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Farleigh Hungerford, part of Hardington Vale



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Church Reflection, News & Events

REFLECTION

“*We can’t afford to not believe there is hope*””. These were the words of a representative of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in an interview following the appalling events in the Middle East, which are dominating the news at the time of writing. However, he was clearly finding it very difficult to maintain that belief. How *can* we work for peace and reconciliation in our world when attitudes appear to be so fixed? In a season of Remembrance, it is, perhaps, especially discouraging to feel that little changes in our troubled world. The same can unfortunately be true closer to home, in our communities and even in our families.

Last year some of us in the Parish took part in the Difference Course, which has been developed to help everyone explore and develop approaches to reconciliation in society. In this course we learned about three essential habits:

- Be curious: this is about “listening to others’ stories and seeing the world through their eyes”. The reluctance to listen to opinions and outlooks which differ from our own can be so strong – it takes a deliberate decision to stop, suspend our arguments and see and hear the other.
- Be present: this is about “sticking around and learning to encounter others with authenticity”, being honest about our differences but committed to developing relationships across divides.
- Reimagine: this is about “finding hope and opportunity in the places where we long to see change”. Are we prepared to look for those openings for positive change, however small, which may lead to healing?

We heard case studies of people in current conflicts, including Israel and Palestine, who, against the odds, were putting these habits into practice. We also looked at examples from the life of Jesus; one that stood out for me was when he encountered a Samaritan woman who was an outcast in her own community (St John chapter 4). In one conversation Jesus flew in the face of religious, racial and misogynistic prejudices, including her own, and in so doing introduced her to the worship of God and initiated the transformation of a community.

Charles Péguy was a French poet in the days before the First World War, when storm clouds were gathering. He wrote that Faith, Hope and Love are “*three sisters, two adults and a little girl. They go down the street holding hands, Faith and Love on each side and Hope in the middle. Everyone, seeing them, thinks that it is the two adults that drag the little one between them. They are wrong! It is she who pulls everything along, because if hope fails, everything stops.*”

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In these challenging times, let's allow hope to flourish in our hearts and across our communities. As St Paul put it in the letter to the Romans:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And if anyone is interested in participating in the Difference Course, do get in touch!

Fergus Stewart

Reader

ALL SAINTS DAY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TELLISFORD

Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 6pm

All Saints' Day is on Wednesday 1st November, and on that day at 6pm there will be a Service at All Saints' Church, Tellisford. This Service will combine our village church's patronal festival of All Saints with celebrating All Souls Day, which in the church calendar is on the following day.

With poems, readings and hymns, we welcome everyone celebrating this village church and anyone wanting to remember those dear to them who have passed on, wherever and whenever that happened. During the Service there will be an opportunity to hear the names of the dear departed, and to light candles honouring their memory. If you would like someone's name read out, please let me or Revd Caroline Walker know.

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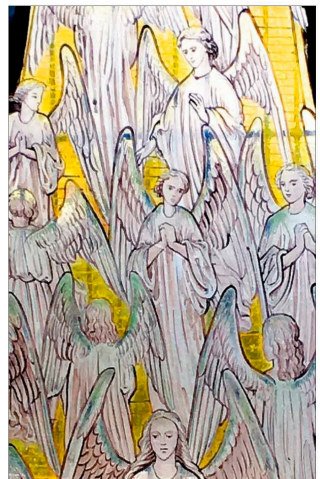
"Saints are those who by their life and work make it clear and plain that God lives."

Nathan Soderblom

"Dust we may be, but we are dust that dreams of glory, dust that is touched by the spirit and shot through with hope. We have bodies that will die, but we are not simply bodies; we are embodied spirits, created by God for eternal life."

To Trust and to Love by Michael Mayne

Detail from the Andrews window in Tellisford Church



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NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE

The church was decorated so beautifully for Harvest Festival and it was a perfect setting for our Harvest Supper at the beginning of the month.

The purpose for the supper was to come together and enjoy a meal together and to celebrate the harvest and share some harvest poems and stories.



A side benefit of the supper was also to raise £250.00 for the St Lawrence roof project. We hope to continue this event in future years.

Work on Phase 1 of the church roof repair (the South Aisle and South side of the Nave) is due to start on 20th November. It will take several weeks and probably continue until March.

It is anticipated that there will be two more phases taking place over the winters 2024-5 and 2025-6. Working over the winter is not ideal, but is dictated by the bats, which are active in the summer months.

For anyone who is interested, the main species within the church are brown long eared bats and Myotis bats. At the top of the tower staircase there is evidence of a night roost of long eared and Pipistrelle bats. The redundant basement area is used by Greater Horseshoe bats as a night roost and feeding perch. The foregoing is based on the bat survey which has recently been received.

We are very much indebted to the Heart of Rode Committee (who fundraise for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and the churchyard) for starting up the Rode Roxy again. The first showing of the season will be on the 3rd November and there are more details on page 31.

On the weekend of the 13th-14th October, about 30 people from Hardington Vale made their way to Sheldon – a Christian retreat centre just south of Exeter.

We were blessed with beautiful sunshine (and a couple of sharp showers!) as we joined together to listen to some Christian teaching, enjoy beautiful worship music courtesy of Steve and Becky Rhodes and have meals together and some evening games. It was a special time to get to know each other a little better and to enjoy the beautiful Devonian countryside. I also managed to go out and enjoy an amazing Devon cream tea!

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Remembrance Service falls on the second Sunday of the month in November so there will be no Breakfast Church on Sunday the 12th November at St Lawrence.

Breakfast Church in December falls on the same day as the Outdoor Nativity so that will not take place either. Which brings me onto my next point...

If anyone would like to dress up and take a part in our annual Outdoor Nativity at 3pm on Sunday 10th December, please get in touch (Sally 831796); adults, children, animals and musicians are all very welcome! One short 30-minute rehearsal the day before is all that is required!

Sally Pickett and Geoff Banwell

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.

Date for your diary - 18 November.

We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS...

Please check out our Christmas is Coming (pages 35 45) where you will find details of all the Christmas Services and Christmas Events that we know of at the time of going to print – some dates for your diary!

More details for you in our December issue.



Parish News

RODE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE



The annual Rode Remembrance Sunday Parade will be held on 12th November.

The Scout Group will be out in force, and they will be joined by soldiers from 9 Regiment at Hulavington.

The parade will arrive at The Green at 10.45am. The Service will also be entirely outside again this year.

Please come and join us.

Howard Russell

1st Rode Scout Group Leader



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This Year's Poppy Appeal will run from the end of October to Remembrance Day. Our wonderful volunteers will be going house to house with a selection of poppy merchandise for you to buy. All proceeds go towards supporting the Armed forces, veterans and their families.



The Royal British Legion are proud to be introducing the new plastic free poppy this year, see image on the left. It is made from 100% paper. However, to reduce waste as we still have stock of the original poppies, we will still also be offering these.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jacqui Rottenbury

RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser

REMEMBER RODE ROXY IS BACK THIS MONTH...

On 3rd November with the film "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" - see page 31 for more details. Hope to see you there.



Adam Harris

PET OWNERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

On Wednesday 1st November, Rode Scout Group will be having their own private firework party on the Playing Fields. There will be loud bangs from about 18.00 until 19.30 so please make sure pets are indoors.



Howard Russell

1st Rode Scout Group Leader

DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS TRAINING

Rode Parish Council recently purchased and installed a new defibrillator in the phone box by the village shop, replacing the old one which had been there for ten years.

In order to help as many people as possible understand what the new defibrillator can do and how it could be of help to you or someone you know in an emergency; an awareness seminar has been arranged.

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be running this two-hour awareness training event in the Rode Memorial Hall on:

Monday 27th November starting at 6.30pm.

The event will cover the following:

- What is a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA): '5 minutes to save a life' and physiology of the heart – how to recognise an SCA
- How to dial 999: what to expect and the questions you will be asked
- How to do CPR and why: Practical Demonstration; How to use your community defibrillator (AED); Recovery position/turning a patient; Handover to Paramedics; and Governance and support programmes.

This seminar, which will help you understand the village defibrillator will be open to everyone and you are all encouraged to attend. However, it will not commit you to anything, just help to give you the confidence to use it.



Hope to see you there.

Hugh Williams

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

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LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES: NORTON ST PHILIP CHURCH

For our November lunchtime concert, we are delighted to welcome Lil Maxine, the Austrian born and Bristol-based jazz vocalist, pianist and songwriter: 2 November 12.30 for 1pm, tickets £5 available on the door.

Lil Maxine gives rise to an unmistakable sound of her own. Mellow, soulful, and progressive, she flirts with balladic sounds and tight grooves, and tells timeless stories of love, longing and hope. Lil's journey as a jazz vocalist began growing up immersed in the sounds of her parents' eclectic music collection. Finding herself captivated at the young age of seventeen, she started performing and writing her own songs. At 21 Lil embraced Vienna's independent art scene in which her burgeoning talent was able to grow and blossom through inspiring collaborations with diverse artists within improvisation, theatre and music.

Her debut album 'A Little Girl's Lovesongs' (2016) established Lil as a "highly regarded vocalist and songwriter" (Jazzpodium Magazin), receiving radio play on national shows in Austria and Germany. Her most recent body of work expands her emotive world of jazz-infused songs.



For her concert in Norton St Philip, she will be performing with her band:

Lil Maxine – voice and piano

Joe Bradford – trombone

Tom Bryan – bass

Charlie Sorensen - drums

Discover Lil Maxine on Instagram and Facebook: @lilmaxine.music and www.lilmaxine.com

David Lockley

200 CLUB

1st Major Rode Scouts 200 Club results for September:

1st Prize £50 - Lucia Phillips

2nd Prize £25 - Barry Gilroy

Drawn by John Nankivell

Jan Jupp



PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY



Drawn by staff and customers in the Cross Keys the September 2023 Playing Field Lottery winners were as follows:

1st - £50.00 ... Mr. & Mrs. Shorten, Rode.

2nd - £25.00 ... Mr. M. Salmon, Rode.

3rd - £25.00 ... Gill Lynch, Rode.

Sunday Roast for 2 at The Cross Keys, courtesy of Mark and Hannah ... Eddie Sharman, 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, - all possible 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 30th of November. 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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NO NOVEMBER “LAVERTON NEWS” OR “PARISH GARDENING”

For which we apologise. The November issue of “Laverton News” mainly contained many people’s memories of Mhairi Milligan which can be found in our “Parish People” section – see pages 18 and 19.

Mhairi was a wonderful and generous character, well known throughout the parish and will indeed be missed. Mhairi was also a regular contributor to The Link magazine over the years, for which I was very grateful.

Gill Leonard

Editor

STOP PRESS... Many thanks to all who came to see the pantomime last month and my sincere thanks to the amazing cast and crew for all their commitment and hard work. A full review and details of funds raised will be in next month’s issue of the magazine. *Gary Holloway*

Parish Youth News & Events

FRANS LATEST

In October FRANS held their annual Halloween spooktacular disco which is always a scream for the children of the school. At the time of writing, it has yet to be held but we're hoping it lives up to the fun and merriment of previous years. November is a quiet month for events in the run up to Christmas where we'll be busy with nativities and other festive goings on.

We'd like to welcome everyone to family carol singing, Christmas dress up welcomed, at St. Laurence Church on Monday 4th December, 4-5pm. Last year it was a heartwarming way to start off the festive season with the children in full voice, mulled wine flowing and mince pies in plentiful supply. We urge anyone wishing to come to park at the church to avoid the busy Trowbridge Road.

In the early New Year, we will be hosting a quiz, a colour run and many other exciting events (details tbc) which we will welcome all the community to. Hope to see you there!



FRESHFORD UNITED F.C.

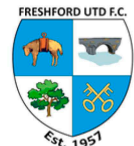
This season has started well with a mix of results coming in across the club from our Under 5's to Under 15's (Minus Under 11's unfortunately) plus our adult team. All teams are looking for more players of all ages and abilities, boys and girls. We offer a free tester session for 2 weeks to see how your child gets on before you have to commit to anything. At Rode Paying Fields we have our Under 9's, 10's and 11's playing and training each week so if your child is looking to get into football then please get in touch and come and test it out... or just come and watch. Also see page 43 for details of our Christmas Party in Rode.

We also are always looking for coaches, helpers, supporters and committee members to cover a wide range of roles of which some would only require an hour of your time a month at the most so please make contact with me on the number below if you would like to get involved. As always, we welcome any support and if you want to keep up to date with what is happening information is always available on our website www.freshfordunitedfc.com

Chris Birlson

Club Manager

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Parish Youth News & Events

1ST RODE SCOUT GROUP

Scouts

As a result of the Scouts hardworking fundraising activities this Summer, we were able to purchase hoodies designed by the Scouts themselves.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible and our wonderful Scouts for participating so enthusiastically and diligently.



Explorers

The Explorers joined a contingency from Guernsey for an amazing weekend on the guide/scout narrowboat based in Aldermaston learning how to do locks and swing bridges.



1st Rode (Scout Group)



They then skydived at ifly in Basingstoke.

A good time was had by all.

Claire Le Page

Parish Youth News & Events



Open term time from 8:45am

Beckington Pre-school

Children aged 2-4 welcome
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RODE WEEKLY PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

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9.30-11.30pm

Rode Chapel



TOTS AND TOYS

MUMS, DADS, CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS...

Are you at home with a baby, toddler or pre-schooler?
Would you like to meet up with others for a chat, tea/coffee and refreshments while the children play and sing?

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING 9.00am - 10.45am

in St Philip and St James church, Norton St Philip

£2 donation for refreshments

Further information, please contact Maria Fleming, Playgroup Leader email:
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Parish Health & Wellbeing



Every Mind Matters is a campaign and digital resource designed to empower people to look after their mental wellbeing and support that of others.

It focuses on promoting mental wellbeing as well as addressing the four most commonly reported, subclinical mental health concerns: anxiety, low mood, stress, and trouble sleeping. The programme offers a range of evidence-based self-care actions and free resources designed to help people take care of their own mental health and prevent common concerns from escalating into mental health disorders.

Every Mind Matters recently launched a campaign to encourage people to ‘find your little big thing’ and highlight that ‘doing the little things can make a big difference to your mental health.’ Making time for your mental wellbeing is important - and embedding these little things as part of your routine can help you feel better and more in control. Little things like:

Get active - Getting active is a natural mood booster – try making it part of your routine

Talk to someone - Talking to someone we trust about our feelings can improve our mental wellbeing

Better sleep - Awake at night? Getting the most from your sleep – like avoiding screen-time an hour before bed or getting out of bed and doing something simple until you feel tired again

Get in nature - Spending time in nature can boost your mood, help you relax

Manage your feelings - Learn to catch, check, and change unhelpful thoughts with Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

Plan ahead - Planning something to look forward to can counter boredom and energise you

Search Every Mind Matters: nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/ for free, NHS approved advice and simple tips to help you look after your mental wellbeing and see whether you can make them part of your daily routine.

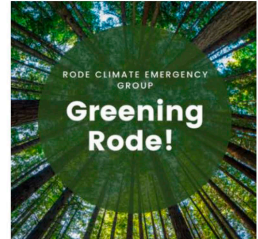
Get a free, personalised Mind Plan - a mental health action plan with practical tips to help deal with anxiety and stress, boost your mood, sleep better, feel more in control.

Find your little big thing - There are little things we can all do to look after our mental wellbeing, and these can make a big difference to how we feel.

Parish Environment

CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

- **Proposed Solar Farm** - I wrote last month that the delayed planning application for the proposed new Solar Farm in Rode was due to be submitted around the end of September. Unfortunately, there has been a further delay.... however, if you registered at www.bluebellwoodsolarfarm.co.uk/ for info you should receive notification when the planning application is submitted.



- **Community Energy** - At our most recent Climate Emergency Group meeting we agreed to start exploring the potential for a community energy project in Rode and the surrounding villages. Community energy refers to the delivery of community-led renewable energy, energy demand reduction and energy supply projects, whether wholly owned and/or controlled by communities or through a partnership with commercial or public sector partners. There are over 500 community energy organisations in the UK, and the sector is growing rapidly. Here in Rode we are at the very early, exploratory stage – and there’s much to investigate before anything concrete emerges. However, if you would be interested in getting involved in the project, let us know by emailing me (address at the foot of the article).

- **Environment-Themed Activities for November** - If you’re wondering what to do with your spare time in November, here’ some eco-friendly ideas!
Learning? The B&NES Green Open Homes Weekend is a great way to find out about the reality of getting solar panels, insulation, triple glazing, or new heating options. You can have a good look at the technology, ask the homeowners about the installation and find out how much they’re really saving on their energy bills as a result. There are around 15 properties opening their doors - see <https://greenopenhomesbanes.org/> for more info.

Walking? Frome Walking Festival runs from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th November - take your pick from 18 wonderful walks (14 of which are free), varying in length from half a mile to a whopping 12 and a half miles! Pick up a programme from the Town Hall, Frome Library or download from the Frome Town Council website.

Cycling? The Frome Community Bike Project will be opening their doors at Station Approach in November. The new site is around the back of Station Approach in front of Frome Reclamation. The workshop is a shared space to learn about fixing bikes, or you can book your bike in for a service. They also sell refurbished bikes, teach bike maintenance courses, run cycle confidence sessions, and lead social group rides. Frome Community Bike Project will also be offering free e-bike loans and cycling support through Frome Council’s Cycle Together initiative. You’ll also be able to hire ebikes, at a low cost, for a few hours or days.

Parish Environment

Slow Marching? For the first 3 weeks of November (and possibly longer), Just Stop Oil are arranging slow marches in London. This may not be your cup of tea, but the government's own advisors have concluded that, if we are to remain within 1.5 degrees of warming, we need to stop new gas and oil exploration. If you'd like to get involved, check out the Just Stop Oil website.

Reading? The latest UN Climate Change conference (COP28) starts at the end of November. Sometimes we might question the effectiveness of our own individual actions, faced with the power of multinationals and governments to do so much harm. COP28 is the chance for politicians and world leaders to commit to taking genuine action to address the climate emergency. If you'd like to do some background reading, the World Wildlife Fund has produced a Climate and Energy Policy Manifesto setting out what it believes governments and multinationals must do. It's only six pages, and worth a read, and is available on the WWF website.

Get Involved/Keep in Touch - The Climate Emergency Group has a monthly newsletter, which now reaches nearly 90 subscribers! If you'd like to join them, drop me a line at the email address below, or enter this link in your browser: <https://mailchi.mp/4b503e0ba20c/initial-sign-up> (sorry for the rather unfriendly web address!)

The Climate Emergency Group is still small, and therefore the capacity to deliver projects on our own is limited. Primarily we aim to "initiate, inform, educate, encourage..." But we can also act as a focal point for residents to come together to deliver projects as a community. If you have an idea that could be worth exploring, please get in contact.

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AUTUMN INVENTORY ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD PLANTS

For the last four seasons of mowing, Wellsford churchyard's volunteers have been using ideas promoted by the charity "Caring for God's Acre". These are helping us to address the Anglican Church's 5th Mark of Mission, which is '*To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*'. We have undertaken to attempt to boost biodiversity in the churchyard - an ancient sward - by adjusting when and how we cut the grass.

Our initiative follows guidance from the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Somerset Wildlife Trust, and A Rocha UK (see <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org/>).

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Following advice about wildflower meadows, the mown grass is collected (not left on the ground as mulch) and composted under the yew tree. In the spring, this compost was removed and used as garden mulch on a “no-dig” bed elsewhere in the village. The churchyard has been unusually busy recently, requiring flexibility in how we manage the vegetation so that we can accommodate the needs of families of loved ones buried or interred there. In addition to the fortnightly summer mowing of the area south of the church (either side of the concrete path), of the footpath to the east, and of paths to recent burials to the north, we strimmed sections of the boundary and areas required for new burials. The old Tellisford Millenium Bench (moved to the churchyard when the Platinum Jubilee Bench replaced it at the crossroads) is now positioned where it is used regularly by visitors refreshing the flowers on a recent grave.

This September, through Hardington Vale’s EcoChurch Group, I met a knowledgeable person to help with inventorying what could be seen on Monday 25th September (too late for October Link copy!). Jean and Paul Richardson came from Hemington, and I spent a happy three hours with them identifying flora. Jean’s field kit included waterproof trousers, clipboard with a list of the churchyards 67 plants identified in 2020, several books, tape-measure, and a loupe (magnifying glass) with its own light, to check on details such as whether stem hairs were straight or hooked. In alphabetical order, here is a preliminary list of plants (+ means further identification is needed to pin down the exact species):

Ash+, Autumn Hawkbit, Black Bryony, Black Medick, Bramble, Broad-leaved Dock, Bugle, Cinquefoil+, Common Cat’s Ear, Common Knapweed, Common Ragwort, Common Sorrel, Cow Parsley, Creeping Buttercup, Cuckoo Pint, Daisy, Dandelion, Dogwood, Elder, Enchanter’s Knightshade, False Brome, False Oat-grass, Field Bindweed, Geum+, Goosegrass, Greater Celandine, Greater Plantain, Ground Elder, Ground Ivy, Groundsel, Hazel, Hedge Bedstraw, Hedgerow Cranesbill, Herb Bennet+, Herb Robert, Hoary Plantain, Hog Weed, Ivy, Jack-by-the Hedge, Lady’s Bedstraw, Lime+, Laurel, Lesser Burdock, Mallow, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Common Nettle, Nipplewort, Ox-eye Daisy, Pelitory of the Wall, Polypody, Prickly Sow-thistle, Red Clover, Ribwort Plantain, Rough Hawkbit, Scotch Thistle+, Shining Cranesbill, Smooth Sow-thistle, White Bryony, White Clover, White Dead-nettle, Wood Avens+, Yarrow, Yew.

We are planning to make another detailed inventory in the spring. If you would be interested in joining us, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Rachel Feilden

All Saints Tellisford Fabric Committee

Parish Sport

END OF SEASON REFLECTION/ LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



In our second season since reforming as a club, we can reflect on great progress in 2023, and look forward to even more exciting times in 2024. Results on the field were significantly improved.

In our first year “back” so to speak, we managed 2 victories out of 14 matches - some of those losses were very close-run affairs. This year we managed to improve our win rate to around 40% with victories over Poplars, Frome Incidentals, Witham Friary (home & away) and Urchfont. Most exciting though was the emergence of our young players as serious cricketers. Nick Wotton has developed over the seasons into a fine bowler; his brother William constantly surprises seasoned opponents with his genuinely fast, accurate bowling and Harry Medlicott took a wonderful 4 wickets for 7 runs off 3 overs at Witham Friary in this season’s final game. In the same game it was wonderful to see Jack Tucker make his debut alongside Father Ollie – one for the future for sure!

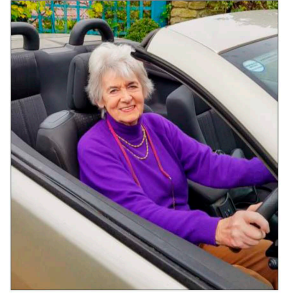
Exciting times with the Rode pitch too. We have had a new square installed further away from the Brewery site, enabling a much bigger boundary in front and behind the wicket and all but eliminating any chance of balls being hit into the Brewery site gardens (unless Ben Stokes fancies a game for Rode in the near future!). This is a big undertaking as it requires developing the new playing field extension into suitable outfield, but we are very grateful that the Playing Field Committee and Freshford Football Club have partnered us in that venture.

So, as we look forward to long, sunny days returning in 2024, the club is in good shape. We are always looking for new players though, so if anyone (any age, any gender, any ability) you will always be welcome!

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Parish People



A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MHAIRI MILLIGAN

23 OCTOBER 1925 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Mhairi Milligan was at the centre of Laverton village life for decades, a very special neighbour and friend to many, so we wanted to remember her in these pages, which seems especially appropriate as she was your Laverton correspondent for many years - a tough act to follow. *Virginia Garaux*

Right from the start, Mhairi welcomed me to the village as if I was a long lost daughter, Mhairi twinkled when she saw us and made us feel as if she'd known us forever, such a keen skill that and very intoxicating. I loved her purple coffin and shimmering flags at her send off and it's the first funeral I have ever been to where you couldn't help but smile somehow - spreading joy even in death is no mean feat! You will be missed. *Daisy Bass*

Zest - is how I remember Mhairi; rock n' rolling on her drive in her eighties during a jazz afternoon, calling round, armed with a baseball bat, when she heard a burglar in my yard (it was me) and 27 years as best friendly neighbour in our twinned houses. *Sara Jocelyn*

We have such happy memories of visiting Mhairi for coffee, or a dip in the pool at Row Court, which she shared so generously with the village. She was a great conversationalist and could be relied on for a spirited opinion about any topic which might arise - our shared favourite being the state of the country and the politicians presiding over it! In her steady support for our lovely little church in Laverton there were spectacular highlights, such as that amazing Carol Service she masterminded some years ago (hope someone found pictures). We've found one picture of Mhairi with various (all?) Laverton 5K & 10K winners holding their certificates (21 May 2013). *Andrea Dawson-Shepherd and Andy Knott*

I will miss her infectious smile and her enthusiastic waves as she cruises by in her convertible. *Ray Sargent*

I will miss her chats in the lane, when the cows are holding her up, when she's off on her jollies. I learnt such a lot about her interesting life, including partying with Princess Margaret on VE Day at Buckingham Palace. *Stella Sargent*

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I've just found a picture of Mhairi taken in her high viz jacket at the Laverton Fun Run in May 2013, ten years ago, and it's reminded me of just what a mover and shaker she was, even at the age of 87! She persuaded and cajoled Andraea Dawson Shepherd and others to organise a 5k and 10k run, to raise funds for the church. It was a real family event, with Natalie Owsley leading the stretching session among the gravestones before the runners set off for Lullington and one chap even pushed his two children all the way in their double buggy. Mhairi wasn't much of a runner herself, but she was a wonderful enthusiast and welcomed them all back. Above all, she wanted people to JOIN IN and was never happier than when she was at the heart of a community event in Laverton.

Debby Hill

Despite insisting that she was 'not religious' Mhairi will always be remembered for her tireless work for the Church- upgrading the pews, restoring the box tombs, sewing the altar covering, her responsibilities as Church warden and last but not least her enormous efforts with the Church garden which she tended lovingly. Lastly, we cannot forget her beautiful readings of the lessons, a fine example to us all, which she did well into her ninety seventh year.

Graham and Gilli Weeks

Mhairi reminded me in 2014, when Mark and I got married, that shortly after she moved in, I was 9/10yrs old and that I had pulled white petals off her rose bush, tipped them over my head as confetti and said I was getting married. Mum told me off. Mhairi's wedding present to us, nearly 20yrs later, was a Bobby James rambling rose, the same as my original confetti. *Shirley Sargent*

My everlasting memory of the wonderful Mhairi was of her (still) belting it through the lanes of Laverton in her sports car aged 95+....she appeared to have such a fierce, independent streak about her, what an inspiration! *Jon Bass*

We moved into Row Barn in 2013 and from the moment we arrived Mhairi became a wonderful neighbour and friend, the best cat sitter we could have asked for and always had the kettle on with biscuits at the ready - chocolate ones of course! One day soon after we arrived a man came to read our electricity meters - I opened our door, our daughter's beagle ran out from our house and straight into Mhairi's kitchen, stole a whole cooked chicken from the kitchen worktop and ran off with it to the end of the garden! The poor man wondered what on earth was going on - Mhairi came out and in her best theatrical voice told him Laverton was like Brigadoon where strange things happen and we only came out of our houses every one hundred years! He made off very quickly and we didn't see him again. I replaced the whole cooked chicken for Mhairi only to be told I shouldn't have bothered as it was only for her cats! *Jackie &*

Martin Moss

We'll miss you Mhairi

Parish Groups

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

RODE OVER 60'S

On Friday 13th October Rode Over 60's members, plus some newly joined members were treated to a talk with slides on the history of Rode by local historian Peter Harris.

It was very interesting to hear about the buildings, family connections through time of the shops, mills, pubs etc and how they have evolved. Some long standing members added their recollections to the talk. We will all look with fresh eyes as we walk around our unique village in future. Thank you, Peter, for your much appreciated research.

After the well-received talk, we enjoyed our usual generous afternoon tea and ended a very informative afternoon with the raffle.

Next Meeting - Friday 10th November, 2.30pm Rode Memorial Hall
Gemologist Rachel Boothroyd-Walker from Cooper & Tanner

For more information, please ring Pat Smith 830559

November Birthdays: 10th - Mr.B. Harper, 13th - Mrs.H. Toogood, 19th - Mrs.H. Robinson. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Gail Stinton

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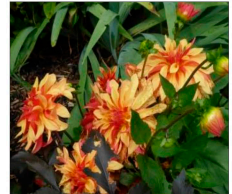
RODE & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

The first meeting of the Garden Club in the hall for six months was well attended. Members and guests were keen to buy and swap the range of house and garden plants on offer. Having tea and coffee at the start of the meeting also proved popular.

Our speaker was Julia Robb, who lives in Rode. She talked about her love of dahlias. Apparently, her wedding was planned for September so she could use them in arrangements. Her mum, who grew the flowers for her wedding, also provided a beautiful vase of different dahlias for this talk and joined Julia at the Hall.

Julia talked about the range of different types of dahlias available to grow with the key ones being single, anemone, pompom, ball, cactus, semi- cactus, decorative and watermelon. Within these groups are numerous different varieties so the choice for gardeners is immense. Julia showed some of her favorites. Their main growing and flowering period is May to October, and they really bring colour and excitement to the garden from August when other plants are tired and going over.

Dahlias are not hardy, so they need protection from frost. Once the frost blackens the foliage it should be removed. Then they can be lifted and stored somewhere frost free till next spring or here in the South most years they will survive in the ground if well mulched. There was discussion about what members who grow dahlia did with theirs.



Julia explained how to start dahlias off in spring, pointing out the eyes on the neck where new growth starts once the weather begins to warm up. She also detailed how to increase the stock of them by splitting tubers or taking cuttings. She outlined how to produce strong sturdy plants and what were the main problems growing them. They have lots to offer any grower, including being edible, both the tubers and the flowers. The latter dry well for arrangements in the winter. There were lots of questions for her and her suggestions of dahlias to try as an introduction to growing them were noted for next year.

Next month on 13th November our speaker is Alan Eason, who will talk about Madera and its plants. The doors open at 7:00pm with refreshments and the talk starts at 7:30 pm. Visitors are welcome.

Sharman Flindall

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RODE WALKING GROUP (2ND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH)

Our October walk was yet again blessed with good weather, despite heavy rain the previous night which made some of the uphill climbs quite tricky!



After descending through Priory Woods in Freshford we walked beside the River Frome to Iford Manor Cafe where we received a warm welcome and delicious cakes! Continuing along the opposite bank of the river and crossing it at Freshford Mill we climbed back up through the woods on an alternative path to the car park.



The next walk will take place on Thursday 9 November, when we will be exploring further walks around the village of Faulkland.

Park and meet at Somerset Lavender, Horsepond Farm (turn left opposite the village green), at 10 am.

The first part of this walk is across fields so be prepared for mud! After meeting Chickwell Lane we continue along more lanes, passing Tucker's Grave Inn until we return to the Lavender Farm where we will have coffee.

Approximately 4.5 kilometers along mainly flat paths and lanes.

We welcome new members to this group and always car share where possible. Please contact me for further details.

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IMPORTANT NEWS FROM MONDAY LUNCH CLUB 🍷 🍴

As some of our members already know after being at the helm of Lunch Club for the past 12 years it's time for me to pass the baton on!

I have truly loved my involvement with this amazing group and will miss seeing all our regulars, but I can now come and enjoy the meal as a member myself!!

As ever in this fantastic village we're incredibly lucky to have already received an offer from someone who is more than willing and able to take charge - and in their own words 'this village has been so supportive of us we'd like to put something back and this is the perfect opportunity' - so I'm moving over for Hannah and Mark from The Cross Keys Team!!

They will take over events in the new year - but please note nothing else will change; Lunch Club will still take place in the Village Hall (NOT the pub!) and the 2 course meal will still only cost £5 (for now anyway!), the amazing Year 4 children from Rode School will still come and assist with the proceedings and it will continue to be a truly community event involving our eldest village members with our youngest. Monday Lunch Club is run voluntarily, is self funding and non-profit making!

So - our usual reminder that next Lunch Club will be held on Monday 6th November. As usual please let me know well in advance if you're going to attend - look forward to seeing you there!

This will be followed by our brilliant Christmas Extravaganza on Monday 4th December - I shall be on the case shortly to get those fabulous raffle prizes from our usual extremely generous supporters!!

Alex Sing and the Lunch Club Team

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OTHER CLUBS/GROUPS...

News and information about other clubs and groups in the parish is always welcome for our readers and if you're thinking of starting a new group, we'd love to help in promoting it.



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RODE HISTORY

Earlier this year we learnt about Commander Arthur Mayne Noad, a former resident of Rode. We also saw a letter written by him to his mother Emily, at Southfield House, Rode in May 1835 when he was a young Midshipman serving in the Mediterranean Fleet.

Thanks to our Rode historian, Peter Harris, we now have a second letter by Midshipman Arthur Mayne Noad RN whilst on duty in the Mediterranean Fleet.

Cruising off Cape St. Angels
June 29th, 1835

My dear Mother,

We left Salamis on the 6th of June for Paros, to complete water in company with the Squadron and a Russian Corvette which came out to try rate of sailing with the Brig; we soon beat her & she bore up again to rejoin her Commodore at the Piraeus. We had very blowing weather and lost sight of the Admiral during the night. At daylight we saw the Medea steamer which had also parted company. We made the best of our way to the anchorage at Paros, where we found the Squadron just anchoring, they having run down to leeward whilst we kept to windward which accounts for our losing sight of them. The Thunderer 84. carried away her main yard.

On the 7th at 4am the Admiral ordered us to proceed to Naxia one of the most fertile islands in the Archipelago, to enquire into the quarantine laws and the price of fresh beef; we remained only a few hours, having made the necessary enquiries and ordered one day's fresh meat, we rejoined the Fleet, found all the ships busy watering. On the 9th a boat was employed from each ship surveying the Anchorage which was a very disagreeable job, as it was blowing very fresh.

I had the luck of being in our boat and a good ducking. I got on one of the islands called Pigeon Island; we caught a great number of young gulls nearly able to fly and a nest in nearly every bush, the sailors caught a great number of them and roasted them. By the noise that the old birds made I think we were very unwelcome visitors. The Edinburgh very kindly sent us 18 tons of water which was all we wanted. All the ships having filled their water the signal was made to prepare for sea, and at daylight of the 10th we weighed our anchors and made sail for Anti Paros celebrated for its famous grotto one of the wonders of the world. We anchored about 9 o'clock, at 10 we out boats and all the officers but three went on shore to visit the grotto, with blue lights, torches, candles & ropes etc. to lower ourselves down and assist in the descent. It was very near the top of a high hill, very steep and very rough walking. I was very glad when I found

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myself at the entrance. We found already arrived nearly 100 officers and a request from the Admiral that no one would enter the ~~cave till~~ interior of the cave till he came up (equal to an order), with which we were not at all pleased. However we made the best of it, and considered ourselves in high luck in being able to get some milk, which with a little brandy and a few cigars we amused ourselves till the old Gentleman made his appearance accompanied by Mrs Rowley (sister-in-law) and all (9) the captains of the Squadron, with a boat's crew carrying a long rope about 300ft, with several rope ladders, called in Sea terms "Jacob's ladders." The rope was soon secured at the entrance of the grotto and in several places below, the ladders were placed in the most difficult parts. The Admiral then went down and remained a short time below, he appeared very glad when he found himself in the open air, it was a great undertaking for an old man, but he did not appear to feel any ill effects from it. As soon as he came up the fun commenced. All hands made a rush to see who would get down first, by this time our numbers had increased to more than 300, every other man with a candle and here and there a torch. We found the descent very difficult owing to the number of loose stones and earth which the people above kept kicking down. However with the assistance of the rope ladders we all descended quite safe with the exception of a broken head or two to about 300 ft. The grotto in this part appeared to be about 250 ft high & 300 ft broad, the roof well arched. I think it was one of the most magnificent sights I ever saw; the immense number of lights and the beautiful stalactites which formed the roof and the crystalline substance which formed the side, representing a vast variety of figures repaid us well for the trouble we had taken. We remained about 2 hours below. When we came up we were quite black with the smoke from the lights and port fires(?). I must confess I was not at all sorry to find myself in the open air again. The next morning we left for Naxia which (having a foul wind) took us the whole day. We remained here all the 12th to survey the anchorage and started on the 13th at 4 in the morning for Delos to see the ruins of a temple dedicated to Apollo and the remains of the old town. We fell in with the Portland 52 on her way to Paros to complete her water; we anchored about 1/2 7 in the evening, the next day being Sunday, after divine service we went on shore, but had scarcely landed when our signal was made to prepare for sea. We were obliged of course to return immediately. We were ordered to Syros a small island about 15 miles from Delos with despatches for the Consul. We anchored about 10pm close to the town; this island is very mountainous, but famed for its fertility and salubrity. Their principal town is Syra which covers a conical hill at the foot of which is the harbour. At 10 in the morning the Consul came onboard with two of his daughters. We saluted him with 9 guns and immediately made sail to join the Admiral who was waiting outside with the Squadron. The Consul and his daughters visited the Admiral on board the Caledonia and having seen all that was to be seen returned onboard the brig and were by us safely landed. They were very much pleased with their jaunt, it being the first time they were ever on board so large a ship. We then parted company with the Squadron for Zante

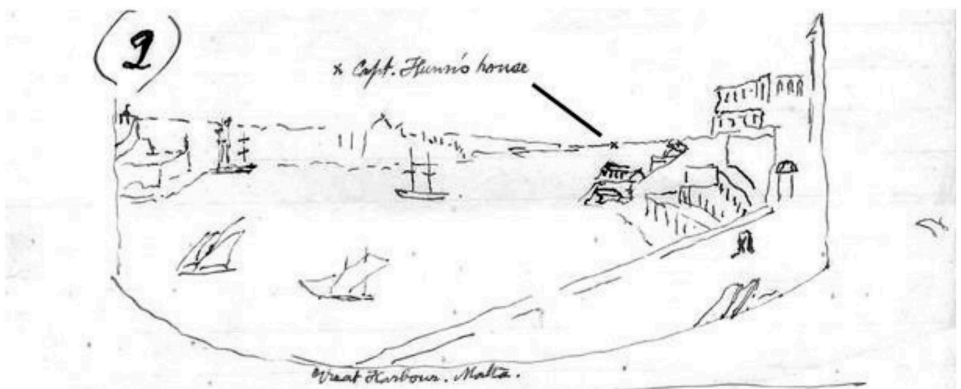
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to bring the Mail with a foul wind on the 17th. In the afternoon we picked up a small boat drifted out to sea with nobody in her. We hoisted her in. I do not know what we shall do with her but I suppose sell her to buy paint for the Brig as we have not room to stow her. We did not anchor at Zante till before the 21st they gave us 21 days quarantine much to our annoyance as we expected to have pratique. On the 22nd H.M.S. Orestes arrived with Sir Howard Douglas, Lord High Commissioner for the Ionian Islands. We saluted him with 19 guns; he was graciously pleased to shorten our quarantine by 7 days; and as the passage was included we struck the yellow flag. On the 23rd the Confidence Steamer arrived with the Mail which was immediately put onboard and we started to join the Admiral. We fell in with him next evening off Cape Matapan.

Cruising on the 25th the Columbine joined us from Malta by which vessel I received your letter. We are now cruising off Cape Angels, waiting for Cutter with despatches from Constantinople, as the packet ought to leave this for Zante tomorrow. By the bye I forgot to tell you that last Saturday the Admiral made the signal for Frigates & Brigs to try rate of sailing; when after hard race of 6 hours we came off Victorious. However you will see all the particulars in the papers for there will be a great war about it! I am so very sorry to hear that you have been so very sickly at Road; but hope that by this time all are restored to health. I believe I have told you all the news from this quarter. You see Sir J Rowley does not allow us to be idle. Everything is perfectly quiet and I believe the Squadron will leave the Archipelago for Corfu, and "Childers" to Gibraltar.

I will now bid you adieu my dearest Mother with kindest love to all friends and believe me as ever your affectionate Son

Arthur



Parish Volunteering

I must confess to being very envious of Alex and her seamless exit from the responsibilities of Monday Lunch Club! It is so great when someone steps up to take on someone's volunteering responsibilities when they decide the time has come for them to step away.

Over the years many volunteer roles that have been advertised in The Link have proved hard to fill so it was wonderful to see that the future of Monday Lunch Club was secured so quickly. All credit to Hannah and Mark for taking it on and I know what a huge relief it was for Alex.

Last month appeals were made (in The Link and elsewhere) for replacement volunteers for two other community endeavours, sadly, to date, they've received no interest. I do hope that does not continue to be the case - Beavers and The Link need help to carry on. Details of the roles follow, and I do hope there's no need to repeat the need again in our next issue.

Gill Leonard
Editor

SO, A NEW ERA APPROACHES FOR THE LINK! AND ME!!

I, like Alex, decided that the time had come for me to pass on my volunteering baton, looks like I may be holding on to mine for a bit longer than her!

Having said that, I do have a deadline – February 2024 - and I intend to stick to it. The new subscription year for the magazine starts April 2024 and therefore decisions will need to be made about the future of the magazine no later than end of February 2024.

A parish magazine (currently known as The Link) has been produced, in various formats, for well over a hundred years, I sincerely hope new volunteer/s will come forward so that it will live on for many more years to come. I have everything crossed that a small team or an individual can be organised to take over in the coming months.

Interested? If you'd like to know more about what is involved, please don't hesitate to give me a call to discuss.

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COULD YOU BE A BEAVER LEADER?

Do you have a spare hour or so a week?

If so, our Beaver Group need you.

Their evenings are full of adventures, learning, antics, and fun. The Beavers are an amazing and inquisitive group of 6 and 7 years olds that come to our evenings to craft, learn, socialise, and have new experiences.

We run on Wednesday at the NEW TIME of 5.30 to 6.30pm at the Scout Hut.



Scouts

1st Rode (Scout Group)

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join us in leading the group. You don't need to be experienced with Scouting as we have plenty of training you can access.

Volunteers just need to be keen and willing to get their hands dirty – and happy to have a DBS Check.

If you think this could be you, please contact me with any questions.

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MORE ABOUT “THE LINK”!

Caroline Williams has for many years produced the “...and finally” page in The Link. Further to the source of the puzzles used in the page closing recently Caroline has decided it is the right time for her to stop producing the page.

A big thank you to her for all her work producing the page. As most of you will know Caroline .is responsible for handling subscriptions to The Link and the distribution of the magazine. Thankfully she will be continuing with these duties – for which I am very grateful.

If you have any ideas for the future of the page and/or would like to be responsible for it in the future, please do get in touch with me.

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AND A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERING OPTION...



Once a month, on a Sunday...A group of Guests over 75 will gather at a volunteer Host's home. There, they meet with the rest of their Group to share a lovely Afternoon Tea, companionship, and a change of scene for an afternoon.

Why Sunday? It's because we know this can be a lonely time of the week. Many of our volunteers also work during the week so Sundays are the perfect time for most Groups.

Could you become a Re-engage Tea Party Host - Our Tea Party Hosts are a vital part of the Re-engage Team. Tea Parties provide friendship and a regular weekend social event for the Guests that belong to the Group.

Your local Group Coordinator needs more Tea Party Hosts for a growing Group which restarted earlier this year, having gone on hold when Covid hit.

Being a Host is a flexible, voluntary role that can easily be fitted in around your own lifestyle and availability. As a volunteer Host you will run a local Re-engage Tea Party one to two times a year and host a group made up of volunteer Drivers, the Group Coordinator and Guests. The Tea Parties last around one and a half to two hours.

The role includes:

- Welcoming a group of older Guests and volunteer Drivers into your home or to a community venue.
- Providing and serving refreshments for your Group – usually food and drinks for Afternoon Tea.
- Liaising with your Group Coordinator to ensure dietary requirements and the Guests' needs are met prior to the Tea Party.
- Informing the Group Coordinator of any safeguarding concerns or issues you might have.
- Following all guidance in your host training modules to ensure that the tea parties are enjoyable, appropriate, and in line with our charitable aims.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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Forthcoming Parish Events

NORTON ST PHILIP CONCERT SERIES

NOVEMBER CONCERT DETAILS

We have a fascinating and varied programme of concerts that have been scheduled for this Autumn on Thursday lunchtimes, and Saturday evenings. Here are the gigs that will be taking place in November...



Thursday 2 November: 12.30 for 1pm

Lil Maxine - Austrian born, Bristol based jazz vocalist and songwriter of epic ballad and tight grooves with Charlie Sorensen (drums)
Tickets £5 <https://lilmaxine.com/>



Saturday 25 November: 7.30pm

The Magnificent AKs - The singing blokes of Ashton Keynes who perform at concerts, clubs, pubs and festivals. Inspired by Georgian harmonies and attracted to the musically irreverent and absurd, we offer serious singing combined with profound insights into modern male angst; also able to sing whilst wearing a variety of hats & accessories. Tickets £12 in advance / £15 on the door



Exhibition in St Philip and St James Church
Norton St Philip

‘Lest we forget – a photographic tribute’

In 2005 Tony Day produced an exhibition for Remembrance Sunday that was a photographic portrait of local people who survived WW2 and provided their personal stories. Tony included photographs of the group from the 1940s and 2005.

His aim was to record their stories for future generations so to never forget those times and those who served.

For the 100th anniversary of the RBL in Norton St Philip we are showing the exhibition again along with stories from the war memorial.

There will be a presentation on the project on

Friday 3 November 2023

at 6.30pm

by Tony Day

Cash Bar

All welcome to attend

The exhibition will run until

Monday 13 November

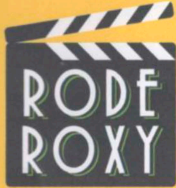
(less Wednesday 8 November)



The Royal British Legion
in
Norton St Philip

Forthcoming Parish Events

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 7.30 pm Memorial Hall



“It could have been twee or sentimental (that was the fear) but instead it is spare and restrained and while there are occasional jarring moments it is still wonderfully tender and full of feeling.”

The Spectator



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

Forthcoming Parish Events



**NORTON ST PHILIP
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**
SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2023

GATES OPEN 6 PM - BONFIRE LIT 6:30PM - FIREWORKS START 7 PM
MULLED WINE - SPARKLERS - BBQ - BAR

ADMISSION ON THE DAY
ADULTS - £6 CHILDREN - £4

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY :-
PLEASE DON'T BRING FIREWORKS WITH YOU
DON'T DRIVE OR PARK ON THE CHURCHMEAD

ORGANISED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH MEAD
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCHMEAD

2023 - NSP BONFIRE

**RODE MONDAY
LUNCH CLUB**
See page xx

**6th NOVEMBER
12.15PM
RODE MEMORIAL
HALL**

**Date for your diary:
4th December -
(Christmas
Extravaganza!!)**

 **HEALTH
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Your GP practice social prescribing and health coaching team

Talking Café Rode Chapel

Looking to meet up to chat
with other people?

When: 7th & 21st November
(Every first and third Tuesday)

Time: 10.30am - 12.30

Where: Rode Chapel

Talking cafes are a place to meet new people, make friends and chat to a Health Connector about activities, support groups and services in your community. Everyone is welcome.



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Call: 01373 468368
Visit: www.healthconnections mendip.org



Forthcoming Parish Events



Puddings and Prosecco!



Rode Memorial Hall



Fri 10th Nov at 7pm



£7 in advance (at Rode P.O.) or £8 on the door



(includes a pudding and a glass of prosecco or soft drink/tea/coffee/)

Enjoy a social and hear from Jo about the Starfish Project — a social enterprise supporting exploited women in Asia. There will also be jewellery made by the women for sale but no obligation to buy. Contact Jo for more info :321jorobinson@gmail.com



RODE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE

12th November

The parade will arrive at The Green at 10.45am.

See page 6 for more details.



Forthcoming Parish Events

Forget-me-not Café



When? Nov 20th 2.30 – 4 pm (3rd Mon of every month)

Where? St Philip and St James Church, NSP

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



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Jo for more information 321jorobinson@gmail.com 01373 831381

SAVE THE DATE!

BRING AND SHARE CURRY EVENING



For Asha – our church charity:
'Transforming lives in the slums of Delhi...
regardless of their background, caste or religious beliefs.'

Wednesday, November 29th at 18.30.
St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip
Free entry, donations welcome.

Discover and learn about Asha and their campaign
to help those least able to help themselves.

Speakers and Q&A.

Discussion around a possible group visit to Asha.

For more information: Mark Baines 07860 799426

Parish Christmas – News, Food & Events

It's that time of year again, Christmas is fast approaching and here at The Link we are receiving more and more details about Christmas related things happening and available in Hardington Vale.

So, for the benefit of our readers, this month (and next) all the information, event details and advertisements we receive relating to Christmas will be consolidated into one seasonal section in the magazine "Parish Christmas". Please read on and check out all we have heard about to date...

POSADA

Would you like to host the Holy Family in your home for one night in December?

A travelling set of figures will be going round Rode starting on 1st December and coming into The Chapel on the High Street on Christmas Eve for the Crib Service at 3pm.

We are looking for families to host them... if you are interested in knowing more and even taking part please contact me:
sharman.flindall2@btinternet.com



Sharman Flindall

RODE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas is fast approaching, and I'm pleased to confirm Osborne's are again donating and erecting one of their trees on the Village Green - for which the residents of the village will I am sure again be very grateful, as am I.

James has advised that the plan is it will be erected over the weekend 18th/19th November.

The weekend before they open for Christmas Tree sales in Rode (see page 36).



Gill Leonard
Editor

Parish Christmas – News, Food & Events

OSBORNE'S CHRISTMAS TREES

Hillview Farm, Marsh Road, Rode BA11 6PE

OPEN DAILY FROM SATURDAY 25th November
9am - 5.30pm

Traditional Norway spruce, Nordman & Frazer fir

Potted trees

Large trees up to 15ft

A variety of stands

Holly & Mistletoe

Wreaths

Loads and bags of logs and Kindling

Don't Forget your FREE Reindeer dust!!



Any latest updates and news will be listed via our facebook page and our website

www.o-christmas.co.uk

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[07494 015440](tel:07494015440)

SEND A LITTLE LOCAL LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS.

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www.melvinglynnart.com

MELVIN GLYNN
ART

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ENJOY A LITTLE FUSSELS THIS
CHRISTMAS

Hamper & Foodie Gifts

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SAVE THE DATE

  **Somerset Foodie** | **fussels** | **PING** 
Ingredients to Inspire | AT HOME

Christmas Shopping Event 2023

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT & LOCAL – CHRISTMAS GIFTS, FOODIE TASTING & SAMPLING
CHURCH FARM, RODE BALL 6AA (JUST OFF THE A361 BY THE BECKINGTON ROUNDABOUT)

THE MILL  
At Rode

*Please enquire for Christmas party bookings.
We can accommodate group sizes up to 100 guests.
Visit our website to see our Christmas party menu*

WEBSITE - WWW.THEMILLATRODE.COM
PHONE - 01373 673 112
EMAIL - INFO@THEMILLATRODE.COM

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**RODE GENERAL STORE,
CAFE & POST OFFICE**

More than just stamps

Open Monday – Saturday

32a High Street, Rode BA11 6PA

01373 830321

USUAL OPENING HOURS

Monday 9.00-17.30

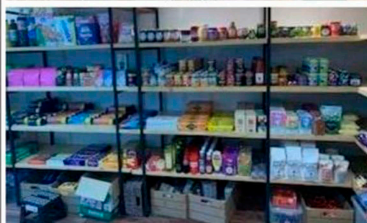
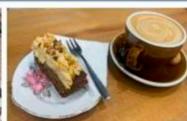
Tuesday 9.00-17.30

Wednesday 9.00-13.00

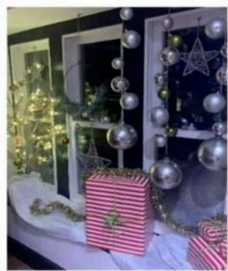
Thursday 9.00-17.30

Friday 9.00-17.30

Saturday 9.00-13.00



We look forward to welcoming you to our modern shop and café to enjoy a warm welcome, home cooked food and buy local produce and goods.



CHRISTMAS FOOD ORDERS

Due to difficulty finding suppliers and the cost increases we are unable to provide turkeys and veg boxes this year, however we will still be offering a selection from some of our trusted suppliers.

Order forms for the following suppliers will be available in the shop from 1st November 2023.

- Hobbs House Bakery - bread, pastries, mince pies etc.
- The Smoke Folk - smoked salmon, cheeses, nuts etc.
- Ivy house creamery - Milk, cream, butter.
- Padfield Porkies – Ham, pork sausages.
- Wiltshire Bacon

Sam and the team would like to thank you for your continued support.

Everything you need for Christmas



- **Food** Orders now being taken for local free range turkeys, grass fed geese, handmade sausages, local meat and vegetables, homemade Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies. Take the strain out of food shopping – simply place an order and collect on your chosen day.

- **Drink** A fantastic range of specially sourced wines. Case discounts available.

- **Festive Menu** Our fabulous cafe is offering a Christmas menu Monday to Saturday lunchtimes from 1st December; booking essential see website for menu.



Hampers from £20

- **Gifts** Fabulous hampers to suit all tastes and budgets. Great selection of gifts for the foodie in your life. Gift vouchers also available.

Ample FREE parking on site.

Why shop anywhere else this Christmas?



Giftboxes from £10



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- 40+ Gins
- Christmas Gifts
- Tastings & Tapas



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9 Delicious flavours
Delivered by Royal Mail

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Local Collection from Norton St Philip

OUR MULTI BUY OFFERS

£8.50

For 1 pack

£8.00

each for 2 or 3
packs

£7.50

each for 4 or
more packs

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Saturday November 18th
Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar
10am – 2pm

A variety of local crafts for sale.
Get your Christmas shopping done early.
Enjoy a cuppa and a bite to eat amongst friends.

Free entry

Christmas Bazaar

 Saturday 
18 November



10.30 – 12.00



St Mary's Church



LAVERTON



PRODUCE & DECORATIONS

**BRING
& BUY**

in aid of
church funds

BOOKS

Entrance: £1
for coffee &
biscuits

RAFFLE



MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

CHRISTMAS

EXTRAVANGANZA

4TH DECEMBER

See Page 23 for details...



Christmas Fayre

Saturday

25th November

10.00am till 12 noon

St Philip & St James Church

Norton St Philip

There will be stalls including

Craft work

Coffee/tea

Mulled wine

Mince pies and cakes

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THE FRESHFORD UNITED CHRISTMAS PARTY



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TOP BIN
CHALLENGE
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**CHRISTMAS
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**MEAL DEAL
TICKETS
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SIBLINGS
WELCOME!**

**FULLY
STOCKED BAR

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***Tickets include
childrens main meal,
snack and drink.
Free entry for all adults.**

DECEMBER 1ST, 6PM - 11PM
RODE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, RODE

Hardington Vale invite you to join our

Outdoor Nativity

Sunday 10th December 3pm

meet at - top of Marsh Road, Rode

- Hear and see the Christmas story
- Join in the Carol Singing
- Live cast, including a donkey



MULLED
WINE &
mince pies

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Family Carol Singing and nativity

*Q' come all ye faithful! Q' come dressed as
your favourite nativity character. Bring
friends, grandparents, neighbours & babies,
but mostly bring your voices.*

Monday 4th December

4-5pm St Laurence Church, Rode
BA11 6PW - parking available at the church

mulled wine - hot chocolate - mince pies

IN AID OF FRIENDS OF
RODE & NORTON SCHOOLS

F · R · A · N · S




Scouts
1st Rode (Scout Group)

... PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 6.30PM


Scouts
1st Rode (Scout Group)

Starting from Rode Scout Hut
and ending on Rode Village Green
with mince pies and mulled wine.

We are raising money for
a local children's charity.



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RODE CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 17 December

3.00 pm in St Lawrence church, Rode

Join us, our choir and organist to sing some of your favourite carols, and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie!

**Carols
for
Christmas**

A traditional
service of
lessons and
Carols

17th December 2023 at 18.00
St Leonard's, Farleigh Hungerford

Mince pies and mulled wine served in The
Old Schoolroom opposite the church at 17.30

(Donations to support the upkeep of the Church and Old School Room: Reg. Charities. Nos. 287097 and 1050991)



CRIB SERVICES

Christmas Eve – Saturday 24 December

3.00pm The Chapel, Rode

5.00 pm St Philip & St James Church, Norton NSP

A short service specially designed for young children and their families.
Retelling the Christmas story, singing Carols
and welcoming the Posada into church.

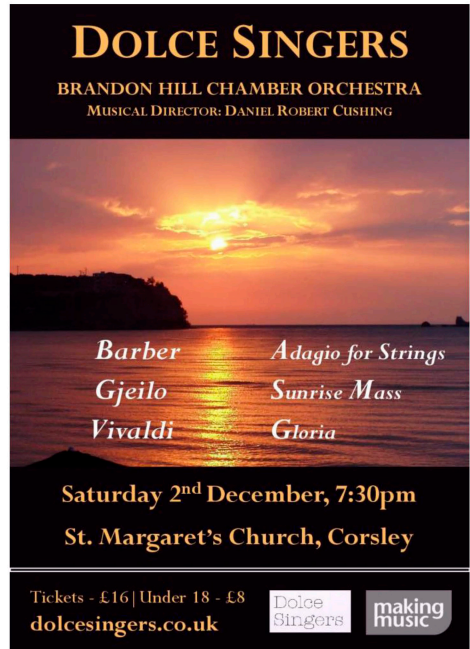
Noticeboard



My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers and kind messages we received after the death of my husband John.

We were together for 59 happy years.

Pat Restorick



DOLCE SINGERS
BRANDON HILL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: DANIEL ROBERT CUSHING

Barber Adagio for Strings
Gjeilo Sunrise Mass
Vivaldi Gloria

Saturday 2nd December, 7:30pm
St. Margaret's Church, Corsley

Tickets - £16 | Under 18 - £8
dolcesingers.co.uk

Dolce Singers making music

CARE 4 CALAIS

Do you have any unwanted men's coats, gloves, hoodies, etc? Or an old tent, sleeping bag, or blankets that you no longer need?

Last year, thanks to the generosity of many Rodents, I managed to take a car full of clothes, sleeping bags and small tents to Calais.... and I'm planning on doing the same this year! The majority of refugees in Calais are from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Eritrea, Sudan (all amongst world's top 10% most dangerous countries) and virtually no legal ways for such individuals to reach the UK (where most have some family link). Many have fled war or oppression and are now at the mercy of the winter weather.

So, if you've any of the following which you no longer need, it would be great if I could collect them from you: Men's & boys' coats/Hoodies & jumpers/Small tents /Sleeping bags & blankets/Gloves, scarves, hats, socks/Rain ponchos/Backpacks /Trainers

They need to be clean and in good condition (especially any tents, which should be free from tears, and include necessary poles, etc)as winter approaches there is a desperate need for such items in and around Calais. Your old tent or sleeping bag can help keep families warm over winter. I'm planning a trip to Calais on 20th November, so – if you have something you can donate – please contact me via the following email address: jim.mcauliffe@care4calais.org Many thanks in advance. *Jim McAuliffe*

Noticeboard

Can you support your local charity to provide healthcare for communities in East Africa?



The charity CHASE (Community Health and Sustainable Environment) Africa is based in Rode. We support 14 local partners in East Africa to improve the health of women, families, communities and their environment.

The remote, rural communities we support have inadequate access to healthcare. Many live far from healthcare clinics, they cannot afford to travel or pay for the services, and the frail, elderly, and people with disability simply have no way of getting the support they need.

Furthermore, many people are not aware of the benefits of family planning and their right to choose the number, timing and spacing of their children. Many families become trapped in a cycle of poverty as they struggle to provide for their children.

Low demand for and use of contraception can also be caused by myths and misconceptions. We see high levels of unintended pregnancies among teenagers and women, maternal death, child mortality, and unsafe abortions as a result.

How CHASE Africa makes a difference



CHASE Africa delivers vital healthcare and improves knowledge, attitudes and access to contraception.

Our Community Health Workers raise awareness of healthcare and family planning by visiting people in their homes and encouraging them to attend our community dialogues. The dialogues are an open, educational discussion which address the community's healthcare needs.

Noticeboard

Our outreach clinics and Backpack Nurses bring services to the people. For example, the photo above is an outreach clinic in the Rwenzori foothills organised by our local partner, RCRA Uganda.

We also run child right clubs both in and out of schools to raise awareness, as there is currently no sex education in schools.

The communities we work with are heavily dependent on natural resources and many rely on agriculture for their income. So some of our partners engage communities in activities to build resilience to climate change and teach the importance of protecting biodiversity.

What is the impact of our work?

Since 2012, we have delivered over 500,000 rights-based family planning services and nearly 1.2 million healthcare services to rural communities. Our services positively impact women's health, family wellbeing and subsequently reduces poverty, conflict and pressure on local natural resources.

In 2021, Nashiru*, who sells groceries at market to support her family, attended a mobile clinic run by our partner, The Maa Trust. It was here where she heard a nurse talk about Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), including the value of family planning, and she began her journey of using contraception.

"I started using family planning after my fifth child in 2021. I had never used any family planning method, increasing my chances of getting unwanted pregnancies. I am now telling other women in the village that it's very important that we go for family planning. The moment you plan your family size, you'll have enough strength and time to go and do other activities which will improve the standard of your family. I don't want any more children as I'd like to provide a quality life for my five children." *Name has been changed to protect her identity.

Can you support us?

We would like to invite you, our local community, to support CHASE Africa and our local partners during the '**Big Give Christmas Challenge 2023**'.

If you donate online between 28 November - 5 December 2023 your donation will be doubled! Can you help us reach our target of £60,000? Your donation can help us reach even more people with our healthcare services.

**Please visit our website to find out more: chaseafrica.org.uk
Or call 07775 631280 or 07773 993023 for more information.**

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

ON MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 pm

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Hugh Williams – Clerk, Cllr Adam Boyden (County Councillor) and 3 parishioners.

1. Parishioners Participation: It was brought to the meetings attention that a 20mph limit in the village would not be enforceable and should not be attempted. This was a case of a minority imposing their views over the majority. The Chair indicated that when this was proposed a couple of years ago it was widely supported and that the Police had approved it and that it could be enforced. A TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) had still to be issued and this would be publicised with the opportunity for Parishioners to comment. Concern was expressed that the school bus blocked the High Street when picking up children and it was questioned whether it could pull into the school to do this.

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

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Actions from previous meeting:

i. The Mill: The new licence was granted at the Hearing in September, however there was some concern over the process. The Parish Council (PC) employed a barrister to have a look at the new licence and the procedure. Following his report, it was agreed that the PC would lodge an appeal before the deadline of 4th October on the following grounds: the extension of the licenced area, the fact that there is now no discrimination for outside events and that there was mis-direction by the Butcombe solicitor at the Hearing. It is hoped there could be a resolution prior to the appeal going to the Magistrate's Court, which would probably be in 4 to 6 months. The new licence is now in abeyance as an appeal has been lodged. The Chair and AP plan to meet the tenants to discuss this issue. It was agreed to let Tellisford know of the PC actions.

ii. Defibrillator: It was agreed to propose three dates towards the end of November to Community Heartbeat Trust for Defibrillator Awareness training. Once the date was known this would be widely publicised to get as many people to attend as possible in the Memorial Hall.

6. Climate Change Group: The meeting agreed to pay meeting costs incurred by the Climate Change Group as this Group was reporting back to the PC.

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7. County Councillor's Report: Cllr Adam Boyden reported that 140 sites had been proposed to Somerset for the building of the 505 dwellings that had originally been assigned to NE Mendip. These sites all had to be able to complete construction by 2029 and were currently being assessed. A consultation on the selected sites would be starting in early 2024 but until then the sites would remain unknown.

He said that a much better LCN meeting had been recently held; with issues covering road safety and schooling being the main topics. The solar farm application had now been delayed until the end of October/early November. Somerset could offer help to parish councils putting in EV charging points and this would be investigated.

He asked about making people aware of planning applications and was impressed at the service AE and PR did in alerting neighbours and seeing what each application involved on the ground. It was agreed that circulation of the Consultees to any application should be circulated by Somerset.

There was a possibility that a night camera speeding person could come to Rode and if they did it was agreed Rode Hill and Bradford Road would be the best places for this to be done.

The Bell roof and out buildings have been inspected and declared okay, it was agreed the Frome Civic Society should be made aware of the current condition of the building.

National Highways have acknowledged concerns over the slip road onto the A36, but it was down their list of priorities.

8. Highways issues:

i. Street Lights Turn off: There was still concern that Somerset had indicated that on any street, lights either had to be on or off and there could not be isolated lights on while most were off. The Clerk was asked to check this to see if this was a Somerset and/or national policy.

ii. SIDs: JB reported that although Gloucestershire had approved the new SIDs, Avon and Somerset Police were still evaluating them. He agreed to put together costs for these new Auto SIDs. It was also agreed Somerset should be chased up for the agreed new SID posts promised over a year ago.

iii. Bradford Road/Rode Hill: It was reported that the stop signs were not easily visible due to vegetation growth and, also some signs were not correctly aligned. Somerset Highways would be contacted to correct.

9. Planning:

i) New applications:

2023/1747/LBC: Single storey glazed rear extension – Mayfield Mill, 4A High Street. No objections

2023/1817/TCA: Crown lift holly by 2-3m, re-pollard limes and fell elm to approx. 2m – Christchurch House, Rode Hill. No objections.

2023/1870/TPO: Cedar – crown clean and remove significant deadwood – Christchurch House, Rode Hill. No objections.

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ii. Somerset decisions:

None

10. Website:

It was agreed this should go live in two to three weeks to a limited circulation and live to all at end of November. The Clerk reminded those who had not sent 'mug shots' to do so asap.

11. Creating Spaces for People:

It was agreed the response prepared by Jim McAuliffe could be submitted to Somerset in response to the consultation.

12. Footpaths:

Complaints about the path round the back of the children's play area on the playing field had been received. It was agreed this was not suitable and that in winter it became impassable. After discussion it was agreed the best solution would be to cut the fence and put in a gate to allow access into the playing field to join up with the concrete path that goes to the skate board area. Some improvement over the short stretch of grass might be required along with suitable 'dogs on lead' signs. This would be relayed to the Playing Field Committee for their approval.

13. Grass cutting:

An alternative quote had been received for all the grass cutting around the village (including the playing field). It was agreed the Clerk would get a quote from Eagle for 2024 for comparison and this would include the extra area of the playing field. Also quotes for keeping the undergrowth back on the path from Barrow Farm to the allotments would be sought.

14. Items for next agenda.

The following would be discussed at the November meeting: grass cutting quotes, Conservation area for Rode and Auto SIDs.

15. Financial matters:

i. Precept: After discussion it was agreed to raise the precept by 8% to £27,000 for 2024.

ii. Payments: The following payments were agreed:

QSC Services Ltd	£840.00
J McAuliffe (Green Week)	£110.80
Rode and District Hall	£147.00
SALC (Annual subscription)	£329.50
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£792.00
Clerk Salary	£241.85
HMRC PAYE	£60.40
Glasdon (dog waste bin)	£353.47

15. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 13th November at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

...and finally

WHERE IN HARDINGTON VALE?

Where in Hardington Vale, would you see this sign?

Did you recognise the scene in last month's photograph?

It was the Devil's Bed and Bolster near Rode



WORDSEARCH



Types of Dog

BULLDOG
PINSCHER
DALMATIAN
MASTIFF
BOXER
SHEPHERD
BEAGLE
TERRIER
SETTER
CORGI
ROTTWEILER
CHIHUAHUA
COLLIE
HOUND
DACHSHUND

Play this puzzle online at :

<http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/9/>

Unfortunately we are unable to print the answer to last month's Codeword.

POEM OF THE MONTH

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
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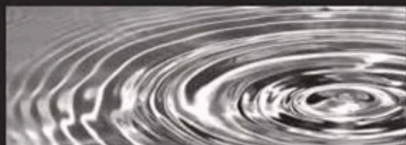
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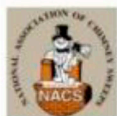
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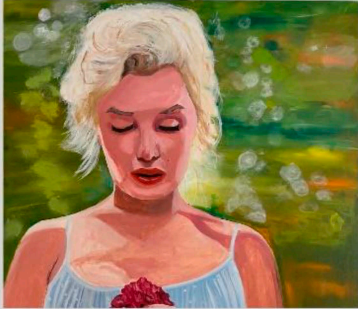
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Wednesday 1 Nov All Saints Day	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	F Stewart C Walker/J Robinson
	4.30 pm	Buckland Dinham , All Souls Service	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Tellisford , All Souls Service	
Thursday 2 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 5 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast	A & S Filkins M Harrison/C Walker J Robinson
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion	
	11.00 am	Laverton , Holy Communion	
	6.00 pm	Rode , Chapel, Meeting Place	
Monday 6 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 7 Nov	9.45 am	Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion	A Kellett
	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 9 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 12 Nov Remembrance Sunday	8.00 am	Norton St Philip , said Holy Communion	C Walker J Robinson/Methodists C Walker + British Legion B Day
	10.45 am	Rode , Remembrance Parade	
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Remembrance Service	
	10.30 am	Buckland Dinham , Remembrance Service	
Monday 13 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 14 Nov	5.00 pm	Tellisford , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 15 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer	
Thursday 16 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer	
Sunday 19 Nov	9.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Morning Worship	J Robinson/M Harrison J Robinson/M Harrison B Day
	10.30 am	Rode St Lawrence , Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip , Informal Worship	
	11.00 am	Laverton , Matins	P Swithinbank
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Monday 20 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 21 Nov	5.00 pm	Laverton , Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington , Morning Prayer	
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Sunday 26 Nov	9.00 am	Tellisford , Holy Communion	J Robinson J Flindall/N Jacobs C Walker/J Robinson
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Fri 3 Nov	6.30pm "Lest We Forget" Exhibition see page 30 for details 7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy Return –see page 31 for further details
Sat 4 Nov	From 6pm Norton St Philip Firework Display see page 32 for details
Mon 6 Nov	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club see page 23 for details
Tue 7 Nov	10.30am-12.30pm Rode Talking Café see page 32 for details
Thu 9 Nov	10am Rode Walking Group see page 22 for details
Fri 10 Nov	2.30pm Rode Over 60s see page 20 for details 7pm Puddings & Prosecco see page 33 for further details
Sat 11 Nov	REMEMBRANCE DAY - 2 minutes silence at 11am
Sun 12 Nov	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 2 minutes silence at 11am 10.45 Rode Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service see page 6 for details
Mon 13 Nov	7.00pm Rode & District Gardening Club (guests welcome) see page 21 for details 7.30pm Rode Parish Council Meeting see page XX for details
Sat 18 Nov	10am-2pm Rode Chapel Christmas Bazaar see page 42 for details. 10.30am-12pm St Mary's Laverton Christmas Bazaar see page 42 for details
Mon 20 Nov	2.30-4pm Forgot Me Not Café see page 34 for details
Tue 21 Nov	10.30am-12.30pm Rode Talking Café see page 32 for details
Thu 23 Nov	COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY LINK
Fri 24 Nov	11.15 – 11.45am Mobile Library, High Street, Rode
Sat 25 Nov	10am-12pm Christmas Fayre NSP Church see page 42 for details. 7 for 7.30pm NSP Church Evening Concert see page 30 for details
Mon 27 Nov	6.30pm Defibrillator Awareness Training see page 7 for details
Wed 29 Nov	6.30pm Asha evening see page 34 for details
Thu 30 Nov	8pm RPF Lottery Draw, The Cross Keys see page 9 for details

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Fri Dec 1	6-11pm FUFC Christmas Party see pages 10 & 43 for details
Mon 4 Dec	12.15pm Monday Lunch Club Christmas Extravaganza see page 23 for details 4-5pm FRANS Family Carol Concert see pages 10 & 44
Fri 8 Dec	7 for 7.30pm Rode Roxy –see page XX for further details
Sun 10 Dec	3pm Rode Outdoor Nativity see page 43 for details
Wed 13 Dec	6.30pm Scouts Rode Village Christmas Carols see page 44for details
Sun 17 Dec	3pm St Lawrence Church, Rode Carol Service see page 45 for details. 6pm St Leonard's Church, Farleigh Hungerford
Sun 24 Dec	3pm Rode Chapel & 5pm NSP Church – Crib Service see page 45 for details
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