YOUR MAGAZINE FOR WHERE YOU LIVE...

Summer ...

... is here and we look forward to the arrival of swifts, cuckoos and other visitors to our shores.

Unfortunately, there are fewer visitors than there used to be ... swift numbers have dropped by 53% since 1995 and cuckoo numbers have dropped by 65% since the 1980s. They are not alone, there has been a marked decline in many species ... the United Nations has issued a report highlighting nature's dangerous decline. The report finds that around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history. Full details can be found at www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment

The evolving Neighbourhood Development Plan contains policies to help our local biodiversity and we would welcome your views on it (details on page 4).

You can also help reverse the decline by doing your bit (ideas and contact details on page 7).

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Interested in joining the Parish Council? There are two vacancies (1 in Scholar Green and 1 in Rode Heath).

Please contact oddrodeclerk@gmail.com for more information.

HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING GENTLEMAN JACK ON BBC1?



Turn to page 8 for the local connection ...

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Rode Runner Community Transport

WANT TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON RODE RUNNER?

Please book as soon as possible and with at least 1 clear working day's notice before the trip.

Please let us know if you have any special needs such as wheelchair use.

(?) 0800 020 9614

Mon to Fri afternoons (if there is no answer please leave a message inc your phone number).

Suggested donation £3 (*£7on longer trips)

Disclaimer: Whilst the Parish Council endeavours to provide this service to the best of its abilities, it is run by the kindness of volunteers. We will endeavour to inform you of any changes to the service but it is a condition of booking that neither the Council nor volunteers shall be held liable for losses due to the late arrival or cancellation of a service.

TRIPS IN JULY

Thurs 11th Stafford

Sat 13th Barn Road, Congleton #

Weds 17th Anderton Boat Lift ~

Thurs 25th Cotebrook (shire horses)~

Sat 27th Barn Road, Congleton #

Tues 30th Knutsford town centre and/or Fryer's garden centre

These are Saturday shopping trips

Bookings for July and August trips will only be taken after **10th June**







~ Admission charge payable. This is separate to the donation for travel.

Please note ... pick ups usually start around 9 to 9.30 am and most trips allow 2 to 3 hours at the destination. The service operates through the goodwill of the volunteer driver and assistants ... as such, return times are at the volunteers' discretion.

Do you have any suggestions for venues?

There are seats for 14 passengers (or 8 seats and 2 wheelchairs) and it is a <u>first booked first served</u> scheme. Pick up points will be agreed on booking (however, if you have mobility problems, we can pick you up from your home). Approx pick up times will be arranged when you book your place:



0800 020 9614

Phone Mon to Fri afternoons (if no answer, please leave a message including your phone number).

TRIPS IN AUGUST

Weds 14th Tittesworth

Sat 17th Barn Road, Congleton #

Tues 20th Mystery Tour



Weds 28th Brindley Farm (lunch)

Sat 31st Barn Road, Congleton #

These are Saturday shopping trips.

Bookings for July and August trips will only be taken after **10th June**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ... would you be interested in helping to keep the Rode Runner service going?

We are always looking for more volunteer drivers, passengers assistants, booking co-ordinators, fund raisers, etc. Full training given ... you decide how much time you give ... More information from the Parish Office on 01260 291592 or oddrodeclerk@gmail.com

NEED TO GET TO HOSPITAL OR THE DOCTOR?

Alsager Voluntary Care operate a volunteer car scheme in the area. They provide transport to medical clinics, doctors, dentists, opticians, hospital appointments, etc. for people who have no other means of transport. To book (3 days' notice is required) phone 07936 543730 (this is a dedicated booking line).

Alsager Voluntary Care can be contacted at avc.st7@gmail.com



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Parish Council News

Parish Council News

Vandalism ...

There has been a spate of vandalism with glass panes being broken in the Scholar Green and Mount Pleasant phone boxes (the former



now a defibrillator station and the latter soon to be one). Also, someone has smeared the children's climbing frame at Rode Heath park with bitumen.

If you have any information about this criminal damage, or witness any other vandalism, please contact the police (contact details on page 10).

Rhoda retires ...

Odd Rode Councillor Rhoda Bailey stood down from Cheshire East Council this May. Rhoda was first elected to the, then new, Cheshire East Council on 1st May 2009, being one of two councillors representing



the Sandbach East & Rode ward (and achieving the highest vote in the ward). Rhoda went on to top the polls in the new Odd Rode ward in the elections of May 2011 and May 2015. She has also served as a governor at three local schools. Recently, the Parish Council thanked Rhoda for her many years of service to residents.

Cheshire East Councillor Liz Wardlaw has been joined by Patrick Redstone as the other member for Odd Rode ward (contact details on back page).

Odd Rode Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), we want YOUR views ...

The draft plan is out to informal consultation and all residents are invited to make their views on it known. The draft plan can be viewed at:

www.oddrodeneighbourhoodplan.uk

The Draft Plan can be downloaded by clicking on the "Plan" link on the left hand menu bar and then on "Plan 190514 (For informal consultation)"

Let us know ...

what you like about it
what you would like changed (if anything)
what you would like adding to it

Local businesses and organisations with an interest in the parish, e.g. The Canal & Rivers Trust, National Trust, etc, will be contacted directly to seek their views.

Please send your comments, with NDP in the subject line, to oddrodeclerk@gmail.com or by mail to:

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(do **not** write anything else on the envelope & no stamp)

Local Green Spaces

Local communities, through NDPs, should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.

Non-Designated Built Heritage Assets

Responses from residents to the Parish Plan survey (2006) and NDP survey (2018) indicated strong support for a policy seeking to protect non-designated heritage assets in the parish. Proposals would be expected to conserve and enhance the local historic character throughout the Parish. A balanced judgement will be required, having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.

Owners of land being considered for designation as a Local Green Space and owners of buildings being considered for designation as Non-Designated Built Heritage Assets will be contacted directly for their comments.



http://oneyoucheshireeast.org FREEPHONE 0808 164 320



LOCAL EVENTS...

KILLER MILE 2019 ... Thursday 9th May

The Killer mile was a great success again, despite the rain, with 670 runners taking part. As well as raising money for charitable causes, the event puts Odd Rode on the map. Well done to all the volunteers who





RESULTS...

The Under 12s Fun Run was won by Oliver Leese in 5 minutes 43 seconds.

The first Fun Run (6:45pm start) was won by Raif Serif (Vale Royal AC) in 7 minutes 59 seconds.

The Club Run was won by Felix Mcgrath (Newcastle Staffs AC) in 7 minutes dead.

The second Fun Run (7:30pm) was won by Jacob Droogmans in 7 minutes 57 seconds.

A £100 cash prize was available if the record time of 6 minutes 12 seconds (set by Bashir Hussain of Stockport in 1991) is broken. As the record time was not beaten this year the cash prize in next year's race will double to £200.

Scholar Green Summer Produce Show





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www.scholargreenvillagehall.co.uk

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1 Who was Havergal Brian and what was his connection to Odd Rode?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 9

2 Where would you find this memorial?



3 What is the connection between the former High Sheriff of Derbyshire, James Sutton (1799 -1868) of Shardlow Hall, and Odd Rode?



4 When was Odd Rode's All Saint's Church built and who designed it?



MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Weds 26th June
Weds 17th July
Weds 7th Aug
Weds 28th Aug

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Village/Route	Venue	Times
Mow Cop	The Hollows	9.50 - 10.25
Mount Pleasant	Clare Street	10.35 – 11.10
Mow Cop	Mow Cop Road (near Dales Green)	11.35 - 12.15
Mow Cop	High Street	12.25 - 12.45
Scholar Green	Travellers Rest	2.00 - 2.45
Scholar Green	Drenfell Road	2.55 - 3.20
Hassall Green	Charles Square	3.55 - 4.20





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BIODIVERSITY IN ODD RODE...

Readers will be aware of the recent United Nations' report that shows that nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history – and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating. However, the report also tells us that it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global.

At the very local, we can take steps to protect and encourage wildlife in our gardens and public open spaces. For example, it is known that one of the main reasons why hedgehogs are declining in Britain is because our fences and walls are becoming more and more secure, reducing the amount of land available to them.



Ensuring hedgehogs can pass freely through your garden is the most important thing you can do to help them

Hedgehogs travel around **one mile** every night through our parks and gardens in their quest to find enough food and a mate. If you have an enclosed garden you might be getting in the way of their plans. You can make their life a little easier by removing the barriers within your control – for example, by making holes in or under your garden fences and walls for them to pass through.

There has been a significant **decrease** in breeding numbers of Swifts in the UK over the past two

decades. These migrant birds return from their wintering grounds in Africa to the same spot each year to breed – usually in buildings, in gaps under roof tiles and eaves. Due to our tendency to seal up



buildings during renovation or knock them down, swifts are returning to discover their nest site has gone or access is blocked. However, nest boxes can be incorporated into new buildings (including extensions) or added onto house walls.



Bat numbers have declined dramatically over the last century. A lack of roost sites is hampering the recovery of our bat populations. Bat boxes can be fitted to trees and buildings.

"Every space in Britain must be used to help wildlife"





Some bumblebees and solitary bees have specific requirements for nest sites. Many other pollinators such as hoverflies, butterflies and moths have specific habitat requirements for their larvae. The loss and fragmentation of suitable habitats has reduced nesting and breeding opportunities.





Nectar and pollen rich plants are crucial to support our pollinators: fill gardens and other ornamental plantings with a range of plants, the more flowers the more pollinators will visit, and it is important to have flowers across all seasons.

Avoid using pesticides wherever possible

Provide nest sites for bees: either make your own or you can purchase nests for solitary bees.

Provide water for pollinators: bees and other pollinators sometimes need to drink; having a shallow margin of a pond or a shallow dish, filled with stones or marbles, topped up with water will provide a safe source of water.

Further information can be found at:

www.hedgehogstreet.org

www.swift-conservation.org

www.bats.org.uk

www.bumblebeeconservation.org

www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

ON THE RODE

THE "GENTLEMAN JACK" CONNECTION ...

Readers who are following the series *Gentleman Jack*, starring Suranne Jones as Anne Lister, may not realise that the character played by Lydia Leonard, is the Mariana Lawton who lived at Lawton Hall.

Anne Lister kept a secret encrypted diary of her love affairs and Mariana was arguably her true love. Set in 1832, the BBC series covers a period after Mariana and Anne had become estranged. However, she is a reoccurring character in the series.

The period that Anne and Mariana were lovers was covered by a BBC2 one-off drama "The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister" broadcast in 2010 (starring Maxine Peake as Anne and Anna Madeley as Mariana).

Mariana was the daughter of a York doctor, William Belcombe, and was born in 1790 in Vienne.

Dr Belcombe was the director of an asylum who, at one point, was employed by Schweppes to promote the benefits of their "new aerated water".

Anne and Mariana met in 1812 (when Anne was 21 and Mariana 22) and soon began a passionate relationship. However, Anne felt betrayed when she was informed that Mariana intended to marry Charles Bourne Lawton. It would appear that Mariana was not only satisfying the conventions of the time but was also driven by the material comforts that Charles could provide (Lawton Hall was far grander than Shibden Hall). Charles and Mariana married at the parish church of St. Michael le Belfrey, York, in March 1816.



The marriage bond (left) and marriage entry in the church register (right)



Anne Lister (above left) and Shibden Hall (right)

Charles was twenty years older than Mariana and a widower (his first wife had died in childbirth, as did their baby). He was a man of "large stature, six feet four inches high, stout and strong. Also, of strong will and determination".

Anne was not impressed with the marriage and wrote: "Talked of Mariana's match. Insisted on Mariana's having done it partly for the good of her family ... [her sister said] that Mariana had been much abused for it ... That a man of such character as Charles was no credit to anybody he was connected with".



Despite this, Anne attended the wedding and accompanied Mariana on the honeymoon and stayed at Lawton Hall for six months. Anne and Mariana remained lovers for several years but grew apart. Over time, Mariana distanced herself from Anne and asked her to destroy their correspondence. But Anne could not bring herself to do this as she still loved Mariana.

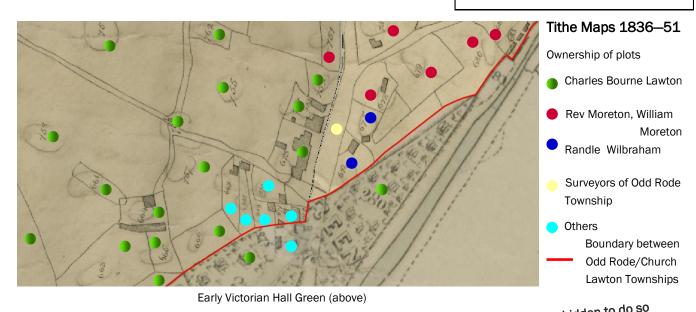
Charles' main concern seemed to be to provide an heir to the estate and he was not faithful to Mariana. Indeed, Anne was angry with Mariana for giving her a disease which Mariana had caught from her husband, who had caught it from a servant. However, Anne was no angel herself and, after Mariana had married, she seduced one of Mariana's sisters. Mariana, a kind and somewhat sentimental soul, erected a tombstone on the death of her pet bullfinch. She took considerable interest in the Lawton estate and in Hall Green in particular. In 1855, she had a cottage built (Witney Cottage, which was just a couple of doors up from the Bleeding Wolf Inn) as an endowment for the Lawton Blanket Club (to benefit the poor of the area).

Charles Lawton owned considerable land in Hall Green as well as in Church Lawton. On his death in 1860, aged 98, he left "the tenement in Hall Green known as the Bleeding Wolf Inn" (previously known as the Lawton Arms), together with 60 acres of land, to Mariana for her life, with a proviso that after her death the lands and tenement should be burdened with a yearly grant of £50 towards the furtherance of education within the manor and parish of Lawton.

Mariana died in 1868. The marriage did not produce children and the Lawton estate was inherited by Charles' nephew, John Lawton.



If you want to read more about Mariana and Anne's relationship read *The Secret Diaries* of Miss Anne Lister by Helena Whitbread.



The tombstone to a bullfinch (below), a grade II listed building at Lawton Hall, and the inscription (right).



On the Death of a Bullfinch That sang God Save the Queen when bidden to do so

Dear bullie thy voice which so often did charm
Is silenced forever by Death's mighty arm
God gave thee thy beauty; man gave thee thy song
Such perfection combined to few Bullies belong
Such perfection combined to few Bullies belong
Thy notes were so loyal, so sweet and as gay
As any free bird that sang on its spray
And all who ere heard thee thy loss will regret
Thy ready obedience I ne'er can forget
Then farewell my bird. I give thee this grave
In return for the pleasure thou often me gave
In return for the pleasure thou art free from the storm
These flowers will be freshened by the tears of the morn



ON THE RODE



NEED TO CONTACT THE POLICE?

Matt can be contacted at matthew.steele@cheshire.pnn.police.uk





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Local crime map: https://www.police.uk/cheshire/LP0009/crime/

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If you would like to give information regarding a crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Royal Mail is leading the fight to tackle postal scams. It has proactively stopped over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail at its distribution centres around the UK. However, this mail mostly originates from overseas and is hard to detect.

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- ☐ Calling the Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline on 0800 0113 466; or
- ☐ Emailing scam.mail@royalmail.com

ANSWERS TO THE MINI QUIZ: **1** Born in Dresden, Stoke on Trent, in 1876, he was a composer of 32 symphonies and was the organist at All Saints' Church, Odd Rode, from 1896 to 1906. **2** It is in the Church of The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath **3** He was an English boatbuilder, canal boat carrier and owner of the salt works at Rode Heath (now The Rise) and at Shirleywich, Staffs **4** The foundation stone was laid in June 1863 and the builder was John Gallimore from Newcastle-under-Lyme. Stone was used from the quarries of Mow Cop and Kerridge at Macclesfield. Sir Gilbert Scott designed it.



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- Woodcocks' Well School, Church St, Mow Cop (24/7).
- ☐ Church of The Good Shepherd, Sandbach Road, Rode Heath (24/7).
- ☐ Ex-phone box Congleton Road, Scholar Green (24/7).
- Ex-phone box Birch Tree Lane/The Bank junction (24/7).



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Police non-emergency number: ring 101. It costs just 15p a call from landlines and is for reporting anything that is not urgent. If you ring from a 01782 number you will be put through to Staffordshire Police but, when you tell them where you're phoning from, they will transfer you to Cheshire Police. This is for non emergencies — in an emergency ring 999 or 112.

Problems with pot holes, street lights, etc: please report highways problems on the Cheshire East website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk, click on the "Roadworks & reporting highways faults" button, then on "Report a problem". If you don't have access to the internet you can ring the freephone number 0300 123 5020 with the exact location of the problem, the nature of the problem and your contact details. If you are unable to contact Cheshire East, please give the details to the Parish Clerk and he will ensure the problem is reported. There is also an out of hours emergency phone number: 0300 123 5025

Problems with your bins: if you want to report a lost, stolen or damaged bin, report a missed bin collection or just want to clarify when your next collection is, go on the Cheshire East website above, click on "Bins & Recycling", then choose the relevant tab to click. Alternatively, phone 0300 123 5011.

Bus queries: timetable queries ring Cheshire Traveline on 01244 972666 (open 8am to 8pm daily) calls cost 10p per minutes plus network extras. Alternatively, contact the operator directly. **Rode Runner community transport** booking line 0800 020 9614.

Alsager Voluntary Care volunteer car scheme 07936 543730 (for trips to hospital, the doctors, etc).

Alsager & district foodbank: to help them, or request help, email <u>alsagerfoodbank@aol.com</u> or phone 07743 659906, website is <u>www.alsagerfoodbank.org.uk</u>

Keystone Care: local patient & carer support and bereavement support groups 01270 872157 joyce@keystonesupportcentre.org.uk

BUILDING A BETTER PARISH FOR ALL GENERATIONS



Odd Rode Parish Council serves the communities of Mount Pleasant, Mow Cop (Cheshire part), Rode Heath and Scholar Green.

Rode Heath Scholar Green Mount Pleasant Ward Ward Ward

The Council meets at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday in every month at Newfield House (details on notice boards and the website). All meetings are open to the public.

Your Councillors

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Sandra Harwood*
Stuart Cope
Craig Harwood (Vice-chair)*

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Ruth Griffiths
One vacancy

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clerk@oddrode.org.uk

Cheshire East Councillors:

Liz Wardlaw 01260 272752 Patrick Redstone 01270 882200

www.oddrode.org.uk

Our website contains meeting dates, times & venues as well as agendas, minutes and other information about your council.

Public notices are also placed on the council's notice boards at:

Mount Pleasant - (1) by the shop on Chapel Street.

(2) by the post box at The Bank

Scholar Green - (1) Drenfell Road, opposite the shops.

(2) outside the McColl's shop, School Road.

Rode Heath - (1) Sandbach Road, opposite the Broughton Arms.

(2) corner of Sandbach Road/Heath Avenue, on bus shelter.

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> Rode Heath Village Hall — phone: Chris 01782 519694

Rode Heath YPCC — phone:

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