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**EDITORIAL**

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Welcome to another edition of Roade News, a great source of information about all the wonderful things going on in our village. Parish, District and County Councillors as well as our local MP have all contributed. In addition our local schools, churches and other groups and organisations keep us in touch with what is happening in the village. We are fortunate to have so many clubs and groups in Roade, all of whom always welcome new members, so whether you are new to the village, recently retired or looking for another interest, do get in touch - you will find contact numbers in this magazine.

We welcome feedback about the presentation, balance and coverage of topics. In particular, if there are issues that you feel have been missed out, we'd like to know about them so they can be included in the future. Any comments can be addressed to [editor@roadenews.co.uk](mailto:editor@roadenews.co.uk) or phone Sue on 863662. And if you would like to share a "snippet" in a future edition, please contact us.

**SNIPPETS**

- The Roade News website has an Events Calendar showing future regular as well as one-off events. Do feel free to advise us of any events scheduled for later in the year so we can include these, and do check the calendar before booking an event, to lessen the chance of clashes such as has happened with the Bowls Club and Football Club social events in April.
- A resident asks that everyone who owns a dog and takes walks on any public footpath in and around the village, should be aware that **it is illegal not to pick up any faeces** your dog has left. Please place it in the bins provided around the village or take it home and place in your black bin.

**NEW TO THE VILLAGE?**

In addition to Roade News which is distributed to very home and business in the village, new residents of Roade can be given a little pack containing information about the various facilities, clubs and many items of interest which we hope will help them to settle in. Please ring Sylvia on 01604 862735 if you or your neighbour would like one of our Street Representatives to deliver a pack.

## WHAT'S ON DIARY

**March**

- 1 Women's Institute, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party outing  
 3 Ladies Breakfast, St Mary's Church, 9am - 10.30am  
 5 'Drop In' Coffee Morning, St Mary's Church, 10am-12noon  
 7 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm  
 7 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm  
 7 Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm - *Repton, 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
 9 Craft Fellowship, Methodist Church, 10am  
 9 Irish Night with Donnybrook Fair, Bowls Club  
 10 Home Bake Sale, St Mary's Church, 10am  
 12 Royal British Legion Meeting, Football Club, 7pm  
 12 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm  
 14 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm  
 14 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, Roade Village Hall, 7.30pm  
 17 Scouts Jumble Sale, Roade Village Hall, 1pm-3pm  
 19 St Mary's Coffee Shop, St Mary's Church, 10am - *bric-a-brac*  
 21 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm  
 21 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm  
 23 Craft Fellowship, Methodist Church, 10am  
 24 Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, 10am  
 24 Country Dance and Meal for Families and Friends, St Mary's Church  
 26 Wine Club, Cripps House, The Ridings, 7.30pm  
 28 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm  
 28 Local History Society, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm - *Get 'em down - your memoirs that is*  
 29 Easter Parade Crafts, Roade Library, 2.30-4.30pm  
 31 Brighton Riot, Football Club

**April**

- 4 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm  
 4 Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm - *The workings of Workbridge Centre*  
 4 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm  
 5 Women's Institute, Cripps House, 7.30pm - *beekeeping & book swap*  
 6 Craft Fellowship, Methodist Church, 10am  
 9 'Drop In' Coffee Morning, St Mary's Church, 10am-12noon  
 9 Royal British Legion Meeting, Football Club, 7pm  
 9 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm  
 11 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, Roade Village Hall, 7.30pm  
 11 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm  
 12 Spring - Down the Rabbit Hole - Magic Show, Roade Library, 2.30-3.30pm  
 14 Home Bake Sale, St Mary's Church, 10am  
 16 St Mary's Coffee Shop, St Mary's Church, 10am - *jigsaws*

- 18 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm
- 18 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 25 Local History Society, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm - *Cutting Remarks*
- 25 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 28 Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, 10am
- 28 Johnny Red, Bowls Club, 8pm
- 28 Neon Valley, Football Club, 8pm
- 30 Wine Club, Cripps House, The Ridings, 7.30pm

**May**

- 2 Roade Village Hall & Playing Field Charity AGM, Village Hall, 7pm
- 2 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm
- 2 Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 3 Women's Institute, Cripps House, 7.30pm - *wood turning & plant stall*
- 7 'Drop In' Coffee Morning, St Mary's Church, 10am-12noon
- 9 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, Roade Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 12 Home Bake Sale, St Mary's Church, 10am
- 12 Illustrated Talk, St Mary's Church
- 14 Royal British Legion Meeting, Football Club, 7pm
- 14 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm
- 16 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm
- 16 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 17 After the Battle - Dunsmiting Tales, Roade Library, 7.30pm
- 21 St Mary's Coffee Shop, St Mary's Church, 10am
- 23 Local History Society, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm - *AGM & Canons Ashby*
- 23 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 26 Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, 10am
- 27 Six Go Singing, Village Hall, 7pm
- 28 Wine Club, Cripps House, The Ridings, 7.30pm
- 30 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm

**June**

- 4 'Drop In' Coffee Morning, St Mary's Church, 10am-12noon
- 6 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm
- 6 Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 7 Women's Institute outing
- 11 Royal British Legion Meeting, Football Club, 7pm
- 11 Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm
- 13 Shutlanger & Stoke Bruerne Flower Club, Roade Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 16 Roade Primary School Summer Fair, 12pm-3pm
- 18 St Mary's Coffee Shop, St Mary's Church, 10am

- 20 Whist Drive, St Mary's Church, 7.15pm
- 20 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm
- 23 Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, 10am
- 25 Wine Club, Cripps House, The Ridings, 7.30pm
- 27 Community Choir, Methodist Church, 7.30-9.15pm

**WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY**

Every Wednesday	Rhymetime for under 5s	11.00 – 11.30am
Every Thursday	Play and Learn for Under 5s	2.00 – 3.00pm
Every other Saturday	Italian Language Cafe	11.30am-12.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Having Fun with Creative Writing	3.00 – 4.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Afternoon Tea	3.00 – 4.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Road Readers – reading group	3.00 – 4.00pm
Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Mahjong	2.00 – 4.00pm

**ABOUT ROADE**

Road claims to be one of the first villages in the County to set up a Parish Council; to introduce street lighting and to have a sewerage system; so that it is surprising to find that there was no electricity till 1929 and no gas or water till 1937.

The original sewerage plant of 1900 was at that time the most up to date in the County, and needed no extension till 1952 when the new council houses were being completed in large numbers. But new ideas seep slowly into the mind of old folks and not many houses were connected to it until the Diphtheria epidemic.

There have been more hard words spoken over the water supply than over all other subjects put together. Before 1937 water was obtained from the numerous wells and springs in the village. Only a few years after the main was laid from Hartwell the trouble started and during the War the shortage of water was a minor catastrophe. Hardly a week passed without it being completely cut off, and the Hartwell people said rude things about the Road people stealing their water, and the Road people said even more rude things about the water board; and the old folk reminded everyone how there was never any trouble when they carried their own water from the pumps, and how much better it tasted than this you sometimes managed to squeeze from the unwilling, new-fangled pipes. In the end we all drank well or pump water and the Authorities posted notices to say it was unfit for human consumption. Finally they requisitioned new salvage carts and distributed water from Northampton to tanks scattered throughout the village. It was all very expensive and not very satisfactory, but after a great deal of planning and arguing pipes were laid to bring water from Harpole, much to the relief of our ever growing populace.

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**Chairman's Comment**

As reported in the last edition of Roade News due to the lack of progress being made in meeting their planning obligations we requested a further meeting with South Northants and County Council representatives and the developers and would advise the latest details ...

On 31<sup>st</sup> January a Breach of Condition Notice was issued relating to the Persimmon Development at Roade. It stated that new dwellings had been occupied within phase 3 of the site contrary to planning permission **S/2016/1063**. This obliged the developer to ensure **NO** further occupations took place within phase 3 of the site until remediations had been accepted. Full details can be found on the SNC Planning website.

In addition to this other updates are:

- A508 Roundabout. A further plan was shown of the proposed new hedge line, this was rejected by the PC and a redesign requested and this has now been received showing a more substantial hedge. Unfortunately, there is still no indication as to when the work will take place.
- On the Primary school crossing SNC have requested further design changes from the developers so again there is no timing for the long overdue work.
- Regarding the Enhancements to the High Street Roundabout SNC are requesting the developers to meet their commitments as soon as possible.
- Regrettably the closure notice on footpath KZ8 has been extended until the end of July 2018 with the contractor quoting Health and Safety concerns as the reason.

We plan to meet on a regular basis and will advise on changes as soon as they are known.

I am pleased to advise you that the Parish Council were awarded joint first position in a recent War Memorial competition. A vote of thanks to the British Legion and Gardening Club for maintaining the flower beds and also our village technician and grass cutting contractors who keep the area clean and tidy.

Also, thanks to the 3 Parish Councillors who were recently spotted tidying up overgrown land in the village.

The parish council have recently awarded a contract for a major refurbishment of both council owned playgrounds. On Churchcroft this will consist of a secure area with a greater range of play equipment for children of Primary school age group and younger. There will also be enhanced seating areas for parents.



In the recreation field there will be a secure Junior area but there will also be a Multi-Use Games Area, a half pipe skateboard facility and a large feature Explorer Dome as well as a range of other items to meet the needs of all age groups and abilities.

And to help all residents with their fitness there will be a trim trail and jogging / walking path around the perimeter of the field. Plans of the development can be seen in the Library during opening hours. The finance for the development of £240,000, together with a contribution of £10,000 to the Village Hall for their play area refurbishment is being provided by money received from Section 106 funds.

Regrettably during the construction phase planned to be March there will be significant disruption and partial closure of both play areas, however after completion towards the end of May the village will have recreation areas which will enhance the village and be amongst the best in the county.

We plan to have an official opening day towards the end of May - this will be advertised on the PC website.

Gripe of the Month

Although the growing season has not yet started the PC is already receiving complaints about overgrown hedges and trees. So, a polite request please keep yours tidy.

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Whilst there is not a lot to advise, I am pleased to be able to tell you of certain matters.

The CEO, and also The Leader of SNC, have written letters in regard to the requirement for a new **Medical Centre** for Roade village. I am advised that the Doctors Partnership and Persimmon have exchanged legal documents and that it is now in the hands of NHS England and NHS Northampton. We all know in this village that the present Surgery is not fit for purpose (not the fault of the doctors and staff), especially for the elderly and those with problems climbing stairs. Regardless of the problems, the doctors and staff work hard to help anyone who is unwell, or needs help with their health, and do a very good job.

In regard to the two potential **Rail Freight** developments, as you will all know, both are not required as far as the local population are concerned as this would be a blight on all the roads and also cause substantial air pollution. SNC have said no to both developments, as have Roade Parish Council and indeed anyone I speak to within the village agrees, NO to Rail Freight. However The Secretary of State and not SNC will take the final decision.

The **Ashton Road site** continues to cause problems, in regard to road cleanliness and other issues. SNC officers and myself, together with the Chair and two Parish Councillors and the Clerk, have met together twice in recent weeks with NCC Managers and Persimmon Managers to discuss various issues in regard to the site and other elements. These issues range from heavy mud on the roads to lack of discussion in regard to removing trees on the corner of London Road and Northampton Road, and a timetable (to be advised by NCC) at that junction.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone.

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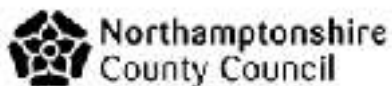


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Since County Council elections in 2017 a lot has changed following Budget announcements in November, Budget Consultation proposed cuts and reaction of all 7 county MPs to the current style of governance at NCC. The government requested a review into council finances on behalf of the Secretary of State and appointed an independent inspector to carry out an assessment and come up with recommendations. NCC has insisted that spending on statutory services for protecting vulnerable people and staff wages will be unaffected. To my understanding, the government inspector and his team are analysing the current and past circumstances which have resulted in the current financial position of the County Council. It would be unwise to second guess the outcome of that analysis and report which we expect to be issued on March 16th. The inspector has no preconceived ideas and will issue the report to Council and Minister at the same time and until then there won't be any major changes implemented, neither will work of departments come to a halt.

Following NCC's earlier Library Consultation there is a high threat of losing the library in our beautiful Roade village. As your County Councillor, I am involved in the vast process of work, discussions and researching going on through close-working of multiple parties, including, Roade Parish Council, NCC First for Wellbeing and SNC with Friends of Roade Library leading on it. There is currently an operational Roade Library Working Group built of myself and representatives of FoRL and RPC. If you believe that you are able to volunteer your time, offer your professional skills or share your knowledge with us for the sake of Roade community – please do get in touch with either myself or the Roade Parish Clerk.

At the same time, there are multiple projects on-going which I am deeply involved in. Such as:

- Delivery of Towcester Relief Road
- Roade Surgery
- Alternative solutions available following announcement on cut to Bus subsidies
- Rail Freight proposals

Please do not hesitate to get in touch on any of the above

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A brief update from me as your MP on a few matters of local interest.

A few residents have been in touch with me to raise the need for a new GP surgery in Roade, and I know that your local Councillors are also working hard on this. I have been in contact with Roade Surgery on London Road to find out a little more about their plans, and progress is certainly being made. The Parks Medical Practice, which manages the surgery, have explained that they have taken ownership of an area of land set aside under the planning agreement with Persimmon Homes. I am assured that a range of options were considered, but that this one represents the best opportunity for the new surgery to be built as soon as possible. I am hoping to meet with their Surgery Manager in the coming months to discuss what I can do to help.

At the time of writing, we are awaiting Roxhill's submission to the Planning Inspectorate of their Northampton Gateway proposals. The most recent stage of their statutory pre-application consultation closed in the first week of February, and I know that a number of people have responded to one or more of these consultations; you can read my own submissions on my website. The next stage will be to engage with the Planning Inspectorate's examinations of the plans, and I would encourage as many people as possible to do so. I plan to write to those residents who have contacted me about Northampton Gateway once we have a clearer idea of the timescales.

I think that, apart from a few properties to the south of the village, most people in Roade should now have access to superfast broadband. I do know how deeply frustrating it is for those who are still waiting, but my understanding from the *Superfast Northamptonshire* website is that all remaining households should be connected by the end of 2018. Do get in touch if you have any particular concerns.

As ever, you can find more information about these issues and many others on my website ([www.andrealeadsom.com](http://www.andrealeadsom.com)), and you can contact me via [andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk) or in writing at Ground Floor, Victoria House, 138 Watling Street East, Towcester, NN12 6BT. I am always pleased to hear from residents on any issue.

Allow me to wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter.

*A Leadsom*

## UPDATE ON THE ROADE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Experience shows that neighbourhood planning is a marathon not a sprint! We started the process back in July 2016 and 18 months on, we are now past the mid-point of what is a long and protracted process. The situation is not of our making, rather it's down to the requirements of the Regulations that govern neighbourhood planning. Members of the Steering Group, individually and collectively, together with our planning consultant (paid for by a government grant) have put in many hours preparing the necessary drafts, consulting and responding to comments.

By the time you read this, the 6 week consultation on what is called the Regulation 14 Consultation draft Plan, where the Plan is opened up to scrutiny by some 65 statutory consultees - public bodies ranging from Historic England to NHS England - as well as you, the residents (again), will have been completed. So in Grand National terms, we have cleared Beechers Brook and are heading towards the finish but there are still a couple of big fences to jump, not least of which is the scrutiny by the independent External Examiner to confirm that the Plan is legally and otherwise fit for purpose, followed by the public referendum where you, the residents have to vote whether to accept the Plan. The referendum is a formal process, that is conducted like the local and parliamentary elections; I will cover that in more detail in a future update article, nearer the event.

The Steering Group is grateful for your continuing interest, especially those of you who take the time to comment on this important initiative that is vital if we are to control how Roade develops and grows between now and 2029; keep the faith, we will get there in the end. Remember you can access all the relevant documents at [roadenhp.co.uk](http://roadenhp.co.uk) and contact us at [roade.nhp@gmail.com](mailto:roade.nhp@gmail.com)

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**PARSON'S PIECE**

Here's a challenge! Can you name each of the 10 Commandments? One survey found that of 1200 people aged 15-35yrs, most could name no more than two of them. So, go to the top of the class if you got all 10.

A businessman, renowned for his ruthless arrogance and religiosity, told his minister that before he died he wanted to visit the Holy Land and then travel into the Sinai desert to find the mountain where God gave Moses the 10 Commandments. Once there he would climb to the summit and read all 10 out loud. His minister was not impressed and replied, "Why don't you simply stay at home and keep them?!".

We are not only to be hearers of God's word, but doers also; and so, practise what we preach. One helpful book is by J. John, "Just 10.....God's Timeless Values For Life Today". Many folk across our Benefice are reading this at the moment and exploring how to relate these Commandments to their everyday lives. Why not invest in a copy and join them!

Rev. Mike Burton (Rector)

**WEEKLY WORSHIP PATTERN**

Set out below are brief details of Sunday Services at St Mary's:

**First Sunday** – 10.30 am Lighthouse

**Second Sunday** – 10.30 am All Age Celebration

**Third Sunday** – 10.30 am Morning Praise and Sunday School Club (see below)

**Fourth Sunday** – 9.15 am Parish Communion

**Fifth Sunday** – 10.30 am Benefice Communion (venue variable)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUB** for children, from babies to young teens and families to meet in a relaxed atmosphere. Children will enjoy stories from the bible on DVD, singing, colouring, crafts and creating prayers to share with the congregation at the end of their service. Parents too will have time to chat and get involved with the activities if they so wish and there are plenty of refreshments for all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Bailey ([sarah.bailey73@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarah.bailey73@hotmail.co.uk) / 07988 675249), or just turn up at the next Club when you will be made most welcome.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Mothering Sunday – 11th March, 2018 – 10.30 a.m. – All Age Service at Roade**

**Maundy Thursday** – 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 – 6.30 p.m. - Benefice Communion Service at Roade

**Good Friday** – 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 – 2.00 p.m. Meditation on the Cross at Hartwell

**Easter Day** – 1st April, 2018 – 10.30 a.m. – All Age Service at Roade

**Ascension Day** – 10<sup>th</sup> May – See Church Notice Board

**Benefice Communion** – 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 - 10.30 a.m. Benefice Communion at Ashton

For details of all other church services in the Salcey Benefice including Special Services listed below please see the church notice board, the Internet at [www.achurchnearyou.com/roade-st-mary](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/roade-st-mary) or contact one of the people listed in the Contacts Directory in the centre of this magazine.

**Facebook** - Keep in touch with what is happening and all details about St Mary's on our Facebook Page – St Mary's Church, Roade.

### **NORTHAMPTON HOPE CENTRE**

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### **REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS**

**Whist Drives** – 7.15 p.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> - £2.50 includes tea/coffee and biscuits – 6 whist drive prizes.

**Home Bake Sales** – 10.00 am on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May (proceeds to Christian Aid).**

### **ST MARY'S COFFEE SHOP**

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Looking back at the Christmas season we had the first cancellation of the top ten carols concert due to the snow.

Looking forward to the coming months we have Lent and Easter. Lent Bible study will take place on each Monday of Lent from 19<sup>th</sup> February. 12.30pm if you wish to share in the midday meal and the study group starts at 1pm. We will hold Lent bible study on 5 Mondays.



On Maundy Thursday April at 7pm there will be a meditation and communion service, a time for quiet prayer and contemplation before Good Friday. The service will be lead by the Reverend John Marriott.

Easter Sunday breakfast will be at 9am with the service to follow at 10.30am

Our regular services and events:

Sunday Services are held 10.30am to 11.30am followed by tea, coffee and biscuits. Please see the church notice board for any changes. You are sure of a warm welcome so why not join us in morning worship!

Bible study on the second Monday of each month, 12.30pm if you wish to share in the midday meal and the study group starts at 1pm.

The Craft fellowship meets fortnightly on Fridays 10am to 12pm. All are welcome to come along, practice an existing craft or try a new one. So far the list of crafts enjoyed includes, knitting, embroidery, crochet, card making and sewing.

Throughout the year we will continue to hold our Coffee Mornings on the fourth Saturday of each month starting from 24<sup>th</sup> January. Join us between 10am and 12 for Bacon Butties and various stalls.

Contact our church steward Mary on 863714 for hall bookings.

You're always assured of a warm welcome and we'd love to see you any Sunday you can join us!

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Recently I was privileged to be at an uplifting performance of *Annie* by many of our North site students. It was wonderful to see so many students involved as performers and musicians, or by supporting backstage. My thanks go to the members of staff who have worked so hard to put the event together, from designing and creating the set and costumes to running the many rehearsals and preparing the publicity.

I also received an email this week from a former student of mine who had not particularly enjoyed school, but described playing in the band for the school musical as “the most amazing thing ever”. She went on to study music at university, and found her passion. She got in touch because she had seen me interviewed on BBC TV News talking about the importance of the creative arts in schools.

I had been asked, as a musician and head teacher, to comment on a recent BBC survey which found that most secondary schools have had to make cuts to their arts provision in the last few years. Head teachers stated that the two main reasons for these cuts were inadequate funding and increased accountability around the core curriculum. I talked about how the school is preserving arts subjects in spite of these pressures, and warning of the impact cuts may have in the future across the country. The BBC also interviewed some of our students, who came across very positively and eloquently.

As is often the case, my interview was edited down to a very short segment. I did have the opportunity, however, to expand on the TV article through a longer interview on Radio 5 Live later that day (30 January). It was interesting that the BBC chose to explore the subject of arts in schools in more depth on the same day that 5,500 head teachers had written to the Chancellor about funding cuts, and just a few days after the publication of school performance tables.

I often talk about the importance of students developing their qualities alongside their qualifications. We believe that school should be a time of holistic development. I wrote in the introduction for the programme to *Annie* that the arts teach us many skills, including communication, teamwork, resilience and self-control. The arts also allow us to express ourselves in ways that can't and shouldn't be measured. We are really looking forward to welcoming students from all of our feeder primary schools to a choir festival on Tuesday 3 July to continue this great work.

J Bennett, Headteacher



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**ROADE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Well, what a fantastic start back at Roade Primary School 2018! As ever the school is a very busy place. All the building work and development is now complete - we have a lovely new building to explore and for the first time we have space. Our school community is growing - but nice and slowly. We are welcoming one family at a time as they move into the village - if you are new to Roade **welcome** - it's a great village with lovely people! We have a number of new children - all have settled in well and are enjoying their learning - but the influx of new families has been more of a trickle than a flood - which has meant that we have had time to induct them really effectively into their new school.

We are maintaining our strong commitment to the arts and creativity with the many different opportunities on offer for our children this term. Year 4 are all learning the ukulele - we can't wait to hear their newly developed prowess at their assembly for parents in a few weeks. Song writing is still a key feature throughout the school, with many of our children writing songs and then recording them at the Stables, MK. The CDs will be ready after half term! A real highlight for our choir was to sing as part of the incredible Young Voices event at the O2. Our school was part of the 7000+ choir of school children from all over the country. We have it on very good authority that we were dazzling! Our year 5 pupils have enjoyed working with the art facilities at EWS to create some clay work - we are looking forward to lots more of that this year! Our young pupils found Samuel Pepys living in the Victorian block - imagine our surprise!

We have successfully participated in every sporting fixture throughout the town and area. Unfortunately the school was unable to defend its back to back county football titles this year, but we will be back next year. The school has run six competitive football teams this season - 3 girls and 3 boys teams! In the next few weeks the school is looking forward to representing South Northants at the county basketball finals and boccia, cross country at EWS and the netball starts!

All of this, with incredible teachers, teaching incredible lessons to our incredible children - there is lots to be very proud about! As you can see January has been a very busy month for us at Roade Primary School - you should come and join in the fun! If you could spare a little time to volunteer to come and read with our children and to be part of the school community you will be warmly welcomed! There are regular events held here at school too; an afternoon tea was arranged by our friends association. Keep an eye out on our website for up and coming events, it would be great to see you there!

See you at the gate.

Mark Currell, Head teacher

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This half term we have been discussing 'what we think space looks like' with our featured book 'Charlie and the Cheese Monster'. The children have been busy designing aliens and making sky at night pictures with a range of different materials. If you visit us on facebook you will see some of the fantastic results!

Outside we have been on some very cold and windy walks, all wrapped up - and the children have been trying to distinguish between the different birds they have seen through the binoculars, we've made a pretend campfire and hopefully helped in the process to clear the back field of branches into one tidy pile!!

Next term we will be talking about and recognising our different Emotions and with Easter and some outdoor growing to do, this will be another busy term for our Bumble Bees.

Bumble Bees is situated in its own building with freeflow outside spaces for the children to explore. We are open Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm and if you would like to come along for a visit, give us a ring on 01604 863400 during the day or alternatively leave a message on 07923469651 and we will get back to you. We have now opened our list for the September intake. See You Soon!!!

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## 1<sup>st</sup> ROADE RAINBOWS



The spring term has seen us joined by four new Raindrops who have settled in quickly and all have now made their Rainbow promise, becoming fully fledged Rainbows which is lovely.

Everyone has been keen to join in our challenge badges this term of which we are completing two - the Alphabet Challenge and the Space Challenge. We've had a great visit from Dave with his inflatable planets and telescope which we looked through to see the moon really close up and we've been doing lots of different fun activities covering the letters of the alphabet - including Armpit Fudge which was lots of fun to make and even, surprisingly, tastier to eat!!

We meet weekly, during term time, at the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening between 5pm and 6pm. If your daughter, or granddaughter, is aged between 5-7 years old (or will soon reach the age of 5) and would enjoy meeting new friends and joining in with lots of fun and interesting activities then please give Claire a call on 07745 431356 or email [roaderainbows@gmail.com](mailto:roaderainbows@gmail.com) for more details about how to join our waiting list.

Roade Rainbows is on the lookout for a new leader from September as sadly Claire will be leaving the unit at the end of the summer term due to a house move. It doesn't matter if you've not got any experience of Girlguiding, as training is provided and you will become part of a great team of local guiders who work together and support each other. The position is voluntary but the Rainbows are a fantastic group of girls and the time spent is incredibly rewarding as well as there being some fantastic opportunities for adults within Girlguiding! If you think that you might be interested in finding out more, or you know someone else that might be, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Claire and she'll be more than happy to talk to you about what is involved or you can find out more at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer)

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## 1<sup>st</sup> ROADE BROWNIES



This term began with saying "Get Well Soon Brown Owl" and a big thank you to Elf Owl for taking up the reins with the able help of the team.

1<sup>st</sup> Roade Brownies have been working towards their Friends to Animal badge, did some clay art as part of "Poppy's" training to become an Adult Leader, which looked fun. Seven new Brownies were enrolled by doing their Promise around World Thinking Day. The Brownies will be visiting the Library as part of the Book Lovers badge and doing some fun Easter activities and ending the term with an Easter Egg Hunt, hopefully this will be able to take place on the playing fields, weather permitting.

We meet at the Village Hall term time only on Mondays 5.30pm – 6.45pm. If your daughter or grand-daughter is aged between 7-10 years old and would be interested in joining us, please contact Karen on 07786 864517 or email [1stroadebrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stroadebrownies@gmail.com).

**1<sup>ST</sup> ROADE SCOUT GROUP****Where the Fun Begins**[www.1stroadescoutgroup.weebly.com](http://www.1stroadescoutgroup.weebly.com)

It is now 2018 and already we are two months in. There is no stopping the sections with their activities.

**Beavers:**

This term the Beavers have put on another very busy programme, full of fun and activities. In January the Beavers discussed ideas of what they would like to achieve in 2018, some of which we hope can be put into future programmes over the year. Lots of brilliant ideas were given although some may be a little beyond our current finances, who knows though if we win the lottery they could come true. It was great to see old favourites like camping, outdoor games and anything involving getting muddy still being popular. The following week the Beavers learnt about their “beaver promise” and what it actually means to them. Also in January, Fox took all the Beavers on a mini night hike around the confines of the village, although it was a bit cold everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, Well done Fox in getting everyone back to the hall. February saw the Beavers taking part in the new craze around the village “Roade Rocks”. If you are not aware of this, it is where all the Beavers paint their own rock with whatever design they want and then the following week they walk around the village looking for other painted rocks and then place their decorated one in the same place for other people to find. It is very similar to Geo-caching. Before long the village will look very colourful with painted rocks scattered around the village. Still to come, before the end of term, the Beavers are having a visit from Grafton District Scout Band and will learn about music and instruments. They will also be working towards their Cyclist Badge and learning how a bike works and then taking a cycle ride somewhere in the Northampton area.

There are spaces available in Beavers, so if you are 5 ¾ + why not come and give them a try. Please contact Rabbit on 07939 296530.

**Cubs:**

As mentioned in the last report, the Cubs had a Robin Hood Camp at Overstone campsite. It was a fabulous weekend and they learnt some brilliant back-to-basic skills including the correct and proper ways to use a knife and axe whilst camping.

They also practised putting up the old fashioned canvas tents.

Very different to many of the tents we use nowadays. This involved a lot of team work and communication. They also had to cook one of their meals on an open fire. A big thank you to the Cub Leaders and other helpers that made this possible.

On our first night back in January, the Cubs were visited by Ashton Rugby Club and they taught them how to play the game of Rugby. A very successful night. Thank you to the coaches and some of their players for coming along and sharing their skills. Maybe one day the Cubs can challenge you to a match. The following week, our famous cook (parent) who came to Beavers came to the Cubs and showed them how to make some amazing food, a very yummy experience for most.

Also in January the Cubs met up with an old friend “Mr T” who reintroduced rifle shooting to them. (He has been at some previous camps, where they have had a taster session). In February Rama's son Simon, who is a keen artist, spent a night with the Cubs showing them the skills of drawing and colouring. Some very good works of art were created, maybe we have the next “Van Gough” in the making. The Cubs also had a trip to a supermarket and learnt about Healthy Eating and how and why the food is placed where it is within the aisles. Still to come, Baloo is planning a gigantic Wide game, the cubs will be doing DIY with their mums! And going to a Disco Splash at Danes Camp Leisure centre.

If you are between 8-10 ½ yrs old and would like to join please contact us on 01604 948891.

### Scouts:

The Scouts completed a Survival weekend back in November and it happened to be the coldest weekend of the year. This did not deter the Scouts and they built their own shelters and slept outside. The leaders got no sleep that night as they monitored the weather and continually checked on the Scouts, however the Scouts had built their shelters so well they slept all night. Well done to the Scouts. This term the Scouts have been working toward their Communicators badge, they have learnt about the different methods available and YES it didn't involve mobile phones! The Scouts were lucky enough to also have a visit from Paul Ward (parent) who is in the military, he ran the night in a Military style; the Scouts really enjoyed this. Thank you Paul. The following week the Scouts learnt about the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This is a very important and recognised scheme that works alongside the Scout section. Many of the activities you do in Scouting can count towards achieving the D.o.E Award and vice versa with the Queen Scout Award. A great eye opener for the Scouts, hopefully this has encouraged quite a few to sign up to the scheme. February saw our long-awaited February Freezer camp based in Chalfont Heights. It certainly was another cold weekend, however filled with lots of different activities including zorbing, archery, high ropes and climbing wall to name a few. The Scouts thoroughly enjoyed it and made friends with lots of other scouts from around the country. The Scouts also helped deliver the jumble sale leaflets for our forthcoming sale. Still to come, in March they are having a night where the Explorers are visiting (this is the next stage on from Scouts) and refreshing their map skills before going on a challenge hike the week after.

Does this sound fun and are you aged 10½ -14yrs then contact 01604 862186 if you are interested.



**Group News:** Instead of a Christmas Party at the end of the year we decided to have a Talent Show instead. We had 14 acts take part of varying skills and talents. All the parents and friends thoroughly enjoyed it and used the clap-o-meter to help the judges (Ken, our chair and Yogi, myself) decided the winner. Congratulations to the Cub section who won with “12 days of Cub camp”

On 15<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon I was invited to the Road Line Dancing group where I received, on behalf of the group, a generous donation of **£295**. They chose our group as their charity for 2017 and each member paid 50p a week to take part, which then went in the charity pot. It was only fair that I had a go and joined in. (Even with my two left feet I somehow managed to complete it). A massive thank you to all the members of the Road Line Dancing group for your generosity. We will look at putting it towards a trip for all our young people.



Date for Diary:

**ROADE SCOUT GROUP JUMBLE SALE**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at Roade Village Hall 1pm – 3pm**

If you want to get involved, share your own skills and experiences or just want to follow what we get up to please see our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/1stroadescouts](http://www.facebook.com/1stroadescouts) or website: [www.1stroadescoutgroup.weebly.com](http://www.1stroadescoutgroup.weebly.com)  
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## ROADE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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The Roade Community Choir is made up of a cross section of local people who share the enjoyment of singing and the fun it brings. The choir meet every Wednesday evening during term time, at Roade Methodist Church Hall.

The choir's main events are a Summer concert normally held in July and a Christmas concert held in December. Throughout the year the choir responds to requests from other local organisations, clubs and charities to provide musical entertainment.

The choir's repertoire of four part harmonies (SATB) includes all kinds of music including "songs from shows", popular music, "folks songs" from around the world, religions and non-religious classics and of course Christmas songs and carols.

The choir's expenses are mainly covered by the members in the form of a quarterly subscription. In January each year surplus monies from the sale of tickets to the main concerts together with raffle proceeds (prizes donated by choir members) and funds received from other sources, are donated to local charities.

The choir has been in existence over 23 years and is always looking for new members.

If you require any further information about the choir either as a new member or if you would like the choir to sing at your local event, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Smith on 07795 250 852 or a by email at [m\\_esmith@btinternet.com](mailto:m_esmith@btinternet.com)

## ROADE GARDENING CLUB



Subjects on the 2018 programme include a talk on Humphrey Repton, a speaker from the Workbridge Centre, Plants for Shady Places, Bulbs and Showing, talks and demos, together with local visits and our main outing to an interesting or National Garden - lots of different areas but all to do with the garden.

If you have an interest and would like to come along to our meetings, you will be made most welcome. We meet at the village hall at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

It is always good to see some new faces, with new ideas, but an ideal opportunity also for new residents to Roade to get to know others with similar interests. We look forward to seeing you.

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## ROADE 'DROP IN' COFFEE MORNINGS

In partnership with Village Networks the monthly 'Drop In' Coffee mornings are hosted by St Mary's in the church hall. They are held on the first Monday of the month from 10-00am to 12-00 noon. Come along and enjoy the FREE café style atmosphere - coffee/tea and cakes and time to catch up with friends.



Check the village notice boards for details of the organisation attending each month, there is a lot of information and advice available on the day from the information desks.

Our District **Councillor Hywel Davis** will be dropping in every month to meet and listen to questions people may have.

For those who have difficulty getting to the hall, lifts can be arranged. Please contact Peter Edwards on 861370 by midday of the preceding Friday.

### The programme for the next four months:-

**Monday 5 March: Age UK** - come and find out what is available to those who have retired in terms of practical support and a wide range of social activities and courses; plus **Northampton Carers** - providing advice and support to those with caring responsibilities.

**Monday 9 April** (Due to Easter Monday being the first Monday we have moved this one to the second Monday): **Deaf Connect** - giving advice and support for those with hearing difficulties; plus **Healthwatch** - providing information and sign posting services if you are unsure who to turn to within the health and social care system; plus **Northampton Carers** - providing advice and support to those with caring responsibilities.

**Monday 7 May:** (This is a bank holiday but we will be open) **Roade Neighbourhood Watch** - providing advice on home security etc.

**Monday 4 June: Community Law** - providing advice on debt, welfare benefits, energy efficiency and employment law; plus **Northampton Carers** - providing advice and support to those with caring responsibilities; plus **South Northants Volunteer Bureau 'Garden Buddies'** information on gardening topics.

**Monday 2 July: Happy at Home Partnership** - advice and support that is available on staying warm and safe in your home for longer; plus **South Northants Council Leisure/recycling /jobs club**, helping you to apply for jobs; plus **Northampton Carers** - providing advice and support to those with caring responsibilities.

**ROADE & QUINTON OLD FOLKS FUND**

[edyke17@gmail.com](mailto:edyke17@gmail.com)



The fund has had a busy year and now a new promoter has come forward to start after the A.G.M. in March. This is a great help and we welcome Paul Smith to the post. New ideas and new people can only be good for the fund. Elizabeth Dyke will work alongside Paul for a while and remain on the committee as before. We also welcome new collectors who have come forward after changes needed to some of our rounds, due to illness.

The Tote in January raised £1,182 of which half goes in prizes and the other to support the events we put on over the year, such as the Christmas party and Christmas hamper, plus holiday and day trips. The first three prizes still stand at £150, £90 and £78. The remaining five are very worthwhile winning, but do change over the months according to how many people join us. The result of the monthly tote is always posted on the local notice boards for you to see, plus on the very local "Nextdoor" website which seems to be very popular with members as they can see the results at their leisure. Should you wish to stand a chance of winning one of the prizes, please contact Elizabeth Dyke on 863205 or Paul Smith on 07795 250852 who will be able to arrange for you to be a member. Each ticket is only 50p and you may have more than one ticket per month, plus you may add an extra number at any time should you wish to. You do not have to live in the village to belong, but you do need to be in receipt of the state registered pension and a resident of the village for six months or more to qualify for the benefits. Should any member not receive information on the events we put on please do contact the secretary Brenda Rainbow on 862866 or Elizabeth Dyke on 863205 and we will be able to help you.

The committee are very grateful to all our Tote collectors, who go out come rain (snow) or shine and collect the tote money each month. These last few months have been a little challenging with the weather being rather seasonal. Without the collectors we would not be able to get the funds in to be able to put the events on over the year. Should you wish to pay more than one month at a time, please talk to your collector and they will be able to help.

A big thank you goes to all our loyal members who continue to support us and we welcome all our new members who have joined us over the year. Good luck to you all on becoming a winner this year of one of our eight prizes.

The day trip to Leicester to do our Christmas shopping in November was another success. The Christmas hampers proved to be very popular again with so many members sending a letter of thanks for the lovely thought put into the parcel. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible. Our people who are in nursing homes were visited as usual with a Christmas gift.



The Christmas party at the start of December was attended by 140 members and great fun was had by all. This year was a little different with The Jazz Hands Showcase entertaining us with singing and dancing along with musicals from the past. This proved to be a lovely change and everyone joined in with the singing.

This group of people entertain to raise money for “Whizz Kids” fund that help young people in wheelchairs. On the night they raised £122. Thank you for everyone who made this possible. Our fund raised £410 with our very large

raffle, and thank you also to everyone who made this possible.

The holiday in May this year is to Paignton, and this is fully taken up with quite a few people on the waiting list. This is such a popular event as so many people who take advantage of this are single and find it more difficult to go away on their own. A little sad news, Joan Hollyhead, the lady who was 101 years of age and has been coming on the holiday for many years passed away. Our thoughts are with Lynn and her family.

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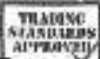


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Just a quick catch up on events at the end of last year.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Parade, either in the parade or as a spectator - the turn-out was once again marvellous. A special thank you to Grafton Scout Band who did a great job. A big thank you also to all the children of Roade Primary

School who attended a short service on Friday 10th November where a pupil from each class laid a small cross and a red rose.

We also had our Remembrance Dinner on 11th November which went off very well at our new venue. The Committee of Roade Bowls Club and their helpers worked very hard to make the evening a success.

Well, it soon comes round, the start of a New Year, and we have had a great start as at the Annual County Conference held on 13th January at the Council Chambers, Roade Parish Council were joint winners of the War Memorial Competition for 2017 (External). Major Fleming, the Chair of our Branch, received on their behalf a certificate and a plaque.

We are looking to encourage new people to become members of the Roade & District Branch so why not come and join us. We meet every second Monday in the month at 7.00 pm at Roade Football Club - you would be very welcome. You do not have to have served in Her Majesty's forces to belong. Just contact Sue Gardner, Membership Secretary on 01604 862770. You can now pay cash to the Branch for your membership fee.

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The typical winter mix of rain, snow and little sunshine has inevitably meant a number of postponements to matches. To limit the frustration of missing out on football, the junior teams have made more frequent use of the pitches behind the village hall which have better drainage than the pitches on the playing field belonging to the Parish Council at the main football club site. Evening training has continued on the all-weather Astro pitch, and inside the Sports Hall, at Elizabeth Woodville School. By mid-March, training will hopefully return to the grass pitches at Roade FC, but that depends on whether winter has finally run its course!

At the time of writing, Roade FC's 1<sup>st</sup> Team occupied 10<sup>th</sup> position in the Northants Combination Premier Division, with 16 points from 12 matches. The Reserve Team was also in 10<sup>th</sup> spot in Division 1, with 12 points from 12 matches. The Ladies Team was in 5<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1 of the Northamptonshire Women's & Girl's Football League, with 9 points from 9 matches. The U18 Team occupied top spot in the NDYAL U18A League, with 18 points from 8 matches.

Social events at Roade FC continue to be very popular. In January, Gary Beckwith wowed a packed clubhouse with another one of his masterful performances. On 31<sup>st</sup> March, the highly acclaimed four-piece cover band, Brighton Riot, will be performing live. Their repertoire includes popular Mod and Rock songs from the likes of The Jam & The Who all the way to Pulp, Oasis and Biffy Clyro. The following month, on 28<sup>th</sup> April, the clubhouse welcomes the brilliant five-piece classic rock band, Neon Valley.

As mentioned in the last edition, two grant applications for a new changing room complex were submitted to The Football Foundation in October, on behalf of the junior and adult football sections at Roade FC. We are delighted to report that these grant applications have been successful. The maximum amount awarded to Roade FC by The Football Foundation exceeds £287,000, which represents a huge endorsement of the value to the community provided by grassroots football at the club. With more than £85,000 of external funding previously secured, the total project cost should now be covered. The hope is that building work can start in the summer, with completion early in 2019.

Finally, a reminder that the Clubhouse bar is open on Wednesday and Friday evenings, as well as from mid-afternoon every Saturday and Sunday. BT Sport and Sky Sports channels are available on the two large-screen televisions throughout the year for football, rugby and other sporting action.

Further details and updates on football, social events and facilities at Roade FC can be obtained via the website [roadefc.com](http://roadefc.com), our Facebook and Twitter sites, or by emailing [roadefcenquiries@icloud.com](mailto:roadefcenquiries@icloud.com).

## WINEDING ROADE WINE CLUB

January started with a 'blind tasting' where members try to discover, by using their eyes, mouths and trained noses, if they can put wines to grape and country of origin. A lot of supping, but good fun along the way.



Wines from Germany, Chile, and France together with a visit to a local vineyard and Men's Choice Evening (Ladies went first) will be undertaken in 2018, which also happens to be our 10th Anniversary. Members will enjoy a special lunch, with supporting wines, to mark the occasion. All looking forward to that.

We continue to flourish, meeting on the first Monday of the month at Cripps House. Roade is fairly unusual and lucky to have a Wine Club operating within this expanding village. Take advantage by joining this friendly group to learn more on the subject of wine, come along and meet us. Any further information, call Pete on 862358 or Denise on 862202.

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## ROADE TENNIS CLUB

[www.roadetennis.com](http://www.roadetennis.com)

Roade Tennis Club has an exciting tennis programme that runs throughout the year. Alex Dunn (Head Coach) runs the tennis coaching programme, which covers all ages and abilities including Cardio Tennis.

Junior coaching is available for 2-16 year olds in group lessons on Saturday mornings.

Adult coaching covers cardio tennis, beginners, back to tennis and league match practice.

Throughout the year, the coaching programme covers tournaments & camps for all junior age groups.

Please contact Alex Dunn 07739 426683 for further details on the coaching programme.



## ROADE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

[www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk)

### RECENT EVENTS

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> November - Domestic Order: Families, Wives and Husbands**

Dr Cathy Smith's talk was her third to the Society. She gave us a fascinating account of the domestic life of ordinary people in the 16th and 17th centuries. Marriage was not private and communities interfered when behaviour was considered out of order. They would bang pots and pans outside the houses of offenders and humiliate men who were dominated or cuckolded by their wives. A nagging wife might be made to wear a scold's hat. Divorce was not available but there was a practical solution - unfaithful wives could be sold to their lovers.



#### **8th December Memorial to Dr John Gwilt, MBE at Roade Library**

The John Gwilt, MBE Memorial Display Cabinet is now in place at Roade Library after a very pleasant event when John's son Dr David Gwilt unveiled the Cabinet.

John was awarded the MBE for services to the community. He was chairman of the Parish Council, governor of both schools, leader of Neighbourhood Watch for many years, a popular member of Roade Local History Society and supportive of the library and both churches in the village. We are delighted to have the Cabinet, which was largely funded by Dr David Gwilt with contributions from Roade Parish Council and RLHS. It will enable us to provide changing displays relating to our local history in a very appropriate place where they can be seen by all.



David and Blodwen Gwilt

**13th December - Evening of Christmas Cheer**

**This was a merry evening.** Many thanks to our two entertaining speakers:



Peter Bennett, who gave an interesting enjoyable talk about his experiences as a young surveyor helping to install an oil pipeline in Gabon in 1966.



Peter Mawby, who brought us up to date with an admirably concise and informative account of the rise and demise of Pianoforte Supplies Ltd.



Our archivist, Ron Johnson, produced an excellent display on Warwick House (once a school)

Archiving is fascinating but there is too much to do for one person.

**COULD YOU HELP RON?**

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tel: 01604 947934

Road Community Choir joined us for festive refreshments and carol singing. Many thanks to them all for a great finale to our Christmas event.



**20<sup>th</sup> January - Another excellent New Year Lunch at Road Bowls Club**



Nigel Elliott won the unusual objects prize.



Applause for chef Martin Brown and team.

**FUTURE EVENTS - ALL WELCOME**

Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place at 7.30 pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, where refreshments are available. **Admission charges** £2 for members (annual subscription £5), £3 for adult non-members, 50p for children (up to 16) of non-members. Members' children up to 16 are admitted free.

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February - **Escape from Roaditz - John Dickie**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March - **Get 'em down - your memoirs that is - Kate Wills**

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April - **Cutting Remarks - Tales from the depths of Road Railway Cutting - Chris Hillyard**

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7 pm - **AGM followed by Canons Ashby: Priory, House and Family - Roy Phillips**

Any of the above may be subject to change.

**Also: TWO EXHIBITIONS - YOUR HISTORY SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!**



8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September - Road Village Hall  
**Road Cutting Exhibition and Celebration of the 180th Anniversary of the opening of the London to Birmingham Railway**



**Roade Roll of Honour Exhibition**

Remembrance Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> November  
 Methodist Church Hall

**We need assistance with the preparation and running of these exhibitions.**

**You don't have to belong to the Society- any help much appreciated.**

**If you are interested please ring 01604 864498 or 01604 862735**

**or email: [secretary@roadehistorysociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@roadehistorysociety.org.uk)**

For more information about the Society and its projects please

**visit our website: [www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk)**

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**Update on the 'British Legion Parade in 1991' photo in the Winter 2017 Road News.**

Good progress has been made, thanks to Jenny Peck's family. Here is the information we hold at the moment.

**Standing with backs to camera**

**Left to right** Pat Stopford (Chairman) and Dougie Howison (Parade Marshal).

**Parade Left to Right Front Row** Don Gray, Tyrell Barnes, Ken Carpenter , Roy Stopford, Alan Roberts, Joe Calder, Ted Walter (Treasurer)

**Behind the Front Row Left to Right** Dick Dyke (Standard Bearer), F. Street , I. Oakey, ? Hidden, Jack Luck, Frank Swain, Last man (fully visible) Denzil Jones, rest unknown.



This photo was displayed in The George and donated to RLHS at its closure. It is assumed to be a Road Football Team. The date is unknown, can you make an educated guess? We do not know the names of any of the lads



**Please advise names working from the LEFT to the RIGHT for the Front Row, then 2nd Row, then Back row**

Any clarification regarding the British Legion Parade photo in the Winter 2017 issue of Road News or the Road Football Team photo in this issue please contact Peter Mawby on 862735.



## HELP FOR SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RESIDENTS WITH 'HOME SAFE'

The vulnerable, disabled and elderly are being offered free home repairs following a partnership between South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) and Care & Repair (Northamptonshire) Ltd.

The scheme, entitled 'Home Safe', will offer support with a range of small home improvements such as small repairs, home security and energy efficiency measures, gas safety checks, fitting smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, trip reduction measures, the installation of grab and stair rails and assistance with electrics, plumbing and carpentry.

Cllr Stephen Clarke, SNC's portfolio holder for economic development, regeneration and housing, said: "This scheme is great news for individuals and families who need a helping hand when it comes to keeping their home safe, warm and secure.

"Those vulnerable people who may not have the means or the ability to carry out essential, minor works can benefit from this initiative which will help promote independence and allow them the chance to go home should they be in hospital.

"As a council it is tremendously rewarding to be able to be a part of this scheme as a great example of how small actions can make a big difference."

The intention of the scheme is to help maintain independence, facilitate hospital discharge, reduce falls, improve security and reduce the ill health effects related to homes in disrepair or fuel poverty.

The scheme is available to home owners and tenants on low incomes if one or more of the following criteria applies to them:

- suffer from a long term chronic illness or have a physical disability
- they have been identified by a hospital as needing urgent minor adaptations or services to facilitate discharge
- they are at risk of further injury or illness without essential minor works or services
- 65 or over

For more information on the scheme visit [www.careandrepairnorthamptonshire.org.uk](http://www.careandrepairnorthamptonshire.org.uk), email [office@careandrepairnorthamptonshire.org.uk](mailto:office@careandrepairnorthamptonshire.org.uk) or call 01604 782250.

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<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mndworld>

As ever, a big thank you to all the people who turned up for Six Get More Festive, the Christmas concert held to provide entertainment for Roade residents and friends. Everyone attending had a good time and £300 was raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The next concert will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May – no theme yet but please put this date in your diary if you would like a night's entertainment in your local village hall.

Six Go Singing are a group of people who enjoy getting together occasionally to put on a show. Their leader is Jay Lucas whose father died in 2009 after a year-long battle with MND. Since then Jay has been raising money for MNDA – a charity which receives no funding from the government. He has run the London Marathon, has organised the Move The World Challenge (now half way to its target of £5000), done the infamous Ice Bucket Challenge and, of course, puts on the Six Go .... Concerts in Roade, every one raising money for this good cause

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**ROADE BOWLS CLUB**

<https://sites.google.com/site/roadebowls>



Summer is nearly here and if you would like to play outdoor bowls we would cordially like to invite you to join our Club.

For new players, you can have 3 free sessions and if you would like to join it will cost you £20 for the first year. Bowls can be borrowed from the Club and coaching is available. Our greens are open every day and we have coaching sessions for all players on Thursday evenings.

Our enrolment days are Sunday 25 March and Sunday 1 April – 12 noon to 2.30pm at the Club.

Our bar is competitively priced and we hold a social event every month which is publicised around the village and on our board outside the Club. Tickets for these events can be obtained at the club.

March 9 – Irish Night with Donnybrook Fair Tickets £7.00

April 28 – Johnny Red – Rock 'n Roll Singer

Our hall is available for hire during the day and also for evening events - please contact Pat – 863423 for details or look at our website: [www.roadebowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.roadebowlsclub.co.uk)

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## SPECULATIVE RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGES

This communication outlines the situation regarding the proposed Roxhill Northampton Gateway & Rail Central proposals. Roade & surrounding villages will be negatively impacted if EITHER OR BOTH applications are approved. Your Stop Roxhill Northampton Gateway Action Group are working alongside The Stop Rail Central Action Group to establish strong arguments against BOTH of these proposals.

Ashfield Land's next consultation period will run from 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March. The public consultation in Roade will be on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March (venue & time to be confirmed). Roxhill are due to submit their proposals to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) during March 2018. PINS then have 28 days to accept or reject the proposal, after which Roxhill must notify all statutory consultees when the next 28-day window opens for **YOU to register with PINS as an Interested Party. In order to have any future say into the planning decision YOU MUST REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED PARTY WITHIN THE 2<sup>nd</sup> 28-DAY WINDOW.**

The Stop Roxhill Northampton Gateway Action Group have a volunteer support team who will be arranging a representative to door knock throughout Roade to explain the PINS process & help residents register as an Interested Party. It is critical that as many of us as possible do so to demonstrate to PINS the level of public objection. We are asking all residents to think about what impact this development may have on their lives.

We have come up with a list of conceivable objections, such as:

1. Increase in **Traffic Noise & Air Pollution**
2. The need for any other Rail Freight Terminal given that **DIRFT is 20 miles away & underutilised**
3. Developments south of the M1 will **open floodgates for further developers** (industrial & residential)
4. A **huge amount of additional traffic** on our road infrastructure
5. Loss of our **beautiful countryside**
6. Existing **footpaths & bridleways** will, at best, be diverted
7. Importing a workforce from further afield to **accommodate 7,500 workers**
8. **Capacity on Network Rail** is questionable & will create limits to **passenger rail services**

What are your concerns? PLEASE register with PINS as an Interested Party. HAVE YOUR SAY! **Neither proposal is a done deal. THE FUTURE OF ROADE & SURROUNDING VILLAGES IS IN OUR HANDS!**

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The Stop Roxhill Northampton Gateway Action Group



**ROADE CUTTING 180<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**Exhibition, Guided Walks, Stalls, Refreshments**  
**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September - Roade Village Hall**

Roade Local History Society is busy planning our main event for the year. This will celebrate the 180th Anniversary of the opening of the London to Birmingham Railway in 1838. The event is to be held over the weekend of 8th/9th September, which will coincide with the National Heritage Week celebrations.

One of the most challenging and time consuming elements of the line's construction was the excavation of Roade Cutting, which ranks as one of the major engineering achievements of its day. Your Society has applied to have this feat recognised by the Transport Trust by awarding it Red Wheel status, this prestigious accreditation being a highly sought after recognition of significant transport heritage. The Cutting was the last obstacle to the opening of the world's first long-distance intercity railway. Another First for Roade!

Our event to mark this anniversary will include a representative scale model with a detailed history of the trials and tribulations which befell our community during its building and widening, and the social and economic impacts on the area. We are grateful for the tremendous help we are getting with making the model from the Elizabeth Woodville Schools at both Roade and Deanshanger.

The event will also remember the significant loss of life which befell the Navvies and pioneering railway company servants, and include previously unseen film and images of the locality. Many other groups and individuals have been invited to support this event, including the Northampton Model Railway Society who are planning to display a period model of Northampton Castle Station. Please put these dates in your planner, it will be a weekend which the whole family will enjoy. Watch out for regular updates on the 'Roade Remembered' Facebook page and on our website: [www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk).

If you would like to help with this project please contact Chris Hillyard at:  
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I would like to highlight some of the police 'community connect' warnings received since the last edition.

There is still a high level of scam telephone and cold calling in South Northants from bogus organisations. To list a few; BT Open Reach; school fees being asked for and diverted into the criminals' account; BT asking for immediate payment via a credit card; Burglar alarms; Solar panel inspections under the green levy scheme. I myself receive emails purporting to be BT. I regularly get three communications monthly from BT regarding my account. The emails look very professional and it is easy for you to think it is from BT, but I know which one is the real thing. With these fake emails you should not open any links or attachments. I did try to open one by mistake but my security package stopped me. With this in mind there is cyber security advice from the police on installing the latest software updates. If you want to know more '**Cyber Protect**' has pages on facebook and twitter. The links are:

[www.Facebook.com/cyberprotectuk](http://www.Facebook.com/cyberprotectuk) and [www.twitter.com/cyberprotectuk](http://www.twitter.com/cyberprotectuk)

Another scam is when using an ATM, the police have produced a very informative video titled '**Avoid being scammed when using an ATM machine**'. This can be accessed via the following web address. <http://ow.ly/VVov30gaxuJ>.

Northampton Police have sent out through the messaging system **Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation**. Over 200 people who work with children and young people have recently attended presentations to help raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE) in an initiative aimed at safeguarding more of the county's children. The events are being organised through Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB) as a joint initiative between police, county and district councils. At these free events, the audience learn how to spot the signs of CSE, how to report concerns and how communities have an important part to play in preventing it happening to local children. Please click on the link below for more information. <http://ow.ly/m0Lo30gzgd7>

**South Northants Locally Identified Priorities**

Update from the police, the current priorities set for South Northants:

**Brackley** 1) Police presence, 2) Drug abuse/dealing, 3) Speeding.

**Towcester** 1) Police presence, 2) Speeding, 3) Thefts/burglaries/criminal damage.

The neighbourhood teams have been working on these and we will continue to do so through to the end of March when we will review work done and whether these priorities require changing.

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### **The future of the Library**

In theory, by the time you read this NCC will have met and taken their decision on the future of Roade and the rest of Northamptonshire libraries, according to the time scale set out as part of the recent consultation exercise.

In practice, recent unprecedented events make any kind of sensible prediction impossible. I can only hope that I will still be here, staring at the screen seeking inspiration to write something for the next issue of Roade News.

In the meantime, I must express a huge vote of thanks to you all for your support – for the past 2 months Roade has recorded the highest percentage increase in visitor numbers of anywhere in South Northants, and if we can keep this up to the end of the year (only another few weeks now), we will not only meet but may exceed our annual footfall target. This would also be unprecedented, and surely stands as proof of how much Roade values its library.

### **Changes in opening hours**

From the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb we will no longer be opening on Saturdays, so our revised opening hours will be

Monday, Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10am - 2pm
Thursday	2pm - 6pm
Friday	2pm - 6pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	11am - 3pm

We are currently very short staffed across the Southern area, and it has been decided that it makes more sense to make some changes to opening hours across the area to make the best use of available staff, rather than continue with random, ad-hoc closures. We hope this will only be a short-term measure.

### **Forthcoming events**

#### **Easter Parade Crafts**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 4.30pm**

#### **Egg decorating – for children 5yrs and upwards**

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#### **Easter Bonnet – for adults**

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**Spring - Down the Rabbit Hole – Magic Show**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 – 3.30**

Our friend the ever popular Steve Dimmer returns with an **Alice in Wonderland** themed magic show to celebrate Spring

For children 5 yrs +

**Both of these** events are free but we do ask you to book in advance - email roadelib@firstforwellbeing, message us on facebook or pop into the library in person.

**After the Battle – 'Dunsmiting' tales.**

**Storytelling for adults**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm**

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To book your tickets email roadelib@firstforwellbeing, message us on facebook or pop into the library in person.

**Coming up...**

We're hoping to be able to organise a regular monthly **film night** showing classic old movies, and we're also planning a **Summer Jazz Garden Party**...more details in the next edition.

**Rhymetime for Men**

We've noticed a few blokes – Dads and Grandads – coming along to our regular rhymetimes and we'd like to see more of you, so we're trying a few special sessions just for the fellers (and daughters or grand-daughters, as well as sons, of course). The first of these will be done by the time you read this, but we're hoping to be able to make this a regular thing so watch this space.

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### SAVE OUR LIBRARY UPDATE

Many thanks to all who are supporting our efforts to keep Roade Library open and run it as a community library if necessary. We have submitted our 'Informal Expression of Interest' jointly with Roade Parish Council, who are looking at ways to support us. Our covering email stated:

“The Friends of Roade Library believe the current level of NCC support for this important service to the significantly growing community of Roade and surrounding villages should not be withdrawn. However because this facility is so important and valued in our community and to prevent it being lost completely, we are submitting our expression of interest for running the service as a community library.”

At the time of writing, we have heard that, instead of having to lodge a business plan on 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will have a year to prepare to become a community library. However there is still uncertainty owing to the problems of NCC.

Having looked at the options for the type of organisation we should be, we have selected (with advice) a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO). We have visited a community-run library that has been operating successfully for some time with help from paid staff and plan to visit another run completely by volunteers.

Our aim is to offer the statutory 'Core Service' (as a minimum) initially for 16 hours a week with a rota of volunteers, two at a time for two hour stints. Our objective is to increase footfall by offering more flexible hours and to generate income through hiring out the building, increasing/enhancing services and activities and acting more as a community hub. We are seeking grants, sponsorship and possible business partnerships and would welcome any ideas for raising the necessary capital and covering running costs.

**In the meantime it is very important that as many people as possible keep visiting the library. Please look out for forthcoming events and try to support them if you can. It may be a question of “use it or lose it”.**

If you can help in any way, would like to be a volunteer or have skills that would help in the running of the organisation, please contact us:

*Email: [roadecommunitylibraryteam@googlegroups.com](mailto:roadecommunitylibraryteam@googlegroups.com)*

*Tel: 07891 765663 or 01604 864498*

**ROADE VILLAGE HALL**

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**UPDATE RE PLAYGROUND**

The children's playground at the Village Hall is some 25 years old, and is no longer fit for purpose. We are concerned about Health & Safety implications of both the equipment itself, and the surface of the playground. Moreover the area is not securely fenced, providing a hazard both in terms of dogs entering and fouling in the area (and potentially frightening children), and small children not being safely contained in the playground. We therefore wish to replace all the current equipment with new and stimulating play equipment for younger children, and provide safety surfacing and fencing, and have applied for planning permission from SNC.

Unfortunately our funds will not stretch to the cost of this work (some £55K in total) therefore we have been busy applying for grant funding from various sources, and the current status is:

- Roade Parish Council have allocated £10,000 from S106 monies which they hold
- Persimmon Homes Community Champions have donated £1,000
- Waitrose Community Matters have donated £326 as a result of in-store voting
- Tesco Bags of Help have donated £4,000 towards fencing as a result of in-store voting
- We have applied to SNC for a grant under the New Homes Bonus fund and are awaiting the outcome

Many thanks to everyone who voted for us at Tesco or Waitrose before Christmas.

**NOTICE**

The Annual General Meeting of Roade Village Hall & Playing Field Charity will be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018. Roade Parishioners are welcome to attend. Any Parishioner intending to stand for election as a Trustee should please notify the Secretary, Sue Hagon (tel: 863662) in advance of the meeting.

## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED



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"I have family who can help, but they can't be available every time I need a lift to an appointment. My neighbours can also help, but you don't want to end up being a nuisance. So this does give me a certain amount of independence."

If you have some free time, and think you would enjoy helping with this valuable service for residents in South Northants please contact Mel Rosen on 532648 for more details.

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As is normal for the time of year, Roade Short Mat Bowlers have been kept very busy in County League and knockout competitions, not to mention the twice-weekly roll-up sessions and monthly coaching. Immediately after Christmas we held our Annual Presentation lunch when due recognition was given to all our Club Trophy winners, and it was an honour to welcome the County Chairman - Suzanne Gunter, accompanied by her husband Tim, who graciously presented the trophies for us. With good food and good company this was a very special afternoon.

Once the New Year was out of the way it was back to the various County competitions. In the league we are having mixed fortunes, at or near the top in some and struggling in others, but at the end of the day it's the enjoyment that counts - that's why we play - and the fact that our membership remains 'full' reflects this.

At County level there is an Over 60's competition which takes place in two parts, and congratulations go to Patsy and Chris Clayson, Ceri Elwick and Sue Hagon for winning Part One; they will now play in the Final later in the year once the winners of Part Two are known.

At Club level we have played our Fours competition and congratulations here go to Lorna Martin, Jackie Rolfe, David Gostelow and Peter Hagon. However they will have to wait a long time to receive their Trophy at our next Presentation lunch in December!

Looming in the not too distant future in April is our AGM. We regularly get a turnout of about 60% of our membership for this - considerably more than most clubs' AGMs attract, and further evidence of our current strength and place in the social fabric of life in the village - certainly the Chairman's Report is expected to be upbeat and optimistic.

As already mentioned, technically we have full membership; however, if you fancy giving us a try, our sessions on Thursday afternoons (1.45-4pm) provide the opportunity to have a go. We offer three free sessions to enable you to decide whether or not you like the game (and us!), so if you are interested do give our Secretary, Ceri, a ring on 864233 for full information.

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January was a talk about the novel Les Miserables, the writer, life in France at that time and of course the musical. It was also a chance to catch up with everyone and hear about their Christmas and New Year celebrations, and welcome some new members. For February we invited Sue Howkins, who lives in the village, to come and help us get fit and keep supple. She told us lots of interesting facts and then had us doing exercises in our chairs which we can all do at home. Everyone joined in and from the amount of giggling and laughter in the room it went down very well! Wonderful news, we also had 5 new members join our merry group.

March 2018 is our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party month so we are going out together for a meal to celebrate, amazing to think that this organisation has been part of the village for so long and I know lots of friendships have grown from attending WI.

April's talk is all about Bee-keeping, its origin and folklore and Honey remedies. We will also have a "book swap" so members can hopefully get a new book for their holiday read. In May we are having a demonstration on Wood Turning, plus we have a plant stall so members can bring along any spare plants they have and buy something else for their own garden.

June will be our outing which we have yet to arrange, but we usually have a great time whatever we get up to. July is a talk entitled "Tracing your family tree".

It would be great to welcome new ladies to our friendly group, so please come along and give us a try. Once you join WI it opens up a whole other lot of possibilities, both locally and nationally.

The Northants County Federation organise many events, experiences, opportunities to learn new skills and trips as well. Their Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsWI/>

The National WI Federation produces a monthly magazine "WI Life" with many interesting articles, and highlighting the campaigns that the WI are involved in, for which our organisation is well known. <https://www.thewi.org.uk/> They also run Denman College where WI members can attend day or residential courses.

<http://www.denmancollege.org.uk/>

Last but not least, the friendships started at Roade WI can lead on to make life in Roade much more fulfilling.

Lesley Armstrong  
President of Roade WI  
Phone 864343

Other Roade WI contacts: Chris Jackson on 862054 or Daphne Jones on 862132

## VILLAGE PROFILE

Just before the First World War a London company built a floor polish factory near the station. This failed after a few years but the site was taken over by a former employee, Cyril T. Cripps, who established Pianoforte Supplies Ltd. there, making light castings and other products for both piano manufacturers and other markets, especially the motor industry. The company gradually expanded to occupy a large area between the railway and Ashton Road on the southern edge of the village (including the site of the former quarry and tramway) as well as acquiring a considerable acreage of farmland).

Pianoforte Supplies were, from the 1930s, by far the largest employer in Roade and a somewhat anomalous presence in what was otherwise still mainly a farming community. Their large and well-equipped canteen, opened in 1938, became a focus for village social events both during and after the war; when the company erected new buildings on Ashton Road in 1965 a branch bank (which closed in 2000) was included in the scheme to the benefit of the whole community. Cyril Cripps was chairman of the parish council in the 1920s and from 1950 a member of the R.D.C. His presence on the district council and his firm's position in the village both helped to ensure that Roade received a generous allocation of local authority housing in the 1950s. Cripps was also an active churchwarden and took the lead in ensuring the success of the village's 1953 Coronation celebrations. Thanks to his munificence, Roade acquired one of the best club cricket grounds in the county in 1956 and a bowling green a year later; he also donated a swimming pool to the secondary school, of which he was a governor. As a local reporter noted in 1969, 'they do things in style in Roade', largely thanks to the generosity of Sir Cyril Cripps.



*Extracted from British History Online*

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## EVERGREENS

We had a late Christmas lunch this year because of the snow last December. We have a games afternoon in February, a Raffle in March and we are going out for afternoon tea in April.

The Club sadly lost a member in December with the passing of Ilene Robinson, she will be much missed by us all and we send our condolences to her family and friends.

We are a club for the over 60s, if you would like to join us come along to Cripps House, The Ridings, on Monday afternoons from 2pm till 4pm. - Contact numbers are Dorothy 864103 or Brenda 862866.



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