

## North Rode Parish News March 2024

What a short month February seems to have been, despite the extra day! But what lovely signs of Spring are around, bursts of colour appearing everywhere.

It's also a shorter Newsletter. We would welcome articles on hobbies, holidays etc, and from newcomers introducing themselves to the community.

### Lent Lunches

These are great village gatherings and we hope to see all-comers at the Lunches with homemade soups, bread, cheese and tea/coffee 12.00 – 1.30 on Tuesdays:

27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at Gawsworth church hall adjacent to the Rectory and church.

5<sup>th</sup> March at the Beeches, Bank Lane, North Rode CW12 2PJ, courtesy of Norman and Bronwen Bebington.

### Birthday Congratulations

Best wishes to Arthur Gilman who reaches 98 on 28<sup>th</sup> March, and Madge who turns 90 on 15<sup>th</sup> April. They are housebound but would welcome visitors at 67 Sandbach Road, Congleton.

A very happy big birthday to Felicity Bailey, 21 on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### Church Clock

Our clock company from Mansfield has been overworked, but got the time working again a few months ago. They have at last diagnosed the fault with the chiming mechanism, so we look forward to the chimes returning when they have replaced a broken part.



### North Rode Parish Council Update March 2024

**Highways** - Cheshire East Highways drainage team were on Bramhall Hill and Church Lane in early February, to empty gulleys and jet out drains. The drain between the church and the well on Church Lane that had been seeping out of the verge seems to have been successfully unblocked, but we will continue to monitor this. Unfortunately in the course of the work, the drain cover in front of the well was pulled out and will require reinstating, probably at the same time as investigation work on the small sink hole that has appeared just south of this on the opposite side of the road.

**Electoral Review** - As part of a review to balance the number of electors across Wards, Cheshire East is proposing to move North Rode and Bosley parishes from Gawsworth Ward, into Sutton Ward to join Sutton, Wincle, Macclesfield Forest & Wildboardclough. North Rode parish boundary would be unchanged, however our ward councillor would then be Cllr Chris Evans.



**6<sup>th</sup> June D-Day Commemoration** – Plans are progressing and details will be released soon.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be the AGM to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7:30pm at Daintry Hall. All residents are warmly welcome to attend.

**Chairman NRPC Huw Williams**

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## ***The Rector's Letter – March***

As I write this, Lent has only recently begun, however, at the end of this month we will be celebrating Easter. Before we get to the major festival of the Christian calendar, readers may be interested in two special events taking place at St. James', Gawsworth.

Firstly, the neighbouring Churches of the "Daneside Benefice" (Eaton, Marton, Siddington etc.) for some years now have held services on Wednesday evenings during Lent, focusing on some of the important themes of the "Lenten Journey". Currently, these villages are in "interregnum" (without a Vicar) and not all of the Churches are able to host such a service this year. So, the final Lenten service will be at Gawsworth on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm and the guest preacher will be the Revd. Robin Pye, Vicar of St. Philip & St. James, Alderley Edge.

Secondly, on Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, following a service of Holy Communion service (said) in the morning at 10.00am, there will be a special service of "Music, Hymns & Readings for Passiontide" at 7.00pm. All are welcome and there will be refreshments at the Rectory afterwards.

Finally, as I look ahead to Holy Week, Good Friday, Easter, I think, once again, of someone who is, quite literally, my oldest friend. God willing, he will celebrate his centenary later this year. As a young Royal Navy Chaplain, he served on a great battleship, H.M.S. King George V. In 1959 the ship was taken to Clydebank, near Glasgow, and broken up for scrap. My friend heard of this and visited the great ship for the last time, he found the small wooden cross that went on the Altar, beneath a load of rubbish on the floor of the ship's Chapel. It has been on his desk ever since. The people who killed Jesus thought that everyone would soon forget about the man from Galilee crucified on the cross. How wrong they were.

Yours ever,

Colin

### **North Rode Services**

March 2024

<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Lent 3	<b>11.15 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)	Led by: Sidesman: Reading:	The Rector Lynn Petts Yvonne Brown
<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b> Mothering Sunday Posies: Rose Brocklehurst & Sheila Kidd	<b>11.15 am</b> Holy Communion (CW)	Led by: Sidesman: Reading:	Revd Anne Freestone The Lowe Family
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b> Lent 4	<b>11.15 am</b> Family Service	Led by: Sidesman: Reading:	Mrs Hellen Watson Shirley Tudor-Evans Anne Lever
<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b> Palm Sunday	<b>11.15 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)	Led by: Sidesman: Reading:	The Rector Sharon Oldfield Myrtle Bullock
<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b> Good Friday	<b>11.00 am</b> Meditation	Led by:	The Rector
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b> Easter Day Flowers: Sue Bullock & helpers	<b>11.15 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)	Led by: Sidesman: Reading:	Revd Anne Freestone Norman Bebington Geoffrey Petts
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b> Easter 2 Flowers: as last week	<b>11.15 am</b> Holy Communion (CW)	Led by: Sidesman: Reading:	Revd Anne Freestone Louise Jackson Margaret Cann

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## News from Marton School

Dear Friends

It's been a very special week at school with pancake tossing for Shrove Tuesday and everyone receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday; these events 'make a school'; they show us working together as a community and a family and I thank everyone for supporting Marton.

We are proud of the relationships we make at school and our good reputation, one of them is with Eaton Bank Academy. Our Year 5 children were invited to watch their matinee performance of 'Fame' this week and it was such a pleasure to hear that their behaviour was exemplary, we are always so proud of our children. We also spotted many past Marton pupils who were incredible in the cast!

We've some special events after half term with World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and The Big Clothes Event on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to look forward to.

You may have also noticed that we have now had two 'grand Tidy Up Days at school where families have given a Sunday to revamping and tidying up school and we are all so grateful for their time and efforts.

Wishing you all a very happy half term from all @ Team Marton!

Best wishes,

Nevin Deakin



### North Rode WI

Pam Robinson, Secretary, writes:

The February Meeting was opened by the President Diane Lowe who welcomed several Visitors plus our own Members. Apologies were read out. After the singing of Jerusalem thanks were given for Table, Flowers Pauline Croft, Raffle Brenda Carey, Teas Pauline and Brenda, and Cakes by Diane Lowe and Gloria Cole. A report from our W.I. was included in this month's Cheshire News.

The Quiz arrangements were given out, with 4 Members taking part.

Our Social Lunch was planned for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Plough Inn at Eaton.

The Cloud Group Lunch in May is to be held at the Plough. Members were asked to sign up and pay the Treasurer at the March Meeting.

The Brooch Competition in memory of Gladys Dines will be for an Evening Bag to be judged at the next Meeting in March.

Details of an Outing to Boundary Mill on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February organised by the Congleton Widows Group were given out by the Secretary Pam Robinson .

Details of our Birthday Outing to Whitefriars WI House in July in Chester were discussed, and arrangements are in hand. Dates for your Diary 2024: leaflets were handed out to members.

Our President then welcomed our Speaker for the afternoon, Mark Chadwick, a Physiotherapist from Biddulph who runs the Practice with his wife Julia. He brought along several models of knee joints, arm joints etc plus a very realistic model of the Spine which was very very interesting. Mark had Members guessing which was which. This proved to be amusing and illuminating . Mark answered lots of questions from the audience. He was a very interesting and informative Speaker.

The Competition for a Homemade Remedy was won by Hilary Trueman and Pauline Croft second.

The next Meeting will be Ton Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2 pm at Eaton Church and Community Hall. The Speaker will be Peter Durnall with Nature Slides. The main Competition will be for a Bowl of Tete de Tete Daffodils .

Visitors are always welcome on the Second Tuesday of the Month 2pm, Winter Months, and 7.30pm Summer Months.

*St Michaels, North Rode, Spring Luncheon*



**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**At Eaton Village and Community Hall**  
12:30 for 13:00 - until 16:00

*Traditional Roast with fresh vegetables and gravy,*

*Vegetarian Option available on request*

*Assortment of Homemade Desserts*  
*Tea/Coffee*

**Tickets £18.00**

Children over 2 yrs - £10.00

Book your tickets early as limited availability

*A Raffle will be held at the luncheon*  
(Raffle donations gratefully accepted contact Diane)

*In aid of funds St Michael's Church, North Rode*

Tickets available from Diane Lowe – 07885553177, Shirley  
Tudor Evans – 07778 648088, Mary Hobson – 01260 222855,  
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Please remember to bring your glasses and drinks