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



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REFLECTION

We're all going on a summer holiday
No more working for a week or two
Fun and laughter on our summer holiday
No more worries for me or you
For a week or two

I guess it dates me to quote that song. But I think most of us know it and can hum along... It brings to mind the idyllic summer holiday that each of us dreams of. Though I guess if we all wrote down our idyllic summer holiday, it would vary hugely. For some of us it might simply be being quiet at home, for others it might involve visiting friends or family, for others it might mean travelling to an exotic place for a few weeks.

I read recently that there has been a huge rise in expeditions (and they are called them this - not holidays) that push people to their boundaries - with ever increasing levels of risk and extremism - the recent Titan submersible disaster being an example of this.

What happened to enjoying the simple things in life? Simply being? In a sense this was imposed on us during lock down and we struggled with that, but to an extent it did give us an opportunity to draw breath. Incredibly, I don't know about you but I feel that now things are 'back to normal' we are all charging around in ever more frantic circles! And I include myself in this.

I would like to recommend a book that I found really helpful in thinking about this, for your summer reading. It is called *'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry - how to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world,'* by John Mark Comer. He recommends four practices for unhurrying our lives. Silence and solitude, Sabbath, Simplicity and Slowing.

He says 'Hurry kills all that we hold dear; spirituality, health, marriage, family, thoughtful work, creativity, generosity ... name your value. Hurry is a sociopathic predator loose in our society.'

'Hurry is not just a disordered schedule. Hurry is a disordered heart'

Did you know that tucked away in the middle of the ten commandments God tells us to Sabbath - yes it really is one of the ten commandments, to STOP and breathe! To rest. To take a holiday. A holiday not just a break away from work but dare I say it, from electronic gadgets and devices, from whatever it is that you have been rushing around doing frantically filling your every hour with.

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Pressing the pause button and reconnecting with who you are. Reconnect with God, with friends, with family with the beauty of the world around us. Leaving your worries to one side and simply BEING.

So I hope at some point over the next month you are able to rest, enjoy a little fun and laughter. Certainly all the end of term activities across the parish have helped me with that. This afternoon I was fortunate enough to go to Hemington Primary School and see their excellent production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits - laugh? We all, most certainly did that. Not to mention all the wonderful end of term events in our preschool and Rode and Norton St Philip first schools - so full of fun, life and laughter.

I pray that in a way that is good for you and renewing and refreshing for you, you may know God's peace and joy in your hearts and homes through this summer period.. No more worries for a week or two ...

'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 46 v 10

Caroline Walker

Rector



Save the Date!

Sunday 10th Sept

10.30am

St Philip and St James church

Norton St Philip

United Holy Communion service

with the Rt Revd Michael Beasley

Bishop of Bath and Wells

presiding and speaking

All very welcome - **come and meet your Bishop**

Refreshments after the service

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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

We continue to welcome new people to our congregation and if any of you reading this and are new to the village please come along and see what we're about.



We have a range of Services (details at the back of the Link) and we certainly do our best to make people feel welcome, so come and say 'hello'!

You may have heard the bells ringing quite a few times during July. Not only were we holding our regular Tuesday evening practice but on the 18th July we welcomed a group of visiting ringers from the north of the country to come and ring as part of their tour of the West Country.

We also participated in the ringing celebration as part of the Frome Festival on the 15th July and were delighted to welcome ringers from near and far plus locals who wanted to learn more about bell ringing. It was great that the Frome Festival had such a focus on bellringing throughout the week and we're always keen to celebrate and promote church bell ringing.

You may remember we collected bottles for our bottle stall which was supposed to be held as part of the Coronation Celebrations in May but we were thwarted by the weather. Rode Chapel kindly invited us to hold our bottle stall as part of their Summer Garden Party (unfortunately the weather made it more of an indoor garden party) and we raised £111 for St Lawrence. Many thanks to Rode Chapel and all the people who supported the event.

As regards the roof renovations, the outcome of the bat survey is awaited as this is written. The bats have legal protection and we must work around them once we have established precisely where they are in the church and how they get in and out.

If you use the outside tap for filling flower vases, you will find that the one to the right hand side of the porch is no longer functional. There is another one outside of the north wall of the vestry, by the door into the vestry. Please use that one instead. This change is necessary because of the installation of a water meter.

Our Service Pattern is reduced during August due to the holiday season so there will be no Breakfast Church on the second Sunday but there will be Holy Communion services on the 6th and 20th August (details of all HV Services inside back cover). Please come along.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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UPDATE FROM BETHANY BOWERMAN

Latest news from Bethany, the daughter of our former Associate Priest, Andy, is below and I hope of interest to those who knew them.

Caroline Walker

Hi all,

I've spent the last two weeks catching up with friends and family, readjusting and processing all that the last 6 months has held. Firstly, I want to sincerely thank all of you for prayerfully and financially supporting me in this time. This season of teaching and mission work has been so special for me full of challenge, growth and learning. I've cultivated a personal relationship with the Lord and met some of the most amazing people.



In terms of personal growth, I think that there are three main areas that I have developed: confidence, vulnerability with God + others and hearing God's voice. These, I think, have all come from building a dependency on God and an intimacy in my relationship with him. I've learnt so much, from how to share the Gospel with someone to how to balance cultural differences and work together as a team. All my teammates have taught me so much too.

My favourite place of ministry was Seoul, South Korea. As a team we spent the most time here, meaning we were able to build friendships and come alongside a local church for a whole month. We got to see the way God was moving here over a period of time rather than just one event or moment. Also this church is sending a team on outreach in the UK this summer which meant I could share about British culture and tips for evangelism with them.

Another highlight for me was partnering with Dwell House, a ministry that I mentioned earlier on in my newsletters. This group of young adults were so encouraging for me, especially in terms of what life can look like after doing a discipleship school.

They've shown me how I could use the skills I've learnt and the resources I now have and share them with those around me.

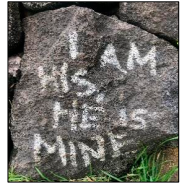
A notable moment is when all of the contacts we'd been working with, in different areas of South Korea and varying ministries, came together at a weekend conference called Brave Love.

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It was amazing to see them all meet and share how God has been moving in what they are each doing in the nation of South Korea. In addition to this, being with Korean missionaries in Japan was really powerful. Particularly, witnessing God shift their perspective of the nation who'd so deeply hurt their country in the past to one of love and forgiveness, this was very moving.

I will be starting University in September, studying philosophy with sociology at York. I'm both excited and nervous for this next season but am looking forward to meeting new people, learning new things and finding another Christian community to be involved in. The past 6 months have really helped me to build a firm foundation of faith and equipped me with useful tools for this next step.

Thank you again to all who have been supporting me in the past six months, it really has meant so much to me and this time has been such a marking season for me.



My last prayer requests are:

- that the transition back to the UK would be smooth for me
- that I would find a strong Christian community
- that starting university would not be too challenging, especially in terms of academics and socially
- For my teammates in their next steps, that they would continue to follow God
- For the mission team coming from Seoul, that they would have courage and learn so much about their relationship with God while they're here

God bless you all and many thanks,

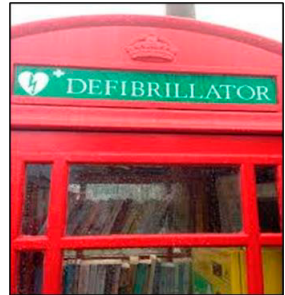
Bethany Bowerman



RODE DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council has purchased a new defibrillator which is now in the phone box on the High Street next to the shop/post office.

A new team of people has been recruited to monitor the defibrillator to ensure that should it be required it is in working order. Regular checks to ensure it is working enable the ambulance service to know that the equipment is working and ready for use; faulty equipment could endanger life.



The Parish Council is thinking of running an awareness session on the defibrillator and what to do in case of a sudden cardiac arrest for residents. Information on this will follow.

Hugh Williams

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RODE'S TALKING CAFÉ IS STARTING NEXT MONTH

Rode will have its very own Talking Café twice a month from September!

The café will be at Rode Chapel from 10.30am-12.30pm every 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the month starting Tuesday 5th September 5th.

Talking cafes are for everyone.

A place to meet new people, make friends and chat to a community signposter about activities, support groups and services in your community.

Do come along and check it out.

Ann Collins

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RODE PANTO.... OUT OF THE BLUE!

The summer break is upon us, and I'm sure that all of our cast have their heads in their scripts even as I type this piece. Alternatively I live in hope!!!



In truth, rehearsals have been going well and the story for the stage is taking shape thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of the cast and the backstage team, although admittedly Lesley our prompt would appreciate a bit less involvement in the process.

The costumes are coming together (Thank you Sue) and Barbara has done some amazing stuff with regard to scenery design and painting, so it feels like we may well have a show on our hands!!!

It would be fair to say that I love a Panto...especially our Panto History tells me that it forges new friendships and brings out the best in everyone who is involved in putting on the show, and a lot of people have had a lot of fun watching us doing weird and wonderful stuff.

The following pictures will give you a hint as to what is going on, or will they?



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What is Sue doing with that stuffed sheep, why is Mike sitting in my garden, what are the kids laughing about? ...to find out more you'll have to come and see the show which runs from the 19th to the 21st of October.

Tickets will be available online and from Rode Post Office from September and there will be more details to follow on the Village Facebook and in The Link in the weeks ahead.

I really hope that you will support all of the team who have put so much time and effort into making this show come to life, it will be something special and all the money we raise will be distributed to Village and local good causes and charities.



The Rode Panto has established itself as something special in the village calendar and rightly so, it is a unique event that has created a host of timeless memories and brought happiness to countless people over the 30 odd years that it has been running, and I hope it will continue to do so....especially this October!!!

Right next task... something about soggy bottoms...

Gary Holloway

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RODE CLASSIC CARS AND BIKES MEET RETURNS

We are pleased to announce that the Classic Cars and Bikes Meet at The Mill in Rode is starting up again after stopping due to Covid.



We will meet on Wednesday 2nd August from 5pm no need to book, just turn up. If you want to eat in the restaurant, it is advisable to book in advance.

David Walsh

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY WINNERS JUNE 2023

Drawn by staff and customers in The Cross Keys:

1st - £50.00 Jane Sharman, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 James Garmston, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 Lisa Restorick, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two, courtesy of Mark and Hannah; Mike Salmon, Rode.



If you'd like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 and 2 Sunday roasts, all for £1.00 per ticket!

And remember you are supporting the Playing Field (which needs all the help it can get right now!) when you buy your ticket. **Tickets on sale at the Post Office, or directly from Jane and I.**

Next draw Thursday 31st of August.

If you would like to do the draw or witness it, then please just turn up at the Cross Keys on draw night at 8pm.

Keith Sharman

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HOME HOSTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS...

Before Covid loomed some amazing local residents joined a group I formed and hosted Sunday Afternoon Teas for single local residents over 65. Some other amazing local residents joined the group as drivers and they collected those attending the teas from their homes and took them back home after the tea.

The hosts opened their homes and provided a great Sunday Afternoon Tea for all the guests. The drivers also joined in with the tea and got to enjoy the teas provided by the hosts!

I'm delighted to report that these Sunday Afternoon Teas are now up and running again due to the wonderful volunteer hosts and drivers all making themselves available again. I can't thank them all enough and the teas are now also under the umbrella of Active and In Touch Frome.



Our first Tea is on 30th July in Rode. The next one is on Sunday 13th August and is in Laverton, 3-4.30pm. If you're interested in joining the group:

- as a Guest (don't worry about transport, as mentioned above it's provided)
- as a Driver
- or as a Host

please don't hesitate to contact me to find out more about how it all works, we'd be delighted to have you join us.

Gill Leonard

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NORTON ST PHILIP LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

There will be no Lunchtime Concert in August at St Philip and St James Church, but we expect the autumn series of concerts to commence on Thursday 7th September. Details of concerts can be found on the Hardington Vale website once they have been confirmed.

The concerts are fundraisers for the church and appear on the 'Events' page of the website.

David Lockley

Editor's Note: For details of evening concerts at the church in October and November see page 38.

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NEWS FROM RODE CHAPEL

Garden Party - At the village fete, the Chapel usually runs a fun stall smashing unwanted chipped and battered crockery and the money raised helps with our limited funds. No Village Fete this year, so the Chapel held a Garden Party.

Planned as an outdoor event heed was paid to the inclement weather forecast and the Party was actually held indoors. Tea, Cake, Coffee, Cake, Ploughmans' lunches, Cake...a Raffle, a Plant stall, Children's books, Thrillers, Children's Games, Crafts....there was a lot to see, to eat and to listen to with live music at intervals throughout the afternoon.

We were treated to some wonderful performances featuring guitar, piano and saxophone from a very wide range of ages. Lola grabbed our attention with two beautiful ballads to begin with, accompanying herself on acoustic guitar and setting a very high standard. Peter entertained with a short solo session on the piano before his accompaniment to Ros Ward playing Saxophone. A little later Ruth Philips and Pauline Ward presented a short programme of piano duets. These professional performances were interspersed with a small group of youngsters performing for the first time, playing newly learned piano pieces to considerable applause. It was a great atmosphere and the Party raised £600 for the Windows fund. Thank you all who came, played, supported, helped, ate and drank... **we could not do it without you.**



Windows - Work has begun! The Intrepid Trio arrived on the morning of the Tuesday 18th July at 8.30am precisely as arranged.

For the duration of the works, Services etc. will be held in the kitchen at the back of the main building, as the interior of the Chapel has been transformed into a maintenance and repair workshop.



The Chapel is a listed building, so repair of the existing fabric is allowed, while replacement with new fixtures is not, at least not without a small mountain of paperwork. By Friday evening scaffolding had been erected around the back to facilitate access to the large rear windows and much other progress was evident.

We are still hoping to receive more donations in support of this essential work. Please feel free to donate whatever you can afford! Thanks for reading!

Bill Jackson

THE SCOUTS BARN DANCE

Despite quite a chilly evening (which encouraged people to dance more, to stay warm!) we had a great turnout for the annual Scouts Barn Dance, held at Osborne's farm on the 1st July.

Peter Barnes as caller, soon got children and adults doing the do-si-do and enjoying all the traditional barn dances.

It was lovely to see lots of young children who hopefully will want to come back year after year.



1st Rode (Scout Group)

Our thanks go to Liz and John Osborne for hosting the event, it does involve a huge amount of preparation to get the barns ready.

We'd also like to thank Peter Barnes and his band who provide such great music and thanks to Diana and Howard who worked tirelessly getting ready for the event and on the evening itself, and of course to all our volunteers on the night.

I'm delighted to say we raised £1426.93 for the Scout group in Rode.

Sally Pickett

on behalf of the Scout Executive Committee

200 CLUB

The results for the winners of the June 200 club draw are as follows:

1st Prize £50 - Tim Lynch

2nd Prize £25 - Kristen Bach-Peterson

Drawn by Myra Lynes

Jan Jupp



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JULY REPORT - SOMERSET COUNCILLOR DAWN DENTON

July's been a full month and I have been working on the following:

- Merlin Theatre had some issues with their landlord, the Somerset Council, so I met with a member of their board of trustees.
- As part of a planning application in Frome (just off Adderwell Road), I attended a site visit.
- At the Planning East meeting we approved this development of 25 houses and debated (and voted on) other applications across the old Mendip area.
- The Frome Town Council planning meeting had Packsaddle as their first item on the agenda. I was there in my capacity as their local representative and as a member of the Planning East committee, so was only there to listen.
- Met with Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Keegan MP at Berkley School to chat about opportunities for this much-loved village school.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner, Mark Shelford, and I, chatted about policing in Frome and the opening of a public access point (as the library desk did not get much traffic).
- The Showfield play area is being redesigned with a contractor and I was invited to attend the briefing before it went into consultation.
- The Somerset Chamber and the Frome Chamber business breakfast was, as always, a useful opportunity to connect with local businesses and charities and discuss their needs.
- Met with a national Banking Group PR officer to discuss the bank closures in Frome and opportunities to explore through the post office / banking hubs.
- Attended the Selwood School annual careers assessment as part of my role as an Enterprise Advisor.
- The Mill at Rode is applying for a new licence, so I attended meeting to meet with the local community and hear from the licencing officer at E. Somerset.
- The Frome Area Community Land Trust and Fair Housing for Frome held a meeting about the housing crisis in Frome and I attended to assess how I can support these initiatives in my role.

The end of the month will include: Meeting with Paul Wynne, Frome Town clerk, to get updates on the markets, cleaning contracts in town and the tourism information centre / I am looking forward to the Frome Festival volunteers party at the Silk Mill / I will attend the full council meeting in Bridgwater in person or online / The first Local Community Network (LCN) meeting will launch the programme for the year ahead / Reading all planning applications (legalities, strategies, reports, objections, support and undertaking site visits) to come before the Planning East Committee in August.

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It looks like August will be a lot quieter, so I will be working on:

Pavement repairs / Potholes on country lanes and main arteries / Fly tipping / Reports (Berkley School, the Oxford University Press suite at the libraries and the Somerset mobile library) / Gritting review / Coroner's report relating to a fatal accident in Clivey / 20mph zones / Issues raised at the Communities Scrutiny meeting / Citizen's Advice across the county / Defibrillator training for villages / Continued work on river water quality at Farleigh Hungerford Wild Swimming Club / Actioning all the monthly meetings and casework in my inbox.

And I will tackle a few of my own councillor initiatives outside of my remit but desperately needed in the communities of Frome North.

Let's hope we have loads of sunshine this month, have a lovely summer.

Dawn Denton

Somerset County Councillor for Frome North

ST MARYS LAVERTON FETE

When is a garden fete not a garden fete?

When the BBC forecasts wind and rain for the July Saturday chosen for the annual fundraising event and the decision is made to move it indoors to the Church and the Egg House.

After all, this is England and we carry on!

The villagers and those from further afield arrived in full waterproofs, with their dogs, happy to spend the morning chatting to friends, sharing a coffee and spending money at the stalls.

The raffle is always a popular draw especially as, under Laverton rules, no-one can win more than one prize so everyone goes home clutching a bottle or some other random gift.

Our thanks to all the kind people who came to support us.

The Treasurer was delighted to find that, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £550 for St Mary's Laverton.

Debby Hill



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BATHAMPTON MORRIS MEN'S VISIT TO RODE

Sadly this year we were not alerted that the Bathampton Morris Men were coming to Rode on 20th July so apologies that details of their forthcoming visit were not included in last month's issue of the magazine.

But, if you missed them, thanks to Liz Osborne we do have some photographs of their visit for you to see below.



If you are interested in joining them, or just curious, they hold an Open Evening at the beginning of October which is specifically aimed members of the general public who have an interest in Morris Dancing.

To learn more about them and for details of their summer programme visit bathampton-morris-men.org.uk

Gill Leonard
Editor

LAVERTON NEWS

How I'd love my first report as new/temporary Laverton correspondent to trumpet the seamless handover from the inimitable Jackie Moss to the new Laverton team but inevitably there was a bit of a hitch - for which I blame the effects of the Moss's leaving do, more below.

Defibrillator Arrives, Laverton Gets Trained - A past issue reported the arrival and installation of the defibrillator in the porch of St Mary's Church - a result of much hard work and persistence over the months by our very own Jackie Moss. Jackie also set up the training evening on Monday 19 June, attended by a good number of the village, so we can all rest a little bit more easily in our beds at night, knowing what well-trained hands we're in, should the worst happen. I hear there were just one or two "conversations" between couples as to whether husband or wife should be trained in order to save their other half...

Laverton Book Exchange Fund Raising for Dorothy House - The money raised amounted to a very impressive £411 and now even better, NatWest Bank agreed to match the money raised, so the grand total collected for Dorothy House Hospice was £822. And finally...Jackie counted the small change and buttons in the collection box and this amounted to a further £73! So a huge thank you to Martin and Jackie for all their fundraising activities and of course for their generous gift of the Book Exchange over the last few years and thank you also to Caroline Balch for setting up the NatWest connection to double the donation to Dorothy House.

Wedding Bells - Harry, son of Jane and Patrick Benney, married Merren on Saturday 17 June and we wish them every happiness in their married life. We've done some sleuthing and found this fabulous photo on the right - starting married life as they mean to go on?!

Farewell to the Mosses - In true Laverton style we had a fabulous farewell party for Jackie and Martin Moss on Friday 16 June. The sun shone, the bunting fluttered, tables groaned with platters of sausage rolls and cheese and pineapple on sticks. There was lashings of fizz and much cheering and jollification. No photos as we were too busy toasting our dear neighbours and wishing them well in their new home.

Now all they need to do is actually move... all the way to Norton St Philip.



Virginia Garaux

Parish Youth News & Events

SPORTS AND ACTIVITY MONDAYS AT RODE PLAYING FIELD...

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Parish Youth News & Events

LOCAL SCOUTS CLEAN UP...

Amongst the many amazing activities we have been doing, there was a group Litter picking in Rode village and who would have known it could be so much fun.

The Beavers started the evening making a fantastic effort, well done. Followed by the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers later in the evening, chatting and having so much fun.



1st Rode (Scout Group)



It was amazing how proficient they all became with the pickers especially with the numerous cigarette ends.

Good effort group.



The Beavers are looking for some additional help - if you are interested in joining this fantastic leadership team please give Howard Russel a call 01373 830640/07736 739680

Claire Le Page

On behalf of 1st Rode Scout Group

Parish Youth News & Events

LOTS TO TELL FROM FRANS

July has been a busy month for FRANS. Most Fridays we have been setting up our pop up cafe at the Mead in Norton St. Phillip, these have proved to be a great success bringing the school community together for food, drinks, cakes, lollies, crafts and games. It was especially popular with the families in the earlier years of the school allowing parents and children to get to know each other a little better outside of school, we were fortunate with the weather which is always a bonus.



July also saw the inaugural performance of FRANS band at the school Garden Festival. Garden Festival celebrated the children of the school, showcasing their talents and care of nature and the environment.

There was a RNSF Introducing stage which was open to children and adults alike. A sparkly member of FRANS suggested that we put a band together to join in the fun. After a few rehearsals we cobbled together a vast set list of two songs and really enjoyed playing for everyone.

Many thanks to Kate, TP, Brandon and Si for making this happen. By Christmas we may have a charity album on sale!



Parish Youth News & Events



On Friday 21st we celebrated the end of term with a picnic party, again on the Mead in Norton St. Phillip.

It was lovely to see so many of the Gruffalo and Elmer families come for the festivities when school closed at lunchtime followed by the older Paddington and Wild Thing members when they finished at 3pm.

We wish the BFG children (yr 4) well in their next chapter as they move on to their next schools and thank them and their families for all their support over the years. Please come back to our events and stay in touch.

We will be having a fundraising hiatus during August as it is school holidays but will be kicking things off with a bang late in September with an International Supper Club at Rode Memorial Hall.

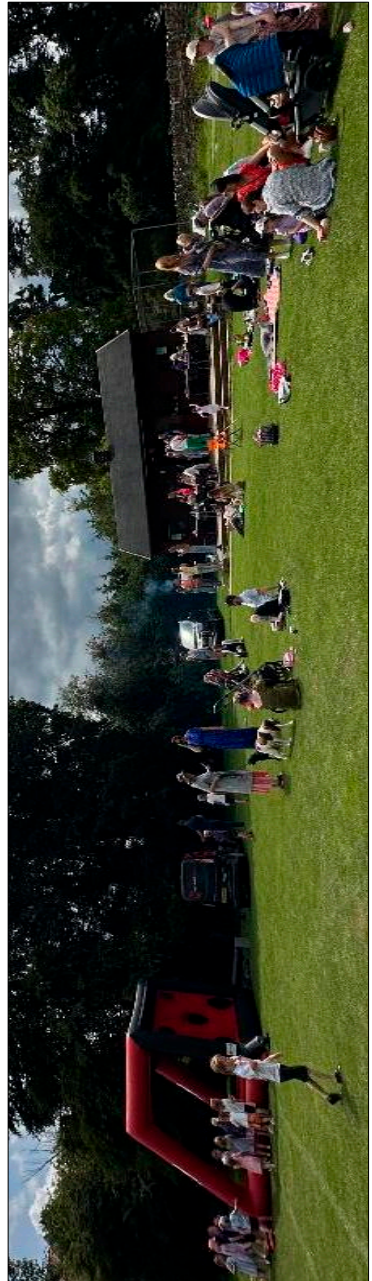
Timings and details are to be finalised over the next few weeks but as a rough guide the doors will be open for sit in or take away food (and drinks) from different countries.

We invite everyone to come and join us, so, a date for your diaries, Friday 29th September.

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
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FRANS Team



Parish Youth News & Events



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RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays during term time

9.30-11.30pm

Rode Chapel



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Want to know more?

Visit the website <https://momentanewcastle.com/patient-lcd-somerset> or speak to your GP or Practice Nurse about a referral.



Parish Environment

RODE MEMORIAL HALL LAND REWILDING

As part of the Parish Council's commitment to improve our impact on the environment, it was decided (about 18 months ago) to run a trial project on the patch of land outside the front entrance to the Memorial Hall. Originally proposed as a "no-mow May" initiative, it was decided a bigger positive impact would be had by turning the area into a wildflower area, with no mowing until late July/early August. This provides excellent habitat for a wide range of insects as well as enabling native wildflowers and pollinators to thrive.

Our first attempt was not a success (sown in Autumn 2021) with very few of the wildflower seeds germinating. On obtaining advice from an expert who lives in NSP, it turns out the ground was too rich and the lawn grasses too established. We decided therefore to remove the top 4" and sow an entirely new "meadow" mix of native grasses and wildflowers.

In February 2023 therefore, greatly assisted by John Findall, who, with Sharman, has been really supportive of the initiative, I removed the top with a mini-digger hired from Sydenhams Tool Hire in Frome. The seed mix was then scattered in late March, and as can be seen from the photo below, is creating a fantastic display over the summer months.



The plan is to cut this back, just the once, in late July/early August and cart away the cuttings, having left the flowers for a few weeks - hopefully in the late summer sun - so that the flowers ripen and shed their seeds first.

The hope is we will have an established wildflower "meadow" - albeit of some 80-odd square metres only - which will delight the local insect, pollinator and human population of Rode alike!

One request please - PLEASE do not allow your dogs to foul in this area. It may seem relatively innocuous in the long grass, but one can only imagine how unpleasant the strimming process will be if you do, and I do not want to find out first hand! Thank you.

Andy Pickett
Rode Parish Council

Parish Cricket

TWO RODE CLUB MATCHES TO REPORT ON THIS MONTH

Firstly, Warminster away on 5th July. With all the dry weather in the run up short boundaries and a very short outfield, this was always going to be a high scoring affair - as it was last year. We had more success with the ball this time around, taking 5 wickets as Warminster racked up 189 runs in 20 overs. Once again, Rode started strongly, keeping up with the challenging run rate but losing wickets steadily. Ollie Tucker starred with the bat, scoring a blistering 40 before being caught in the deep, ably supported by Lawrence Gripper - scoring a quick 23 before being run out going for the win. Zac Thomas then came in a smashed 33 of just over 4 overs, but eventually we ran out of steam, totalling a credible 147 for 4 off our allotted 20 overs. A good performance with both bat and ball against a very good local league side.

On 19th July we hosted The Star, another local league side. We were playing for the Lee Edwards trophy again, with Lee's parents kindly re-donating the trophy which had been given to them when the club folded in 2015. It was a joy to be playing for it again and re-starting that great tradition of the two clubs, a feeling shared equally by both teams. Rode batted first and frankly struggled. Kieran Cooper and James Pickett got us off to a quick start, but when they parted for 16 and 34 (not out, retired on reaching 30) respectively, the run rate slowed considerably. Lawrence Gripper with 14 was the only other batsman to score double figures, as we rather struggled to 112 for 6 off 20 overs.

When we took to the field we knew we had to take wickets to have any chance at all. James Goldstraw bowled absolutely magnificently, getting two wickets in two balls at one stage, and ending with figures of 2 for 27 off his four overs. Kieren Cooper bowled well without luck, ending with figures of no wickets for 20 off 4. Things took a turn for the worse when the author, having created problems for the batsmen in his first over then had to bowl to Charlie Rustell, a local Rodent but playing for the away team. Off five balls he smashed five sixes, and looked like getting a maximum 36 off the over until he mistimed the last, smearing it away for a single. Retiring almost immediately, having scored his 30 limit off the one over, the remaining batsmen for The Star scored 5 off the next two overs, reaching our meagre total in just 13 overs and 2 balls. A chastening experience, but a match played in great spirit, one which lived up to the traditions of this fixture.

Thanks for all the interest in our endeavours, and to the players for their commitment and camaraderie. Please do contact me or Julian (07775 805546/ 07775 598429) if you'd like to join in - we always welcome any new players irrespective of ability, age, gender etc.

Andy Pickett



Parish Groups

RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB VISIT TO ROSEMOOR

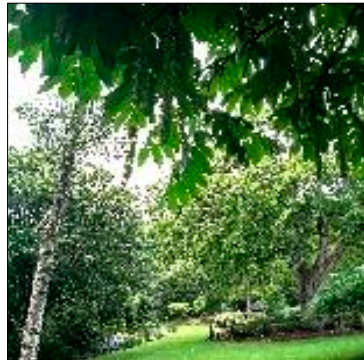
Last month many members of the Garden Club and visitors were eagerly waiting outside the village hall at 8:50 am for our day trip to RHS Rosemoor. Sadly, the coach which was booked for 9 o'clock didn't arrive till 9:30. However we were then quickly on board and off down the A303. After a brief comfort break, we were soon off again and heading for Devon. It was lucky Tracey had good internet reception as the driver didn't know the location, and the coach SAT Nav wouldn't connect, so she, with advice from other passengers near the front, expertly guided us there.

We arrived just before 12 o'clock and the rain which had accompanied us most of the way stopped. We were able to get our tickets and a site map to plan which areas interested us most. We were given 4 hours to explore individually, sufficient to see most bits. Many people like me decided to have an early lunch and disappeared into the re-furnished Garden Restaurant, where freshly cooked produce from the garden and locally were on offer in meals or light bites. My roasted salmon, with new potatoes and pesto sauce was delicious.

The beds and the garden rooms nearer to the entrance were magnificent. I particularly liked the restful shades of blue and pastel shades, with grey foliage in the Cool Garden, which now at 5 years old is established. The informal planting and elegant flowing water feature encouraged quiet reflection. It was a striking contrast to the Hot Garden with cannas, dahlias and echinaceas and tropical foliage jostling for attention. It was very beautiful too. The rose garden was inspiring with a profusion of flowers in every shade, some of which were highly scented. Another area of inspiration was the parterre garden, where flowers and fruit grew in harmony.



Something I will look forward to growing next year are peach flowered runner beans, which contrasted delightfully with purple curly kale. The more established areas, where wildflowers now enhance the grass lawns in front of borders stuffed with unusual shrubs and trees, were also a joy to observe. Many members probably noted varieties they would like to acquire.



Parish Groups

We had each been given a gift voucher to get £5 off if we spent £20, so the coach boot was full of treasures to plant later. Despite the poor forecast it stayed dry right up to the moment we boarded the coach, and we agreed we had had a very successful day out. The journey back was quicker and we were back in the village shortly after 7pm.

Next month we have another evening visit on Monday 14th August. It's to Gaspar Cottage, Stourton, Warminster BA12 6PY. It is near Stourhead and we are asked to be there at 6:30 pm. As parking is limited, please try to share transport. Visits are free for members and £5 for guests. Please either email the club message board rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.com or phone Averil 830686 or Helen 831228 if you intend to come.

Sharman Flindall

RODE WALKING GROUP - 2ND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH

Our August walk will be a rural circular route around the villages of Lullington and Laverton.

Starting at Lullington Church at 10 am on Thursday 10 August we will follow the public footpath through fields to Laverton. From there we again negotiate another public footpath through more fields until we bisect the Woolverton to Lullington lane which we follow back to the starting point in Lullington.

Be prepared for overgrown paths!

As usual please contact me for further details of the walk or travel arrangements.



Liz Dinnis

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MONDAY LUNCH CLUB 🍷

A reminder for everyone that Lunch Club is on its summer holidays so next one will be 2nd October. Wishing everyone a great summer and see you in the autumn!

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

Parish Groups

RODE OVER 60s

Last month, I should have explained that Gail, who has taken over from me as Secretary, has been in hospital which was why I was writing in The Link. I'm here again this month as, although she is doing very well, she didn't feel up to coming on our third and final coach trip for this year which was to Poole on Thursday, 13th July.

In spite of the date we were again lucky with the weather and it was a close shave, as the next day was quite horrible. This time we also had a much larger group as we set off on a very picturesque route, stopping for half an hour in Shaftesbury where we dispersed to various coffee venues.



We arrived in Poole at about a quarter to twelve.

It's a strange thing that, although Poole is quite small with a population of about five thousand, a coach load of mature tourists can disappear into it until nearly four thirty, reappearing in time for the homeward journey.

Some of us took a very long time over lunch. A few walked a long way and several intrepid souls embarked on a boat trip and returned with faces aglow. There was also a bit of indulgence in retail therapy and of course ice cream. Whichever it was, we all enjoyed ourselves, which was the principal purpose of the day after all. After a lively raffle we set off on our return journey. A very satisfactory day out.

Our meeting in August will be our renowned cream tea on Friday, 11th. What more can I say? It has to be experienced to be believed so don't miss it.

Birthdays in August are Mrs N Stabbins 6th, Mrs G Jackson 15th and Mrs H Bryant 24th. We hope you all enjoy your celebrations.

Ros Dymond

RODE CRAFT CLUB

No need to book or to commit to coming every week. All abilities too, we all help each other. Weekly on Thursday afternoons, 2-4 pm at Rode Chapel.



Parish Gardening

This is going to be short and sweet!

Things on my mind right now are:

- How lovely the Iford Manor gardens are, and how lucky to have it right on the doorstep. I enjoyed a couple of hours there this week and had a chat with the head gardener, Steve Lannin, who was really generous with his time, talking about the garden and the planting. I want to return when he does his first Wednesday of the month head gardener tour which also includes the private garden areas.
- Many of the packets of annual seeds that I'd bought in a rush of crazed excitement in spring were totally forgotten until I saw an Instagram post by a gardener at Great Dixter who talked about chucking all their leftover annual flower seeds into a big seed "soup" and then casting them into the gaps in borders, just for the fun of seeing what might come up, even at this late stage in the year. What the Great Dixter gardeners do is good enough for me, so reader, I made a seed soup and having cast it about with gay abandon, I now await the results with quiet resignation...I shall report back (or maybe not)
- The dahlias in my garden (Thomas Eddison, below right and Totally



Tangerine, below right, since you ask) are only now finally getting going. I hope that means they'll keep on into autumn, along with the rather weedy-looking sunflowers that are only just starting to form tiny flower buds - we need more sun!



- I'm potting on some acer seedlings for the plant stall at this weekend's St Mary's church fete. They come from a random/lucky dip packet of seeds and I was quite surprised they germinated at all, so I'm just wondering how many people will want to nurse an Acer Cissifolium, see right, from baby to teenager - I think it might take a few more years for them to get to the point of being planted out! But that's the life of a gardener - surprise mixed with patience and frustration and a healthy dose of dogged determination.



Happy gardening folks!

Muddy Fingernails

Parish History

RODE -

SOME OLD VILLAGE CUSTOMS

WILLIAM WALTER WHEATLEY, ARTIST, 1802-1885

Having recently watched (and joined in!) the Bathampton Morris Dancers performing on the village green, I was reminded of the following note by W. W. Wheatley (stored with his paintings in the Somerset archives), describing some of the local customs.

Road Somersetshire

The custom of carrying about the Wassail Bowl on the last day of the old year takes place on the night of the last day of the old year. singing some doggerel verses which I have collected but this custom is I understand not singular it being kept up in some other villages in the county.

A singular custom which I have not heard of having been practised elsewhere, takes place in this village on Shrove Tuesday. The children of the village assemble in the afternoon of that day at the village Pound, they join hands and as they term it Clip the Pound that is they surround it and after having 3 or 4 times danced round it two of them separate and they play a game all through the village known by the name of Thread the Needle. When it grows dark they procure candles light them and place them in their hats, they then with join'd hands proceed to the village Church which as they term they Clip dancing and making as much noise as they can and after going through the village – the lighted-candles moving with rapidity round the Church have a curious effect – What this custom has arisen from I am at a loss to make out I know nothing as relates to any ceremony as connected with the Catholic Church without it has any reference to Candlemas when they used to make a procession with the candles blessed on that day (Candlemas Feb^y 2nd)

W.W.W.

W. W. Wheatley was a watercolourist famous locally for his depictions of the churches, old houses and other antiquities of Rode and the wider Somerset. His early life is not clear but he married his 2nd wife Emma Walker in Bristol in 1829. Emma was from Rode and they moved to the village shortly after their wedding.

In the 1830s Wheatley was commissioned by G. W. Braikenridge, a collector of antiques, paintings and ephemera, to illustrate a new edition of J. Collinson's *History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*.

In 1841 at the time of the census, he was living at No. 1 Union Cottage, Union Cottage Lane, (Marsh Road) in Rode with his wife Emma and children Caroline and Claude.

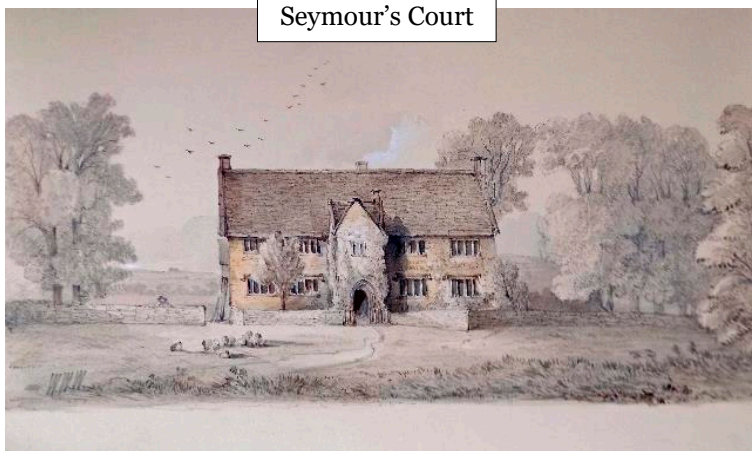
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Wheatley's paintings of the clypping of St. Lawrence and the baptism of his wife Emma in the river Frome at Rode Bridge are displayed in St. Lawrence Church and Rode Baptist Chapel respectively. Two of his lesser-known works are shown below.

Barrow House



Seymour's Court



Other known Rode antiquities captured by Wheatley are Pucks Well, the Devil's Bed and Bolster, the wall tomb in St. Lawrence and the poor box.

Emma died in 1859 and William moved to Bath the following year, where he lived until his death in 1885.

Peter Harris

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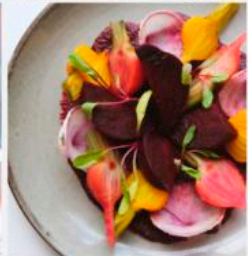
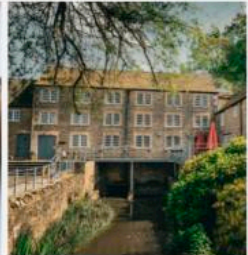
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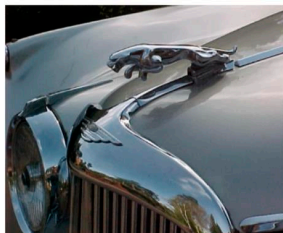
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Forthcoming Parish Events

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**CLUB RESUMES
2ND OCTOBER**



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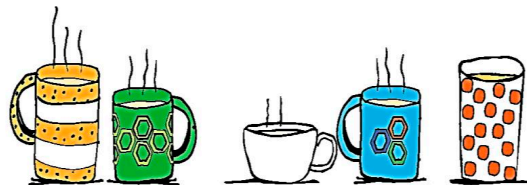
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From: 10:30-12:30

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Sunday August 13th
3-4.30pm
Home Hosted
Sunday Afternoon Tea
See page 11 for details

Forthcoming Parish Events

Forget-me-not Café



When? August 21st 2.30 – 4 pm (3rd Mon of every month) Where? St Philip and St James Church, NSP



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FEIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

International Supper Club

@ Rode Memorial Hall

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NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH CONCERTS DETAILS & DATES

Evening Concerts:

- **Saturday 7 October - Hungrytown** Americana/celtic singer-songwriters
- **Saturday 25 November - The Magnificent AKs.** The singing blokes of Ashton Keynes who can lower the tone, be supremely silly and move you to tears in one evening.

N.B No August Lunchtime Concert – See page 11 for latest information on future concerts.



RODE PANTOMIME

“OUT OF THE BLUE!”

PERFORMANCE DATES:

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Wednesday 9th August, 10am-4pm & Wednesday 20th September, 10am-4pm



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“We neglect kindness at our peril. It is the glue that binds communities together” - Professor Robin Banerjee, Frome Annual Kindness Lecture, March 2023.

The Good Heart is five years old this month! As life gets steadily harder for many in our community, in all kinds of ways, we're more committed than ever to jointly celebrating, practising and exploring the vital quality of kindness.

Also - What perfect timing to be recognised by the BBC Radio Somerset 'Make a Difference' Awards in the Community Group Category! Thank you for putting us forward. We are honoured to have been nominated. This is in recognition of the work we have done in running community groups such as Tiny Hearts, Dying Matters, Heartspace and Arty Hearts, as well as for the annual Frome Kindness Festival and the thousands of free meals given out over the years via our Pay it Forward scheme in the cafe. We're one of four finalists and are looking forward to the awards ceremony on Friday 22nd September. Wish us luck!



We have been very busy with community events and are delighted to be welcoming more groups and individuals through our doors, including a new Mental Health drop-in for young people, led by Focus Frome. See below for details of this and of some of our regular groups (all are drop-in, so no need to book). Any questions or to find out more about all our regular events please visit our website www.thegoodheart.uk or email welcome@thegoodheart.uk



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

ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2023 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Hugh Williams – Clerk, Cllr Adam Boyden (County Councillor) and 11 parishioners.

1. Parishioners Participation: Thanks were given for moving the SID to the top end of the High Street and a request was made for the data to be made available. A question on moving the 20mph limit to beyond Crooked Lane was raised to which the Chair said that he had just heard from Somerset that this could be done provided the hedge was cut and the Police agreed.

A number of Parishioners were attending the meeting to express their concerns over the proposed licensing changes applied for by Butcombe (application gives it as Butcome) for The Mill. A notice in the hedge had been seen which alerted them to a proposal to change to layout of The Mill, use of ‘the island’ and to host an increased number of outdoor events (from 3 to 10) which could run until 1.00am on Friday and Saturday evenings and to midnight on Monday to Thursday inclusive. Currently outdoor events could not run beyond 11.00pm, be run concurrently and also had to have two weekends between them, the new license would remove these restrictions if granted. The use of ‘the island’ was of concern (no tables, chairs or other structures are allowed on this land) as it was protected under an S106 agreement for wildlife/environmental reasons and had been hard won many years ago in exchange for a patio area outside The Mill. A deadline for comment was 21st July. It was disappointing that only Tellisford PC had been made aware of these changes, not local residents or Rode PC. The license changes would also allow for indoor events (up to 75 including the 10 outside) with doors and windows open. It was mentioned that already advertising for a 4-day cinema event in September was available, indicating that Butcombe assumed the licensing changes would be waved through. A request was made for Rode Parish council to support the local residents in opposing these changes which would create noise that could be heard across the village and impact on other businesses. The meeting agreed to oppose the proposed new license and to ask Tellisford if it could request an extension to the comment deadline. AP and Grant Slade agreed to draft initial comment opposing the

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license changes for agreement for submission. (Clerk's Note: No extension is allowed and all comments must use the Representation Form).

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

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

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Wessex Water:

Marc Chalk was welcomed to the meeting and he gave an update on the work that was being carried out at the Rode Water Recycling Centre. This was part of a £3 million upgrade of the facility to meet phosphorus limits and increase flow capacity of the site to meet the growing population. The work should be completed by 2025. The changes made had converted the site from a gravity system to a pumped site with increased power supply and new back-up generator. The pumped system generated more sludge and therefore increased tankers taking this away for treatment and eventual agricultural use. Currently new biological treatment equipment was being installed. The area still had a combined sewage and surface water set up which could lead to some overflow in cases of prolonged heavy rain. A site visit later in the year would be offered to the Parish Council.

6. County Councillor's Report: Cllr Adam Boyden reported that the Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction should have the vehicle activated signs installed soon on Bradford Road and the Wingfield Road. He said an internal enquiry on the efficiency of Highways responses had started at Somerset.

He asked if there were any issues to raise with Low Carbon on the proposed solar farm as a meeting was planned. Comment was made that residents were hopeful the area on the Bradford Road could be taken out of the scheme and information on how the agricultural land had been assessed needed to be supplied and possibly independently assessed.

He said that the High Court had asked the Mendip area how it was going to meet its 505-house shortfall that had been taken out of the Local Plan Part 2 and that sites had to be called for development, this would start later this month. These sites would have to be put forward for consultation. Consultation on the proposed sites should then start in early 2024.

7. Actions from previous meeting:

i. Christchurch graveyard: To be chased up

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ii. Hoedown: Further work had been done in June and it had been agreed a contractor was needed to clear the grass etc. on the orchard area on the S106 land. Another Hoedown was planned for 30th July.

iii. Defibrillator: Following the last meeting it had appeared that the defibrillator was not working and reports had not been submitted to The Community Heartbeat Trust. This had resulted in the defibrillator being decommissioned by them. Email correspondence within the PC had agreed a new defibrillator and pads should be ordered and installed in the phone box. The Clerk reported that a new defibrillator should be delivered tomorrow. This would become a Parish Council asset and the PC would be responsible for it.

iv. Path from Barrow Farm to allotments: Matthew has cut this but it requires further cutting and meeting agreed this should be done.

v. Dog bin near Playing Field: A request for a dog waste bin to be put near the playing field had been made. The meeting approved this but the location needed to be specified. There were already bins further up Church Lane and at the bottom of Marsh Road.

vi. A361 Grass verge: The Clerk reported that Somerset should be cutting the grass verge between Churchfields and Bradford Road as the grass was currently blocking the view onto the A361.

vii. Path from Church Farm: The maintenance of this was still to be explored with Somerset.

8. Climate Change Group: The meeting agreed to meet the outstanding costs (£166) for advertising the event. This might be split with Norton St Phillip.

9. Highways:

i. 20mph speed limit and village gates: The Chair had spoken to Sara Davis (Somerset Highways) regarding the delays and had been informed that contact with Simon Taylor at Autograph had been made regarding the funding of the gates but this would not be discussed fully for a couple of weeks due to his holidays.

ii. Street Lights: The Clerk reported that the Police had no objections and that the decision remained with Somerset. However, discussions with Somerset indicated that if some lights in a road were to be turned off at midnight then all the lights in that road should go off. This had not been clear at the start of discussions. There was some concern over this and it was agreed the Clerk and Cllr Adam Boyden should clarify this with Somerset before proceeding.

iii. A36 Slip Road: Still chasing this up with National Highways.

10. Planning:

i) New applications:

None

ii. Somerset decisions:

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None

Other:

A request to have the large copper beech by the garages on The Mead be cut back due to its size causing light problems to the houses nearby. It was agreed to get a quote to cut the tree back by 3-4 metres all round.

11. Buses: A new timetable for the bus services should come out in September. PT agreed to remain in contact with the bus companies to ensure the good service was maintained.

12. Playing Field: It was reported that the Osbornes had offered to cut back the grass and weeds on the S106 land and this was greatly appreciated. The repainted pavilion was now fully operational but its life expectancy was limited.

13. Financial matters:

i. Income and expenditure: The revised income and expenditure for 2023-24 had been circulated and was noted.

ii. Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Community Heartbeat Trust (new defibrillator)	£1,296.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£990.00
Clerk Salary including computer virus protection	£296.84
HMRC PAYE	£60.40

14. Date of next meeting:

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

Monday 7th August at 7.30pm

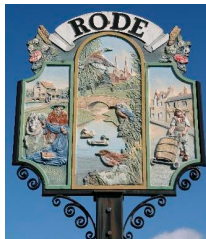
The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed

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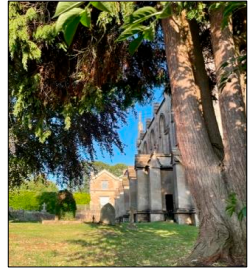
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8			4	6		7		
6			1		9		8	3
					5		4	6
	5		9		8		1	
7	1		6					
5	8		2		1			4
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Last month's Sudoku

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

POEM OF THE MONTH

The frog half fearful jumps across the path,
And little mouse that leaves its hole at eve
Nimbles with timid dread beneath the swath;
My rustling steps awhile their joys deceive,
Till past, and then the cricket sings more strong,
And grasshoppers in merry moods still wear
The short night weary with their fretting song.
Up from behind the molehill jumps the hare,
Cheat of his chosen bed, and from the bank.
The yellowhammer flutters in short fears
From off its nest hid in the grasses rank,
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John Clare, 'Summer Evening, 1848'





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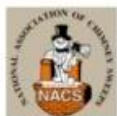
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Tuesday 1 August	9.45 am	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion	
Wednesday 2 August	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 3 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 6 August	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	B Day C Walker J Robinson/M Harrison
Monday 7 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 8 August	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 9 August	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 10 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 13 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford , Matins Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	C Walker/B Day
Monday 14 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 16 August	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 17 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 20 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Informal Worship Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	J Robinson/F Stewart M Walker/M Harrison J Robinson/F Stewart
Monday 21 August	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 22 August	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 23 August	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 24 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 27 August	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins	C Hare C Hare

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RODE CHAPEL AUGUST 2023 SUNDAY SERVICES – 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 6th Mrs A Durkin-Auty

Sunday 13th Rev Margaret Crawshaw - Service includes Holy Communion

Sunday 20th Rev Michael White

Sunday 27th Mr David Parker

AUGUST 2023 DIARY

Wed 2 Aug	5pm Classic Car & Bike Meet see page 10 & 36 for details
Fri 4 Aug	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
Mon 7 Aug	NB No Monday Lunch Club see page 27 for details 9am-3pm Summer Fun for Ages 5-13 see pages 18 & 37 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 44 for details
Mon 14 Aug	9am-3pm Summer Fun for Ages 5-13 see pages 18 & 37 for details 6.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club (guests welcome) see page 26 for details
Thu 10 Aug	10am Rode Walking Group see page 27 for details
Fri 11 Aug	Rode Over 60s see page 28 for details
Sun 13 Aug	3-4.30pm Home Hosted Afternoon Tea see page 11 for details
Mon 21 Aug	9am-3pm Summer Fun for Ages 5-13 see pages 18 & 37 for details 2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 38 for details
Tue 22 Aug	COPY DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER LINK
Mon 28 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY - Summer Bank Holiday
Thu 31 Aug	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 10 for details

YEAR PLANNER

Fri 1 Sep	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
Tue 5 Sep	10.30am-12.30pm Rode Talking Café see pages 7 & 36 for details
Sun 10 Sep	10.30am Bishop of Bath & Wells NSP Church see page 3 for details
Tue 19 Sep	10.30am-12.30pm Rode Talking Café see pages 7 & 36 for details
Fri 29 Sep	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode FRANS International Supper Club see page 21 for details
Mon 2 Oct	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 27 for details
Sat 7 Oct	NSP Church Evening Concert see pages 11 & 38 for details
Thu 19 Oct to Sat 21 Oct	Rode Pantomime “Out Of The Blue” see page 9 for details
Sat 25 Nov	NSP Church Evening Concert see pages 11 & 38 for details
Mon 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Christmas Day
Tue 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Boxing Day
Mon 1 Jan	BANK HOLIDAY – New Years Day

WASTE COLLECTION		Aug 2023					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
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