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Farleigh Hungerford, part of Hardington Vale



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REFLECTION

Bringing in the Harvest!

On 1st April 1957, Panorama - a new programme on the BBC - featured a farm in 'Switzerland' and the narrator explained that 'the past winter - one of the mildest in living memory has led to, most importantly of all, an exceptionally heavy spaghetti crop!' After watching the programme many people wrote into the BBC wanting to know how to grow their own Spaghetti trees! It was arguably the greatest public April fool's hoax of all time!



I've been thinking quite a bit about food recently... and no cheeky comments please! One of the reasons is because we have been looking at the Lord's Prayer during our Breakfast Church slots (incidentally – Breakfast Church is literally a feast and you are so welcome to join and eat with us!) Anyhow, when it came round to my week to lead, I got the phrase '*give us this day our daily bread*' - which made me think about where our food comes from. And, unlike those viewers in 1957, we know where all our food comes from don't we?

The Guardian did a survey and bought a basket of 20 fresh foods from the major retailers on one day - including pears from Argentina; tomatoes from Saudi Arabia; broccoli from Spain; baby carrots from South Africa; salad potatoes from Israel; sugar snap peas from Guatemala; asparagus from Peru, brussels sprouts from Australia; prawns from Indonesia; peppers from Holland and grapes from Chile!

They clocked up the distance all the items had travelled and the total for the basket was 100,943 air miles – that's a big carbon footprint!

But most of the food we consume food doesn't arrive by air, road, or rail but by sea - 60% of all food miles comes from ship travel – so a much lower carbon footprint. The news reports of the grain blockade in Ukraine, have helped us realise how important sea transportation is.

On Sunday July 31st at our United Parish Church Service, Rev Canon Andrew Wright, the Secretary General of Mission to Seafarers, spoke about the men (it is mostly men) who crew ships that transport most of the things we buy from overseas - including food.

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These are some of the things that we learnt:

- Seafarers provide us with 90% of the things that we consume
- 25% of global seafarers are from the Philippines and on average each Filipino seafarer supports between 18 and 20 family members back home
- Most seafarers spend 9+ months at a time at sea living apart from family and friends and with limited medical care
- during the pandemic many countries refused to recognise seafarers as essential workers
- many countries still refuse to allow them to disembark at ports which means they spend months at a time without even leaving their ships

Having heard those shocking facts it was then really encouraging to hear about the work of the Mission to Seafarers, working across 50 countries, 200 ports and providing much needed support. In places where shore leave is forbidden, the local mission teams offer shopping trips for the seamen including buying them essential items such as sim cards and medicines – last year those shopping trips amounted to over US\$3 million!

It seems ironic that those who transport so much for others are unable to shop and access basic necessities themselves. In some countries the mission has successfully lobbied governments to provide seafarers with covid vaccines and has also provided mobile covid clinics to dispense the vaccines.



As well as practical help, they provide much needed pastoral and spiritual care for people who are a long way from home and who might be dealing with issues such as poor mental health or bereavement. www.missiontoseafarers.org

It was an inspiring and informative talk and if you would like to hear the whole talk do go to the parish website – www.hardingtonvale.org.uk and click on the podcast link where all our talks are available.

So, as we celebrate Harvest Festival this month, it might be interesting to look in our shopping trolleys and learn about where our food comes from and how it is transported (and perhaps about how we can decrease our carbon footprint).

And when we pray '*give us this day our daily bread*' we can be thankful for our local and overseas farmers who grow the food during these challenging times of climate change and also be grateful for the seafarers and transporters who sacrifice so much to bring food to our tables.

Jo Robinson

Curate

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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

What a summer it has been with a hot late May and June and then what seems like a lot of rain in the school summer holidays! Now at the beginning of September we turn our thoughts to Harvest.



There will be Harvest Services across the parish which are advertised in the Link, but we are also holding a Harvest Supper in St Lawrence church.



This will take place in on Saturday 30th September at 7pm and will be a hot meal, tickets £10 – please contact us on the numbers below if you would like a ticket. Drinks will also be available. If you have a harvest related poem, short story or ditty you'd like to bring along and read out after the meal this would be much appreciated. Tickets will be limited because of space and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

After a slight change to Services during August due to holidays we return to our normal Service pattern in September with Holy Communion at 10.30am on the 3rd and 17th (this is also our Harvest Service). Breakfast Church will resume in October as on the second Sunday in September there will be a Special Service in Norton St Philip with the Bishop Michael to which everyone in Hardington Vale is invited.

We hope to see you during September.

Apart from grass cutting, which we pay for, there is some work that needs doing in the churchyard. For example, there is “Old Man’s Beard” and brambles that need to be removed from the yew hedge. There is ivy that needs to be removed from the south wall, bushes that need to be cut back, ivy that needs to be cut from trees and a fallen branch that needs to be cut up. It does not require any finesse, just the tools, time and energy.

Geoff knows exactly what needs to be done and is very happy to explain but does not have time to do it himself due to the huge amount of time demanded by the roof project. We could pay someone to do this, but there are so many demands on our money, it would be helpful to have some volunteers.

If you can spare a few hours on a voluntary basis, please contact him.

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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UPDATE FROM FROME DEANERY

Recent changes in the Bath and Wells Diocese have meant that all the deaneries in the Diocese are renewing their structure and vision.

Frome deanery has agreed a vision looking at 'being a transforming Christian presence in all our communities.'

The change for us in Hardington Vale means that we are welcoming Buckland Dinham parish into our benefice.

This has been agreed by Deanery Synod and Diocesan Area Pastoral and Mission Group (AMPG).

We have had discussions with both the Hardington Vale PCC and the Buckland Dinham PCC and our HV Patron Revd Peter Owen Jones.

A further directive from the diocese is shortly to be sent out for consultation to confirm that everyone is happy with this decision. That all being agreed it will be submitted to the Church Commissioners for their final legal approval.

Change is never easy - but I believe that actually this is a positive addition to Hardington Vale and a good way forward for Buckland Dinham.

Recently members of Buckland Dinham led a beautiful Iona style Service in St Philip and St James, Norton St Philip.

You will also see from the Service Pattern in this month's magazine that Buckland Dinham's Services are now also being shown and add a further option of where you can go to worship on a Sunday.

They also hold a coffee morning in the church on every third Saturday of the month, so if you would like to visit the church and enjoy coffee and cake a warm welcome awaits you then too. Next one is Saturday 16th September.

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

1 Corinthians 12 v 27

What a privilege to be able to work together in this way.

Any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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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



St Lawrence - Rode

**HARVEST FESTIVAL
SERVICE**

Sunday 17th September
10.30am

followed by refreshments

COFFEE MORNINGS AT BUCKLAND DINHAM

Every third Saturday of the month, at 10 o'clock promptly, the church of St Michael's at Buckland Dinham opens its doors, puts up a big red notice on the notice board, plugs the kettle in and brings on the cakes.

For only £3:50, you can indulge yourself in your favourite cake while catching up with the rest of the village.

It's a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, and keep up to date with what's happening.

Everyone's welcome (including dogs), with the money we collect going towards the upkeep of the church.

Dates for your diary are 16 September, 14 October and 18 November.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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RODE IS WINNING ITS 8-YEAR BATTLE FOR BETTER BUSES

August 2015 saw First Bus announce it was pulling all its Bath and Trowbridge bus services out of Rode. The battle to protect our buses began. Our fight made headline news in the press and onto TV.



Villagers protesting in Rode 'mourning' the loss of our bus services 22.08.2015

Finally, we persuaded First to keep a skeleton Bath service through our village. Faresaver also agreed to divert some of their X34 buses through Rode.

Ever since then, we have gradually been improving our bus services both from First Bus and from Faresaver. The bus companies have liked how we have tried to support and encourage bus uses and they've rewarded us with steadily improving bus services.

Our village now has one of the best bus services of any village in Somerset. That's because people in Rode use buses ... long may that continue as that's how we will keep our bus services.

So, please, BUS IT whenever you can!

This September, both First (with the Bath D2 service) and Faresaver (X34 with its Trowbridge/Chippenham service) are announcing new bus timetables with even better services for Rode. New early morning Frome-bound D2 buses are being introduced plus tweaks to many of the X34 and D2 bus times.

Rode Parish Council has long spearheaded Rode's fight to have a 'fit for purpose' bus service. It's charted a new way in Somerset with its production of a customised Village Bus Timetable that's delivered (by parish councillors) to all houses in the village. This month, Rode PC is again producing a new Rode Bus Timetable. It will be popping through your letterbox shortly - if it hasn't already.

Peter Travis

Rode Parish Council

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SEPTEMBER JUMBLE SALE AT RODE MEMORIAL HALL

Please do come and support the Jumble Sale which will be raising funds for Rode Playing Field.



It is to be held on:

Saturday, September 2nd starting at 2pm at Rode Memorial Hall.

...and the more jumble received the better - all contributions very welcome! Your jumble can be dropped off the night before at the Hall – don't hesitate to phone me to discuss another arrangement.

Hope to be receiving - and selling - lots of jumble!

Ann Edney

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THE MILL – LICENSE APPLICATION

In the Parish Council Minutes for July (included in the August issue of The Link) the following point had been omitted:

‘The application to change the license had included the fact that they were applying to have the whole of the outdoor area, including the ‘island’ and car park, licensed, which would allow The Mill to have an unlimited number of outdoor events. This was because the limit of ten outdoor events proposed in the license variation request specifically excluded events within the licensed area.’

Apologies are made for this omission which, it can be seen, could have a major impact on residents as a nearly unlimited number of outside events could be held at The Mill.

The hearing on the license application is to be held at 10.00am on 6th September and those who made comment are being informed how to join this hearing.

It has been reported that there have been 54 comments submitted regarding the proposed changes to the license for The Mill.

Hugh Williams

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

RODE'S TALKING CAFÉ IS HERE...

Twice a month at Rode Chapel from 10.30am-12.30pm every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month starting Tuesday 5th September.

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.

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NORTON ST PHILIP AUTUMN CONCERT SERIES

We have a fascinating and varied programme of concerts that have been scheduled at Norton St Philip Church for this Autumn.

Shows on Thursday lunchtimes, Saturday afternoons and evenings.

They begin with three concerts in September:

7th Charles Wiffen

9th Nick Sorensen Trio

23rd DG Solaris



See the “Forthcoming Events” section in this magazine for full details of these shows and the lineup for the next few months.

David Lockley

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RODE CHAPEL UPDATE

Windows - The Work is almost complete. At the time of writing this piece, the project is on target for completion by the time you read it!

The task has progressed more or less as planned despite the “iceberg effect”. Beneath the surface lurked a number of complications caused by issues left for another day at some time in the distant past and then forgotten about. Some of the glass is clearly original...much of the timber frames are similarly ancient and have been the subject of quick fixes...and all needed to be put right. What else could we do? The Chapel is a grade 2 listed building and we were beginning to find evidence of water damage inside as the window frames ceased to be weatherproof. But we’re nearly there. It has cost quite a lot more than the original estimate. We’ve spent all the money so far raised but have secured a private interest free loan so the work could be completed. Applications for grant aid are out there, but obviously we are still hoping to receive more donations in support of this essential work so please feel free to donate whatever you can afford!

Garden - Despite our trusty lawn mowing friend having left the village, the garden has been kept looking wonderful through the joint attentions of a new Mowing Man and two particular friends of the Chapel, Gail and Pauline. A huge thank you to you both, your efforts are really appreciated.

The Quiet Garden is surrounded by the rest of the memorial yard and while the mowing is in hand, the edges and borders do need to be looked after as well. Is there anyone out there who could lend a hand, please?

Ideally, the task needs a few volunteers to take individual responsibility for looking after an edge, or a border, so no-one has to do too much. We are planning to place a shed to store tools, so you won’t have to bring your own, necessarily, so please give it some thought.

We are delighted to be welcoming our new Minister - Rev Andrew Prout will be the minister for Rode Chapel, Wesley Church in Frome, Norton Down and Coleford. His Welcome Service is at Wesley Church on 1st September at 7pm with refreshments beforehand.

He will be taking his first Service in Rode Chapel on 10th September at 10:30am and our Harvest Service on 23rd September. Everyone is welcome. So do come along to meet him and to admire our beautifully restored windows.

Bill Jackson & Valerie Parker

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HOME HOSTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS UPDATE

Have got off to a brilliant restart with full capacity Teas being held in July and August – July was in Rode and August was in Laverton. Many thanks to our respective Hosts for their amazing hospitality and to our Driver Volunteers.

We had a mixture of old and new Guests and their feedback has been great to hear with all eager to attend future Teas – so much so that one of the Guests rescheduled a visit from her granddaughter which was going to interfere with her being able to attend the August Tea!

Given the success of the Teas and the growing number of Guests we would love to attract more Hosts to the scheme. It's entirely up to our Hosts how often they put on a Tea and how many Guests they wish to accommodate.

New Drivers will also be welcome, they collect those attending the Teas from their homes, join in with the Tea and take Guests back home after the Tea.

If you're interested in joining the group:

- as a Guest and are single and over 65 (don't worry about transport, as mentioned above it's provided)
- as a Driver
- or as a Host

please do get in touch to find out more about how it all works, we'd be delighted to have new people joining the group.

The next Tea is on 24th September in Frome.

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A LATER START TO RODE'S FILM SEASON THAN USUAL...

The "Roxy's" winter season will start in November this year as the Hall is very booked up for the Panto.



Save the date – first film night - Friday 3rd November.

Watch this space in the next issue for more details.

Adam Harris

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AUGUST REPORT FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

“It will be a quiet month,” they said. “Everyone is on holidays.” Well, let’s just say that it was far from quiet. The rainy weather has kept me indoors, working more than normal, but getting through a lot of things that, in a busier month, would be pushed to the bottom of the ‘to do’ list.

The last week of July and the month of August

- The pre-LCN (Local Community Network) meeting, I met with the officers and councillors who will be taking this project forward. I have chosen to step down from having an official title on the Frome LCN, to support the others with whatever they need from me. And of course the first official LCN meeting at the Frome Town Hall, which I was not able to attend in-person (due to Covid symptoms), was held, and a chair (Frome Cllr Max Wide) and vice chair (Cllr Adam Boyden) have been selected. The Steering Committee with include Cllr Helen Kay and Cllr Claire Sully. For more information visit: democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CID=902&MIId=6996
- I met the Frome Town Clerk, Paul Wynne, to see if there are areas I can support him, and for a regular catch up on my ‘to do’ list, which includes the markets, the cleaning contracting in Frome and the issues around the tourism information centre (which will impact our whole community)
- It was wonderful to attend the Frome Festival volunteers party at the Silk Mill. This Festival brings the community in and around Frome together and gives our local businesses so much needed support. It also generates a large income from those visiting the town from further afield. I hope to encourage the villages and parishes around Frome to get more involved in 2024.
- I did a lot of planning application reading (legalities, strategies, reports, objections, support and undertaking site visits) in preparation for the Planning East Committee in September.
- I met with Mind Training (Woolverton) to discuss their access onto the A36.
- Planning East where planning applications were considered for:
6 dwellings in Street / 4 dwellings in West Pennard / Floodlights for Millfield School in Glastonbury / Construction of driveway and change of use of land to garden in Street
- Cllr Adam Boyden and I met with the Bluebell Low Carbon who are putting in an application for a solar farm in the Rode parish.
- I met with the Frome planning officer, Jane Llewellyn, and the chair of the Frome Planning committee, Cllr Steve Tanner, to get the details of the issues around land at Edmund Park in relation to the Berkley First School
- I attended (Virtually) the Communities Scrutiny meeting where we delved into Housing and Homelessness and the council’s customer service systems.

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- I met with Cllr Tessa Munt (Lead Member for Children, Families and Education) to go over my report about the issues with the location of Berkley School and the land designated to a First School at Edmund Park.
- I met with Royal British Legion Frome branch to discuss Remembrance Day and other community events and funding for local area football development.
- The end of the month will include a meeting with Frome Cllr Fiona Burrows about Green projects in Frome and a members' meeting about Packsaddle.

My inbox is currently filled with: Press releases from the council (which can be accessed: somersexnewsroom.com/category/press-releases/) / Speed cameras, Speedwatch and road safety enhancements around Frome (including pedestrian crossings) / Plastic recycling / Neighbourhood plans (Beckington and Norton St Philip) / Planning applications, objections, legal disputes, enforcement, and support / Licencing issues, support, and objections / Council members training (I am on the committee) / Road closures / Transfer of assets from Somerset Council / Climate newsletters / Minutes and agendas / Heritage buildings falling into disrepair / Elderly care / River protection / Packsaddle issues / Solar farm application / Traffic management on the border with Wiltshire/

In September, amongst other things, some local issues I'll be working on: More work on report on Citizen's Advice access across the county / Village's defibrillator training / Actioning all the monthly meetings and casework in my inbox / The slip road coming out of Rode onto the A36 / The Church Farm access onto the A361 / The overgrowth on Church Lane in Rode.

I believe it will be less wet over the next couple of weeks, so I hope you get to enjoy at least some of the summer weather we had hoped for.

Cllr Dawn Denton
Frome North Division



CLASSIC CARS & BIKES

The Classic Cars & Bikes event at the Mill on the first Wednesday of August was held on one of the wettest days. However, around 5 pm, the sun appeared, drivers and their "Pride and Joys" ventured to the Mill.

We had about 20 cars in total. A beer and a natter with likeminded people, what better way to spend a few hours. My thanks to all that supported this event, hopefully next year will have better weather.

David Walsh

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TEAM RODE PANTO PRESENT... “OUT OF THE BLUE!”

“Out of the Blue” has a plot and structure that sits comfortably in the classical Pantomime canon, but it's a completely new story.

The magical tale is woven around and through our village history and traditions but features all the elements of a traditional family panto. There is a fairy, a Dame, clowns and sidekicks, comedy, innocent innuendo, animals, (in various guises), goodies, baddies, amazing kids, slapstick, bad jokes, stunning scenery, singing, cross dressing, audience participation, and no doubt some surprises along the way.

During August the team were on holiday ...and hopefully learning their lines, but a couple of the stars of the show have been getting around the village as you can see from the pictures... .



By the time you read this, tickets for the show - on Thursday 19th October, Friday October 20th and Saturday 21st October - should be available from the Post Office and online at ticketebo (just search for Rode Panto).

You can also like and follow us on the Rode Panto Facebook page where posts will keep you up to date with news direct from rehearsals and the dark quiet rooms where the Director will be sheltering as showtime gets ever nearer.

This show promises to be an amazing event and everyone involved has put in an incredible amount of effort to make it happen, so please come and cheer us on. All the money we raise will be donated to village organisations, Dorothy House and Guide Dogs For the Blind.

That's it for now Rodents... see you at curtain up.

Gary Holloway

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

Playing Field Lottery winners in July 2023, drawn by staff and customers in The Cross Keys.



1st - £50.00 ... Mr. G. Robinson, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... Kevin Southam, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Nigel Hellier, Rode.

Sunday Roast for two at The Cross Keys, courtesy of Mark and Hannah - Mr. J. Osborne, Rode.

If you would like a chance to get a slice of this action, remember only 200 tickets available and a share of £100 and two Sunday roasts, possible all for £1.00 per ticket! And remember you are supporting the Playing Field (which needs all the help it can get right now!) when you buy your ticket.

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

Next draw Saturday 30th September.

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

200 CLUB

The 200 club results for July are:

1st prize £50 - Wendy Gould

2nd prize £25 - Jean Hornsey

Drawn by Kiera Burgess at the Cross Keys

Jan Jupp



Parish News

BAND IN A BARN

First - apologies that we did not promote the 2023 event in The Link as we usually do – promise to do so in 2024. Next year's Band in a Barn event will take place on Saturday 22nd June 2024.

The Band in a Barn annual live music event held for just one evening every summer on a working farm in Norton St Philip is organised entirely by a small team of volunteers and has now raised over £100,000 for charities and good causes, including £23,400 at this year's event which took place on 8th July 2023.

The three main beneficiaries for BIAB 2023 are:

Move the Mind Foundation CIO www.movethemind.net Move the Mind CIO supports children and young people with autism, ADHD, anxiety and other neuro-cognitive conditions and complex medical needs through animal and equine therapy as well as specialist sensory work with horses.

Ben Saunders Foundation www.bensaundersfoundation.org Founded by 19 year old Ben Saunders during his own battle with cancer, the Ben Saunders Foundation raises money to support children and young adults with cancer in the UK aiming to relieve suffering and give some happiness through short break holidays at their three holiday homes in the Cotswolds.

Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony www.willberrywonderpony.org Promising and determined young rider, Hannah Frances established Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony following her devastating diagnosis of osteosarcoma at the age of just 17. Hannah wanted to raise funds for research into bone cancer and to provide equine related Willberry's Wishes to seriously ill people of all ages or an immediate family member of someone suffering from a terminal condition. Since Hannah's death a small team of volunteers have carried on her work.



The Band in a Barn volunteer organising committee presented a donation of £5,000 to each of our main beneficiaries for 2023 during a lovely evening reception at The Forester's Arms, Beckington on Friday 28th July 2023.

As well as supporting these three fantastic charities, The Band in a Barn team are delighted to have raised sufficient funds this year to give £3,000 to our Small Grants Scheme.

This funding stream considers applications for unrestricted grants of up to £500 for a wide variety of charitable and other, often local, good causes. Applications to the Small Grants Scheme are invited periodically and considered on a first come first served basis.

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An additional donation of £1,000 from the 2023 event, which raised over £23,400 in total, has been made to Dorothy House Hospice in recognition of the outstandingly compassionate care given to a close friend of the BIAB team, Becky McPherson, who sadly died in April having given everything she had to survive Stage 4 Bowel Cancer.

Finally, having smashed our fundraising target for 2023, the Band in a Barn team are proud to announce that we have been able to establish the Becky McPherson Memorial Fund. The concept for this special fund is to offer support to Becky's young children as well as to other families affected similarly by bereavement, to ensure they can still find enjoyment and adventure in their lives. Further details about the Becky McPherson Memorial Fund will be shared in due course.

Stephanie Mitchell

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www.facebook.com/bandinabarnnsp

LAVERTON NEWS

Hurrah! Huge excitement in the village as we celebrate the arrival of not one but TWO gorgeous baby girls, both born (amazingly) on the same day.

Henceforth 19 July will be a day of double-birthday celebrations with Maisie Hendy and Indigo Bater the little stars - not forgetting our other 19 July star, Daisy Dugmore.

Many, many congratulations to Emma, Roger, Sam and little Maisie, and to Roxy and Lee and their little (not so little??) Indigo Rose. We couldn't resist including the photos of both baby girls - the first of many annual pairings maybe? They'll love this - until they're about 13 years old!



Indigo Rose to the left, Maisie to the right. Sleep patterns not yet confirmed but they look so adorable, surely the odd broken night is allowed?

Virginia Garaux

Parish Youth News & Events

SOUTH KOREA WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2023

We set off on 27th July - 27 Scouts and Explorers from Somerset to go on an adventure of a lifetime to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. The intention was to spend 4 nights in Seoul, 10 nights at the Jamboree site (which is a 4 hour drive from Seoul) and then go back to Seoul for the last 4 nights.



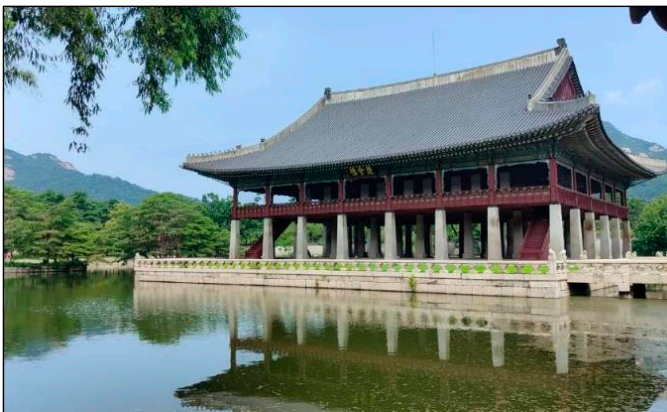
It all started off well as we met up at Heathrow with our fellow Scouts from Bermuda who had joined with us to form our group: Someruda. We flew to Seoul and checked in to our hotel. Those first few days allowed time for adjustment to the heat, humidity, jet lag and being together as a group. When we headed to the Jamboree site four days later there was a feeling of excitement and anticipation. What happened next has been widely reported on the TV and in newspapers.

After just 2 days the UK contingent decided that the site wasn't suitable for the 4500 British Scouts (of the 43,000 who were there), due to problems of sanitation, lack of shade (in the 40 degree heat), dietary requirements not being met and that due to flooding before the arrival of the Scouts the site wasn't completely ready. It was hoped that by removing the British Scouts, this would relieve pressure on the organisers to accommodate the remaining Scouts.

We were gradually bussed back to Seoul over the next 48 hours and we were really lucky to get put up in a 5 star hotel, with air conditioning! This was particularly welcome after the heat of the tents on the Jamboree Site.

Despite only being at the Jamboree for four nights, we did have a chance to take part in some of the activities available. There was a large variety in the on-site activities, ranging from huge inflatable slides and water fights to more peaceful puzzle based games. As well as that, our unit was taken to an off-site activity area, where we were taught more about Korean culture. There were activities on Korean carpentry, making prints depicting parts of Buddha's history and a session about drinking tea and meditation.

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Although our Jamboree experience was not as expected, we did lots of excursions and activities in Seoul including a theme park, museums, temples, a visit to the Demilitarized Zone and lots of shopping!

We also had a fabulous closing ceremony at the World Cup Stadium where all the other Scouts from around the world were now also gathered. The theme of the closing ceremony was K-Pop (Korean pop music), which was a lot of fun.



It was an experience we'll never forget!

Thank you to everyone who helped support us in our fundraising over the last two years.



Juliet, Sam, Grace, Harry and Jess.
Explorer Scouts Jamboree Attendees

1ST RODE SCOUT GROUP

The cubs are straight back in September with their weekend camp.

The Explorers are going to join Hoot, a district camp, and spending a weekend on a canal boat then skydiving.

...the fun just never stops.

Claire Le Page



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

totsandtoysnsp@gmail.com

Parish Health & Wellbeing



SEASONAL INFLUENZA CAMPAIGN 2023

September sees the start of our Flu Vaccination program. We encourage those who are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine to take up the offer (patients aged 65 and over and eligible patients at high risk, e.g., with certain long-term health conditions).

It is also available to pregnant women, carers and frontline health and social care workers or those who live with someone who is more likely to get a severe infection due to weakened immune system. Children aged 2 and 3 will be eligible for vaccination at the surgery, children in primary school will be vaccinated through the school programme. Usually children aged 2 – 17 are offered the vaccine as a nasal spray. Please visit nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/ for further information.

Special arrangements are made for patients who are housebound or in residential or nursing care.

Fromefield Surgery
30th September (**Saturday**)
14th October (**Saturday**)

Beckington Surgery
5th October (**Thursday**)

How to book your appointment

- Telephone the surgery after 2 p.m. on 01373 830316 or 01373 464731
- In person at Reception desk in Fromefield or Beckington Surgery
- Via your online Patient Access account

***Please note if you are not eligible to have a free NHS flu vaccination but would like to pay privately for one, this can be done at some pharmacies which you would need to organise yourself.**

****Further information on the Covid Vaccination program will follow shortly. The program will commence in October for those at risk.**

Contact us Online - We would also like to remind you about the changes to GP appointment booking, now accessed through our website homepage and the 'Contact us Online' option. Please visit <https://beckingtonfamilypractice.co.uk> to access this. Should you not have access to the internet or have difficulty with the new system, you can still call reception on either 01373 830316 or 01373 464731 and a member of the team will be able to fill this out on your behalf.

Thank you for your continued support with this system as we all get to grips with a new way of operating.

Please remember that if you need urgent assistance then call 999 or for non-emergency queries out of hours call 111.



Don't ignore the signs of a heart attack



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A HOLIDAY BY TRAIN

As Southern Europe is devastated by forest fires and suffers record-breaking temperatures as the planet inexorably warms, it's definitely time to think a lot more seriously about alternatives to flying (amongst many other things, of course). I'm afraid I'm no paragon of virtue here, but we've begun to do some serious long-distance rail travel (last year we went to a wedding in Catalonia by train and discovered it's relatively easily get from Barcelona to Rode in a day!)

Interestingly, recent research has shown that train travel emits THIRTEEN times less carbon than flying, and TEN times less than travelling by car. This detailed analysis (undertaken by the consultancy, Thrust Carbon) is more accurate than previous studies, and indicates that train travel is even better for the environment (compared to the car or plane) than we previously thought.



But travelling by train has always been more than just an environmental choice. It cuts out all the airport agro and makes travelling seem civilised once again - with train travel you feel like you're exploring, rather than just enduring the journey. So, earlier this year I contemplated my options for getting to Norway, where I'd booked a short kayaking and wild-camping break in the fjords.

By far the quickest and cheapest option was to fly to Oslo and take the train to Voss ("The Adventure Capital of Norway"). But this was also, clearly, the least interesting! So I opted for the train – and ferries, and a fascinating taste of seven different countries in just over a week. I should say straightaway that I'm fortunate that my work nowadays is very flexible, and I had the time to allow for the two and a half days' travel each way (in fact, ideally I would have taken longer – my journey gave just the briefest of glimpses of some wonderful places). And, although train travel by and large is cheaper in continental Europe (compared to the UK), after factoring in overnight accommodation, the total cost was significantly more than if I'd flown.

All rail travel to Europe has to start with Eurostar at St Pancras, so it was there that I began my journey with the evening service to Amsterdam. The direct train

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delivers you to the centre of the Dutch capital in around 4 hours - in time for a beer before bedding down at Pension Homeland (which I can thoroughly recommend – for location, cleanliness, and the general laid-back vibe!). The next day I made my way to the northern German port of Emden and boarded the ferry to Kristiansand. It's an 18 hour overnight crossing – but forget any reference-points you may have to cross-channel ferries. This is more like a cruise! The ship is huge, with several very decent restaurants and a great theatre (where I watched a multi-lingual bingo/cabaret show – all announcements in German, Dutch, Norwegian and English!).

Helpfully, the ferry terminal at Kristiansand is in the centre of the town (and conveniently just a few hundred metres from the railway station). But Kristiansand itself is well worth a stay – there's a lively street market (plenty of fish!), pleasant “old town”, a cathedral, port, gardens and a spectacular arts centre. In the afternoon I took the train to Stavanger – and discovered another Norwegian gem. Again, the railway station is very central...a ten minute stroll takes you to the harbour front, with myriad vibrant cafés and bars on the quaysides. Ideally I would have had several days to enjoy the town, with its cobbled streets, white clapper-board houses, and fascinating maritime history.

However, next morning I needed to catch the early ferry to Bergen...and an opportunity for a leisurely 5 hour cruise up the Norwegian coast. By booking early, I got my ferry ticket for €44...and again, it's more like a mini-cruise than a ferry journey. The sea was like a mill-pond, but I imagine even in high winds it would be reasonably calm, as most of the route weaves in and out of islands, hugging the coast.

After a brief walk around Bergen (a slight disappointment, after Kristiansand and Stavanger) I hopped on the train to Voss – ready for my long weekend kayaking [I won't go into detail here, suffice to say the scenery was extraordinary – and the whole experience very memorable. I booked through Much Better Adventures (<https://www.muchbetteradventures.com/>) – check them out – they provide adventure-based holidays all over the world in conjunction with small companies, helping to sustain local communities).



I opted for a different route back, taking the train from Voss to Oslo (which, incidentally, is a memorable journey on its own), and the next day travelled to Hamburg via Copenhagen. I'd visited both the latter cities several times and can

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thoroughly recommend them for either a long weekend or a lengthier break – both have substantial cultural offers, with plenty to explore in the surrounding regions.

The final leg of my journey took me from Hamburg to Brussels (via the splendid city of Aachen), and then to London on the afternoon Eurostar. Amazingly, every train and ferry was pretty much on time (a couple actually early), and there were precisely zero travel glitches – at least until I reached Chippenham! Fortunately the delay here was only around 30 minutes – a tree had come down near Westbury, and traffic on that line had been diverted, causing congestion between Chippenham and Bath.

My top tips for train travel are:

1. Book early! Fares can be incredibly cheap if you book 3/4 months ahead (most rail companies don't allow booking much earlier – so start searching as soon as seats go on sale). As an example, my advance purchase ticket from Hamburg to Brussels was €29...compared to the price on the day of €136.
2. Use the relevant national carriers' apps. These will provide the most up-to-date journey info, and also store your ticket electronically. The Norwegian Rail app (vy) is particularly good. And Deutsche Bahn is not only great for Germany but is excellent for booking tickets right across Europe.
3. Use the buffet cars. In almost every case these are far superior to anything we have in the UK (indeed, GWR seem to have got rid of them entirely). And they're generally quite reasonable...sitting at a table with a sandwich and a beer, watching the world go by is one of life's simple pleasures!
4. If, like me, you're going to be spending a decent amount of time on the train, take a few books – ideally with some relevance to the countries you're visiting. I had a few physical books, plus several lined up on the Audible app. I also downloaded a bunch of podcasts and YouTube videos, which helped with some of the less interesting parts of the trip.

Useful resources:

The Man in Seat 61 website: an absolute treasure-trove of info/inspiration for world-wide rail travel...but especially good for travel in Europe www.seat61.com
Europe by Rail – The Definitive Guide. This book showcases 50 classic routes across Europe, and provides practical information on the best ways to book, where to stay, etc, etc. Check it out at www.europebyrail.eu – the website also contains updates and more information to help inspire you to travel by train.
Alistair Sawday's travel website also contains plenty to inspire. For example, check out this link: www.sawdays.co.uk/detour/journeys/europes-most-spectacular-train-journeys/

Jim McAuliffe

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REDUCE AND REUSE FOR TEXTILES

It's been widely reported that the fashion industry is a large contributor to climate change. Consumers are often targeted to regularly refresh their wardrobes and buy new – rather than re-wear.



Did you know, by extending the wear of an outfit for as little as nine months it can reduce its environmental impact by up to 30%? To help make it easier for you to love your things for longer or give them a second life, we've updated our web pages with guidance on textiles and fashion.

We can all take steps to help achieve a circular economy where products are used again and again. Why not try:

- **Reduce** – buy only what you need.
- **Sell it** – reselling a cotton T-shirt (second-hand) – versus throwing it away, reduces its carbon impact by 14%.
- **Pass it on** – donate to charity shops, helping a good cause while giving clothes a second life.
- **Recycle** - if you can't reuse your old clothing, then clothing and shoes of good enough quality to be worn again can be placed by the kerbside for recycling or taken to a recycling site.

Even though 95% of discarded clothing can be reused or recycled, nearly 73% of it ends up being burnt or in landfill.

Heading to a party or wedding? Could you help buck the 'buy new' trend and re-wear an outfit, or perhaps rent or borrow instead? You could save yourself pounds as well as help to protect the environment.

Find out more by visiting our webpage somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/textiles-and-fashion.

Somerset recycling week, coming soon - In September we'll be publishing our latest recycling tracker. It's important that you know where your recycling goes, so we monitor what happens to every tonne of Somerset's household waste. As well as sharing the latest info on where your recycling goes, we'll bring you a week of updates all focussed on the topic of recycling – what can you do to recycle even more? Our homes are full of hidden recyclables and we want to encourage everyone to take up the challenge to reduce, reuse and recycle items you may have previously thrown out. Keep an eye on our Somerset Waste Facebook and Twitter pages during September!

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RODE WALKING GROUP - 2ND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH

We had a very pleasant walk in August when the weather behaved for the day. Leaving Lullington we followed rather overgrown and little used paths, climbing many stiles, to reach Laverton. From here we made our way back to Lullington using public footpaths and lanes.



Our next walk will be on Thursday 14 September when we will be walking around Bratton Down and Bratton Camp Fort. Meeting at the White Horse car park on Westbury Hill at 10 am we will follow a circular walk of approximately 3 miles, mainly using public bridleways.

After appreciating the views from the White Horse viewpoint there will be an opportunity to drive to Pickleberry Cafe in Bratton for coffee.

We share lifts and new walkers to our group are always welcomed. Please contact me with any queries.

Liz Dinnis

T: 07788656337 or E: elizabethdinnis49@gmail.com

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB 🍷

A reminder for everyone that Lunch Club is on its summer holidays so next one will be 2nd October, see you next month.

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

RODE CRAFT CLUB

We each bring long whatever we are working on, share ideas and skills and enjoy each other's company over a cuppa and biscuits. 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! We have all abilities too, from 'new to' crafters to the experienced. We all help each other.

Val Parker

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RODE OVER 60'S ANNUAL CREAM TEA

Around 30 members came to this much loved get together on Friday 11th August at Rode Memorial Hall. No speakers, demonstrations etc, just a chance to get together with friends old and new to discuss anything and everything! Fuelled by consuming freshly made scones jam and cream washed down with endless cups of tea!

We were very pleased to welcome back Rita Sanderson who lived in Rode until recently, and now lives in a care home. She was delighted to see so many friends she knew.

Members were informed we would in future have our coach trips on a Wednesday to enable more members to join us. A raffle completed a very happy afternoon.

Our next meeting will be a Quiz afternoon on Friday 8th September 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

If anyone would like more information on joining our club ring Pat Smith on 830559.

September birthdays:

Mr. T. Bryant 13th, Mrs. M. Dickenson 14th, Mrs. J. Jones 18th.

We wish them all "Many Happy Returns".

Gail Stinton

OTHER CLUBS/GROUPS

News and information about other clubs and groups in the parish is always welcome for our readers.

If you're thinking of starting a new group we'd love to help in promoting it.



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

Gill Leonard

Editor

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RODE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB VISITS

We were fortunate that the weather was kind to us on Monday 14th August, when we visited Gasper Cottage near Stourton in lovely evening sunshine to discover a beautiful garden.

As we followed the waymarked path, up the hillside to the house an impressive pond and a large sculpture whetted our appetites.



We were met on the patio by the owners, Bella Hoare and Jonnie Gallop.

Bella explained the cottage had been altered over the years to meet the needs of the occupiers and a photo board showing the house in different periods and the most recent adaptations was there. The back rooms where we were stood were constructed in the Georgian period when the cottage was the Stourhead land manager's home.

In 2008 when they acquired the house it needed complete renovation, with rewiring and new plumbing essential, and they chose to move the driveway and add a new kitchen area, increasing the size of the house at that time.

Once the house was ready to move into, they were ready to tackle the garden, which was very plain. Looking across the areas we could see there had been a complete transformation here too. This has been an ongoing venture as new areas are developed. Mrs Hoare took us around the garden identifying plants and talking about her planting choices.

The planting was beautifully co-ordinated, so colours blended and contrasted delightfully. Most areas had a profusion of flowering plants: some lusciously planted with large leaved plants and hot colours, others in cooler pastel shades, creating a calm restful mood.

Mrs Hoare although a banker by profession is also a talented artist as was obvious by the way plants were chosen and grouped together. We also went through her gallery studio and saw her recent skilled paintings.

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She works and so to achieve her garden plans she employs a gardener four days a week. Together they raise over 1500 plants from seed every year to fill the beds.

There was surprise at the bottom of the garden as a model train track loops through the shrubs and plants. This is Mr Hoare's passion and on NGS open days visitors can see the trains running.



In the field between the house garden area and the field for parking is the large pond with seating area to enjoy the sun and views towards Stourhead.

Above, the hillside has been planted with forest and fruit trees. These trees are young and are just starting to provide fruit and nuts for people and animals.

The space between has paths looping through wildflower meadows. We all agreed this had been a great place to visit.

This month will be our final garden visit this year.

On Monday 11th September at 2.30pm members and guests are invited to West Lavington Manor, about 35 minutes from Rode.

This 15th century manor house with a five-acre walled garden, herbaceous border, Japanese garden, orchard with 25 varieties of apples and pears, lake with duck house plus outstanding specimen trees should have something to attract most garden lovers. There are no refreshments, but we have been invited to bring a picnic to eat in the garden if we wish.

Visits are free for members and £5 for guests.

Please email rodeanddistrictgardeningclub@outlook.com (the club message board) or phone Averil 830686 or Helen 831228 if you intend to come.

Sharman Flindall

Parish Gardening

At moments of extreme weakness I sign up for those emails and newsletters from garden kit and plant nurseries that are eager to capture and mine my (frankly rather limited) purchasing power. Sometimes I just get bored of trying to work out whether I'm supposed to tick the box to subscribe or tick the box to unsubscribe.

Anyway, the result is that I do sometime receive quite interesting emails from the plant nurseries. At least they're generous with their guidance and advice, even if they still push the handy link to the online shopping basket.

I received a welcome email today from David Austin Roses - such a familiar name and much loved for its amazing rose collections. Their website is full of advice and inspiration, and they'll also send out a print catalogue if you ask for one. But I was really taken with today's email which set out details of Bloom - what they describe as their socially responsible plan for the future.

I leave you to find and read the Bloom Plan for yourselves if you're interested. I hope you are. I'm particularly pleased that Bloom includes funding support for the Young People in Horticulture Association (YPHA).

So often there's a focus on funding capital projects: the physical stuff, which is easy to see, measure, photograph - then the money moves on to the next project.

The greater share of investment should really lie with people who take care of our gardens and landscapes and supporting their training and development, building their skills for the future.

So, good for David Austin Roses, and I'm going to start building my own list of nurseries and suppliers who are taking action for the future so that I can do my best to stick with them when the online shopping basket beckons.

And in other news:

The sweet peas are still abundant.

The dahlias have finally got going.

The long grass is ridiculously long after all the rain.

The lawn mower has died.

Courgettes are outrunning my appetite for eating courgettes.

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I'm still waiting for the second flush of roses.

Happy gardening folks!

Muddy Fingernails



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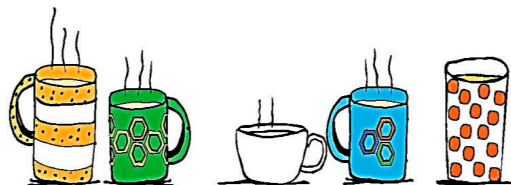
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Forthcoming Parish Events

NORTON ST PHILIP CONCERT SERIES

We have a fascinating and varied programme of concerts that have been scheduled for this Autumn on Thursday lunchtimes, Saturday afternoons and evenings. Below is the September line-up...

Charles Wiffen

Thursday 7 September

12.30 for 1pm

Tickets £5

The lunchtime concert series commences with a classical piano recital by Charles Wiffen. Charles has performed extensively both internationally and throughout the UK and his programme will include works by Schumann, Chopin, Nodana-Breen and Debussy.

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SEPTEMBER
CONCERTS
DETAILS



Forthcoming Parish Events

Sunday 10th Sept

10.30am

St Philip and St James church
Norton St Philip
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with the Rt Revd Michael Beasley
Bishop of Bath and Wells
presiding and speaking

All very welcome –
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Refreshments after the Service



St Lawrence - Rode

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 17th September 10.30am

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It's a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, and keep up to date with what's happening.

Everyone's welcome (including dogs), with the money we collect going towards the upkeep of the church.

Dates for your diary are 16 September, 14 October and 18 November.

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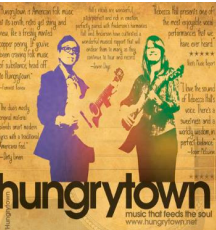
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Noticeboard

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Saturday 7th October 2023

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FREE CALL BLOCKING UNITS

PCC Mark Shelford has welcomed a national rollout of free call blocking units to help protect people falling victims to phone scams.



Led by the National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team and in partnership with trueCall Secure+, the aim of the rollout is to prevent the public, especially vulnerable individuals, from receiving phone calls from fraudsters who are looking to obtain personal or financial information.

A call blocker is a unit that filters out unwanted scams and nuisance phone calls from a landline phone (the unit does not work with mobile phones). In previous call block projects run by the NTS Scams Team, the units have blocked 91% of scam and nuisance calls. The unit plugs into an existing landline phone and phone line and can work alongside broadband and lifeline pendant devices that are already installed.

Those interested can find out more about call blocking units and how they work here: www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk and you can check your eligibility for a free call blocker by completing the questionnaire on the website.

PCC Mark Shelford said: “It’s great to see that NTS Scams Team have received funding to rollout call blockers, a key tool to help prevent people from falling victim to scammers and rogue traders.”

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

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

ON MONDAY 7th AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Hugh Williams – Clerk, Cllr Dawn Denton (County Councillor) and 1 parishioner.

1. Parishioners Participation: It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there was danger the village speed watch group could fold as it was now down to 5 volunteers and the leader of the group was standing down at the end of the year. The meeting agreed that it would help in recruiting new members to this important group; and agreed to fund a door drop leaflet asking for volunteers. In connection to this a question was raised over the new automatic SIDs. In response it was reported that Gloucester police had completed its trial and Somerset and Avon were assessing the results and it was possible that the Police could take this on and fund it, therefore the PC was waiting for a decision before purchasing any automatic SIDs.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr A Pickett and Cllr A Boyden (County Councillor)

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July were approved. An agreed amendment to the Parishioners section was agreed (see under minute 6i below) and this would be published in The Link as well.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. County Councillor's Report: Cllr Dawn Denton reported that she had obtained a contact at National Highways regarding the slip road onto the A36; however, with holidays she had not yet been able to progress. The recent concerns raised by a resident at Church Farm regarding the access and exit from the site onto the A361 had been forwarded to Somerset, who had already agreed to improve the speed signage. It was agreed to ask Somerset if it could count the traffic on the A361, and whether HGVs could be separately counted as it was felt these had increased considerably.

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6. Actions from previous meeting:

i. The Mill: A correction to the July minutes regarding the new license application was noted. The application to change the license had included the fact that they were applying to have the whole of the outdoor area, including the 'island' and car park, licensed; which would allow The Mill to have an unlimited number of outdoor events. This was because the limit of ten outdoor events proposed in the license variation request specifically excluded events within the licensed area. A hearing date for the license application had been set for 6th September and details of this would be circulated to all who had sent comments on the license application. There was some concern expressed that this was beyond the 20 working days limit and had probably been extended to give Butcombe time to defend the application. It was reported that Environmental Protection and the Police had submitted objections along with the Parish Council and a number of residents.

ii. Hoedown: Limited work had been done on the July Hoedown due to the rain. A further Hoedown was planned for 20th August (avoiding the Bank Holiday weekend). Work had started on repainting the phone box and the purchase of paint brushes was approved.

iii. Defibrillator: The Clerk reported that the new defibrillator had been installed and was now working. A new team of checkers had been set up to ensure it remained in working order.

It was agreed that an awareness training event should be carried out in the village either run by Frome Hospital or Community Heartbeat Trust and the Clerk agreed to progress this. The PC agreed to fund it.

It was also agreed that the PC would fund the formation of a VETS (Voluntary Emergency Telephone System) in the village following the awareness training. This system would form a group of people who could be alerted to take the defibrillator to a patient when needed.

iv. Path from Barrow Farm to allotments: Matthew Lucas had suddenly left the village and therefore the PC did not have anyone to continue keeping these paths clear. It was reported that the local footpath officers were keeping the paths clear, however, it was agreed that these paths required considerable work to keep fully open and that the PC should find someone to do this work.

v. Church Lane and Clay Lane: The footpath on Church Lane was very overgrown as was Clay Lane and although Somerset carried out an annual cut of Church Lane it was agreed the land owners should be approached to carry out a cut to keep these open. The narrowness of the Church Lane footpath was discussed as the undergrowth had encroached considerably over the years and Cllr Denton agreed to approach Somerset to see if anything could be done.

vi. Dog bin near Playing Field: The location suggested by the Playing Field Committee was considered unacceptable as it was next to the entrance of the path to the children's play area and under a no dog sign. A new location would

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be requested. (Clerk's Note: a new location on new post on the right by the entrance to the car park has been proposed.)

7. Climate Change Group: It was reported that there were now 85 subscribers to the Climate Change email group. JM reported that the key issue identified was to try and ensure Rode had some off-street electric car charging points; although no suitable location had been found. Other parish councils were still to be approached to see if they would help fund the cost of the Big Green Week.

8. Highways:

i. 20mph speed limit and village gates: The Chair had spoken to Sara Davis (Somerset Highways) regarding the implementation of the 20mph limit within the village. He said that agreement had been reached to extend this to the far side of Crooked Lane. The current delay was regarding the village gates as Autograph Homes had said they were not going to fund these. The Parish Council agreed the TRO to implement the 20mph limit in the village should go ahead and that the village gate situation be resolved at a later date. The PC would review the gates agreed and consider the cost implications that might fall to the PC to proceed.

ii. Bradford Road/Rode Hill crossroads: A delay on installing the vehicle activated signs was due to equipment needing repair, this should be completed by 11th August and work restart after then.

iii. Street Lights: The Clerk reported that Cllr Boyden had, following discussions with Somerset, confirmed that on a street, lights had to be either all on or all off. The Clerk was waiting to hear from Somerset regarding revised street light lists he had sent in.

9. Planning:

i) New applications:

2023/1379/TCA: To pollard hornbeam to 10 feet – 33 High Street. No objections

2023/1403/TCA: To reduce gingko by 2-3m – Paviours Well Cottage, High Street. No objections

ii. Somerset decisions:

2023/1015/HSE: Erection of single store rear extension – 1 Fairfield. Approved

iii. Other:

- i.** The Planning Inspectorate had rejected the application to build four dwellings at the rear of The Bell. There was continued concern over the state of The Bell which appeared to be left to fall into disrepair. Questions were raised whether Somerset had any powers to ensure this listed building did not deteriorate further.

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- ii. The unauthorised development of the building in the grounds of The Coach House on Rode Hill was raised as no retrospective planning application had been submitted. Cllr Denton agreed to contact Enforcement at Somerset. (Clerk's Note: Somerset have sent a breach of Planning Letter to the owners)

10. Buses: A new timetable for the bus services should come out in September. PT reported that possibly a few D2 services could be reallocated to the D2X which do not come through Rode. Somerset are expected to continue to fund the evening D2 services.

11. Website: JM reported he had been uploading a large amount of the history of Rode material from the current site to the new site as well as amending photos etc. A link had been circulated to all members of the PC and he requested feedback. He had also approached most of the local groups (all had shown interest) for them to populate areas on the new website. It was possible the website could go live in September. The meeting thanked him for his work on the website.

12. Solar Farm: The application had still to be submitted. The triangular field on the Braford Road had been taken off the application but another field added on the far side of the A361. A Teams meeting was planned for 17th August for an update for the PC.

13. Financial matters:

Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Matthew Lucas (grass cutting)	£24.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£990.00
Clerk Salary	£241.85
HMRC PAYE	£60.40
J Bowler (paint brushes)	£44.55

14. Date of next meeting:

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

Monday 11th September at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

Date

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Website: rodevillage.com/parish-council

...and finally

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Did you recognise the view in last month's photograph? It was the graveyard beside Christchurch in Langham Place.



Sudoku

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

Last month's Sudoku

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

POEM OF THE MONTH

The summer days are fading, as they must
 From endless hours to short and fleeting light
 The bird's once bright, immortal tune, now cries
 A melancholy aura to the dusk
 The children fiercely climb, and dream, and race
 Before their wild and unchained days depart
 And yet beneath the zeal lies a half heart
 For there isn't time, there's only enough space
 The sun seems low, a hazy orange sphere
 Now reminiscing sweetly of the days
 When endlessly before you summer lay
 And as in the deep, crimson dusk you stir
 Your soul joins with the birds in wistful brood
 Crying for lost summer days, for childhood.
Shannon Georgia Schaubroeck, "The End of Summer"



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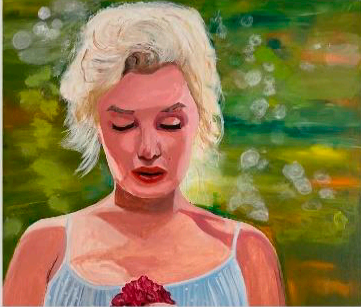
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DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Sun 3 Sept	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast	A & S Filkins C Walker/S Kivett J Robinson/M Harrison
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion	
	11.00 am	Laverton , Holy Communion	
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Meeting Place	
Mon 4 Sept	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tue 5 Sept	9.45 am	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion	
	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wed 6 Sept	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thu 7 Sept	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sun 10 Sept	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , United Holy Communion with the Bishop of Bath & Wells	Rt Revd Michael Beasley
Mon 11 Sept	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tue 12 Sept	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wed 13 Sept	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thu 14 Sept	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sun 17 Sept	9.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship	C Walker C Walker R & F Stewart
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Harvest Holy Communion with choir	
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Informal Worship	
	11.00 am	Laverton , Matins	S Kivett
	11.00 am	Buckland Dinham , Holy Communion	
Mon 18 Sept	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tue 19 Sept	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wed 20 Sept	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thu 21 Sept	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sat 23 Sept	3.00 pm	Hemington , Harvest Festival with choir	C Walker
Sun 24 Sept HARVEST	9.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion	C Walker M Harrison C Walker
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Informal Worship	
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Holy Communion with choir	
	11.00 am	Laverton , Matins	
	6.00 pm	Buckland Dinham , Harvest Supper	
Mon 25 Sept	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tue 26 Sept	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wed 27 Sept	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thu 28 Sept	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sat 30 Sept	7.00 pm	Rode St Lawrence , Harvest Supper	

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

03.09.23 Mrs Gwynneth Phillips

10.09.23 Rev Andrew Prout (Our New Minister) – Service includes Holy Communion

17.09.23 Mr Eric Small

23.09.23 Rev Andrew Prout – Harvest Service

SEPTEMBER 2023 DIARY	
Fri 1 Sep	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
Sat 2 Sep	2pm Jumble Sale see page 8 for details
Mon 4 Sep	NB No Monday Lunch Club see page xx for details
Tue 5 Sep	10.30am-12.30pm Rode Talking Café see pages 9 & 37 for details
Thu 7 Sep	12.30 for 1pm NSP Lunchtime Concert see pages 9 & 38 for details
Fri 8 Sep	2.30pm Rode Over 60s see page 29 for details
Sat 9 Sep	7 for 7.30pm NSP Evening Concert see pages 9 & 38 for details
Sun 10 Sep	10.30am Bishop of Bath & Wells NSP Church see page 6 for details
Mon 11 Sep	2.30pm Rode & District Gardening Club (guests welcome) see page 31 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page 48 for details
Thu 14 Sep	10am Rode Walking Group see page 28 for details
Sun 17 Sep	10.30am Harvest Festival Service see page 6 for details
Mon 18 Sep	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 40 for details
Tue 19 Sep	10.30am-12.30pm Rode Talking Café see pages 9 & 37 for details
Fri 22 Sep	COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER LINK
Sat 23 Sep	3 for 3.30pm NSP Matinee Concert see pages 9 & 38 for details
Sun 24 Sep	3-4.30pm Home Hosted Afternoon Tea see page 11 for details
Fri 29 Sep	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode International Supper Club FRANS Fundraiser see page 40 for details
Sat 30 Sep	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 15 for details
YEAR PLANNER	
Mon 2 Oct	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 28 for details
Thu 5 Oct	12.30 for 1pm NSP Church Lunchtime Concert see page 40 for details
Sat 7 Oct	7 for .30pm NSP Church Evening Concert see pages 40 for details
Thu 19 Oct to Sat 21 Oct	6.45 for 7.30pm Rode Pantomime "Out Of The Blue" see pages 14 & 41 for details
Fri 3 Nov	Rode Roxy Return –see page 11 for further details TBC
Mon 25 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Christmas Day
Tue 26 Dec	BANK HOLIDAY - Boxing Day
Mon 1 Jan	BANK HOLIDAY – New Years Day

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