frome-open-art-trail.co.uk](https://www.frome-open-art-trail.co.uk)

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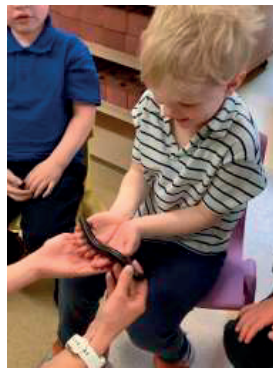
Hello from Norton St Philip Pre-school

The children had great fun welcoming Emily and her animals from Zoolab into Pre-school. Emily brought in various animals including a snake, large snail, tarantula, tree frog and many more for the children to hold and have a look at.

Our role play area has the theme of holidays and the children have enjoyed camping in the tent and making a bonfire to cook their food on. They have dressed up in holiday outfits and used their torches to help them see at night.

The children that are going to school in September have been working hard at drawing a picture of themselves for their reception teachers. They have used a mirror to look at themselves and then draw what they can see. The results have been lovely.

At Pre-school we have also started practising for our sports day and the various races that the children will be taking part in.



Dawn Strand

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Rode and Norton St. Philip First School Federation



The highlight of our Spring term was our year 4 residential trip to **‘Mill on the Brue**. Our year 4 BFG class spent four nights away from their families, learning new skills, making new friendships, building self-esteem, overcoming difficulties, and displaying resilience in the face of high walls, cold river water and rain! We are so proud of our Year fours and the way in which they conducted themselves at the centre and around others. We are already looking forward to next year’s trip.

The Summer term is always one of our busiest times of the year. We are busy preparing for our **‘Big Show, Barbie 2 – Judgement Day’**. All the children have been involved in the singing, dancing, acting, performing, and creating the artwork and we can’t wait to show case our skills in The Merlin Theatre at the end of June. Watch this space for budding stars of the future!

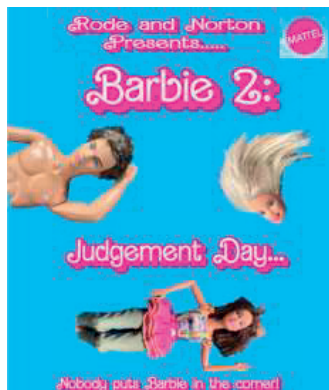
We are delighted to share with you that we have had another successful winner that has gone through to the finals of the **‘Poetry By Heart’** Competition. Out of 11,000 entries, Maddie in Year three has been selected to preform her poem on stage at The Globe Theatre in London as one of 10 finalists in her age group. We can’t wait to take a group of children to London to support Maddie who has worked so hard on her performance and her success is well deserved.

July also sees us getting ready to welcome our new Gruffalos who will be starting with us in September. The children begin their transition with a **Teddy Bear Picnic** where they will get to meet all their new teachers and classmates. We can’t wait to have you with us.

One of our biggest fund raisers will take place in July. We are lucky enough to be involved in **Rode Park Fest on July 13th**. This will ensure that funds are topped up so we can keep giving our children inspiring experiences like our Big Show.

Please come and support us and watch our children singing and dancing to a few of their showstoppers from Barbie 2 Judgement Day. Tickets still available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/rodeparkfest

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www.rodeandnortonschoolfederation.co.uk
 Or call us on 01373 830523 or 01373 834327.
COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

Kim Slade

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Ofsted
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Charity no. 2778167 Charity no. 1035832

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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
 For information, please contact:
 Maria Fleming, Playgroup Leader
totsandtoysnsp@gmail.com

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FRANS Latest

July is going to be a busy month for FRANS as the school year wraps up with vigour, our Friday cafes at Norton will be running when the weather is favourable with a special cafe at Rode Playing Field on Friday 5th July. We'll be holding this after school sports day and welcome everyone along to enjoy some hot and cold refreshments with the athletes of RNSF.

Our annual goodbye will follow on Friday 19th July. We have made plans for sunshine, dancing, bbq, bar, bouncy castle, games, face painting and more. We will be holding this at Rode playing field after school, the whole school (including staff) will come together for an early evening party. It's not often that the whole school gets together so it's a great way for all the children, parents and staff to get to know each other as they celebrate a year at RNSF. We're hoping the weather will be kind to us as nobody wants a repeat of last year where (pre-event) the marquee took off on a gust of wind and nearly landed in Rudge.

These two events bookend the big one though - RODE PARK FEST! The organisers have very kindly offered FRANS a share of the profits from the event along with other village charities for which we are extremely grateful. We hope to be there in force to support so that the big day is one to remember. FRANSband are reforming to play a little afternoon set and have a fab set list for the occasion. When in the country, go a bit country! The children of the school will also be performing and helping out on some stalls, we know they'd appreciate your support in their fundraising efforts. The lineup for the evening looks incredible and tickets for this can be found online or in the Cross Keys. Don't delay and please help order the sunshine. See page 29 for details.

FRANS are also delighted to have supported the school's Barbilicious BIG SHOW which was performed at the Merlin Theatre in Frome at the end of June. These are always spectacular and have parents, carers, guardians, grandparents and great aunty Murial in tears of laughter and joy. It's an immense effort (way beyond the call of duty) from all the staff of RNSF which we all highly appreciate so FRANS are always glad to be able do their bit in supporting such moments which will stay with the children for a very, very long time.

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 for something new in the playground at Rode to replace the current sandpit. I'm sure the children on the school council will have some good ideas about what this could be. Watch this space.

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:

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Parish Youth News & Events

Rode Scout Group



It had been a long time in the planning but finally May 2024 arrived and the explorers visited the Island of Guernsey.

They enjoyed coasteering, being taken to WW2 bunkers that had been built by the Germans, a day trip to a smaller Island called Herm, spending time on the beaches rock pooling and rock climbing and cooking Paella on the beach as the sun set. Many stories and lots of laughs were enjoyed by all.

Well done explorers, you were amazing.



Claire Le Page

Parish Youth News & Events

Summer Reading Challenge



1 in 4 children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and skills. We're on a mission to change this.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn.

Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library or online, and it's **FREE** to take part.

This year's Challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone. This year's theme has been developed in partnership with a leading arts charity, Create.

The Challenge starts on Saturday 22 June in Scotland and online, and on Saturday 6 July in England and Wales.

Who is it for?

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children from 4-11 years old. It supports this age group and their families by:

- Preparing children to get back to the classroom in the autumn.
- Supporting the move into a new year group or key stage.
- Boosting children's confidence and self-esteem by supporting independent reading.
- Providing free access to books and fun family activities during the summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children and helps get approximately 700,000 children into libraries each year.

In 2023, 75% of children who took part said they now enjoy reading more.

During the 2023 Challenge, over **14 million** books, including eBooks and audio titles, were read and issued through libraries

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Parish Youth News & Events

Freshford United FC Need You!



This year we will have a team in every age group from Under 5's to Under 16's (minus Under 13's unfortunately) plus TWO adult teams. With the introduction of an Adult Reserves side, it gives more opportunity for young and older adults to get involved and playing football.

All youth teams are looking for more players of all ages, abilities, boys and girls. We do give the option for everyone to 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 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 Chris on the number below if you would like to get involved.

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

Monthly Youth Activity Space

A monthly event for young people school Years 7-11 in NSP church from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

Taking place on the 4th Monday of the month. Food, games, crafts or just chill.

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

Fergus Stewart

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Parish Nature

June in Tellisford Churchyard

A group of us guided by Jean Richardson from Hemington had a good look at what was growing in the churchyard, bathed in sunshine on 10th June. It was fascinating to see plants (and an insect) through Jean's loupe which has a built-in light and magnifies x15.

Five previously unlisted plants were:-

Early Forget-Me-Not, Meadow Buttercup, Twayblade, Great Willowherb, and a Walnut sapling

The Early Forget-Me-Not was tiny, Meadow Buttercup joins Bulbous and Creeping as the third buttercup identified, and the Walnut sapling will have to be removed.

The great excitement was Twayblade, our first orchid, which the book describes thus:

"Often difficult to spot [its flower was green] but probably the commonest European orchid."

But not common for us, and it required a good photo.



The running total of plants identified so far has reached 98. We will have another look around the churchyard in July (date not yet decided), so if you would like to join us, please contact me on 01373 830 322.

Rachel Feilden

All Saints Tellisford Fabric Committee

Parish Groups

Rode Over 60's

Trip to Swanage, Wednesday 12th June

After a cold and dismal start to June, the club was hoping for a dry day at least for the trip to Swanage! Discussion about taking raincoats, umbrellas, warm fleeces occupied members in the days running up to the actual trip. They were rewarded with a pleasant day and enjoyed the trip without needing umbrellas!

On the way they stopped for coffee in Shaftesbury. A very pretty town with interesting independent shops. Gold Hill of course famous for the Hovis TV advert. The views across the countryside from Park Walk at the back of Shaftesbury's Warminster Memorial Hospital are well worth seeing.

They journeyed onward to Swanage, which is situated on the Isle of Purbeck, the Jurassic coast.

The Victorian pier at one end of the beach has many commemorative brass plaques on the walkway, dedicated to people who have loved Swanage as visitors and locals alike.

On arrival members set off to find somewhere for lunch and wander along the sea front. Another enjoyable day out! The raffle was drawn before setting off home.



Our next meeting is the last trip for this summer - Weymouth on Wednesday 10th July.

If anyone would like to join us you are most welcome. Ring Tom Ryan on 07414 497946 to book a seat. Members £20, non-members/visitors £22.

The following members have birthdays in July, we wish them all a very Happy Birthday:

Mr. K. Bertenshaw - 1st. Mrs. J. Carter - 8th. Mrs. A. Rudman - 21st. Mrs. Shirley Livingstone - 22nd. Mrs. Mary Brooksbanks - 22nd. Mrs. Jenny Sandilands - 24th.

Gail Stinton

Parish Groups

Rode and District Gardening Club

June was a very busy month for the club as on Sunday the 9th it was Rode Open Gardens. Several members of the group agreed to open their gardens together with other Rode residents. Despite earlier concerns that there might not be sufficient, fifteen people volunteered to open their gardens, plus the allotments and the Chapel quiet garden. Members also grew a lot of plants for sale; many different varieties of annuals and perennials, a good selection of vegetable plants and even a few house plants. A busy successful day meant we were able to raise £600 to split between the Beavers Scouts and St Lawrence Church. Plant sales generated over £300 for the club while refreshment sales raised £400 for The Chapel.



Jean Hornsey's Garden was the visitor's favourite. Congratulations to sisters Sophia and Sienna who won the children's miniature garden competition with their shared fairy garden and thank you to all the children who entered.

On the Monday evening members of the Club and guests went to Milton Lodge, Wells to a lovely house overlooking both the cathedral and Glastonbury Torr.



We were met by the owner, David Tudway Quilter. The house was acquired in 1861 by his grandfather, but it was in the first ten years of the twentieth century that the garden was developed. When the current owner's parents inherited the house and land in 1962 the garden required a lot of work to bring it back to its former glory. Paths were cleared, lawns

reseeded, and the yew hedging cut and reshaped. After admiring the view and hearing a little of the history of the garden we were guided round by the gardener, who was very knowledgeable about the plants, including the wide variety of trees planted over the last 100 years. It was a beautiful place to explore on a lovely summer's evening. Refreshments at the end, including cake added to our enjoyment. This Grade 1 garden is open every week on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Sundays, afternoons 2-5 pm till the end of September.

We are back in Wells for our next visit on 8th July. This is an afternoon visit. We will meet at 2:30 pm at Wellfield Barn. Please let the club know you intend to be there by phoning Averil 830686 or by email rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.org. Guests are welcome to join us too but do advise us as it is really difficult to work out who is there as we start our visit and calculate how much we need to pay the owner. There are just a few places available on our whole day coach trip to Wisley on 9th September. Villagers are welcome to join this trip. It costs £20 for members and £25 for visitors. Book your place by contacting Averil or use the website.

Sharman Flindall

Parish Groups

Rode Walking Group (2nd Thursday in the Month)

The walk in June was led by Jane and Martin Long who took us from The Lighthouse in Tytherington, across fields past Marston House and Marston Bigot Church to follow lanes almost to Trudoxhill and then back to Tytherington across more fields. An interesting walk which was enjoyed by all.



Next month, on Thursday 11 July, we will be walking from Beckington to Lullington and back. Meet outside The Woolpack at 10 am and we will return there for coffee afterwards.

Please contact me for further details if you would like to join this group.

Liz Dinnis

elizabethdinnis49@gmail.com

07788656337

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

Other Groups News Welcome

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

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Cathy Taylor

Editor

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We've had a giant turtle, music-recording in a professional studio, green screen and special FX filming, a sensory tent, face-painting, den-building, BMX bikes, free make-your-own wrap stall, creative art and crafts areas, model-making workshops from Aardman and of course the Frome Dragon! We design and deliver this fabulous event together with local young people - so they learn event-organising and publicity skills, and, with your support, local young people can also run workshops at the event, to deliver something we can all be proud of.

The festival is open to all and we make it as accessible as possible so that everyone can attend. We've previously included accessible dance from Flamingo Chicks, wheelchair basketball from Nova Sports and Coaching, and theatre performances with signing. We've had an adapted harness on the zip wire so everyone can have the chance to fly over the river! With support workers available during the day, fast passes for children with additional needs and easy to read signage, the event offers something rarely accessible to the whole community. Without your support they might miss out on this valuable opportunity.

Tickets are required for entry - they are FREE - donations are optional for those who can afford it.

Order x1 ticket for each person attending; make just one donation of between £5 and £500 per family*

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Meeting of Rode Parish Council Held in Rode Memorial Hall on Monday 3rd June at 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Hugh Williams – Clerk, Cllr Adam Boyden (County Councillor) and 2 Parishioners.

1. Parishioners Participation: A request was made to fly the flag on June 6th (D-Day anniversary) and this was unanimously approved. The other issue raised was Autospeedwatch and it was agreed to move this up the agenda.

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

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th May were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Highways issues:

Autospeedwatch and SID: JB reported he had contacted Ashley Reay regarding what action could be taken with the data already gathered. It appeared little could be done but the statistical data could be sent to the Speed Enforcement Unit (SEU) for them to consider action. It was noted that in the past repeat offenders (from data gathered via the SID) were sent a letter, but this was not being done with data from the Autospeedwatch. Maybe due to too much data? Somerset PCC would be contacted to ask why the data is not being acted on.

John Flindall (JF) reported that the worst offender (12 repeats over speed limit) was a car with hire plates and the PC agreed that JF should pass this data onto the Somerset Hire organisation, although it was not clear if this was a Somerset hire plate. He also proposed that for a month the Autospeedwatch device be deactivated and the SID unit put in the same place on Bradford Road to collect comparable data. This would indicate whether a speed waring figure had any effect on speeding. This was agreed.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

It was also agreed that JB would contact Autospeedwatch for information on the trial conducted by Gloucestershire Police.

6. Actions from previous meeting:

i. The Bell: The reply from the Somerset Planning Enforcement had not been encouraging saying that although there had been deterioration in the building it was not bad enough for action. Suggestion to contact the Conservation Officer was made, but the officer had left Somerset. Discussion followed as what to do and it was thought approach from the Parish Council (PC) would not be of use as Somerset had failed to get any action. Cllr Adam Boyden agreed to try and make an approach to the owners.

ii. The Mill: It was reported that Cllr A Pickett had discussed the licence with Grant Slade and was to go back to Phil Wake to seek clarification. He was also to speak with the manager of The Mill.

iii. Rode Park Fest: It was agreed to make a donation of £500 to the event in July.

iv. Bus shelter at The Bell: This had become very overgrown but inspection revealed that the roof could be made of asbestos and it should not be disturbed. The cost to check this would be around £185 and to remove, if asbestos, around £500. There could be markings on the roof and these would be checked to see if they indicated asbestos or not. It was agreed something needed to be done as this was a PC asset.

7. County Councillor's report:

Cllr Dawn Denton had reported that she was to speak to Sara Davis regarding the speed limit on the A361 by the Church Farm exit to see if it could be lowered. Unfortunately, the Conservation Officer had left Somerset but she would chase about extending the Rode Conservation area. Phosphate mitigation – Somerset had issued a call for sites, it was unclear if this would impact on this area*. Cllr Boyden reported that there had been a large number of redundancies at Somerset and more were expected to try and save money. He added that he would be speaking to Somerset Planning regarding the recent issue raised by the Monkley Lane residents in connection with the solar farm application.

[*Clerk's Note: Somerset's call for sites through the phosphate mitigation scheme applies to developments in the River Parrett, River Brue and River Tone catchment areas. Developers have to demonstrate nutrient neutrality and biodiversity net gain and this can be done by purchasing 'off site' nutrient credits (phosphate: P-Credits). To get a P-Credit a landowner has to manage the land in a different way to possibly increase: field margins, deliver buffer strips, strengthen ecological networks, reduce arable or grazing use and maybe increase tree planting or wetland creation. This can occur anywhere in Somerset – but it would not involve housing development outside the area only improve ecological criteria in that area used to gain the P-Credit.]

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8. Planning:

i) New applications:

2024/0871/HSE: Proposed single storey side extension – Barton Gate, 1A Lower Street. There was concern that the extension might obscure exit onto Lower Street. Also, the Barton sign needed to be put up after work was completed.

ii) Somerset decisions:

None.

iii) Other

2023/2183/FUL: Application for photovoltaic (solar farm) on land south and east of Rode. No contact had been made with Low Carbon. It was noted that there had been some problems between residents on Monkley Lane and Rode Farm (see also 7 above). It was expected some changes could be made by Low Carbon.

9. Footpaths:

i) Path 13/1: There would be a cost to reroute this path and Cllr Denton was to ask Somerset if it would meet this cost as it was a safety issue. The path was not widely used and it was agreed to wait for a decision from Somerset regarding cost funding.

ii) Church Farm path: It was agreed that this should be made a public footpath and not just a permissive path to give it greater legal protection. However, as a permissive path it was apparently protected in law through the S106. It was noted that the path was becoming overgrown and questions were raised whether the Church Farm Management Company had been formed and did it cover the upkeep of this path. This would be investigated by Cllr Boyden.

10. Neighbourhood Plan: It was reported that the brief had been approved by the PC and this would be taken to Context Planning next week.

11. Buses: There was a need to encourage use and PT reported that stickers for residents to display had been prepared as First still needed greater use through Rode. There was disappointment that no buses were coming through Rode this week due to road works and the PC was concerned over the large number of road closures in Rode with little co-ordination to reduce the number of closures.

12. New village hall: The meeting last week had progressed the plan and it should be submitted as a Pre-planning application to Somerset Planning in the near future. The cost (£2,000) of the Pre-planning review was being met by the Memorial Hall. This Pre-planning review would look at size, height and access to determine whether there were any major issues to prevent it going forward as

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a planning application. The use of the current Memorial Hall site for planning would also be assessed.

There was still a lot to do, fund raising would require professional help and a project manager would be needed. There was a need to set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for those involved in this project and the meeting agreed to fund the legal costs up to £1,000 to form this.

13. Financial matters:

i) Internal audit: This had been completed and the Clerk would submit the AGAR.

ii) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Rode Park Fest Ltd | £500.00 |
| S Whitehead (path clearance) | £120.00 |
| J H Jones (grass cutting) | £809.99 |
| A Aked (audit) | £50.00 |
| Clerk Salary | £266.11 |
| HMRC PAYE | £64.60 |
| P Travis (bus promotion) | £240.00 |

14. Any other business:

a) Hoedowns: It was agreed Clive Harrington would be approached to carry out a street sweep and to ascertain his costs. Village projects would also be evaluated for Hoedowns.

b) Fingerpost: The Clerk was asked to get costings for repairing or replacing the broken finger on Straight Lane.

c) Laurel on The Mead: It was reported that a laurel hedge was growing across the pavement, this would be investigated.

15. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 8th July at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed

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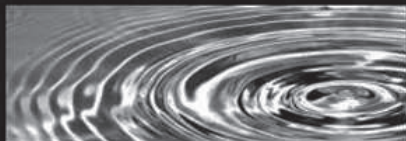
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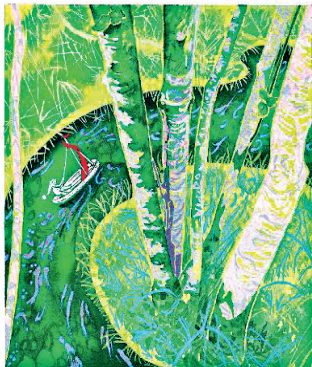
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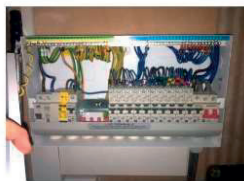


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| Monday 1 July | 9.00 am | Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday 2 July | 11.00 am | Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 3 July | 8.30 am 5.00 pm | Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer |
| Thursday 4 July | 6.00 pm | Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer |
| Sunday 7 July | 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm | Norton St Philip, Informal Breakfast Rode St Lawrence, Holy Communion Laverton, Holy Communion Rode, Chapel, Meeting Place |
| Monday 8 July | 9.00 am | Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday 9 July | 5.00 pm | Tellisford, Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday 10 July | 8.30 am 5.00 pm | Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer |
| Thursday 11 July | 6.00 pm | Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer |
| Sunday 14 July Sea Sunday | 10.30 am 11.00 am | Norton St Philip, United Holy Communion Buckland Dinham, Iona Service |
| Monday 15 July | 9.00 am | Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday 17 July | 8.30 am 5.00 pm | Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer |
| Thursday 18 July | 6.00 pm | Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer |
| Sunday 21 July | 9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am | Farleigh Hungerford, Morning Worship - bcd Rode St Lawrence, Holy Communion Norton St Philip, Informal Worship Laverton, Matins Buckland Dinham, Holy Communion |
| Monday 22 July | 9.00 am | Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday 23 July | 5.00 pm | Tellisford, Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday 24 July | 8.30 am 5.00 pm | Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer |
| Thursday 25 July | 6.00 pm | Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer |
| Sunday 28 July | 9.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm | Tellisford, Holy Communion Rode St Lawrence, Contemplation & Coffee Norton St Philip, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins Buckland Dinham, Evening Service |
| Monday 29 July | 9.00 am | Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday 31 July | 8.30 am 5.00 pm | Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer |

Rode Chapel July 2024 Sunday Services

7th July Meeting Place 6pm, Contemporary Music Worship
 14th July 10.30am, Rev Andrew Prout (HC),
 21st July 10.30am, Mr David Parker
 28th July 10.30am, Rev Margaret Crawshaw
 4th August Meeting Place 6pm, Contemporary Music Worship

July 2024 Diary

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| Sat 6 th July | 10am - 12pm PCSO Come and Meet Us - see page 28 |
| Mon 8 th July | 2.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club Trip - see page 20 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting - see page 37 |
| Wed 10 th July | Rode Over 60's Trip to Weymouth - see page 19 |
| Thu 11 th July | 10am Rode Walking Group - see page 21 12.30pm for 1pm NSP Lunchtime Concert – see page 28 |
| Sat 13 th July | Rode Park Fest - see page 29 Called to be Saints West Gallery Quire Summer Tour - see page 27 |
| Mon 15 th July | 2.30pm - 4pm Forget-me-not Café - see page 28 |
| Fri 19 th July | 11.15am - 11.45am Somerset Mobile Library, Rode High Street |
| Sat 20 th July | 10.30am- 12.00pm Laverton Garden Fete - see page 27 |
| Sun 21 st July | Copy Deadline for August Link |
| Wed 31 st July | 8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys - see page 9 |
| Year Planner | |
| Mon 26 th Aug | Bank Holiday |
| Mon 9 th Sept | Rode Gardening Club Visit to Wisley |
| Sun 27 th Oct | 2am British Summer Time Ends - Clocks go Back 1 Hour |

| Waste Collections July 24 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Wed | Fri | Wed | Wed | Fri | Wed | Wed |
| Garden | | 5 | | | 19 | | |
| Recycling | 3 | | 10 | 17 | | 24 | 31 |
| Rubbish | 3 | | | | | 24 | |

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