

A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Lower Froyle', 'St. Mary's Hill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isinglass Mill', and 'Fulling Mill'. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and stippling for shading. A large white rectangular box with a black border is superimposed over the top half of the map, containing the title text.

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Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

Internet Access and Computer Classes at the Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who donated money to enable internet access in the Village Hall. After several months of interaction with BT (what a saga that was!) we are up and running!

Via access to the Youth Club laptops (thank you to Teresa) everyone in the village can now make use of the facility. To start the ball rolling a number of volunteers are offering to be on hand on Friday mornings at the Meeting Place (on an informal basis) to help anyone who wishes to use the internet during that time.

More formal computer classes for beginners will also be on offer outside this forum subject to interest levels. The classes will cover basic computer skills from surfing the net, email, using programmes such as Word and making use of sites such as EBay and Freecycle. Please let Charlie Findlay, Jerry Saunders or Michelle Essenson know if these classes are of interest to you and the times in the week that would be best for you. (Some of you may have already expressed an interest but please remind us). The classes will be tailored to the interest areas and experience levels of the participants.

Details of the classes and the people volunteering to help will be published in the magazine once we know what level of interest there is.

Michelle Essenson

THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



CAKE BAKERS FOR JANUARY

January	2	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Nancy Rowson
	9	Marj Robinson	Marian Cresswell	Margaret Stanford
	16	Susie Robertson	Caroline Bush	Mary Chaplin
	23	Kay Goodall	Sue Carr	Jeannie Whitley
	30	Joy West	Kay Pogson	Elizabeth Sealey

HELPERS FOR JANUARY

January	2	Lori Taylor
	9	Vivien Riley
	16	Jenny Gove
	23	Marian Cresswell
	30	Mary Knowles

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

December

1st - Mrs K. Goodall (83); 2nd - Mrs K. Rhodes (8); 3rd - Lady Allan (73)

Annette Booth



ADVANCE NOTICE

LENT LUNCHES



Thankfully this year Ash Wednesday is almost 3 weeks later than in 2008.
- but please will all the soup makers start planning and get in touch in January. All the detail in February's magazine...

Margaret Stanford

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

I am pleased to announce that our application to the Grassroots Fund has been successful and we have been awarded £4500 towards the cost of replacing the French doors leading on to the new terrace. Work on this will start next month. The condition of the front door and many of the windows is poor and these too will have to be replaced in the next couple of years so the committee will have to continue to be on the look out for new sources of funding.

Star Energy who run Humbly Grove oil well at Lasham have recently established a community fund and we hope to make a bid to them for help with our much discussed kitchen refurbishment. The awkward shape of the kitchen is causing the committee some difficulty arriving at a definitive plan. We shall consult further before we swing into action.

We have just received a grant of £950 from Councillor Mark Kemp Gee from his personal reserve for which we are very grateful. We are combining this award with a very generous private donation in order to replace the millennium map case and to provide the hall with a notice board. This will be positioned to the right of the front door and will display the tariff, forthcoming events, names of key holders etc. The notice board and the new map should be with us in January.

The Youth Club are now benefitting from the installation of broadband in the hall. We hope that a computer will usually be available at the Meeting Place. We fully intend to provide some computing lessons possibly on a Monday evening once the Panto rehearsals are over. If you would like to be involved either as teacher or student please let me know.

With regret we have decided to postpone the Valentine's Dance. I am aware that this will cause disappointment particularly as the event was much enjoyed last year. The committee will review the Dance for 2010.

After some chasing, the certificate for winning the Hampshire Small Village of the Year has finally arrived and will be added to the other trophies in the foyer. Thanks are due to the surprisingly large number of people who helped with the acquisition, erection, decoration of the Christmas tree not to mention its eventual disposal. Should we repeat the exercise next year? Of course we shall but we will need a sponsor.

The Village Hall has had an eventful year. New terrace and garden and lighting, improved storage, broadband, barn dance, picnic, Christmas tree etc. Thanks are due to everybody who has contributed. The still comparatively new but already rather battered management team has achieved a lot, learnt a lot but has still much to learn and certainly plenty to do.

The hall does need your help. In particular we need a bigger pool of volunteers to prevent tasks falling on the same people. If you can mend a gutter, unblock a drain, bake a cake, clean some windows, change a bulb, check a contract, push a barrow, design a poster, own a pick-up truck, paint a wall, source a cooker, wield a broom, rattle a bucket, organize a jumble sale, send out a press release or even write a funding application, we could have made use of you in 2008 and would love your help in 2009.

The next committee meeting is on Thursday 29 January at 7.30. The meetings are open.

Happy New Year to all users and supporters of Froyle Village Hall.

Nick Whines 23130

Froyle Ladies Group



In spite of the sadness of the occasion everyone really enjoyed an excellent Christmas meal prepared by Jo Mills and her friend. The table looked festive and set the scene nicely for our final Christmas meal although Ted Crowhurst said in his speech he hopes we meet again in December 2009. We shall see! Several of us enjoyed childish activities but we won't mention any names. Laughter was definitely the order of the day. Vince Shergold's daughter Wendy won a handsome Poinsettia, the raffle prize, and I think a good time was had by all. See you all at skittles in April

Brenda Milam

Froyle Gardening Club



FROYLE GARDENING CLUB held its AGM on Friday 12th December and although numbers were down on other years it was a lively and enjoyable meeting. Unfortunately at the time of writing this we have no Chairman, but are determined to carry on as a club.

2009 sees us celebrating our 40th year, it was agreed to hold a Picnic Party in June to celebrate. More details to follow. If you are or know of a previous member, please let me know as we would love for you to join us on the day. The evening finished with a slide show by Mr Geoff Hawkins of his trip from Moscow to St Petersburg.

Our next meeting is our Annual New Year Party on Friday 9th January.

Tickets are priced at £5, and are on sale from Anne Blunt 01420 22262.

June Trim

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FROYLE



Songs of Praise



Sunday 22nd February 2009
11am Service

**Please come along and let's
enjoy singing some of our
great hymns in this beautiful
Church**



**Remember, Church is not just for
Christmas!**

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

WOW ! When you got the message, how you performed. All those who contributed created something really special. Thank you all so much for taking the time and trouble with your trees. Every one was a Work of Art and the detail outstanding. I was ecstatic. However, I still think the very best thing was having every one together creatively working, and then on Sunday, a church FULL of happy people. The icing on the cake was the light from the trees on the children's faces at the lovely children's service. Constance Barter's Solitree received most votes with her tree reminding us of the lonely at Christmas and as a result we hope to have collected items to be taken to the London homeless people.

So many people contributed to the success of the event. Jean Norkett's grotto was a delight to behold and very much appreciated by adults and children alike. The soup was wonderful and was very welcome on such a cold day. Both stalls were so attractive and the raffle well supported. We made around £2,400 which was a pleasing result.

So THANK YOU Sarah Thursfield, Gill Bradley, Jean Norkett and Jo Mills for their work in committee and for their contribution at the hall. Thanks also go to Jane Macnabb, Jenny Dundas and Jenny Gove. Then of course we had the merry band of Father Christmases - Nigel Fisher who stuck to his post or more probably his costume for many hours. A job well done - thank you. Also Geoff Hawkins and Jerry Saunders who were very successful Santas. I should also thank my husband who prepared the Church for the lighting so efficiently. A final thank you to all those who helped in any other way providing gifts or refreshments or helping at the weekend. I also have a word of warning! My brain is ticking !!!!!

Brenda Milam

Christmas Tree Festival & Winter Wonderland

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRENDA - firstly for having the idea and secondly for going ahead despite a few 'doubting Thomas's!! What an amazing weekend!

I would like to thank all those who helped me in the kitchen on Saturday and Sunday, especially, of course June Fenn. Thanks also, once again, to those who baked delicious cakes and biscuits. Finally thank you to all those who helped to clear the Hall on Sunday evening - often the worst part at the end of a busy day.

Gill Bradley

To Brenda and all concerned with the Christmas Tree Festival

Well! How does one begin to express adequately the awe-inspiring and thrilling sight of St. Mary's clothed in Christmas trees? The imagination of the decorators was truly amazing, and all of use who had the privilege of enjoying the spectacle will never forget it.

The memorable Winter Wonderland with Father Christmas in the village Hall complete with traditional stalls and delicious food made for a joyous and happy weekend.

My thanks to you all.

Ann Roberts



I have to admit (I think with many others) I did not have a clue what to expect – consequently I was bowled over by the sheer magicality of the Church, and everyone I spoke to felt the same. It was truly a TRIUMPH. We must not forget the Hall which was also transformed, especially the grotto.

BRILLIANTLY WELL DONE Brenda with your team C.T.F. (not forgetting Ernie who was the V.I.P. electrician). Also huge congratulations to all 34 tree arrangers, and marvellous refreshments. It was ALL superb.

Margaret Stanford



We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to put on the fantastic Christmas tree celebration and winter wonderland, what a lovely start to the Christmas season. And we would particularly like to thank Nelle, Ollie and Oscar Pratt for our beautiful anniversary tree! What a surprise, we loved it and the festival, thank you.

Angela and Martin Wimshurst

Trees at the Christmas Tree Festival

Exhibitor	Theme
1. Linda Bulpitt	N'tree
2. Jane Macnabb	Complimentree
3. Hen & Chicken	Gingerbread tree
4. Kay Pogson	Paste- tree
5. Sharon Durham & Family	Christmas jewels
6. Froyle players	25 years of pantomime
6a. Mary Knowles	Menorah – a Jewish Tree of Life
7. Brenda Milam	Spice tree
8. Brenda Milam	Nuts about Christmas
9. Pat Gasson	12 Days of Christmas
10. Tennis Group	Racquetree
11. Stitch and Chat	Embroidertree
12. Constance Barter	Sol-i-tree
13. Menzies Family	Celestial tree
14. Whitely Family	An American tree
15. Meeting Place (Annette Booth)	Pyramage tree
16. Ladies Group (Joy West)	Snow Birds
17. Sarah Barter	Ministrees of Defence
17a Bea Sword	Forestree
18. Ed Pruen	Bethlehem tree
19. St. Mary's Choir	Chant-tree
20. Alison Blanchard & Anthea McRiley	Big cook – little cook
21. Lauraine Bourne & Elizabeth Sealey	Wintree
22. Pratt Family	Celebratree
23. Janet Dobson & Karen Hatcher	Caribbean tree
24. Gardening Club (Marian Cresswell)	Rustic tree
25. Bentley School	Poetree
26. Alex Roberts and Family	Conservatree
27. Jos Cochrane	Environmentree
28. Vestment Group	Vestree
29. Bell Tower	Bell tree
30. Kim Blake	Apple Hill
31. Treloar Tree	Communicatree
32. Jean Norkett	Lavatree
33. Jean Norkett	Toiletree
34. Dundas Family	Message tree

For photographs of the Winter Winter Wonderland in the Village Hall and of the trees in St. Mary's, go to the website at www.froyle.com and follow the "Froyle Today" link to "froylecam".

News from the Anchor

Happy New Year!

The Anchors first festive season was a huge success and enjoyed by all- it was great to see so many of you down here.

You may think that with Christmas over we are going to sit back and put our feet up in January but you would be wrong!

Join us and our Scottish piper on **Sunday 25th January** for a traditional **Burns' Night supper** of haggis, champit tatties and bashed neeps finished off with a fine whisky!

Give us a call to book your table 01420 23261

Watch this space for information on other fantastic events at The Anchor in 2009.

Problems at home can lead to problems at work Relate working in Alton & Bordon

Recent surveys have shown that workers spend up to one day a week trying to cope with personal problems. Problems reported range from the serious - such as bereavement - to more routine ones such as childcare. Human resources consultancy PPC Worldwide said it estimated lost productivity from workers' problems cost UK business £15bn in 2004. The consultancy added that UK firms needed to improve relationships at work to cut problem-related absenteeism. Other studies have supported the view that family problems have the greatest impact of all on worker productivity.

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Relate works in Alton on Thursdays from 4.30 pm and in Bordon on Mondays from 6 pm – just give one of our friendly appointments secretaries a call on 01256 423844 – or you may find out more or register online on www.relatebasingstokeandaldershot.org.uk

Rainfall in Froyle November 2008

November 2008: 69mm (2.72 inches) - only the 7th wettest month of 2008 in Froyle and well down on the 12 year average of 91.1 mm (3.59 inches), the 2nd wettest. 2007: 84.5mm (3.33 inches)

Wettest 2002: 163 mm (6.42 inches) ; Driest 2001: 28 mm (1.1 inches)

Cumulative rainfall for 2008 so far: 779.5 mm (30.69 inches) against a 12 year average of 715 mm (28.15 inches).

Even though the rainfall for 7 of the first 9 months of this year was well above average, 2008 in aggregate now looks like panning out to be less than 10% above the long-term average.



“The Umbrella Man”

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Alton Counselling is situated centrally in the town and offers a local personalised service with a team of up to 12 trained and supervised counsellors. It is available to adults who are experiencing emotional, psychological, spiritual or relationship difficulties by offering high quality, affordable counselling.

If you would like to find out more, please telephone 01420 89207. We would like to hear from you.

We would be very grateful if you are able to help .

Diana Faithfull

Handing Over

I have now written the Treloar article for the Froyle Magazine for a number of years and as my role within the Trust has been changing over the last few months I feel that it is time for me to hand over the reins to my colleague Antonio Cappelletti.

Thanks Chris for that and I hope I am up to the challenge!

Ciao Froyle Village! I have been at Treloar College for two years as Learning Support Assistant and now I am very pleased to be a member of an enthusiastic External Affairs Team. Contributing and encouraging students to reach their goals has given me tremendous satisfaction but now I feel ready to do more behind the "scenes".

2008 concluded with the visit of Beijing Paralympic 100 metre silver medallist Ben Rushgrove to Treloar School. Ben decided to give his *Scholl* award to Treloar School where he was a pupil, as he recognises the influence the school had on him as a youngster, providing him and other disabled students with excellent sporting opportunities.

The award a special cast of his own right foot, was especially unique as it was the foot in which he broke a bone before leaving for Beijing. But despite the injury he still went on to win the silver medal.

Ben commented: "When I first went to Treloar School I was no good at sport! However, I was introduced to some remarkable individuals who assisted me in realising that I had found something I could work for. I owe a lot of my confidence and success to Treloar's."

From Chris and I all our best wishes for a prosperous and peaceful 2009.

Chris Huffam & Antonio Cappelletti

St Mary's Church Notes



Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

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Mrs.J.Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle *Tel: 01420 520279*

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Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*

Services during January

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Church Report

Firstly, a big thank you to all those hardy souls who braved the cold and helped clear the churchyard on Saturday 7th December. We managed to clear a huge amount, and it was very pleasing to "uncover" some of the old graves, which had been hidden under weeds and brambles for so long.

Secondly, a reminder that the hymns we have at church are not set in stone. If you have some favourites, please let Linda Bulpitt know.

Thirdly, there are no "reserved" seats in Church. If you are planning to come to any of our Christmas services, please feel free to sit anywhere. The church is there for everyone, not just a few.

Fourthly, we are very aware that the format of a service can be very confusing to those who are not regular churchgoers. We are planning to draw up a service sheet for services like the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday etc to make it much easier for everyone, so we are not trying to find our way through 3 bits of paper!!

Fifthly, as I am sure you are aware, the Church is open every day for anyone to come in and enjoy some peace and quiet. However, we have been alerted to the fact that there is presently a spate of thefts taking place at churches, especially of metals that can be sold for scrap. We would ask everyone just to keep an eye out....if you see anything suspicious, please let the Churchwardens, Vicar, Bulpitts know or anyone you can think of..... or ring the Police.

Finally, three dates for your diary.

1) Please see the separate advertisement for the Songs of Praise service on Sunday 22nd February. Let's fill the Church and raise the rafters as we sing our favourite hymns.

2) Very advance notice of another chance to see and admire our wonderful collection of vestments. The vestment group will be organising a weekend of displays on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May 2009.

3) Very, very advance notice! Harvest Supper. Friday 2nd October.

Jean Norkett

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

January sees the season of Christmas move into the season of Epiphany. Indeed for the Christian churches of the East, the Feast of the Epiphany is their Christmas. Christmas and Epiphany form a seamless unity.

January, too, of course, sees us enter a New Year – 2009! We focus on new beginnings. The coming of Jesus marked a new beginning for the world, a world redeemed by a Saviour who makes manifest the glory of God for all.

New Year is a time for resolutions and perhaps these resolutions echo those innate desires within us for change. What will those changes bring about? Will they be the channels that contribute towards the making manifest of the glory of God?

Later this month we see the inauguration of a new President of the USA. Our world for all its pain and fear of the future is a world that looks for hope and that yearning for change that the President elect spoke so eloquently about in his presidential campaign.

How do we embody that hope for change and a new beginning?

Please continue to pray for those you love and care about and those who are far from us but with whom we share a common and redeemed humanity; the people of Zimbabwe, the persecuted church in Palestine and throughout the Middle East are parts of the world that are especially close to me at the moment.

Epiphany reveals in Jesus a God of truth confident to feel in a world in which His Unquenchable Light can never be put out but which we are constantly called to reach out towards – and to feel and touch that Love.

I would like to wish everybody in Froyle a happy New Year.

With every blessing,

James

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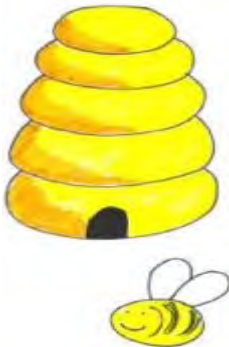
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THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

Please deliver copy to Homestead Cottage, leave in the folder at The Meeting Place, e-mail to magazine@froyle.com or fax to 08714338956.

Nigel Fisher

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FROYLE

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Sunday 22nd February 2009

11am Service



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Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

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From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

January

1st - Mrs K. Pratt (85); 2nd - Mr T. Riley (13); 3rd - Mr A. Gibb (90)

Annette Booth

Dog Lead Found

I have found a dog lead on the recreation ground by the swings. It is red with black inside the handle. Ring **Angela on 520068** if its yours.

THE MEETING PLACE

Christmas seems ages ago now, but may I just thank all those people who helped at the Christmas Meeting Place:- Eira Cray for her delicious punch (I've already booked her yet again for next year!); Gill Bradley, Margaret Stanford & Joy West in the kitchen; Roy Norkett for running the Raffle; Sue Sykes for playing the keyboard and Geoff Sykes for leading the carol singing with such enthusiasm; and last, but not least, Father Christmas for dropping in even if his sleigh broke down!



Thanks also to all those people who donated food or Raffle prizes. Thank you all very much.

CAKE BAKERS FOR FEBRUARY

February	6	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam
	13	Jeanette Cray	Maureen Fry	Val Blunden
	20	Kate Barnden	Vivien Riley	Bea Sword
	27	Ann Roberts	Anne Andrew	Jo Mills

HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY

February	6	Linda Bulpitt
	13	Olga Crowhurst
	20	Joy West
	27	Lauraine Bourne

Annette Booth (22364)

IN MEMORY OF JIM FRY

The Meeting Place on Friday 27th February will be in aid of 'Winston wishes'. It is a charity that supports bereaved children. We had chosen this charity to mark the anniversary of Jim's passing.

Maureen Fry and Annette Eyre

Froyle Gardening Club



Once again a great party, in spite of the bad weather we managed to have the usual wonderful food, great company, and fun quizzes, Thank you to all who helped by bringing food, setting up, serving, clearing up or just attending.

Thank you Geoff Hawkins for taking on the roll of M.C. and organising the wall quiz. John Cresswell for organising the table quiz and all the committee for their hard work.

It was announced at the party that Brenda Milam has agreed to take on the role of chairman.

Our next meeting on Friday 13th February sees a welcome return of Mr Eric Watson with more wonderful slides, the title this time is "A walk on the wild side."

Advance notice

For our 40th anniversary we will be holding a picnic in the grounds of Mill Court on Saturday 27th June. More details later.

June Trim

Another year, and time for new beginnings. The Gardening Club are planning to do a few fresh things this year as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. So, to ensure the Club continues to thrive for the next 40 years, we need to encourage new and younger members.

Our first idea is to hold a free "Children (5 – 12 years) and Parents Workshop", where our team of "experts" will show and help the children to sow seeds, plant seedlings, decorate plant pots, with a special new category for some of the plants in the summer Fete and Flower Show. The workshop will be held at the Spring Plant Sale on Saturday 25th April at the Village Hall from 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon, refreshments available.

Further details will be in the March magazine with an entry form, but if you require more information at this time, can donate any pots, compost, seed or any other gardening items, please call **Jayne Williams on 23076**.

COMPUTER CLASSES - MONDAY NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL - 19:30 to 21:00

Start date 9th Feb 2009

Weekly computer classes are due to start at 19:30 on Monday 9th February in the Village Hall. If you are interested in these please either let me (Michelle Essenson 22118) know or just come along.

On the 9th we will take some time to understand what people want to achieve and where they are starting from so that we can tailor each class to the specific needs and interests of each person in the group. I expect that areas of interest will include the basics around using the internet, sending and receiving emails, writing letters and documents and using spreadsheets. After that who knows ... using webcams, buying and selling on EBay, making free telephone calls over the internet, social networking ...

The classes will be run by myself, Dougie Law, Jamie Dickinson and Madeleine Black - we may not all be there at once! We will also ask other people to help if we cannot cover any areas of need ourselves. Our aim is to make the learning experience informative and fun, and also build confidence.

Given the donations made to the internet fund, there will not be a charge for the classes.

We will provide laptops and all the materials you need. However, if you have your own laptop and would prefer to use this please bring it along.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th.

Michelle Essenson 22118

DELICIOUS - FREE RANGE - RARE BREED PORK

Reared at home in Froyle.

Piglet visitors are very welcome!

Reserve your whole, half or quarter pig now and clear your freezer ready for the beginning of June.

Call Tamsin on 22478



West End Farm

It has been brought to our attention that there are some concerns and confusion as to the activities at West End Farm. Perhaps we should have clarified earlier what is going on.

Before December 08 traffic movements were primarily relating to the establishment of the Scribeland Organics site, and apart from the final topping off of the farm tracks and the tree planting this is now virtually finished.

The green waste deliveries have started and the average number of deliveries to date is 2.4 per working day. We had expected a slightly greater intake after New Year because of Christmas tree disposal but this hasn't materialised. For the next 2 months we expect to receive an average of 2 loads per day.

Since the 2nd week of December there have been movements of smaller tipper lorries bringing in soil. This has coincided with Scribeland Organics activities but is not part of them. The operation is covered by an Environment Agency exemption, and is being carried out to improve an area of agricultural land adjacent to the new road. Once cropping and landscaping are completed we hope it will help blend the road into the landscape.

The alternative walkway to the south of footpath 27 leading up the hill from West End Farm to Round Wood has now been completed and, we hope you will agree, that this offers a clean pleasant alternative route for walkers to use if they prefer it to the track.

We had hoped to have all this work completed during the summer, but underestimated the full duration of the planning process and then had to endure the wettest harvest and autumn we can remember.

The next 4 or 5 weeks will see the end of construction works and so by spring we will be back to normal farming and what we hope will then be seen to be very low key green waste shredding activities.

With regard to Hen & Chicken Hill after all the works are completed and the spring ground conditions allow, we will roll in the verges and make good any loss of soil where needed.

Tony Goodsell
Scribelands Organics



LENT LUNCHES



We started Lent Lunches in Froyle in 1991, so this is our 18th year - and I'm sure there a a few people in the village who have been to all 102 of them!

To remind everyone: they are a simple soup, bread and cheese lunch in aid of a charity chosen by the hostess.

The lunches are from 12.30 - 2.00 p.m. and we ask you to give £2 as a basic donation please (though please feel free to give more!).

Pre-school children free.

Anyone wanting to help in any way, give a lunch, offer/need a lift, donation if you are unable to come, please telephone **Margaret Stanford on 22139.**

We look forward to seeing you during Lent.

Ash Wednesday 25th February at Badgers Bank, Upper Froyle

in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
Lauraine Bourne 22159

Wednesday 4th March at Wykeham House, Lower Froyle

in aid of Round Table Childrens Wish
Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday 11th March at Copse Hill Farm, Lower Froyle

in aid of J.D.F. (Juvenile Diabetes)
Jane Macnabb 23195

The last 3, including April Fools Day, will be in the March magazine.

We do hope to see lots of you - please come and enjoy the delicious soups.



A Date for your Diary in 2009
THE FROYLE ARCHIVE OPEN DAY



Saturday June 20th
Froyle Village Hall from 10am to 6pm
This year's theme is "Froyle Folk"



The picture above of Alfred and Kate Brownjohn with their sons, Charles, Thomas and Harold was taken nearly one hundred years ago and is a perfect example of the many photographs of "Froyle Families" which will be on display, along with anecdotes and stories about the people of Froyle.

As usual we will have all our records, both paper and digital, at the Village Hall.

Do make a note of the date so you can come along and explore the history of the village. More information in future magazines.

Chris & Annette Booth

Christmas Tree Carol Singing

A big **THANK YOU** to the 70 or so villagers who turned up at the Village Hall on the 22nd December, to eat mince pies, drink mulled wine and sing carols around our very own Christmas tree.

Special thanks to our newly formed Christmas band Phil Elliot on keyboard, Nigel Southern on clarinet, Tamsin Saunders on flute and Lucy Saunders violin.

Also to Jan Elliot for printing the song sheets, Jenny Gove for making and serving the mulled wine and June trim for baking the most delicious mince pies. If you would like to help or join the band next year please let me know.

Happy New Year
Jerry Saunders 22478

Froyle Village Design Statement

Many thanks to those of you who have returned completed Village Design Statement (VDS) questionnaires. If you did not receive a copy or have mislaid yours, blank forms can be downloaded at www.froyle.com/vds.

A VDS is a formal “Supplementary Planning Document”. It will describe the qualities that we value in our village and strengthen our ability to influence how the village develops and changes in the years ahead. It is important to emphasize that although the project has been initiated by the Parish Council, the VDS needs to reflect the needs of the whole community. This makes it vital that a broad cross-section of people participate in determining the shape and scope of the completed plan.

Thank you to the people who have already expressed an interest in getting involved in the project - we will be in touch shortly. If there are more of you out there who would like to participate, please let us know (see contacts below).

Full details of the development of the VDS and Parish Plan will appear in the magazine and on the website over the coming months. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please contact a member of the initial project team who are listed below:

Annette and Chris Booth	(22364 or chrisbooth@froyle.com)
Michelle Essenson	(22118 or michelle.essenson@essentia.ltd.uk)
Nigel Fisher	(22574 or nigel.fisher05@virgin.net)

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

Don't forget the Village Hall is available to hire for all your family events.

For bookings and rates please contact Jo Mills 22384.

Rainfall in Froyle December 2008 and the whole of 2008

December 08: 51 mm (2.01 ins) - the 3rd driest month of 2008 in Froyle, whereas it is on average the 2nd wettest! - and well down on the long term average of 82.6 mm (3.25 ins).

2007: 46.5 mm (1.83 ins)

Wettest 1978: 147 mm (7.79 ins) ; Driest 1988: 17mm (0.67 ins)

With the recent acquisition of records from 1978 to 1996, longer-term comparisons can now be made. In 2008, September, at 105mm (4.1 ins) was the month most above the long-term average (60.9mm – 2.4 ins) and February the most below (average 53.3mm - 2.1 ins). Meanwhile, at 108mm (4.3 ins), January was the wettest and February the driest at 21.5mm (0.8 ins).

For 2008 as a whole, 830.5mm (32.7 ins) of rain fell in Froyle, despite the 3 traditionally wettest months, October to December, being well below average. This compares to 896.5mm (35.3 ins) in 2007, 747.5mm (29.4 ins) in 2006, a five-year average of 762mm (30 ins) and a 31-year average of 777.4mm (30.61 ins).



“The Umbrella Man”

Thank you from Roz

Thank you to all my many friends around my delivery for all of your seasonal greetings and for all the gifts you have so very kindly given to me.

Roz

Thank You

Huge congratulations and thanks to Jerry Saunders for the idea and the organising of the carols round the Christmas tree. Lots of people turned out, the tree looked magnificent, and the orchestra was splendid. All in all a lovely start to the Christmas season.

Dowdy to Diva at Treloar's

Hello Froyle! I am the new marketing manager at Treloar's, and this month, I have the honour of writing my first article for the Froyle Village Magazine.

What better way to start than with the announcement of a fantastic event? On February 26 at 7pm, fashion, beauty and massage (yes, you read that right!) will be coming to Treloar School when we will be holding a fundraising fashion show in the Newton Davis Hall. Local boutiques will be showing us how to transform ourselves from dowdy to a diva on the catwalk, and there may even be some faces you recognize!

As well as fashion, there will also be a selection of stalls for you to peruse in the interval and there will be a special room given over to beauty and alternative therapy (that's when the massage bit fits in), laid on by Pure of Alton. An opportunity for a bit of glamour on a winter evening with wine and canapés to keep your palates as well as your sense of style suitability stimulated. Tickets are a snip at £15 and are available from Fiona or Wendy, our events team, on 01420 526511/523 or email me on the email address below.

I look forward to seeing you there! I shall be first in line for any bargains to ensure I am ahead of the trends down here at Treloar's...I expect to see the latest fashions parading the streets of Lower and Upper Froyle before long. Keep up with the Jones? No, keep up with Treloar's more like!

Jane Mabbitt

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2020 A Year to Remember

U.S. technology under President Clinton over-reacts to climate change.
Ice-skating tourists save Africa's lakeside economies.

Inuit instructors introduce igloo building to UK D.I.Y. enthusiasts, resolving the nation's housing deficit. Side effects include the Lotofen Islands' grapefruit mountain.

Boris Johnson finds £5 incentive payment insufficient to encourage visitors to London; increases it to £8 and a small box of Thornton's chocolates.

Business News

We all remember where we were when the Prime Minister, ever open and candid, announced on T.V. what proved to be the most beneficial economic event in world history – the oil had run out.

O.P.E.C. representatives promptly renamed the organization T.O.P.I.C.- the Organization of Petroleum importing Countries, since it was important to hold onto an excuse for attending quarterly conferences in agreeable resorts, the attractions of Aden in August being less than apparent.

In a desperate attempt to stay in business, Middle Eastern tycoons tried offering silly money for the Hampshire and Dorset oil fields. However, they had been foiled by the acumen of the two county councils who had already acquired these now rare resources by Compulsory Purchase Orders, and were selling fuel to their counties, must be motorists at huge prices, within a rationing system. The receipts were such that both counties were able to abolish the Council Tax. The surviving Thatcher camp, possibly a trifle confused, hailed this development, welcoming the end of a wicked impost of Kinnock.s making. Incoherent rumblings were heard from the Welsh hills, but not of oil gushers coming in.

Coincident with the loss of bulk carbon fuels, bright members of think tanks had noticed that National holidays had never affected the nation's annual productivity. Similarly, the Christmas break long established as a fortnight had never had a measurable effect on the UK's wealth. The Cabinet took the same view and adopted a more generous continental pattern of Bank Holidays – each, however, extended to seven days rather than one.

When Wigan won the Premiership in 2020 for the third successive season with a squad of 14 players, all born in Lancashire, the ascendancy of Liberal Democracy was assured for a thousand years.

Next Issue

The Nation's Health

Ted Crowhurst

St Mary's Church Notes



Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

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Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*

Services during February

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Church Report

Many thanks to all of you who helped make the church look so beautiful over the Christmas period. Our beautiful church looked even more lovely than ever. Also we hope that all of you who came to the extra Christmas services enjoyed them.

In early February, the two Churchwardens will be meeting up with their counterparts at Bentley and Binsted to start preparing the ground for the interview process for the new vicar of Bentley and Binsted, who in about 2 years time would also become the vicar of Froyle. We will of course keep you informed about developments.

Songs of Praise Service on 22nd February. PLEASE come along and support this service. There will be no sermon (!), and no communion. Just good hymns!! Please see the separate advertisement.

Dates for your diary.

1) Tuesday 28th April, we will be having the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.30pm at the church. Please do come along.

2) Saturday 23rd May, we will be having a Church jumble sale. More details to follow nearer the time.

3) Sunday 12th July, we are planning to have another open-air service on the recreation ground. This is the Sunday after the Fete. Again, more details nearer the time.

Jean Norkett

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

This month of February marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It a time of preparation as the Christian Church prepares for the Paschal mystery, the death and the resurrection of the Jesus Christ. We cannot begin to understand what this means for us unless we consciously prepare ourselves “to receive”. There is a saying that goes “If you fail to prepare you prepare to fail”. Every good teacher knows the absolute importance of preparation for lessons in order that their pupils may learn and grow. The same principle holds, I believe, for us at the time of Lent – except in a kind of inverted sense. We prepare our entry into the Paschal Mystery by working at “not doing” in the first instance, through “making space” for “the presence of God” in our lives. We prepare through “relaxation” and “letting go” of the idols of modern existence that we are so frequently tempted to cling on to at all cost like for example “image”, “material possessions” and “pride”.

So throughout Lent 2009 I am laying on a series of Evening Services in St. Mary’s – all beginning at 6.30pm and all to include a time of quiet and guided meditation.

So the dates for these services are:-

March 1st First Sunday of Lent
March 8th Second Sunday of Lent
March 15th Third Sunday of Lent
March 22th Mothering Sunday”
March 29th “Passion Sunday”
April 5th “Palm Sunday”

Lent begins on Wednesday February 25th “Ash Wednesday” with a Said Eucharist at 9.30am in the Side Chapel. There will also be an evening Said Eucharist with short meditation in Holybourne Church beginning at 6.30pm.

With every blessing,

James

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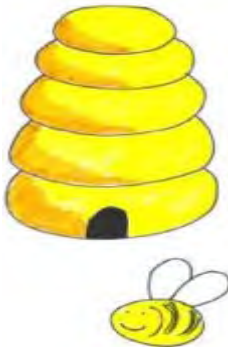
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THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

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Nigel Fisher

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Should you or your club be on this list? Phone 22574 for inclusion



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**No appointments necessary.*

PLEASE NOTE Closure of Surgery on Saturday Morning and at Binsted (Monday)

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If you should need this service simply call Bentley 23440. For the Farnham Shopping Bus - contact Mrs. Turner on Bentley 473062.

A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Lower Froyle', 'St. Mary's Hill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isinglass Mill', and 'Fulling Mill'. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and stippling for shading.

FROYLE

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson
Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle Tel:01420 520102



A Date for your Diary in 2009
THE FROYLE ARCHIVE OPEN DAY
Saturday June 20th
Froyle Village Hall from 10am to 6pm
This year's theme is "Froyle Folk"



The picture above of Alfred and Kate Brownjohn with their sons, Charles, Thomas and Harold was taken nearly one hundred years ago and is a perfect example of the many photographs of "Froyle Families" which will be on display, along with anecdotes and stories about the people of Froyle.

As usual we will have all our records, both paper and digital, at the Village Hall. Do make a note of the date so you can come along and explore the history of the village. More information in future magazines.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit Froyle on the internet

on : www.froyle.com



FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

I will be holding informal surgeries on the following dates. Please come along for a chat if you feel there is anything I can help you with.

Holybourne Village Hall	April 14 th	7.00 pm – 7.45 pm
	June 9 th	7.00 pm – 7.45 pm
Froyle Village Hall 'The Meeting Place'	April 17 th	10.30 am – 12
	June 12 th	10.30 am – 12

Cllr Glynis Watts

Day time phone number: 01420 520 810

THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.

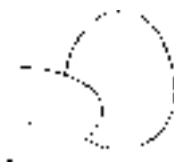


CAKE BAKERS FOR MARCH

March	6	Cecily Robertson	Lauraine Bourne	Sheila Lawrence
	13	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Nancy Rowson
	20	Marj Robinson	Marian Cresswell	Margaret Stanford
	27	Susie Robertson	Caroline Bush	Mary Chaplin

HELPERS FOR MARCH

March	6	Jane Macnabb
	13	Sue Clark
	20	Gill Bradley
	27	Maureen Fry



Advance Notice EASTER MEETING PLACE

The Easter Meeting Place will be on Friday, April 10th, with the usual Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Competitions - full details in the April Village Magazine.

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

January

1st - Mrs K. Pratt (85); 2nd - Mr T. Riley (13); 3rd - Mr A. Gibb (90)

Annette Booth

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Well this month as usual there is good news and there is bad news.

The good news is that at last the gutters have been fixed and will no longer send a stream of cold water down the necks of the unwary. Better still the car park drain has been cleaned out so you will no longer have to stand ankle deep while loading or unloading your car.

Close observation during heavy rain reveals that much of the water in the car park has come down the road from the direction of Upper Froyle. Just before it reaches the gully by the bus shelter it turns sharp right into the car park. This has been brought to the attention of Hampshire County Council who I hope will take remedial action.

New French doors are now on order and will be precision made in Germany. I hope they will be installed during May.

Have you noticed the fine replacement map which now adorns the front of the hall? We also have an external notice board. If you have a poster advertising a forthcoming village event I have the key. Talking of notices we intend to tidy up the internal notice boards.

We are experiencing a build-up of 'stuff' in the kitchen and the store room. If you do leave materials in the hall please make sure you identify them so you do not lose them as and when we spring clean. And talking of stuff we are looking for someone to run a jumble sale to raise funds for the Bonfire Party. There will be plenty of support and it might even be fun.

Now the bad news. Several events recently have caused problems when hirers have failed to tidy up after them. It is unfair on Jeannie who keeps the hall beautifully and it is unfair on other users who expect to find the hall in a nice condition. It is unfair on the committee who have to find a diplomatic way of dealing with the situation and it is unfair on me because I don't want to be the village nag.

If you hire the hall, you are expected to:

- 1 Treat the hall and its equipment with respect.
- 2 Take responsibility for the behaviour of your guests.
- 3 Leave the hall as you found it or better.
- 4 Remove all rubbish and do not leave bags lying around for foxes to break open.
- 5 Ensure no taps are left running when you leave, all lights are turned off and the building is secure.

Back to the good news.....Computers with internet connection are now available at the Meeting Place. Computer lessons have started on Monday evenings. Twenty people of differing abilities thoroughly enjoyed

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News from the Village Hall continued

the first session. Helpers are needed to support Michelle with the teaching. If you have an old laptop running Windows XP and Word that you could donate to the group this would be much appreciated. Contact Michelle Essenson (22118) for more information.

Nick Whines
Honorary Secretary Froyle Village Hall (23130)

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

Don't forget the Village Hall is available to hire for all your family events.

For bookings and rates please contact Jo Mills 22384.

Froyle Gardening Club



At our February meeting Froyle Gardening Club welcomed our new Chairman Mrs. Brenda Milam. We also welcomed back Mr. Eric Watson who once again enthralled us with his wonderful pictures and extensive knowledge of nature, I am sure he will be back in the future.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 13th March when Mr. Ray Broughton will be giving us "Topical tips and new ideas"

Dates for your diary.

Saturday 25th April our Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 6th June our 40th anniversary "Picnic in the Garden" at Mill Court

Our evening visit this year will be on Friday 31st July to The Hide at Old Alresford

June Trim

PAM ELSTOW

It was with sadness we heard of the death of Pam Elstow – nee Vivian on 22nd December.

Pam was born in Froyle, the eldest daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Vivian, the village butcher, and attended Froyle School during the war years. In the early fifties, she married Bill Elstow, who had also grown up in the village.

In January 1999, Annette and Chris Booth had posted a request on the internet for memories of Froyle from past residents, and Bill had replied. In late January, Pam and Bill visited the Meeting Place bringing their memories for inclusion in the book “Froyle – 100 Years of Memories” and catching up with old friends. A month later, they came again, and we had managed to find a few more friends which turned out to be our first small Froyle Reunion. In June of that year, a very large reunion took place with 150 visitors, and it all started with Pam and Bill.

The “Froyle” book was launched in May 2000, but unfortunately Bill had died a few days before. His many memories are in print to be read by all forever.

Pam leaves two daughters and two sons, and our thoughts are with them.

Froyle Friends.

The Alton & District Fund Raising Committee

Cancer Research UK

invite you to a

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Wednesday 8 April 2009 2-5pm

Froyle Village Hall

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**Committee: Margaret Stanford (01420 22139), Gill Bradley, Hopper
Cavendish, Sarah Floyd, Sona Harrap**

**Please would anyone interested ring Margaret on 22139 or Gill on 520484.
Tables are £40.**



LENT LUNCHES 2009



As I write this, it is still two weeks to Ash Wednesday - i hope everybody has the first three dates firmly in their diary, and much look forward to seeing lots of people at them.

The lunches are from 12.30 - 2 p.m. and we ask you to give £2 as a basic donation (though please feel free to give more!). Pre school children free.

Anyone wanting to help in any way, lifts etc, please ring Margaret Stanford on 22139.

Wednesday 18 March at Bamber Cottage, Lower Froyle in aid of REHAB (Alton) - Margaret Stanford 22139

Wednesday 25 March at St Mary's Church in aid of the Vestment Restoration Fund - Linda Bulpitt 22725 (The Vestment Group)

Wednesday 1 April at Brocas Farm in aid of St Mary's Church Roof Fund - Jenny Dundas 520279 (not an April Fool!!)

We do hope to see lots of you - please come and enjoy the company, delicious soups and charming houses.

Margaret Stanford



ADVANCE NOTICE
ANNUAL FROYLE QUIZ
SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2009

....details nearer the time! - but get that date in your diary.

Constance Barter

2020 Vision

As we know, the Black Hole Parliament came to a grisly halt in 2011.

One outcome, greeted by acclaim by a grateful nation, was that there was no leadership contest in either of the two once major parties. The way things were, any winner in such a contest would instantly become a loser.

Given that Nature abhors a vacuum, her at last was the Independents' hour of destiny. Who else to take the helm but the New Wave, all of whom happened to be English or Welsh by birth and sincere by nature.

Swept to power, the new regime actually honoured its manifesto commitments, to the few remaining cynics from the old Westminster Village.

But the people approved, eccentric measures like taxing the rich rather than the poor were well received and a benign reaction welled up to the government's urgings. The previously awkward squad of 60 million Brits began to fall in with ministerial suggestions.

When the health minister said that smoking might not be entirely beneficial, the result was so positive that tobacco firms took alarm as sales fell sharply from 2012.

The Minister of Transport's remark that he personally never drove at more than 30 miles per hour, and never tried to overtake on an A road, rang a bell with the motoring public. The Treasury, ever gloomy, voiced its concern at the fall in the income from fines from motoring offences.

The Vegan wing of the party in power, Greenwave, gained a ready response to its gently expressed views, but some were upset by its smug reaction to the collapse of the burger industry.

All this rapport 'twixt government and the People had led to a marked improvement in the nation's health. Bronchial problems occupied the N.H.S. less and less. Fewer road traffic accidents left A & E Departments like refuges for quiet contemplation. The 50 % of us who were obese were now as fit as 20th century fleas - a species now extinct thanks to Independents' standards of personal hygiene.

The N.H.S. budget fell annually in real terms. The tax collectors' dilemma – what were they for? – was made worse when when the cabinet voted to moderate the consumption of alcohol at No. 10. The country followed. Scotch whisky manufacturers had to pursue overseas sales even harder, to the benefit of the U.K. balance of payments.

Most N.H.S. employees had long since ceased to work, finding the new Wave National Standard Wage enough for a happy lifestyle. The existing stock of manic entrepreneurs continued to prosper, sustaining the gross national product, prominent among them milords Blair, Branson and Lloyd Webber.

Pressure on energy supplies in commuterland fell since there was little demand for suburban trains. Those few travelers to the City could drive, slowly of course, on uncrowded roads and could usually park without hassle in Lombard Street or Cheapside. There was no overcrowding on the few trains which did operate and it followed that the common cold became a rarity.

Since those who have never actually produced anything spent most of their time with their healthy families, wives no longer felt neglected, divorce statistics fell away, and anti-social behaviour ceased entirely. Those who had mused on the worrying longevity of an increasing number of citizens were less fearful of the complications when the V.S.O. recruited thousands of healthy 75-plus veterans on irrigation projects in the Australian deserts, watered by ice imports in bulk from Antarctica. Half the country's doctors were by 2012 working in Africa belatedly following in the footsteps of their 19th century forebears.

The Prime Minister was able to announce in early 2015 that the U.K had fewer people of what used to be called working age in full time employment than any country in the developed world. As a result, his position was to go unchallenged for many years.

On a personal note, I do hope you took my investment advice back there in the depths of the recession and acquired a wheelie bin or two. Told you they were becoming collectible!

The standard black and green models have appreciated over the past decade. My advice and, as it turns out, very profitable advice, was to invest in a "small blue".

To think that they could be picked up so cheaply in Long Sutton a few years ago! Especially after dark.

Ted Crowhurst

Next Issue : "Your Vegetable Garden"

(Ted is a custodian of the national collection of URTICA DIOICA)



Rainfall in Froyle January 2009

This year	88mm	3.46 inches
Last year	108mm	4.25 inches
Wettest January (1986)	153 mm	6.02 inches
Driest January (1997)	8.02mm	3.16mm
Long term average for January - the 4th wettest month	8.02mm	3.16 inches

The only significant fact about January's rainfall was that a mere 2 mm fell during the first 11 days of the month, which made it the driest start to a New Year since 1997. However if these 11 days are taken with the last 17 days of December, then 2008/09 was the driest turn of the year in Froyle since 1991/92.

"The Umbrella Man"



MORE FROYLE FRIENDS NEEDED

The Froyle Friends is a group of willing drivers who occasionally take people who don't drive to visit relatives in hospital or possibly to and from the Meeting Place if they are otherwise unable to get there. If you are able to help or indeed if we can help you please let us know. This is not a regular commitment, simply an occasional call.

If you would like to join our team, please ring either Annette Booth on 22364 or Gill Bradley on 520484.

A Thank You from West End Lodge

Many many thanks to all our friends who were truly amazing on Monday 9th February , when the snow became rain , and the rain a flood! But never fear when you need help in Froyle.....the troops arrived!!

Thank you so much to Uncle Martin, our lovely neighbours Paul & Sharon Edwards, Mark Cray and Chris Lucas. Hugh thanks to Tony Goodsall and Les for turning the tide quite literally, and Margret Stanford for all her efforts and towels.

Our thanks to you all
K, M, N, O+ O

SNOW CLEARANCE - THANK YOU TO SCRIBELANDS

Well done Scribelands for clearing the roads in Froyle of snow. It made my job much easier.

A great job done. Thank you.

Roz (Postlady)

Please could you add a few lines in the next magazine to thank Tony Goodsall and Scribelands for clearing the local lanes with his snowploughs off his own back - he is not contracted to cover these routes.

Paul Edwards

Lord Mayor of London visits Treloar's!

On Wednesday 11 February, the 681st Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Ian Luder, made his annual visit to the School and College, together with the Masters of the Livery Companies and their wives. As you probably know, our very own Sir William Purdie Treloar was the first Lord Mayor of London and since he first opened the doors of Treloar's in 1908 we have had a particularly close relationship with the City of London.

The day was a tremendous success. All visitors toured both the School and College sites, seeing students participating in a range of activities including tie dying fabric, creating Valentine's Day cards, learning communication symbols and studying business skills. Without fail, our visitors were inspired by the positive attitude of our students and consistently cheerful outlook.

Notable highlights for me, apart from the hearty lunch at the School, was the presentation of two rather striking barometers from the Lord Mayor to the College and School, that certainly can be put to good use in the current changeable climate.

The other was the moving speech from Harry Dicks, Headteacher at the School, when he emphasized the success over the past year in sports: five of our students went to the National Junior Games at Stoke Mandeville and five returned with six Gold, six Silver and four Bronze medals between them. Our Head of PE, Sandra King was asked to be Boccia Competition Manager for the Paralympic Games in London 2012 and finally the School was also recognized as winner of the Daily Telegraph/Norwich Union National Schools Sport Matters Aware in the Disabled Sport category.

Jane Mabbitt

Dates for your diary:

League of Friends Plant Sale at Treloar College Saturday 9 May 10am-12.30pm

The Treloar Tromp starting at Alton Rugby Club Sunday 10 May from 9.30am

Brenda's Jottings on all manner of things !

THE RETURN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Following discussion it has been decided to hold another festival in 2010. However because we had such fun we thought you might like to take part at Easter . As before you would need to book a place with me on 22216. This could be an individual, family or group and show us 'What Easter means to me '. This could be rabbits, chicks, chocolate eggs, Spring Flowers or of course the Resurrection. It is very important to remember that James will be doing the Easter garden with the children on Easter Saturday but Mums could work at the same time or prepare something earlier. There will also be another special children's service at 5.30pm on Easter Saturday with refreshments and an Easter egg hunt . ENJOY AND .REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN MARCH

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

Before Easter comes Mothers Day and there will be a shortened service geared to children at 11.0am with refreshments. Children will be able to give Mum a posy

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

We can be very proud that our £4,000 + gained FROYLE 2nd place in Hampshire . I am very aware it is the teas as well as the Gardens which make this weekend so successful. Once again Well Done.

EX LADIES GROUP SKITTLES

The Jolly Miller Skittle Alley at North Warnborough has been booked fo7.30 on April 8th. I would be grateful if you would ring me to book. Anyone would be welcome. The cost £6 a head for Chicken, sausage, chips and salad. By the way a lot of ex members go to garden club but I think some other members who don't garden would enjoy at least some of the talks so keep your eye on the newsletter for talks of more general interest.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

I have now discovered that Saxon Wood School for physically disabled children are collecting milk bottle tops for new beds. Tops may be left at the meeting place, in the vestry at church or in the box on the wall at Walbury.

LISS MISSION FOR THE HOMELESS

Most of our gifts have now been delivered to London. It was very well received so we have decided to keep a box in the vestry for suitable items.

BIRDS

We have had the best sightings ever this year and have had Goldfinches, Longtailed Tits, Coal Tits etc but we have also had our first ever Brambling, the first Goldcrest in 20 years, a Willow Tit and Blackcap. However, Greenfinches seem to be in short supply. How about other people?

Brenda Milam

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

Churchwardens

Mrs.J.Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle

Tel: 01420 520279

Mr.C.Barter 2 Rookery Cottages, Mill Court, Upper Froyle *Tel: 01420 23169*

Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*



Services during March

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

LENT AT ST MARYS

February 25th Ash Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist in the Side Chapel

Sundays throughout Lent - Evening Prayer with Short Guided Meditation all services begin at 6.30pm EXCEPT Passion Sunday March 29th in order to mark the beginning of Passiontide the service this Sunday will begin at the later time of 8.00pm with Compline by Candlelight again with short meditation.

Church Report

Firstly, many thanks to all of you who came along to the Songs of Praise Service on 22nd February. We hope you all enjoyed it. Please let us know if it is the kind of service you would like to be repeated.

Brenda Milam is again organising some extra services/activities at the Church eg Mothers Day on 22nd March and also an Easter Window decoration, especially for children. Please see the separate adverts or contact her direct.

We held a PCC meeting in early February. One of the main topics of conversation was the future parish re-organisation. Rather than go into too much detail here, **please** come along to the APCM (Annual Church Meeting) on Tuesday 28th April 7.30pm, when James, our Vicar, will furnish you with all the information to hand, and as to how things stand at the moment. It is very important that we understand the very difficult position which James finds himself in at the moment, and it is vital that we emphasise that there is **NO** firm date on which James is leaving.

By the time you read this, the season of Lent lunches will be in full swing. Please do support these wonderful occasions, all in aid of worthy causes.

Jean Norkett

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

Last month we had the heavy snow fall. Part of me wanted to simply to stay inside and keep warm but eventually I felt I just had to go outdoors and see it all for myself! I was not to be disappointed. What a sight it was - what with the Hampshire Downs all covered with that thick virgin snow! This really was a Winter Wonderland experience to behold! Our churches were truly picture card material and lots of people were walking around with cameras to take those all important snaps.

The snow brings with it a variety of dangers and hazards but surely nothing can take away from the sheer beauty of the scene. It all led me to reflect on the theme of beauty. What is the beautiful? This was a question that the ancient Greeks asked. Like the snow what is beautiful can so often be ambiguous and transient. Anything beautiful, like the snow for instance, can so quickly turn to slush!

Some of those who have reflected on the figure of Jesus Christ have not hesitated to see in him a figure of beauty but the all important difference lies in the fact that for them in Jesus they see someone of “eternal” beauty. This means that Jesus even on the cross suffering and disfigured is a person who reveals the radiant glory of God. I suppose that is why the figure of the suffering God on the cross has been of such help to so many people especially when they have been in some kind of trouble for one reason or another.

But I suppose there is more to this “eternal beauty” than that. Some have been given the Grace to see in the “eternal beauty” of the crucified Christ the presence of Jesus in a very special way in the poor and afflicted of our world. So the cross no longer becomes an object of pious devotion or something merely to be appreciated but releases the power to move us to pity and compassion and to acts of humble service.

This month of March sees the beginning of Passiontide that leads into Holy Week and Easter. May it be for you, like the snowfall, a time of beauty.

With every blessing,

James

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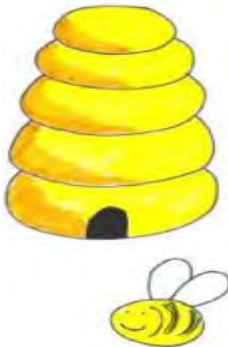
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DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL MAGAZINE

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH

Please deliver copy to Homestead Cottage, leave in the folder at The Meeting Place, e-mail to magazine@froyle.com or fax to 08714338956.

Nigel Fisher

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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The Meeting Place - *Annette Booth* - 01420 22364

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Should you or your club be on this list? Phone 22574 for inclusion



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Thursday 8.30 - 11.00am 4.00 - 6.00pm

Friday 8.30 - 11.00am 4.00 - 6.00pm

Branch Surgeries

Tuesday 5.00 - 6.00pm* Froyle Village Hall

**No appointments necessary.*

PLEASE NOTE Closure of Surgery on Saturday Morning and at Binsted (Monday)

BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE CARE GROUP



If you should need this service simply call Bentley 23440. For the Farnham Shopping Bus - contact Mrs. Turner on Bentley 473062.

A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Lower Froyle', 'St. Mary's Hill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brooklandst', 'Cottrey', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isinghott Mill', and 'Fulling Mill'. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and stippling for shading. A large white rectangular box is superimposed over the top half of the map, containing the title text.

FROYLE

VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson
Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle Tel:01420 520102

ALL ELECTORS OF FROYLE
are invited to take part in the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
to be held in
FROYLE VILLAGE HALL
on
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22nd at 8.00 p.m.

The agenda will include matters raised by electors, reports from village groups, the County Councillor and District Councillor.

After the meeting, refreshments will be available.

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

March

1st - Mr. G Hawkins (38); 2nd - Mrs. B. Morgan (25); 3rd - Mrs. P. Gasson (58)

Annette Booth



FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

Froyle Beat Surgeries

Officers from your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at the Meeting Place at Froyle Village Hall for local residents to discuss local policing issues and other concerns.

Officers will be available between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon on the following dates:

Friday April 10th PCSO Andy White

Friday April 24th PC Simon Dear

Friday May 8th PCSO Andy White

Friday May 22nd PC Simon Dear

Friday June 5th PCSO Andy White

Friday June 19th PC Simon Dear



THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



CAKE BAKERS FOR APRIL

April	3	Kay Goodall	Sue Carr	Jeannie Whitley
	10	Joy West	Kay Pogson	Elizabeth Sealey
	17	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam
	24	Jeanette Cray	Maureen Fry	Val Blunden



HELPERS FOR APRIL

April	3	Cecily Robertson
	10	Margaret Stanford
	17	Maria Jefferson
	24	Elizabeth Sealey

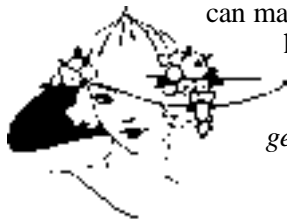


THE EASTER MEETING PLACE

On Friday, 10th April for your Hot Cross Buns, or home-made cake if you prefer, and good company. We will be open, as usual, from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon. For the youngsters amongst you there is our Decorated Egg Competition. This will be judged in age groups again this year to make it fairer on all entrants.

Classes will be: Under 5 years, 5-7, 8-11, and 11+. There will be a prize of an Easter Egg for the winner in each class and sweets to all competitors. You can decorate your hard boiled egg in any way, but it must be in some form of egg cup. Please bring your entry to the Village Hall by 10.30am. The competition will be judged at 11.15am by popular vote. We hope to see a lot of you entering!! There will be our usual RAFFLE to raise funds to keep The Meeting Place running smoothly.

Once again we shall have our EASTER BONNET competition for the adults. You can make it out of anything or simply dress up a hat you already have. Wear it to the Easter Meeting Place and there will be a £10 Gardening Voucher for the winner. This will be judged by a small panel. We have so many talented ladies (*and gentlemen*) in Froyle - come on, show us what you can do!!



Annette Booth (22364)

Froyle Gardening Club

Our speaker for March was Mr. Ray Broughton. He gave us many tips, with some new and some not so new ideas, to help us improve our gardens; a very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is the Spring Show. Please note the changed date, it will be on Friday April 3rd. Schedules available from Jayne Williams phone 01420 23076.

Our plant sale this year will be on Saturday 25th April from 10 until 12 at Froyle Village Hall with our usual range of unusual and interesting plants.

Date for your Diary:

Our Fortieth Anniversary celebration is “A Picnic in the Gardens of Mill Court” on Saturday 27th June. Not the 6th June as stated in last month’s magazine.

June Trim



Froyle Young Gardeners (5-12 years)

Froyle young gardeners workshop will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th April from 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Would you please make sure your children turn up in old clothes as they may get a bit messy. Don't forget the plant sale will be on with many bargain plants for the season ahead. Refreshments will be provided for the children, and it is all free. Please would you fill in this form and send it back to me, **Jayne Williams at 4 Barnfield Close, Lower Froyle (01420 23076)** by the 19th April. If anyone would like to help, please give me a ring. I am C.R.B. cleared.

Name

Address

Age

Contact number (if leaving child)

Medical conditions I would need to know about

Allergies

THE FROYLE ARCHIVE

If you have had a browse around the website recently, you may have noticed that we have started a “Nature & Wildlife” section. With the help of Sue Clark we have two surveys of the plant life in Froyle.

One originated from the 1952 WI Scrapbook and was written by Mr C Langridge who was the Head Gardener at Froyle Place. His son, Robert (*‘Bob’ as he would be known to those of that age*), who lives in California, has promised to scan some of his father’s notebooks and record for us - these will ultimately be added to the webpages.

The other record was made in 1991 by Gwen Macklin from Farnham, and Sue has transcribed the original typewritten documents for us.

We hope to expand the pages with photos and links to other websites associated with nature and conservation.

Finally, if you do have any photographs of events, or just of the nature and beauty of the village we all live in, and would be happy for us to post them, do get in touch via the website. You may have already seen Stuart Wardle’s pictures of the winter weather which now reside in the Winter section of Memories.

Chris Booth

VILLAGE CALENDAR

We are going to try and make a village calendar this year, the title being:

“Our Wonderful Village.”

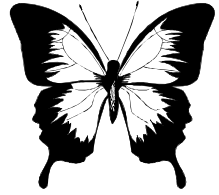
12 lucky people will have their photographs selected for a calendar which will go on sale in November.

So come on all you amateur photographers, start snapping, anything at all that you believe represents our village.

Please contact **June Trim 01420 23336** with your photographs.



**EVENTS AT BUTTERFLY
CONSERVATION'S BENTLEY STATION
MEADOW NATURE RESERVE**



**TUESDAY 7TH APRIL BENTLEY STATION MEADOW
WALK TO HEALTH**

Leader: Lynn Fomison. Meet 10.45am in the NE corner of the car park at Bentley station, SU792 432(Usually room to park in Station Road). Walk to Health (W2H).

The Alton Walk2health group is visiting BSM on the first Tuesday of the month up to and including 6th October. Come and enjoy a leisurely stroll interspersed with looking at nature.

**WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL BENTLEY STATION MEADOW
EASTER STROLL**

Visit your local nature reserve at a super time of year to hear spring birdsong and to see early flowers and butterflies. Children and parents most welcome. Leader Lynn Fomison. Meet 10.30am in the NE corner of the car park at Bentley station. SU792 432. (Usually room to park in Station Road). Wellington boots advisable. No dogs.

Bookings are still being taken in 2009 for guided walks for groups (six people or more, adults or younger groups like cubs, scouts etc). These are free and tailored to the interests of your group. For more details contact Lynn Fomison 01962 772251

Babysitter Required

We are enquiring to see if there might be a mature lady in Froyle who would be interested in some evening babysitting duties for our two young boys of 8 and 7. Could be midweek and weekends. If you are interested please call:

Sarah on 23750

Rainfall in Froyle February 2009

This year (including snow*)	72 mm	2.83 inches
Last year	21.5 mm	0.85 inches
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.18 inches
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 inches
Long term average for February	53.9 mm	2.12 mm
-the 3rd driest month of the year (after July and April)		

All together now: “Oh the weather outside is frightful ...”

Lest you need reminding, between the 2nd and 6th February, 17 cm of snow fell on the village, the most since 1991. This melted into the equivalent of 28.5 mm of rain*, which is somewhat at odds with the recognised conversion rate of 8:1 and leads to the obvious question, do we have a unique type of snow in Froyle? On average, in the south the annual number of days with snow falling is a minimum of 12, so we could have at least 8 more days to (dis)prove it ...



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FROYLE FÊTE: THE FINAL FRONTIER.....

SATURDAY, 11th JULY, 1:00-4:00 PM

This summer marks the 40th anniversary of Man's first walk on the Moon. Somewhat more obscurely, it was 400 years ago that Galileo invented the refracting telescope (thank you, Clive Barter, for this). Clearly these events should be celebrated in Froyle, so the theme of this year's Fête and Flower Show is **Outer Space**. Think *Star Trek*; *Star Wars*; and rockets; Mr. Spock and Jean-Luc Picard; Princess Leia, Darth Vader and Chewbacca.

On a more fragrant note, in 2009 we also commemorate 40 years of the **Froyle Gardening Club**.

Details of the day's activities follow in the coming months. As always, the food and drink will be great; the games and attractions will challenge and entertain you. Please take part: run a stall (or just think of the idea for one); bake a cake; serve tea for an hour; donate books or jumble; help for a little while with set-up or take-down.

For anything to do with stalls, please call **Jenny Gove (23697)**. With any other questions or stellar inspirations, call **Mary Knowles (23164)**.

.....to boldly go(ve).....

I am looking for people to run various stalls. Perhaps if you have never been involved before, you would like to join in? There are some stalwarts, who do the same thing year after year, and I rely on them hugely, but it would be nice to have help from different quarters this year. Please ring me if you feel able to help.

Jenny Gove 23697

SKITTLES

Reminder - Skittles at the "Jolly Miller" North Warnborough on April 8th 7.30 pm. Cost £6.

If you wish to go, ring as soon as you can. Call me, Brenda on 22216

Grow my Own? Not likely!

“There’s nothing like the taste of home-grown vegetables, fresh from the garden.” I’ve heard a lot of people say that, and so have you; but I can’t speak from my own experience – except one year when we had some good runner beans.

It seems to me that we’re up against it when digging for victory, with all the attendant risks like the challenge of chills during ground preparation in January and back pain at any time at all. But much more powerful opposition lurks unseen observing our forays into soil cultivation.

I refer of course to that horde of wriggly creatures, the insect world, all of fearsome aspect better not seen under a microscope if you are of a nervous disposition. Various brands of insecticides can be found in your garden centre but you’d need deep pockets to buy enough varieties. After all, those creepy-crawlies vary somewhat, even undercarriage arrangements ranging from 0 – 1000, worm to millipede.

What they all have in common is that parent wriggles seem to send their offspring out on gap-year back-packing global travels. The globes referred to being my swedes, beetroot, turnips and radishes, all of which reveal, in being harvested, networks of footpaths chomped out by ugly-bug teeth.

For contrast, look at the near perfection available at reasonable prices at Lidlrose and Tescoburys. Look at the radishes at pence per bag, crisp shiny fresh radishes flown in from Israel overnight – and tasting like home grown straight from the garden. Not long ago you could buy air-freighted radishes from Chicago for 18 pence.

So why would I take on the world of wriggles? In the small hours when the trains have stopped and there’s not much moving on the A31, go to the bottom of the garden and you will hear the steady underground munching that spells out the prospect of another poor crop.

Not far from here there’s a shop where the produce is perfection, fruit and vegetables all Class One models for gallery still-lives. See the Swedes in tri-colour marble and the Cox’s Orange Pippins in October maturity, yellow and shades of cherry. Professionally grown a mile or two away, never to be grown by me to such standards.

So what to do with the unplanted garden? What you need, like many a stamp collector is space fillers. So join the Gardening Club and whisper the word “dahlias”. Every member will thrust surplus tubers upon you – which plant at one metre intervals. You’ll have a bonanza of colour for 10 weeks a year, and just one task when the frosts come – harvest the top growth and light a bonfire.

You can then retire to your armchair and resume the activity for which we are all intended, watching the racing on Channel 4. By all means munch crudities the while; you’ll be O.K.

Most of the Wildlife is on One.

T.C.

Exciting Events at Treloar's!

The Fashion Show on 26 February at Treloar School was a resounding success, raising in excess of £4,000 for Treloar's. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening and I managed to get through the experience without falling off the catwalk. Harry Dicks, Headteacher at the School even did a rather elegant turn in a dinner jacket to thunderous applause. One of the models commented afterwards that she had 'kept on thinking about the lady who lives in my village who often pushes her son (a Treloar's student) in his wheelchair up the steep hill near our house...she gave me the courage to walk the catwalk as it is nothing compared to her commitment.'

The local generosity continues as RAF Odiham Helicopter Division are donating 108 Easter eggs to our students at Treloar School. Carrying on the celebratory nature of this month's article, we have some exciting events coming up, as you will see on the advertisements in this month's Froyle Magazine: the annual Treloar Tromp on Sunday 10 May where you can join in a beautiful walk across Hampshire countryside in order to raise funds for us and the annual League of Friends Plant Sale at Treloar College on Saturday 9 May. For golfers amongst you, our annual golf day is taking place on Wednesday 10 June. Following the successful change of venue last year, we are delighted to be returning to the magnificent course at Cowdray Park. With bacon baps on arrival and a three course meal and entertainment in the evening, this is definitely not one to be missed!!

Jane Mabbitt

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Church Report - April 2009

By the time you read this, Mothering Sunday along with five of the six Lent Lunches will have come and gone. The last lunch will be April 1st at Jenny Dundas's house "Brocas Farm" in aid of the church roof funds.

The church calendar moves into one of the most important stages of the church year and one of the busiest periods for vicars everywhere.

Palm Sunday is on 5th April, followed by mid-week services. Easter Sunday is 12th April and our service is at 11 o'clock. Please refer to Brenda Milam's separate notice in this newsletter which will tell you all about the activities taking place the day before.

Also there is a very short service for children during the Saturday afternoon and an Easter Egg hunt.

The PCC AGM will be held in the church on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm. Please come along to hear from James the latest up-date on Parish re-organisation.

Froyle Church is holding its annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd May in the Village Hall. Doors open at 2pm.

Margaret Stanford is running the raffle.

We do need help in the morning with sorting and setting up and the selling in the afternoon. Can you help us? There will be all the usual stalls – bric a brac, books, toys and of course, teas. Give me a call if you can help, even for an hour. Thank you.

Jean Norkett
Tel 22591

When was the last time you visited the Village Website?

Go to **www.froyle.com**

For those of you interested in planning and other county-wide issues, the "Froyle Today" section has a link to the "hantsweb" site from the "links to other sites" menu.

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

Churchwardens

Mrs.J.Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle

Tel: 01420 520279

Mr.C.Barter 2 Rookery Cottages, Mill Court, Upper Froyle *Tel: 01420 23169*

Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*



Regular Services during April

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Maundy Thursday Service

The choir will be performing the Mass by Tomas Luis de Victoria as part of the service at St. Mary's on April 9th at 8.00 p.m.

Easter in Church

PLEASE BELIEVE US we want **YOU** to help decorate the church for Easter We **REALLY** mean it: we welcome jamjars, bunnies, Easter bonnets or children's pictures. It's you we want ! Yes, there maybe some flower arrangements but that's our thing, it's not a competition. It's not too late to ring Brenda on 22216 to show us what Easter means to you. By the way, it has been suggested that Easter eggs from the Meeting Place could also go on show at the church for Easter. What do you think?

Easter Saturday

9.0am - 4.0pm Decorating Church

5.0pm James and children create Easter gardens

5.30pm Short Childrens' Service

6.0pm Refreshments and Easter Egg hunt

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

Well at long last it is the month of Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, he is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!

These are the services for Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's. Do come along, you will be most welcome and we would love to see you.

Palm Sunday 5th April 6.30pm in the side Chapel – short evening service with guided meditation as we begin Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday 9th April 8.00pm Maundy Thursday service. We celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the new commandment “to love one another as I have loved you”

Good Friday 10th April 12.30pm Stations of the Cross – we walk around the church stopping at various points to be quiet and still as we reflect on meaning of the redemptive suffering of Jesus for the world.

Easter Eve 11th April 5.00pm Making the Easter Garden followed by our very short Special Easter Children's Service beginning at 5.30pm with Egg Hunt and refreshments.

Easter Day 12th April 11.00am Sung Eucharist

I would like to wish everybody in Froyle a very happy and joyful Easter.

With every blessing,

James

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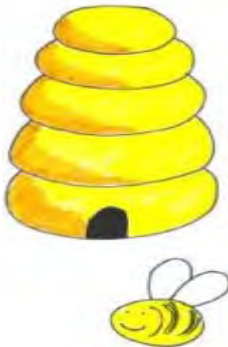
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DEADLINE FOR THE MAY MAGAZINE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH

Please deliver copy to Homestead Cottage, leave in the folder at The Meeting Place, e-mail to magazine@froyle.com or fax to 08714338956.

Nigel Fisher

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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District Councillor - *David O'Donnell* - 01420 489711 (New number)

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Alton Police - 0845 045 45 45

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Froyle Village Hall Committee: *Chairman - Jerry Saunders* - 01420 22478

Cancer Research UK - *Margaret Stanford* - 01420 22139

The Meeting Place - *Annette Booth* - 01420 22364

League of Friends LMTC - *Jo Mills* - 01420 22384

Froyle Archive - *Chris & Annette Booth* - 01420 22364

AFC Froyle - *Jason Smith* - 01420 521056

Froyle Players - *Mark Cray* - 01420 22709

Froyle Friends - *Annette Booth* - 01420 22364

St Mary's Sunday School - *Kim Pratt* - 01420 23315

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Should you or your club be on this list? Phone 22364 for inclusion



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Upper Froyle 11.15am to 11.25am

Lower Froyle 11.30am to 11.45am

BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY TIMES

Dr.J.W.A. Moore and Dr.M.Way

Telephone calls taken from 8.30 a.m. every morning

Tel.22106 for an appointment.

Monday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday	8.30 - 11.00am	Closed
Wednesday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Friday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm

Branch Surgeries

Tuesday 5.00 - 6.00pm* Froyle Village Hall

**No appointments necessary.*

PLEASE NOTE Closure of Surgery on Saturday Morning and at Binsted (Monday)

BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE CARE GROUP



If you should need this service simply call Bentley 23440. For the Farnham Shopping Bus - contact Mrs. Turner on Bentley 473062.

A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Lower Froyle', 'St. Mary's Hill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Fulling Mill'. The map is rendered in a black and white woodcut style with a grid of roads and fields.

FROYLE

VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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No. 344

PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson
Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle Tel:01420 520102

EVENTS THIS MONTH - More details inside



**JUMBLE SALE
IN AID OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH
SATURDAY 23RD MAY
2.00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL**



**BARN DANCE
SATURDAY 23RD MAY
6.00 P.M.
WEST END FARM**



**GARDENS OPEN
&
VESTMENTS DISPLAY
WEEKEND
30/31 MAY**

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009 AT 8.00PM ALL WELCOME

Froyle Village Hall is there for everybody. So I hope everybody will spare an hour or so to help the committee review the events of the last year and make plans for the next.

There will be an opportunity to look at the latest ideas for improving the kitchen as well as admire the new French doors which I hope will have been installed by then. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping in other ways, please let me know. There is always a lot to be done.

Nick Whines, Honorary Secretary,
Froyle Village Hall (Registered Charity 281141)
Day Cottage, Lower Froyle. 23130



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Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

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From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

Attention Village Hall Users

At this time of year the temperature can change very quickly. If you are in the village hall and turn down the thermostat or turn off the radiators please remember to restore them before you leave. Otherwise the next group to use the hall finds it cold and damp.

Have you noticed the curious bollard which has appeared by the bus stop outside the village hall? It is there to protect the verge which has been extended by the Highways Authority in an attempt to stop surface water from the road entering the car park and causing large puddles to appear.

Nick Whines

THE MEETING PLACE

I would like to thank all of you who supported The Easter Meeting Place, particularly Val Blunden, Margaret Stanford, Joy West and all those ladies and gentlemen who helped in the kitchen. Also Maureen Fry for manning the Raffle which raised £113.

Congratulations not only to Joy West who won the Easter Bonnet Competition but to all those ladies, and two brave gentlemen, who entered as well. Perhaps we will see even more hats next Easter!

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948



CAKE BAKERS FOR MAY

May	1	Kate Barnden	Vivien Riley	Bea Sword
	8	Ann Roberts	Anne Andrew	Jo Mills
	15	Cecily Robertson	Lauraine Bourne	Sheila Lawrence
	22	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Nancy Rowson
	29	Marj Robinson	Marian Cresswell	Margaret Stanford

HELPERS FOR MAY

1	Jean Norkett
8	Mary Wilde
15	Kay Pogson
22	Lyn Pritchard
29	Ann Roberts

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

April

1st - Mrs. D. Blanchard (47); 2nd - Mrs. S. Thursfield (20); 3rd - Mrs. K. Rhodes (58)

Annette Booth

Froyle Beat Surgeries

Officers from your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at the Meeting Place at Froyle Village Hall for local residents to discuss local policing issues and other concerns.

Officers will be available between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon on the following dates:

Friday May 8th PCSO Andy White

Friday May 22nd PC Simon Dear

Froyle Gardening Club Spring Show Results 2009

There was a good turnout at this year's Spring Show, with a lot of colour. Mr. Eckton was very complimentary about the quality of the exhibits.

David Menzies did particularly well with three of the four prizes with some outstanding daffodils.



The results are as follows:

Pollock Plate – Best Daffodil in Show	D. Menzies
Caithness Paperweight – Best in Show	D. Menzies
Beech Bowl – Best in the Spring Flowers	S. Goodsell
Most Points in Show	D. Menzies

Our next meeting on Friday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. – a talk by Mrs. Sally Burr “Exhibiting Cut Flowers”.

Also, the beautiful garden of David and Valerie Menzies will be open on Friday 19th June in Shalden, which we all look forward to seeing.

Thank you everyone for your help in making my first show such a success.

Jayne Williams
Show Secretary

40th ANNIVERSARY

Froyle Gardening Club celebrates 40 years.

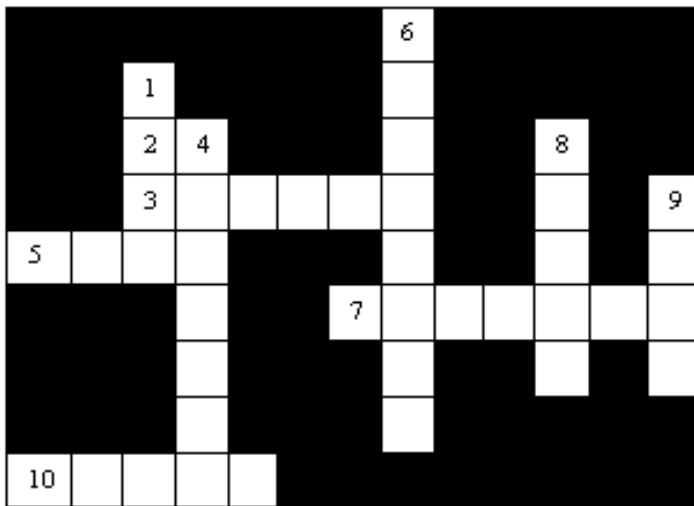
All members, past and present are invited to a Picnic in the garden at Mill Court on Saturday 27th June from 3pm - 6pm.
Tickets available from June Trim 01420 23336

FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY, 11TH JULY, 1:00-4:00 PM

Start planning! Remember, Astrokids, the best costumes win free entry to all the attractions at the Fête (one girl and one boy).

The raffle prizes include two tickets on Virgin Atlantic—much more comfortable than any rocket, and to far nicer destinations.

OUTER SPACE: CROSS TO THE FINAL FRONTIER



Clues Across

2. NASA developed Tang as substitute for this.
3. Kerr _____, star of *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
5. Twice-monthly disambiguation: not spring
7. From starship captain to Boston lawyer.
10. Hot lieutenant on early Enterprise.

Clues Down

1. Leader of Jedi Council.
4. Galilean Moons belong to this.
6. “Where (3 words) gone...”
8. Astronaut and US Senator
9. Got big break in *Star Wars*, not Indiana.

LENT LUNCHES



This year the six lunches raised £1,025.31, which is hugely exciting as it is THE BEST EVER. Previously 2007 was the highest (£1,015), but good old Froyle has beaten the credit crunch and come up with a marvelous result.

Very many thanks to everyone who supported them in any way – especially the Hostesses and Helpers for all their soup making, furniture moving, laying tables and washing-up. We must not forget the drivers and lifts to more remote houses. You are all very kind and generous.

The following charities benefited

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice	167
Round Table Children's Wish	135
J.D.F. (Juvenile Diabetes)	160
REHAB (Alton)	190
Vestments Restoration Fund	183.31
St. Mary's Church Roof Fund	190
	1,025.31

Very many thanks indeed.

Margaret Stanford

Coffee Morning

The Cresswells are holding their usual Coffee Morning at 7 Will Hall Close, Alton on Saturday 16th May, 10-12 a.m. and we would be delighted to see any friends from the village who are able to come.

There will be a cake stall, plant stall (including bedding plants) and a raffle. Proceeds are shared between Action for Children (old N.C.H.) and the Methodist Overseas Mission.



Rainfall in Froyle March 2009

This year (including snow)	41 mm	1.61 inches
Last year	79.5 mm	3.13 inches
Wettest March	129.5 mm	5.1 inches
Driest March	6 mm	0.24 inches
Long term average for March - the 6th wettest month of the year	60.3 mm	2.37 inches

A below-average March, precipitation-wise, in Froyle, the features being a smattering of snow on the 4th and the fact that two-thirds of the entire month's rain fell in the first week. Perhaps therefore it's a little surprising to discover that 2009 thus far has turned out to be a pretty unexceptional year overall, with 201mm (7.9 inches) of rain in the first quarter, consistent with the long-term average of 194.4mm (7.7 inches).



“The Umbrella Man”

The Jubilee Choir Concert

Saturday 9th May : 7.30pm

At Lord Wandsworth College

Long Sutton

Durufié : Requiem
Poulenc : Gloria

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Organist : David Pering

Directed by Ben Noithip

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Richard Ward Opticians, High St. Odiham
Members of the Choir, Mo Smith (01256 702216)

www.jubileechoir.com : Reg. charity no: 112263

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS - 30th & 31st MAY

Once again seven gardens in Froyle will be open to visitors under the National Gardens Scheme, and the Church Vestments will also be on display. We shall be serving Teas in the Village Hall from 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. on each afternoon. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help this year, I would be delighted to hear from anyone else who would be willing to give an hour or more on either afternoon. It can be hard work but it is good fun.

Needless to say I would also be very grateful to anyone who would bake a cake for this occasion - we do have a reputation for our Teas and although those whose gardens are open supply a lot of cakes, we always need more!

There will be lists to sign up at the Meeting Place or please give me a ring on 520484.

Gill Bradley



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The Meeting Place

William Young Charity

Many people may not be aware that a charity fund was set up in 1887 to help the “poor” of the Parish of Froyle. The last time this money was used was some 5 years ago to help a seriously ill child fulfil her wish of a trip to America.

There are presently small funds available. Should anyone know of anybody who might benefit from a small grant, the Trustees would be glad to hear. Please bear in mind that the recipient has to live in the Parish of Froyle and be deemed ”poor”, although we know that this is so very hard to define. For further details, please write (NO telephone calls please) to Clive Barter at 2, Rookery Cottages, Mill Court, Alton, Hants, GU34 4JF.

Clive Barter/Jill McKenzie/Revd James Croft...Trustees of the William Young Charity.

As many of you are aware, I am fighting a tough health battle at the moment and will need to step down as one of the Trustees. If anyone is interested in taking over this far from onerous task, perhaps they could be so kind as to let me know.

Clive Barter

Local History Month

Local History Day Saturday 16 May, 10am to 3pm at Alton Assembly Rooms
All welcome and it's free!

Local History Walk around Alton Thursday 28 May, 7pm for about 1½ hours
Free but please book at the Curtis Museum, 01420 82802.

And to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Friends of the Museum:

‘Feeding the Court of Henry VIII’ a talk by food historian Peter Bears (ex-Curator of the Curtis Museum), Friday 22 May, 7.30pm at Alton Maltings. Tickets £4 from Curtis Museum, 01420 82802

THE FROYLE ARCHIVE OPEN DAY

Saturday June 20th

Froyle Village Hall from 10am to 6pm

This year's theme is "Froyle Folk"



Another of our fascinating photographs of "Froyle Folk". This time it is the Mills family and the photograph, taken in 1908 outside "Lilac Cottage" in Park Lane, shows Jane & George Mills (*seated*) with their children Emily, Jane, Annie and Charlie. This is a fine example of the many photographs which will be on display, along with anecdotes and stories about the people of Froyle.

As usual we will have all our records, both paper and digital, at the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome, so do make a note of the date and come along to explore the history of the village and its people.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit Froyle on the internet at

www.froyle.com

where you can always read the latest edition of the
Froyle Village Magazine from the 20th of the previous month.

Active Events at Treloar's

It looks like May is an active month for Treloar's. Not only is there the Treloar Tromp on May 10 but we have twelve athletes running in aid of Treloar's in the London Marathon and even an abseil in London later in May.

Also starting in May is a new campaign called 'Tea for Treloar's'. Perhaps you can help us? What we are asking is for you to invite a few friends around and sell a cup of tea and a slice of cake for Treloar's. 'Tea for Treloar's' is only running for May, but of course, you are more than welcome to host a tea party for us at any time. Other locals have organized garden parties, craft shows, plant fairs...there no lack of great ideas. One of the UK's leading chefs, Phil Vickery is supporting the campaign with a fantastic recipe for Genoa cake so just let me know if you want one and we'll send the recipe in a pack to help you in organizing your tea party.

I mustn't forget to mention that SSgt Chattaway and three of his colleagues from the Army at RAF Odiham visited Treloar School before the Easter Break, bringing with them a giant box containing over 120 Easter Eggs that they kindly handed out to each of our students. The Army and RAF Odiham had clubbed together to raise money to buy all our students an Easter egg each which certainly brought smiles to all our students' faces.

Jane Mabbitt

Dates for your diary:

League of Friends Plant Sale at Treloar College Saturday 9 May 10am-12.30pm

The Treloar Tromp starting at Alton Rugby Club Sunday 10 May from 9.30am

Golf Day at Cowdray Park Wednesday 10 June Shotgun start at 11am

If you should wish to contact me I can be reached at Treloar Trust, telephone number
01420 526573 or e-mail jane.mabbitt@treloar.org.uk

St. Mary's Lasham

Flower Festival and Open Gardens

Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June

12 noon - 6 p.m.

Teas from 2.00 p.m. Plant Stall

Concert by Hart Male Voice Choir

Saturday 6th June 7 p.m.

Tickets £10

For tickets call 01256 381254 /381356

Choral Evensong Sunday 7th June 6.30 p.m.
Jubilee Choir

VILLAGE CALENDAR

We are going to try and make a village calendar this year the title being :
"Our wonderful village"

12 lucky people will have their photographs added to a calendar which will
be on sale in November.

So come on all you amateur photographers start snapping, anything at all
that you believe represents our village

For more information - please contact June Trim 01420 23336



Froyle Junior Tennis Tournament

We are planning to organise a junior tennis tournament in the village at the beginning of the summer holidays, ie around the middle of July, probably a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. A number of people have kindly agreed in principle to allow us to play on their court but anybody we haven't approached who would be happy to do so, perhaps you could get in touch. We are still to finalise details but, in so far as we are able, we would aim to handicap according to ability and/or age and, depending on numbers, it will probably take the form of doubles on a round-robin basis, followed by 2 semis and a final.

We'd obviously like to try and gauge the level of interest in advance so do email (DARinfroyle@aol.com) or telephone to let us know, together with any ideas, suggestions etc.

More details in next month's magazine.

David and Susie Robertson
520820

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Constance Barter

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St Mary's Church – Textiles

The Textile & Conservation Group would like to thank all those who came along last month to the first Lent Lunch ever to be held in the Church. The lunch raised £230 towards conservation funds.

One of our most precious vestments has just been returned to us from the Conserver. It is looking considerably better than when we sent it off to her for some professional TLC! It is a late C16th Cope and part of the Spanish Rose pink set. It will be on show at our forthcoming Textile Exhibition – see below for further details.

Textile Exhibition

To be held at St Mary's Church
Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May

Doors open from 2pm – 6pm

Entrance free (but donations greatly appreciated)

The Exhibition is held in conjunction with the Froyle Gardens Open and there will be cream teas served in the Village Hall to round off the afternoon.

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

Churchwardens

Mrs.J.Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle

Tel: 01420 520279

Mr.C.Barter 2 Rookery Cottages, Mill Court, Upper Froyle *Tel: 01420 23169*

Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*



Services during May

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

St MARY'S CHURCH REPORT

Church Jumble Sale

St Mary's Church will be holding its annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd May in the Village Hall. Doors open 2pm.

We would appreciate good, clean jumble of any sort but not furniture or any electrical goods.

The Raffle is in Margaret Stanford's capable hands and she would be happy to accept any prizes. (Tel 22139).

The Cake Stall is being run by Elizabeth Sealey who would like anything in the cake line, biscuits, scones etc jams, marmalade, produce and plants (Tel 22236).

The Book Stall is Lauraine Bourne's department. Books to her or on the day (Tel 22159).

Please come along, if only to have a cup of tea and a chat and buy a raffle ticket. All profits to the church up-keep.

Thank you.

Jean Norkett
(Tel 22591)

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

At one of the local schools to which I am attached a new practice has been established. The practice is known as “filling out a good news sheet”. The idea is that visitors to the school on departure put down all the good things that they have found about the school so that the good news can be shared and enjoyed by others.

At first, I thought that this would be a real trial – yet another form to fill in! What I found, however, was that this was by no means a deadly chore to be carried out but something that in itself was profoundly joyful. What a delight it is, week after week, to share the good news of the school, the good behaviour of the children, the kindness and friendship shown through conversation and laughter, the child’s direct words that moved me and humbled me.

I have learnt a lot through the discipline of filling out the purple “good news” forms. Firstly, how much I take for granted that is genuine “good news”. Secondly, the privilege of bearing the “good news” of others to others. Thirdly, the fact that the “good news” is not just about words and actions but the people behind them. Finally, the encouragement I receive from receiving “good news” that I hope encourages me to be a bit more “good news” myself.

Such forms do not invite criticism. The place for criticism, concerns and frustrations lie in other places (and forms!) perhaps no less important. All I would say is that the school “good news” form touches on what has ultimate personal significance. This is what transformed me now, today, in this very place. This is what made me happy and uplifted me... and... what’s more... the good news shouts out, “don’t be frightened of this good news”!

Such I guess was the experience of the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John after their and others’ experience of the resurrection and as they gave us their four accounts of the single Gospel to be found in Jesus Christ, the ultimate fulfilment of life.

I guess though they did not have to fill in purple forms!

With every blessing,

James

THE SMALL ADS

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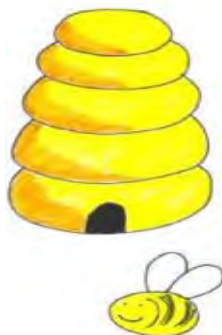
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DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE MAGAZINE

FRIDAY MAY 15TH

Please deliver copy to Homestead Cottage, leave in the folder at The Meeting Place, e-mail to magazine@froyle.com or fax to 08714338956.

Nigel Fisher

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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District Councillor - *Glynis Watts* - 01420 520810
Editor, Froyle Village Magazine - *Nigel Fisher* - 01420 22574
Alton Police - 0845 045 45 45
Community Beat Officer - *P.C. Colin Gray (mobile)* - 07979076264
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Cancer Research UK - *Margaret Stanford* - 01420 22139
The Meeting Place - *Annette Booth* - 01420 22364
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Froyle Archive - *Chris & Annette Booth* - 01420 22364
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St Mary's Sunday School - *Jeanette Cray* - 01420 22709
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Should you or your club be on this list? Phone 22574 for inclusion



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Upper Froyle 11.15am to 11.25am Lower Froyle 11.30am to 11.45am

BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY TIMES

Dr.J.W.A. Moore and Dr.M.Way

Telephone calls taken from 8.30 a.m. every morning
Tel.22106 for an appointment.

Monday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday	8.30 - 11.00am	Closed
Wednesday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Friday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm

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Tuesday 5.00 - 6.00pm* Froyle Village Hall

**No appointments necessary.*

PLEASE NOTE Closure of Surgery on Saturday Morning and at Binsted (Monday)

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FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE

This year, the Froyle Gardening Club
celebrates its 40th Anniversary...

FROYLE GARDENING CLUB



"The Village of Saints"



... and the Fete celebrates 40
years since the first landing on
the moon !

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle Tel:01420 520102

Annual Parish Meeting 2009

This year's meeting was as usual well attended with representatives of 14 groups in the village reporting on their activities throughout the last year. These groups are kept going by people with an interest and who are willing to invest time in the village and its people. Organizers and new members are always welcome.

In view of recent thefts, local PCSO Andy White reminded us to inform Alton Police if any bogus callers or suspicious vehicles are seen. He reported that he and PC Simon Dear have had a busy year, having now been given a larger area to cover.

County councillor Mark Kemp-Gee and district councillor Glynis Watts were also in attendance, Mark reported that Hampshire County Council had a good record on adult social care, children's services and education, and locally, flooding problems in Lower Froyle, repairs to roads, lorry movements and traffic signage.

Glynis took over from David O'Donnell in October last year and has been working in conjunction with Mark Kemp-Gee on the above issues as well as liaising with Drum Housing on the ownership of the ditch alongside the recreation ground. Glynis reported a proposal by EHDC to provide a Rural Bus Service 6 days a week for commuters, shoppers and youngsters going to Alton for the evening.

Chris Booth and Nigel Fisher gave us an update on the Village Design Statement/Parish Plan. The main reason for undertaking this project is to provide a framework defining what we value about living in Froyle and wish to protect.

The Parish Council reported it had met on nine occasions this last year, slightly down on the previous year. Councillors also attend meetings of various organizations that are of interest to Froyle. Topics had included flooding, planning applications, lorries, road signage, play areas and parish plans.

Froyle had won the Calor Gas "Hampshire Small Village of The Year 2008" thanks to the participation of the individuals and groups in the village. Refreshments provided by Ann Figgins and Jean Norkett were available after the meeting when there was a chance to chat to your council representatives on an informal basis.

**Mick Wells
Chairman
Froyle Parish Council**



FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

Froyle 11 - 16 Club

We would like to take this opportunity to thank John and Teresa Ogden for all their hard work setting up and running the youth club in Froyle over the last 3 years. We hope that we can carry on the good work that they achieved with all the children. Their time and effort has been greatly appreciated by both parents and children alike.

Chris and I have decided it would be nice to open the youth club to younger members in Froyle aged 8-10, and have agreed that this is to take place on the first Tuesday of every month starting on June 2nd, the time being 6.30 till 7.30 p.m. Entrance fee is 25p. We look forward to seeing all you youngsters for fun and games. Don't forget pocket money as there is a sweetie shop.

Any enquiries – please contact Chris and Tanya Lucas 01420 23874.

THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



CAKE BAKERS FOR JUNE

June	5	Susie Robertson	Caroline Bush	Mary Chaplin
	12	Kay Goodall	Sue Carr	Jeannie Whitley
	19	Joy West	Kay Pogson	Elizabeth Sealey
	26	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam

HELPERS FOR JUNE

June	5	Lori Taylor
	12	Vivien Riley
	19	Jenny Gove
	26	Marian Cresswell

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

May

1st - Mrs T. Ogden (42); 2nd - Mrs. A. Andrew (40); 3rd - Mr. T. Crowhurst (71)

Annette Booth

VILLAGE CALENDAR

We are going to try and make a village calendar this year the title being : "Our wonderful village"

12 lucky people will have their photographs added to a calendar which will be on sale in November.

So come on all you amateur photographers start snapping, anything at all that you believe represents our village

For more information - please contact June Trim 01420 23336

FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY, 11TH JULY, 1:00-4:00 PM

It's almost time. Thanks to all who are participating: we have some new stallholders and tea helpers this year. We'd especially welcome some extra hands setting up on Friday afternoon/Saturday morning and taking down following the festivities. Come help for a little while on the Rec. It will be refreshing.

SPACE QUIZ

Solve the anagrams in Column A and match each answer to the right clue in Column B.

A:Unscramble

ERSE
SCLOLIN
DTIRAS
REPEOSEXH
NRCOHA

IVSOMA
SNEBIP

B:Match with Answer

Name of Pluto's largest planet
Author of the *Foundation* series
Where did Han Solo own a house?
Name of the current Astronomer Royal
Who drove the spaceship while Neil and Buzz strolled on the Moon?
What was Dr. Who's "Police Box" called?
Layer between atmosphere and interplanetary space



JUMBLE STALL

Now's the time to have overdue sort out of your wardrobes.

Get down that suitcase from on top of the cupboard; climb up that loft ladder and have a rummage around for all those clothes that you KNOW you'll never wear again. Don't hang on to that 'Ra Ra' skirt just in case, and those Bay City Roller trousers never DID look 'cool'.

Please bring your generous donations of clothes, shoes, linens etc to the Rec' on the morning of the fete, or to the Meeting Place the day before. Thank you.



Maureen (Fry) and Lori (Taylor) 01420 22148

FETE TEAS

HELPERS AND CAKE WANTED!

I am looking for volunteers to help on the fete tea stall. If you can spare an hour between 1pm and 4pm why not come and join us? It's a busy afternoon but good fun and you'll be very welcome! Please call Mary Chaplin on 22574, sign up at the Meeting Place in June or speak to Nigel Fisher.

Tea we have, but I am in need of cakes, scones, cookies, savouries and other nice things for the stall. Please bring to Homestead Cottage up to the day before the fete or to the Village Hall on the day. All contributions will be very gratefully received. And eaten.

Mary Chaplin Tel 22574

FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY, 11TH JULY, 1:00-4:00 PM

BOTTLE STALL

We will be collecting bottles for the stall in the week commencing June 29th. Champagne to ketchup. Please give generously.

BOOKS

Please leave on the doorstep at "Badger's Bank", or telephone the Bournes (22159). If possible, please do not bring books on the day, as it makes it difficult to put them into order.

BRIC-A-BRAC

Please bring items to Copse Hill Farm during the month of June. Thereafter, to the stall on the day. If you have any big items for collection, please ring Nick on 23130.

CAKES AND PRODUCE

Please bring to Sue Carr (23116), The Cottage, Hussey's Lane (who has freezer space), or bring on the day. Very grateful for all your efforts.

TOMBOLA

Unwanted gifts (newish please) to Meeting Place, Fridays in June, or call Lauraine Bourne (22159).

CROCKERY SMASHING

Please would everyone have a look in their kitchen/under the bed/in garden sheds for old crockery which they would like to donate to the stall. Please contact Chris or Louise Marston and we will gladly come and collect. Alternatively, just let us know if you have some and bring it along on the day. Thanks
Chris & Louise Marston, Greenfields Cottage, Tel: 520175

ADOPT A TEDDY

Its that time of year again and Lorraine and I are looking for donations of soft toys for the Froyle fete teddy adoption centre .
Medium sized and above if possible as the smaller ones seem to get lost amongst the others when we are trying to find them .
Our 1st time last year was really enjoyable and we are happy to do it all over again.
Any fluffy, cuddly animals and teddies are welcome, just as long as they are clean and safe for children .
Since I have to name and make certificates for each one I am starting now .
Donations can be brought to me at
17 Westburn Fields, Lower Froyle
or maybe brought to the meeting place on Fridays. I am there most weeks.
Thanking you all in advance
Sue Creaser and Lorraine Redmond

THE FROYLE ARCHIVE OPEN DAY

Saturday June 20th

Froyle Village Hall from 10am to 6pm

This year's theme is "Froyle Folk"



The picture above was taken on Saturday August 29th 1925 following the marriage of Lilian Westbrook to John Smither at St Mary's Church in Upper Froyle. The ladies seated at each end will be familiar to some of today's 'Froyle Folk' - they are Miss Grace Westbrook (*left*) and Miss Ena Westbrook (*right*).

Another example of the many photographs of "Froyle Families" which will be on display, along with anecdotes and stories about the people of Froyle.

As usual we will have all our records, both paper and digital, at the Village Hall. Do make a note of the date so you can come along and explore the history of your village.

Chris & Annette Booth

ANNUAL FROYLE QUIZ

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

...details nearer the time! - But get that date in your diary

☺ **Constance Barter**

Froyle Junior Tennis Tournament

As we mentioned last month, we are planning to organise a junior tennis tournament in the village at the beginning of the summer holidays. We have now settled on **Sunday 26th July**.

We are very grateful to those who have let us know we can use their court – we are now up to 5 which should be sufficient. Further details in the July magazine but we would aim to try to handicap according to ability and/or age and, depending on numbers, it will probably take the form of doubles on a round-robin basis, followed by 2 semis and a final.

We have had a number of expressions of interest which is very encouraging; hopefully by coming up with a date there will be more, so do email (DARinfroyle@aol.com) or telephone to let us know, together with any ideas, suggestions etc. Also all offers for umpiring will be gratefully received.

*David and Susie Robertson
520820*



LONG SUTTON GARDENS OPEN 2009

Many gardens in the village of Long Sutton will be on display over the weekend of June 27th and 28th, 2009.

Do come and visit and enjoy the rural atmosphere whilst relaxing with tea and home made cakes in the gardens.

There will be several previously unseen gardens open this time and plants for sale too. All proceeds in aid of Church funds.

Free Parking, map of the gardens on the ticket. One day and Two day tickets available.

St. Mary's Lasham

Flower Festival and Open Gardens

Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June
12 noon - 6 p.m.
Teas from 2.00 p.m. Plant Stall

Concert by Hart Male Voice Choir
Saturday 6th June 7 p.m.
Tickets £10

For tickets call 01256 381254 /381356

Choral Evensong Sunday 7th June 6.30 p.m.
Jubilee Choir

Friday 26th June Bentley Station Meadow

All about Purple Emperors

Visit your local nature reserve to hear all about this elusive and majestic butterfly. Leaders Matthew Oates and Lynn Fomison. Meet 10.30am in the NE corner of the car park at Bentley station. SU792 432. (Usually room to park in Station Road). No dogs.

Bookings are still being taken in 2009 for guided walks for groups (six people or more, adults or younger groups like cubs, scouts etc). These are free and tailored to the interests of your group. For more details contact Lynn Fomison 01962 772251

PS For more information about Hampshires Butterflies and moths visit <http://www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/>

See the sightings page for what's flying now and Events/Field trips page for days out which are organised all over Hampshire. You definitely do not need to be an expert to join in.

The National website <http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/> has a play and learn section, fun for all ages!

Sue Clark

BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Currently the school is like a building site but work is finally underway after so many years. The children, especially the younger ones, are fascinated by the machinery and all that is happening. Playtimes and lunchtimes have had to be rearranged to accommodate the smaller playground space but so far so good.

Years 3 and 4 had very successful residential trips to the Gordon Brown Centre, Rotherwick. Year 4 went for four days and enjoyed canoeing, river survey, shelter building and the initiative course among other things. Year 3 arrived a day later and for many it was their first trip away from home and they coped admirably. Their activities included orienteering, sensory walk and mini beast hunt. The weather was kind and all 62 children had a great experience. Parents collected their children at mid day on Friday.

ICT information for Parents: On Wednesday 29 April the school ran two sessions for parents on ICT. The afternoon one was about E-Safety and the evening one on Learning Platforms and their use in school. Hopefully both meetings were valuable to parents.

Multi-Sport: 14 children from Year 2 spent an evening competing against children from three other schools in a variety of events at Amery Hill. After 90 minutes they were all happy but exhausted.

Swimming: Our boys' team swam in the 4 Counties final on Sunday 26th April at Southampton. In the medley they did fantastically well and just missed out on a medal by under 1 second, coming in, in 5th place.

Cricket: Alton Cricket Club are running training sessions for Years 4 and 6 in school time and also an after school club as part of the **Chance to Shine Project:** This is a really good opportunity for the children to learn the basics of the game.

School Fete: On Friday 19th June we will be holding our annual Fete in the school grounds. Please come along and support us.

Missing tabby cat from Ryebidge Cottages:

Minnie regularly goes missing - has green collar and name capsule/
magnet.

Mostly tabby with a white chest and paws

If you see her, please can you notify 1 Ryebidge Cottage, Upper Froyle (silver caravan in drive) or 'phone 07776 195097. Thank you.

Froyle Gardening Club

Froyle Young Gardeners

What a great start to Froyle Young Gardeners. We had 10 young gardeners from age 5 to 11 years old and hopefully they had an enjoyable time. Thank you to John Negus for his help and expertise, and also thanks to David and Gemma and Mary Menzies. I will be holding another workshop in the summer. Kids look out in July's magazine for what to do with the plants we planted on the day, and hopefully your sunflowers will be going in the garden. For more information contact me on 01420 32076.



Adult Gardeners Workshop

Geoff Hawkins and I are looking to run an adult workshop. Speaking to some of the parents at the childrens' workshop, several said they would be interested in learning. Geoff has said he would be quite happy to do this. There will be more information to follow.

Jayne Williams

Sally Burr, a very experienced gardener who volunteers at The Vyne, growing flowers for the house, was this month's speaker. She has also exhibited for 30 years and judged for 3 years so she came to inspire us to up our game (no more hastily gathered bedraggled items taken straight to the show bench!).

She first gave us tips on growing for shows such as growing annuals the previous Autumn and watering with high potash feeds. When exhibiting we should cut flowers early or late in the day with a diagonal cut and then place straight into cold water. Some plants like euphorbias or poppies should be especially conditioned by singeing in a flame. Always read the schedule with care to avoid 'Not According to Schedule' appearing on your entry slips. Exhibits should also be staged with care. The meeting was very well attended so our shows should be FANTASTIC from now on. GOOD LUCK!

June will be a very busy month for us as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. If you are a member have you got your invitation for the picnic at Mill Court on Saturday 27th June? We need to know who is coming and also we require food. Please ring June Trim on 23336 if you are not already on the list.

We also have a visit to David and Valerie Menzies at Horsley, Southwood Road, Shalden at 7.00pm on June 19th. Please again ring June if you would like to go and have not signed up.

Anne Blunt will also be doing our 2nd workshop on June 12th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Of course don't forget the Summer Show at the Fete on July 11th and our outing to the Hyde at Alresford on July 31st at 7.30 pm.

B J M

Froyle Gardening Club - Summer Show 11 July 2009

Schedule

SECTION A - OPEN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Plates will be provided where necessary.
Please display names of varieties where possible.
One variety per class except Class 12.

Class

1. Peas. One dish of six pods.
2. Broad beans. One dish of six pods.
3. Potatoes. One dish of three.
4. Cabbage. Two.
5. Lettuce (Cos). Two heads.
6. Lettuce (any one variety excluding Cos). Two heads.
7. Onions. One dish of three. Trimmed but not tied.
8. Carrots. One dish of four, without foliage.
9. Beet. One dish of three, without foliage.
10. Rhubarb. Three sticks.
11. Any other vegetable. One dish. *Quantities as in Appendix except courgettes - three matched with flower and stalk.*
12. Herbs. Collection of three kinds. Cut and bunched individually in water.
13. Gooseberries. A dish of eight.
14. Raspberries. A dish of twelve.
15. Blackcurrants. A dish of six strings.
16. Strawberries. A dish of six.
17. Any other fruit. Quantities as Appendix.

SECTION B - OPEN FLOWERS

Please display names of varieties where possible.
Vases are available for classes 20-22, 24-28, & 34

Class

20. One "large-flowered" (Hybrid Tea) rose, specimen bloom.
21. One stem of "cluster – flowered" (Floribunda) roses.
22. Three stems of roses, same variety; 1 bud, 1 specimen bloom, 1 fully open.
23. Bowl or vase of roses, no more than 10 stems.
24. Sweet peas, twelve stems.
25. Pinks, six stems.
26. Lily one stem.
27. Collection of mixed garden flowers; 9 stems, 3 or more varieties (may include shrubs).
28. Collection of mixed foliage; 9 stems, 3 or more varieties.
29. Pansies or violas, six.
30. Four clematis blooms one or more varieties.
31. Pot plant in bloom. Inside diameter of pot 18 cm (7") or less.
32. Pot plant grown for foliage. Inside dia. of pot 18 cm (7") or less.
33. Cactus or succulent.
34. Penstemon, three stems.

SECTION C - OPEN
DOMESTIC

Men and children can enter all these classes.

Exhibitors are asked to provide their own plates as necessary.

Screw- top lids are available at club meetings.

40. Jar of marmalade.
41. Jar of strawberry jam.
42. Jar of jam, excluding strawberry.
43. Jar of jelly, approx 225g (½ lb).
44. Jar of chutney.
45. "Outer Space" Novelty Cake (own recipe)
46. Four Bread Pudding Squares
47. Four Rock Cakes
48. Something new from something old
49. An example of handicraft
50. Eggs, 6 (displayed in an egg box)

SECTION D - OPEN (EXCEPT CLASS 60)
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Accessories may be used in all classes.

Classes 61,62 & 63 will be staged in front of a cream background.

All tabling draped in pale green.

60. FROYLE RESIDENTS ONLY - Dr. Lewarne Cup
"Moonlight and roses". An exhibit for the dinner table.
Space allowed: width 50cm, depth 50cm, height optional
61. "Sign of the zodiac". An exhibit. Title to be displayed.
Space allowed: width 60cm, depth 60cm, height optional.
62. "A star of the garden". An exhibit featuring one type of flower.
Space allowed: width 45cm, depth 45cm, height optional.
NOVICES ONLY (Those who have not won more than one prize for
flower arrangement)
63. "Sweet dreams". A miniature exhibit.
Space allowed: width 10cm, depth 10cm, height 10cm.

SECTION E – CHILDREN

No entrance fee. Age will be taken into account:

a) Up to and including 8 yrs ; b) 9 yrs up to and including 15 yrs

70. FROYLE GIRLS - Mrs. Lewarne Cup
71. Handmade article in any medium e.g. needlework, painting,
pottery etc.
- 72.. FROYLE BOYS - Bush Cup
A model in any medium.
73. Model spaceship made from fruit or vegetables.
74. "A model alien"
75. A flower arrangement in a tea-cup.
76. Young Gardeners' "Plant of the Year".

Rainfall in Froyle April 2009

This year (including snow)	31 mm	1.22 inches
Last year	92 mm	3.62 inches
Wettest March	155 mm	6.1 inches
Driest March	1 mm	0.04 inches
Long term average for April - the 2nd driest month of the year after July	51.44 mm	2.02 inches

Perhaps unexpectedly, a lowish month for rain, but then last year was the only April of the last 5 above the long-term average, whilst April 2007 was the driest month ever since (my) records began; so much for its showery reputation. But then there are 10 months of the year in Froyle which have over time been wetter, so maybe it's not that surprising.

“The Umbrella Man”



FAREWELL TO FROYLE

In August we are moving to Robin Hood country, and this is just a note to say a very heartfelt thank you to the village where for sixteen years we have been immensely happy.

Our new home will be in Southwell in Nottinghamshire where I will be the Canon responsible for life-long learning in the Cathedral and also a chaplain at the Minster School. This is a C of E aided Academy for the arts and humanities and is a large newly built comprehensive school for 1600 teenagers. The Cathedral Choir School is attached as the junior department. Margaret will be nursing at the Rainbow Children's Hospice in Loughborough.

Our two dogs, Barney and Pedro, will miss guarding the Froyle Church keys and we hope that someone will soon share this role with Linda Bulpitt.

Sean and Fiona join us in thanking you for making this village so much a part of our family photo albums: village events, pantomime, bell ringing, the seasons, and yourselves.

God bless you all – and there will always be a welcome for you in Southwell.

Ed and Margaret Pruen



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Froyle Charity Golf Day

Monday September 14th Blackmoor Golf Club

Price £50, includes sandwich lunch.

To reserve your place or for further information
contact

Jamie Stewart-Smith (22072)
or Nigel Fisher (22574)

Hello Froyle!

My name is Alys Penfold and I am a work experience student, in my first year of GCSEs at Eggar's School, working with the marketing and PR department at Treloar's for two weeks. As a budding journalist, I was very excited to be given the job of writing an article for the Froyle Village Magazine as my first assignment here.

To start, we would like to say thank you to all of those who supported the League of Friends Plant Sale and Treloar Tromp on the weekend of 9th and 10th May. We were very lucky to have such lovely weather for both events!

So spring is here and there is a very active month ahead of us, including the Treloar's Parents' Association fête at the College on 7th June and, following the very successful change of venue last year, the Golf Day will again be held at Cowdray Park on 10th June. The Alton Lions are also holding a 'Wild West Experience' in aid of Treloar's, where there will be cowboys and native Americans camping teepees, games for children, a beer tent and much more for you to enjoy throughout the afternoon of Saturday 13th June. Also, on 14th June, a great event for all you daredevils out there, we are very excited to be holding a 45m abseil at the Riverwalk House in London which is a brilliant location looking over the Thames. There is a registration fee of £30 to cover the abseil but this is well worth it for a memorable experience. Don't delay in contacting us as places are limited!

Looking for your support again: in celebration of their 140th year anniversary, Sainsbury's are asking customers to nominate their favourite charity, and we would appreciate your vote! More information about the nominations can be found in store. We are also very pleased to announce that one of our School students, Ben McGifford, improved his London Wheelchair Mini Marathon time from 27 to 19 minutes this year. Well done Ben! Many thanks to all those who helped raise money to allow Ben to purchase his racing chair and of course to all who helped him practise.

Our Ofsted inspection went very well. Treloar's was awarded outstanding in both education and care! We have also been designated Specialist Special School Status in Physical and Sensory Needs, first in Hampshire, from September 2009.

Thank you for all your support. I hope to attend some of the events myself so I will be looking forward to seeing you all there!

Alys Penfold

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

Churchwarden

Mrs. J. Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle
Tel: 01420 520279



Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*

Services during June

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Church Report

The annual Church PCC AGM on April 28th was extremely well attended. The meeting covered a large range of reports and should anyone wish to see the Treasurer's report it is to be seen on the porch pin-board.

Due to ill health, Clive Barter has retired as our Church Warden. He and our other Church Warden, Jenny Dundas, have had a challenging year what with the roof problem and the potential pastoral reorganisation. After 12 months of numerous emails and phone calls, Jenny still has not heard back from the Diocesan Architect on how to proceed with the South roof repairs. At the moment, it is holding dry and long may that last.

May I remind you of the forthcoming Open Air Songs of Praise Service to be held on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 12th July at 11am (or inside the Village Hall if raining). It will be for approximately half an hour and take the format of last year's service which was so successful. More of this in the July newsletter.

Jean Norkett

STOP PRESS!

The choir will be attending church on the 3rd Sunday of each month to join in singing with the congregation and there will be a special Choral Evensong on June 28th.

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

I have been catching up with a few films recently. The one that most caught my attention was “The Reader” starring Kate Winslet who recently was awarded an Oscar for her role in the film as a bus conductor living in modern day Germany. She has a dark past as she was a guard at one of the concentration camps during the Second World War. I must be careful now as I mustn’t say too much as it may spoil the film if you haven’t already seen it – so I better zip it quick!

All I would say is it one of those films that I found cleverly drew me into a character who I would perhaps normally judge very negatively if I did not know anything about that person’s life. All is not what it seems. The meaning of the title of the film unfolds for the viewer with all its various implications and as the story develops with a number of twists and turns until the very end.

I suppose on one level the film just states the obvious – life is very complex and human nature more so but I think there is more in the film that is trying to be said.

The film also explores the mighty theme of redemption. Where is redemption? - in this case the healing of the past. It is to be found in the present and in the lives of the main protagonists of the film?

We, too, are brought into this redemptive process. Are we in the end able to forgive “The Reader”? And what does that cost us?

I found the film to be a very beautiful one touching on some very important spiritual themes. I would recommend anyone to go and see it. The film has lived with me for a long time.

With every blessing,

James

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MONDAY JUNE 15TH

Please deliver copy to Homestead Cottage, leave in the folder at The Meeting Place, e-mail to magazine@froyle.com or fax to 08714338956.

Nigel Fisher

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Friday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm

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FROYLE

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle Tel:01420 520102



FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY, 11TH JULY

It's almost time, Spaceboys and Stargirls. Details of collections and other preparations are in this issue of the *Magazine*. If you have any questions, or want to help, please call Mary (23164) or Jenny (23697).

We try to entertain, but since most outer space jokes are just too lame for this fine journal, we offer instead a few thoughts on the universe:

“I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.”—Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), condemned for his conviction that the Earth revolves around the Sun, not *vice versa*.

“Alas, to wear the mantle of Galileo it is not enough that you be persecuted by an unkind establishment; you must also be right.”—Robert Park, American Physical Society.



“Sometimes I think that the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us.”—Calvin, to Hobbes.

OPEN AIR SONGS OF PRAISE

On Sunday 12th July at 11am there will be an Open Air Songs of Praise, **with your pets this time**. If it is a wet morning we will be in the Village Hall where we are serving coffee, squash and biscuits afterwards. This service is after Fete Day and was very well attended when it was held for the first time last year.

Hope to see you there



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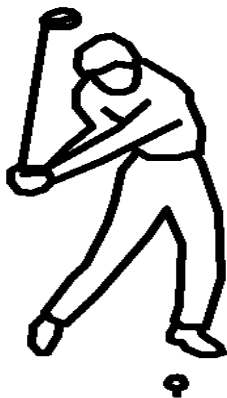
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From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.



Froyle Charity Golf Day

Monday September 14th Blackmoor Golf Club

Price £50, includes sandwich lunch.

To reserve your place or for further information
contact

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or Nigel Fisher (22574)

THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards, crafts for sale, and, of course, company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



CAKE BAKERS FOR JULY

July	3	Jeanette Cray	Maureen Fry	Val Blunden
	10	Kate Barnden	Vivien Riley	Bea Sword
	17	Ann Roberts	Anne Andrew	Jo Mills
	24	Cecily Robertson	Lauraine Bourne	Sheila Lawrence
	31	NO MEETING PLACE		

HELPERS FOR JULY

July	3	Mary Knowles
	10	Linda Bulpitt
	17	Olga Crowhuirst
	24	Joy West
	31	NO MEETING PLACE

CAKE BAKERS FOR AUGUST

August	7	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Nancy Rowson
	14	Marj Robinson	Marian Cresswell	Margaret Stanford
	21	Susie Robertson	Caroline Bush	Mary Chaplin
	28	Kay Goodall	Sue Carr	Jeannie Whitley

HELPERS FOR AUGUST

August	7	Janet Dobson
	14	Lauraine Bourne
	21	Jane Macnabb
	28	Sue Clark

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

June

1st - Mr. W. Knowles (84); 2nd - Mrs. G Bradley (59); 3rd - Mr. D. Barnden (86)

Annette Booth

FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY, 11TH JULY, 1:00-4:00 PM

BEER TENT

This year get spaced out at the new look beer tent offering not one but a range of traditional local ales. You can purchase a commemorative tankard and keep it topped up all afternoon. Then if you get the taste, the same beers will be available later at the Anchor accompanied by a special fete day menu.

Wine, Pimms, Lager and soft drinks will also be available.

Ian Whitmore

FETE TEAS HELPERS AND CAKE WANTED!

I am looking for volunteers to help on the fete tea stall. If you can spare an hour between 1pm and 4pm why not come and join us? It's a busy afternoon but good fun and you'll be very welcome! Please call Mary Chaplin on 22574, sign up at the Meeting Place in June or speak to Nigel Fisher.

Tea we have, but I am in need of cakes, scones, cookies, savouries and other nice things for the stall. Please bring to Homestead Cottage up to the day before the fete or to the Village Hall on the day. All contributions will be very gratefully received. And eaten.

Mary Chaplin Tel 22574

JAM JAR STALL

Jam jars filled with sweets/small items for children for jam jar stall. Please drop at Sylrock Farm or call Sarah English on 524249 for collection.

K-9 COMPETITION (at about 2:00 pm)

Come show off your spacey dogs. No prior training or special preparations required.

Any questions, call William Knowles (23164).



JUMBLE STALL

Now's the time to have an overdue sort out of your wardrobes. Get down that suitcase from on top of the cupboard; climb up that loft ladder and have a rummage around for all those clothes that you KNOW you'll never wear again. Don't hang on to that 'Ra Ra' skirt just in case, and those Bay City Roller trousers never DID look 'cool'.

Please bring your generous donations of clothes, shoes, linens etc to the Rec' on the morning of the fete, or to the Meeting Place the day before. Thank you.

Maureen (Fry) and Lori (Taylor) 01420 22148

FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY, 11TH JULY, 1:00-4:00 PM

BOTTLE STALL

We will be collecting bottles for the stall in the week commencing June 29th.
Champagne to ketchup. Please give generously.

Charlie Findlay

BOOKS

Please leave on the doorstep at "Badger's Bank", or telephone the Bournes (22159). If possible, please do not bring books on the day, as it makes it difficult to put them into order.

BRIC-A-BRAC

Please bring items to Copse Hill Farm during the month of June. Thereafter, to the stall on the day. If you have any big items for collection, please ring Nick on 23130.

CAKES AND PRODUCE

Please bring to Sue Carr (23116), The Cottage, Hussey's Lane (who has freezer space), or bring on the day. Very grateful for all your efforts.

TOMBOLA

Unwanted gifts (newish please) to Meeting Place, Fridays in June, or call Lauraine Bourne (22159).

CROCKERY SMASHING

Please would everyone have a look in their kitchen/under the bed/in garden sheds for old crockery which they would like to donate to the stall. Please contact Chris
, or Louise Marston and we will gladly come and collect. Alternatively, just let us know if you have some and bring it along on the day. Thanks
Chris & Louise Marston, Greenfields Cottage, Tel: 520175

ADOPT A TEDDY

Its that time of year again and Lorraine and I are looking for donations of soft toys for the Froyle fete teddy adoption centre .
Medium sized and above if possible as the smaller ones seem to get lost amongst the others when we are trying to find them .

Our 1st time last year was really enjoyable and we are happy to do it all over again.

Any fluffy, cuddly animals and teddies are welcome, just as long as they are clean and safe for children .

Since I have to name and make certificates for each one I am starting now .

Donations can be brought to me at

17 Westburn Fields, Lower Froyle

or maybe brought to the meeting place on Fridays. I am there most weeks.

Thanking you all in advance

Sue Creaser and Lorraine Redmond



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Froyle Junior Tennis Tournament

As mentioned in previous editions of this magazine, we are organising a junior tennis tournament in the village on **Sunday 26th July**. We are very grateful to those who have offered us their court and depending on final numbers, we shall decide which ones to use nearer the time. In the meantime, we are very grateful to Charlie and Caroline Findlay for allowing us to **meet at Beech Cottage, in Lower Froyle, at 2.00 pm**, from where we will arrange who plays where.

We shall be playing doubles and, again depending on numbers, plan to organise players in such a way that each will play with and against each other, with the best 4 going through to a final. The tennis will be followed by tea also at Beech Cottage.

And don't worry how good or bad you think you are, this should be a lot of fun because, the way we will be doing it, everybody will get to play and not necessarily the best players will contest the final. And as an added incentive, we are particularly grateful that **Rob Cochrane, who is a qualified tennis coach, has agreed to provide some coaching for all for an hour or so before we start the tournament proper.**

We have already a decent level of entries which is very encouraging but there's plenty of room for more and we can even lend rackets if needed, so do get in touch and come along as we'd love to see as many of you as possible, even if you only wish to turn up for the coaching.

So email (DARinfroyle@aol.com) or telephone us as soon as you can to let us know if you can make it.



*David and Susie Robertson
520820*

Bentley Station Meadow - A Gentle Stroll

Friday 31st July

Visit your local nature reserve to see summer flowers and butterflies & maybe catch sight of the elusive & majestic Purple Emperor. **Leader Lynn Fomison**. Meet 10.30am in the NE corner of the car park at Bentley station. SU792 432.(Usually room to park in Station Road). No dogs.

Bookings are still being taken in 2009 for guided walks for groups (six people or more, adults or younger groups like cubs, scouts etc). These are free and tailored to the interests of your group.

For more details contact Lynn Fomison 01962 772251

Clive Barter

Sarah, Constance, Simon and Mandy Barter want to thank EVERYONE who supported them both before and after Clive's untimely death.

The constant flow of messages of support, offers of assistance and food parcels plus practical help in the background on the day of the funeral has been a source of great comfort to the family and a great credit to those responsible – too many to mention by name here - they know who they are.

Thank you Froyle.

Thank you

Jean and Roy thank everyone for the help, cards, letters, emails which we have received over the past week since the death of our much loved son-in-law Clive.

Special thanks must go to the flower arrangers who, at quite short notice, produced the most stunning arrangements both in the church and the village hall.

There have been so many acts of kindness and care given to us over the last few months since Clive's diagnosis and it has meant a great deal to us to know how many in this community have rallied around Sarah and Constance as well. To us, this is the true meaning of living in the village of Froyle.

Jean and Roy Norkett

VILLAGE CALENDAR

It has come to my notice that some people think that the competition is for children only, it is, however, for everybody: children and adults alike. Any photos, snaps or set pieces that depict the life of Froyle will be considered, so please let me have your photos as soon as possible.

The photographs are coming in slowly but we still need more for all seasons and events.

June Trim 01420 23336

Service of Thanksgiving

As mentioned in the June edition of this magazine we are soon to be on the move to Southwell. However, before we go, we plan to have a Service of Thanksgiving in Froyle Church at 3pm on Sunday 12th July. This is an opportunity for us to say thank you for all the people who we have been privileged to know while we have been here, but very especially to remember those who have died. During the service we will have the chance to light an individual candle in memory of each loved one.

In addition, as you know, Treloar School plans to relocate to the College site in September 2011. This may mean that in the future we might not be able to visit the School grounds in quite the same way. Because of this I am hoping to commission a stone seat to go in the grounds of Froyle Church. With the permission of the PCC and depending on the outcome of a Faculty from the Diocese, it would be carved in Portland stone by Harriet James (who made the School Sundial). Around the seat there will be the inscription: "*Celebrating the lives of the Treloar's Community who have passed this way*". There will also be small carvings of oak leaves - both a traditional symbol of hope and the symbol on the Treloar's coat of arms.

The seat will almost certainly not be ready by 12th July, but nevertheless I do hope that you would feel very welcome to join us for the service. Do please contact me if you would like to attend. Many thanks

Canon Edward and Margaret Pruen
Tel: 23893 and email: edpruen@yahoo.co.uk

FROYLE PANTOMIME 2010

Auditions for The Froyle Players 2010 production of "THE WIZARD OF OZ" will take place on 7th September 2009 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome whether it is your first time or you are a seasoned "old luvvie"

If you can not make on the 7th but would still like to take part give me a call on 22709.

Mark Cray

GUIDED WALK OF THE SOUTH DOWNS

On Saturday 18th July at 10.30am

Guided by two CPRE members, who are also key South Downs campaigners, the walk will look at landscape within the Western Weald- a key area in the South Downs National Park campaign.

This area was to be excluded from the park's proposed boundaries, following a recommendation from an Inspector in a Report of July 2007. Campaigners then worked tirelessly to get this area included in the new national park, which resulted in complete success when the full extent of the Western Weald was included in the South Downs National Park boundary announced by the Secretary of State on 31 March 2009. As part of the walk you will have a chance to experience and listen to some of the reasons behind this campaigning, and why we can celebrate its inclusion.

The Walk will take place in a highly rural and tranquil area of the Western Weald, and show great variety of landscape. It will go through marshland (on good path), along historic tracks, past ancient buildings and hammer ponds, over open farmland, and across restored heathland, to a viewpoint with magnificent views over the Milland Valley to the South Downs.

The walk will start from Redford village, 3 miles north of Midhurst. The walk will return here for picnic lunches, or drive from there to the Rising Sun in Milland or Keepers Arms in Trotton for pub lunch. Total 5 ½ miles.

These events are very popular, so please book your place as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment. There will be a charge of £4 for CPRE members and £6 for non members.

For more information or to reserve a place on the walk, please contact: Becky French at CPRE Hampshire on info@cprehampshire.org.uk or telephone: 01962 843655.



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Froyle Gardening Club

Froyle Young Gardeners

I hope your geraniums are all growing well and will be ready for the Froyle Fete and Flower Show on 11th July. You will need to circle number 76 “Young Gardeners’ Plant of the Year” on the entry form and bring it along on Wednesday 8th July to Froyle Village Hall between 7 and 8 p.m.

I will be doing a 2 hour Childrens’ Garden Workshop again on Thursday 20th August between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Village Hall. We will be making a bee hotel and many more fun things. Look out for the posters or for more information ring me, Jayne Williams on 23076. See you all soon.



Gardens Open

WELL ! What can I say? What a triumph! Thanks to Froyle’s reputation for beautiful gardens in fantastic settings not to mention the famous teas. The weather could have played its part. What good luck we had. 963 people visited the gardens and the grand total was £7,161, which means that with the vestments £8,000 was raised in the village that weekend. We can all congratulate ourselves. Enormous thanks to Gill Bradley, June Fenn and their team; the generous cake makers; Martin, the champion washer-upper; and all those who helped in the gardens .

NGS Area Organiser Patricia Elkington sent us the following message: “David has just sent me your incredible result, undoubtedly a record, and I shall mention you at the next NGS council meeting, so news will go further! I fear you may have been dreadfully tired at the end, but think how much good the proceeds will do and all the people who will benefit through our charities. You are all stars. Thanks so much, Patricia.”

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BJM

Froyle Open Garden Teas - 30th/31st May

Thank you once again to all those who worked so hard to serve so many teas on this rather special weekend. Last year it was 40 pints of milk, this year it was nearer 50 - which represents a lot of cups of coffee and pots of tea! Once again special thanks to June Fenn, Froyle's chief cake slicer and of course to Martin Milam who had his hands in the sink for more than 3 hours on each afternoon - more efficient than any dishwashing machine!

Thank you to all those who worked so hard serving gallons of tea, coffee and squash, to those who cleared tables and kept the trays and teapots circulating and to those who took the cash! **Thank you** to all those who baked cakes, yet again, we had plenty this year despite the numbers and there are some in the freezer for the fete! From comments we hear some of the visitors come for the cakes as much as the Gardens!

Thanks to Pat Pritchard who sold the Garden tickets and also chatted to the visitors as they queued for their tea on Sunday afternoon. Last but not least thank you to all those who helped to clear up at the end of Sunday afternoon - always the worst part.

We made a profit of £1,360 on the teas. I shall be making a small donation to Annette for the Meeting Place, this year the rest will go to NGS who support so many worthwhile charities.

THANK YOU.

Gill Bradley

Teas

You've done it again Gill. Pulled off another very successful weekend organizing and running teas for "gardens open" in Froyle.

Not as straightforward as it seems, when things run so smoothly. Well done. I'm sure I speak for all the helpers.

June Fenn

Swimathon 2009

On 19th April Bernie completed the individual swimming task of 1.5 kilometres at the Alton Sports Centre. This was in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Fund and the Swimathon funds. The total raised was £234.50 in sponsorship donated by friends, neighbours and villagers. We would like to thank everybody for their kind contributions.

June and Bernie Wright

Froyle Gardening Club Summer Show 11 July 2009

Entries to the Show must be made by completing an entry form and handing it in at the Village Hall between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday 8th July or posting or delivering the form to the Show Secretary before that time. There is an entry fee of 25p per entry. Children's classes are free.

Exhibits may be staged at the Village Hall between 9.00am and 10.15am on the day of the Show.

For a full set of the Show rules please refer to the Froyle Gardening Club Programme and Schedules 2009 or consult the Show Secretary Jayne Williams. Tel 23076

Schedule

SECTION A - OPEN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Plates will be provided where necessary.
Please display names of varieties where possible.
One variety per class except Class 12.

Class

1. Peas. One dish of six pods.
2. Broad beans. One dish of six pods.
3. Potatoes. One dish of three.
4. Cabbage. Two.
5. Lettuce (Cos). Two heads.
6. Lettuce (any one variety excluding Cos). Two heads.
7. Onions. One dish of three. Trimmed but not tied.
8. Carrots. One dish of four, without foliage.
9. Beet. One dish of three, without foliage.
10. Rhubarb. Three sticks.
11. Any other vegetable. One dish. *Quantities as in Appendix except courgettes - three matched with flower and stalk.*
12. Herbs. Collection of three kinds. Cut and bunched individually in water.
13. Gooseberries. A dish of eight.
14. Raspberries. A dish of twelve.
15. Blackcurrants. A dish of six strings.
16. Strawberries. A dish of six.
17. Any other fruit. Quantities as Appendix.

SECTION B - OPEN
FLOWERS

Please display names of varieties where possible.
Vases are available for classes 20-22, 24-28, & 34

Class

20. One "large-flowered" (Hybrid Tea) rose, specimen bloom.
21. One stem of "cluster-flowered" (Floribunda) roses.
22. Three stems of roses, same variety; 1 bud, 1 specimen bloom, 1 fully open.
23. Bowl or vase of roses, no more than 10 stems.
24. Sweet peas, twelve stems.
25. Pinks, six stems.
26. Lily one stem.
27. Collection of mixed garden flowers; 9 stems, 3 or more varieties (may include shrubs).
28. Collection of mixed foliage; 9 stems, 3 or more varieties.
29. Pansies or violas, six.
30. Four clematis blooms one or more varieties.
31. Pot plant in bloom. Inside diameter of pot 18 cm (7") or less.
32. Pot plant grown for foliage. Inside dia. of pot 18 cm (7") or less.
33. Cactus or succulent.
34. Penstemon, three stems.

SECTION C - OPEN
DOMESTIC

Men and children can enter all these classes.
Exhibitors are asked to provide their own plates as necessary.
Screw-top lids are available at club meetings.

40. Jar of marmalade.
41. Jar of strawberry jam.
42. Jar of jam, excluding strawberry.
43. Jar of jelly, approx 225g (½ lb).
44. Jar of chutney.
45. "Outer Space" Novelty Cake (own recipe)
46. Four Bread Pudding Squares
47. Four Rock Cakes
48. Something new from something old
49. An example of handicraft
50. Eggs, 6 (displayed in an egg box)

SECTION D - OPEN (EXCEPT CLASS 60)
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Accessories may be used in all classes.
Classes 61,62 & 63 will be staged in front of a cream background.
All tabling draped in pale green.

60. FROYLE RESIDENTS ONLY - Dr. Lewarne Cup
"Moonlight and roses". An exhibit for the dinner table.
Space allowed: width 50cm, depth 50cm, height optional

61. "Sign of the zodiac". An exhibit. Title to be displayed.
Space allowed: width 60cm, depth 60cm, height optional.
62. "A star of the garden". An exhibit featuring one type of flower.
Space allowed: width 45cm, depth 45cm, height optional.
NOVICES ONLY (Those who have not won more than one prize for
flower arrangement)
63. "Sweet dreams". A miniature exhibit.
Space allowed: width 10cm, depth 10cm, height 10cm.

SECTION E – CHILDREN

No entrance fee. Age will be taken into account:

- a) Up to and including 8 yrs ; b) 9 yrs up to and including 15 yrs

70. FROYLE GIRLS - Mrs. Lewarne Cup
71. Handmade article in any medium e.g. needlework, painting, pottery etc.
- 72.. FROYLE BOYS - Bush Cup
A model in any medium.
73. Model spaceship made from fruit or vegetables.
74. "A model alien"
75. A flower arrangement in a tea-cup.
76. Young Gardeners' "Plant of the Year".

Rainfall in Froyle May 2009

2009	27 mm	1.06 inches
2008	62.5 mm	2.46 inches
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.37 inches
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.14 inches
Long term average for May - vying with June as the 4th driest month of the year	54.4mm	2.14 inches

Just over an inch of rain on the face of it would not appear to be unusual, May traditionally marking the end of the harsh winter months. However, you have to go back a full 18 years to 1991 to find a drier May, which not only was the driest in 32 years but also happened to occur within the driest year. Thus far in 2009, at 259mm in total, Froyle's rainfall is only marginally ahead of that year, so what are the chances of a recurrence of that great summer tradition, the hosepipe ban...?



The Froyle Barn Dance - A Huge THANK YOU.

Many many thanks to all of you village folk who brushed down your cowboy boots and Stetsons and dosey doed and stripped the willow, till the small hours in West End Farm this Bank Holiday weekend. We were extremely lucky with the weather again and a hugely fun evening was had by all young and old.

May I take this opportunity to especially thank Sharon Edwards for her tireless effort and support, Jenny Gove for masterminding ticket sales, and her simply never-ending help, Ian Whitmore, Nigel Fisher and Mary Chaplin for organising and running the fantastically well stocked bar, that seemed never to run dry. Jo Mills and June Trim and their large band of volunteer foodies and bakers who thoroughly spoiled us by laying on such a tremendous spread of wonderful food. Charlie Findlay for being chief accountant, and balancing the books. Mill Farm for donating the nicest joint of beef I have ever tasted and The Hen & Chicken for gifting a very generous keg of beer that kept us all dancing and quenched our thirst.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Sue and Tony Goodsell for loaning the barn for the event and all the staff at Scribelands for their help in setting up and clearing up, without whom none of it would have been possible. We are all extremely grateful to them.

I am delighted to report that the event raised a very healthy £1240.00 for the Village Hall which in these difficult times is fantastic.

Thank you for coming and supporting your Village Hall.

Jerry Saunders

Drum Housing Rural Road Show Thursday August 20th 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

The idea behind this event is to try and reach our more rural areas and make key staff available to answer queries and promote the services we provide. This will probably be set up around Westburn Fields as this is where most of our residents live. Various Drum services will be represented i.e. housing and estate management; repairs; resident and community involvement; supported housing and housing development services (particularly in light of the recent planning proposals).

Alyson Noble
Customer Focus Co-ordinator

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BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN

SATS

Many people think SATS is terrible and stressful, but it's not when you have a teacher that lets you play a lot. You see, our teacher Mr Smallwood does all the work 2 weeks before SATS, so we don't need to worry about SATS, because we are prepared for it. When it was the start of SATS everybody came in as normal, as if we had nothing to worry about. Anyway we did our first test which was science test A and then once we got it out of the way we scribbled off the test that was on the card then we went out to play. After that we came back in and did our science test B and then went out to play AGAIN!! Then we had lunch and went out AGAIN!! And played Crounder*s*. And then the following days we just did the same, test then played and so on. Overall SATS week was good!

*crounder*s is a game based on rounders and cricket.

Adam James Murphy.

End of SATS Disco

During the week before half-term Bentley Primary School held two discos on Thursday 21 May, one for the infants from 3.15 – 4.30 and one for juniors from 4.45-6.15. The infants disco included dance competitions and much more. During the infants' disco some boys wanted to put a skirt on and they sang a song from Girls Aloud and we also had a dance competition where they gave sweets to the best dancers. The year sixes helped at the infants' disco and I know that everyone had great fun at both discos.

Charlotte Desmond

Cross Country

This year Bentley Primary School entered some teams of children from years three, four, five and six to take part in the Eggars annual cross-country run on Tuesday 19 May 2009. The children had to run twice around Eggars School field (which is around 1 mile). The children ran incredibly well and the boys' team came in second place whilst the girls' team came in first place.

Similarly Bentley Primary School held their annual cross-country run which was one lap around the Bentley Recreation Ground or twice round for juniors. Many children took part in the races and the first three to finish received a medal and a place on the podium.

Finally, Bentley Primary School will be hoping to do just as well as they did this year, next year and hope that all current runners carry on what they are doing and prepare for next year.

Anon

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Every year during the spring / summer period as the grass grows longer and vision becomes harder at the Froyle Junction of the A31, we regularly listen to screeching brakes, horns and the dull thud of metal meeting metal as some other poor soul becomes a victim of the council's inactivity.

Every year since living here I have written, emailed and phoned the council regarding this dangerous issue and asking them to cut the grass and vegetation back to a reasonable height - to no avail! Today, there has been another crash as a direct result of lack of vision - one day it will be one of us - the villagers of Froyle.

We see so many high profile "initiatives" in the name of "road safety" which are at best questionable and worst - simply useless or unnecessary, not to mention the "safety cameras"! and yet something as simple and effective as cutting grass seems one bridge too far for the council.

I have phoned the Police and emailed the Council. Maybe if some of the other villagers who find the situation dangerous were to also complain, we could get something done?

Paul Edwards

Walk, Bike or Run ... you choose

Join us on Saturday 1st August 2009 for a **Walk, Bike or Run** on a 3.5 mile circuit of beautiful Binsted countryside. Start and finish at Mint Condition and join us afterwards for a SUMMER BBQ PARTY in aid of local disabled children's schools Stepping Stones and Treloar's.

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Hello Froyle

My name is David Piggott and I am studying the Universities Certificate at Treloar College. My time at College has provided me with a memorable 3 years and some great friends, from cooking to clubbing I've done it all at Treloar's. It has helped me realise my potential and I feel confident about the future, and ready for what life brings next.

Currently I am doing work experience with the Marketing department of Treloar's.

After the college I am going to study Public Relations at Falmouth University College so I am really excited about this placement. All too often we see PR and marketing with negative connotations such as political sleaze or celebrity scandal. In my opinion it's great to see PR and marketing play its part in such a worthy organisation.

Ok so summer is officially here, the Met office says so and, as we all know, they never get it wrong! Yes pretty soon we are all going to be down the park swinging cricket bats or down the pub swigging beers, even the recession will have put its sun cream on as the press moves on to a season of silly stories involving sunburnt MPs or a dog wearing Ray-Bans!

Another key signifier of summer is the British BBQ. Never an organization to shun the sun, on 31st July Tony Reid Chief Executive of Treloar's would like to invite you to our summer BBQ to be held in the grounds of Froyle House from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Please book early to avoid disappointment - places are limited!



To book your place, please sign up at the Meeting Place or call Chris Huffman at the Trust on 01420 526405.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

David Piggott

St Mary's Church Notes

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The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

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Services during July and August

First Sunday of the month

All other Sundays

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

Church Report

OPEN AIR

SONGS OF PRAISE

On Sunday 12th July at 11am there will be an Open Air Songs of Praise, **with your pets this time**. If it is a wet morning we will be in the Village Hall where we are serving coffee, squash and biscuits afterwards. This service is after Fete Day and was very well attended when it was held for the first time last year.

Hope to see you there

Jean Norkett

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

People frequently say that they are too busy to pray. "I would like to pray but I just have not got the time!"

We do live in a busy world, a world of advanced technology; many people are too busy surfing the net, word processing and sending out emails to pray.

But what if prayer is brought to the computer?

I have recently discovered a really good website called "Sacred Space" <http://www.jesuit.ie/prayer> the website has been running for a few years now and it offers an opportunity to give space to God while you are actually on the computer.

You can log on to the website and on it there is a simple pattern of prayer that goes through a set formula involving self awareness, receiving the Word of the Bible and then some further simple but profound thoughts and reflections. It takes ten minutes to go through and the programme has been well tried and tested

Along with many other people who have used the site I can whole heartedly commend it. As the founder of the website Peter Scally, says,

"Reading feedback that we post up on the site from all over the world gives our regular users a real sense of being part of a worldwide praying community. Is it a virtual community? Well, the people are real, the prayer is real, and it is making a real difference to their lives."

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James

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Hampshire County Council is supporting this with a grant organised by Councillor Tony Ludlow.

Blood Pressure; Blood Sugar and Cholesterol checks will be available, as will a wide range of expert groups and health professionals.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH

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Nigel Fisher

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St Mary's Vestment Group - *Linda Bulpitt* - 22725

St. Mary's Flower Rota - *Brenda Milam* - 22216

Veolia (*Recycling*) - *Sue Jones (sec to John Collis)* - 01962 76400

Should you or your club be on this list? Phone 22574 for inclusion

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

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Lower Froyle 11.30am to 11.45am

BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY TIMES

Dr.J.W.A. Moore and Dr.M.Way

Telephone calls taken from 8.30 a.m. every morning

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Wednesday 8.30 - 11.00am 4.00 - 6.00pm

Thursday 8.30 - 11.00am 4.00 - 6.00pm

Friday 8.30 - 11.00am 4.00 - 6.00pm

Branch Surgeries

Tuesday 5.00 - 6.00pm* Froyle Village Hall

**No appointments necessary.*

PLEASE NOTE Closure of Surgery on Saturday Morning and at Binsted (Monday)

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If you should need this service simply call Bentley 23440. For the Farnham Shopping Bus - contact Mrs. Turner on Bentley 473062.



FROYLE

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson
Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle Tel:01420 520102

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

IT'S THE HARVEST SUPPER



WHEN: FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
TIME: 7.30 FOR 7.45 P.M.

TICKETS : £7.00 ADULTS
£3.00 CHILDREN



Available from the Meeting Place or Jean Norkett
01420 22591

A choice of wines will be available for sale so please do not bring your own

There will be a choice of hot and cold meat dishes, vegetarian food, puddings,
cheese and biscuits

Places are limited, so tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis

All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church

If any of those wonderful pudding makers from last year would like to help again,
would you please call Sarah Thursfield 23294 who will be delighted to hear from
you.

Also, offers of raffle prizes will be very welcome and we shall need some help on
the evening.

GENERAL NOTICE

**TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO USE THE GRASS STRIPS AND SET ASIDE ON
HUSSEYS FARM FOR WALKING, RIDING, BICYCLING ETC**

Please be advised that access will be closed from 24th to 30th October 2009. We
ask everyone to respect this closure and thank you for your co-operation. Public
Footpaths are still open and are not included in this Notice.

For any further information please call Roy Norkett on 01420 22591.



FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

DEADLINE 12TH SEPTEMBER

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS

FOR THE

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Any photos, snaps or set pieces that depict the life of Froyle will be considered, so please let me have your photos as soon as possible.

The photographs are coming in slowly but we still need more for all seasons and events.

June Trim 01420 23336

THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



CAKE BAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4	Joy West	Kay Pogson	Elizabeth Sealey
11	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam
18	Jeanette Cray	Maureen Fry	Val Blunden
25	Kate Barnden	Vivien Riley	Bea Sword

HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER

4	Gill Bradley
11	Maureen Fry
18	Cecily Robertson
25	Margaret Stanford

On Friday, September 25th, The Meeting Place will be part of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning with all profits going to this worthwhile charity. Perhaps on this occasion you will consider paying just a little more for your coffee and cake.

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

July

1st - O. Crowhurst (89); 2nd - M. Knowles (82); 3rd - R. Packet (6)

August

1st - V. Blunden (31); 2nd - A. Wimshurst (7); 3rd - C. Bush (97)

Annette Booth

FOIL from FROYLE

Unfortunately the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice no longer collects foil for recycling and therefore until we can find another beneficiary we shall no longer be collecting at the Meeting Place. **So please no more foil.**

Gill Bradley

FROYLE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW 2009

So it rained a little bit. It could have been much worse. We hope you all enjoyed our Village celebration as much as every other year. There were many new stallholders and helpers: thanks for joining in. Our stalwarts were all there—and we couldn't do without you. Special thanks also to Mrs. Figgins, who opened the proceedings with a lively speech, and to Mrs. Blunt, for awarding the gardening prizes.

The takings for the stalls are listed below. Overall revenue was down about 17%, which is pretty good, considering the weather. The Committee also made a conscious decision to keep prices at the stalls at or below last year's. At the Vulcan Arms, this was possible thanks to the generous donation of local brews by the Anchor Inn.

Mary Knowles

Stall	Takings		
Adopt a Teddy	25.50	Gardening Club Plant Stall	69.31
BBQ	430.50	Go Karts	10.98
Beat the Goalie	39.00	Grand Raffle	901.00
Beer Tent	579.80	High Low	62.50
Books	206.66	Ice Cream	27.50
Bottle Stall	265.25	Jar of Sweets	69.30
Bric a Brac	150.03	Jousting	67.80
Cakes	207.60	Jumble	69.85
Coconut Shy	111.50	Rolling Raffle	120.00
Crockery Smashing	75.70	Teas	341.58
Dog Agility	25.86	Tombola	94.90
Face Painting	41.50	Tractor Rides	17.93

STALLS

Very many thanks to all those who helped by running a stall at the fete this year. There were all the usual stalwarts who always do their bit, and it was so nice to see some new faces helping out. Do hope you enjoyed it in spite of the weather, and the fete committee is hugely grateful to you all for your efforts.

Jenny Gove

TEAS

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the fete teas. I am so grateful to all those who helped on the day, both behind the scenes and front of house, and to the many cooks and cake-bakers. We had a wonderful selection of cakes and savouries and many happy customers. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Mary Chaplin

FROYLE GARDENING CLUB



Our second garden visit this year was to the Hyde at Old Alresford. A real flower arranger's garden immaculately presented with carefully co-ordinated borders. Sue Alexander was on hand to give information and advice about the unusual plants and it didn't rain !

Brenda Milam

SUMMER SHOW

What a great fete and flower show this year with record entries which made it such a great success.

This was my first year as show secretary and I thank everyone on the committee for all the help and experience they gave me.

Also, don't forget the Froyle Gardening Club Autumn Show on Saturday 12th September at 2.30 p.m. All entries must be placed on Wednesday 9th September at the Village Hall. Many thanks.

Jayne Williams
Show Secretary 23076

SUMMER SHOW RESULTS

Trophies

Hollis Cup	T. Goodsell
Goschen Cup	S. Macnabb
Bootle-Wilbrahim Cup	T. Goodsell
Kay Newton-Davis Trophy	B. Milam
Dr. Lewarne Cup	B. Milam
Robertson Rose Bowl	B. Milam
Mrs. Lewarne Cup	G. Williams
Bush Cup	R. Macnabb
Holland Cup	A. Figgins
Graham Blunt Award	T. Goodsell
Diploma	S. Macnabb

Would the trophies please be returned to Jayne Williams 23076 by the end of September for engraving. Please call me and I will collect them for you.

SUMMER SHOW RESULTS

	1st	2nd	3rd
Section A Fruit & Veg			
Peas	T. Saunders	J. Norkett	T. Goodsell
Broad Beans	T. Goodsell	A. Figgins	S. Harris
Potatoes	G. Hawkins	J. Norkett	S. Harris
Cabbage	G. Hawkins	T. Goodsell	S. Carr
Lettuce (Cos)	-	-	-
Lettuce (Any)	J. Norkett	D. Snow	G. Bradley
Onions	A. Figgins	M. Carr	-
Carrots	T. Harris	T. Goodsell	M. Carr
Beet	M. Carr	Turvill	J. Norkett
Rhubarb	D. Snow	T. Goodsell	B. Milam
Any other Veg	T. Goodsell	M. Carr	S. Harris
Herbs	S. Carr	T. Harris	S. Harris
Gooseberries	G. Bradley	A. Figgins	P. Parrott
Raspberries	D. Snow	A. Figgins	T. Goodsell
Blackcurrants	T. Goodsell		
Strawberries	T. Goodsell		
Any other fruit	D. Snow	B. Milam	
Section B Flowers			
Hybrid Tea Rose	S. Macnabb	M. Allan	S. Harris
Floribunda	M. Allan	S. Carr	J. Norkett
3 Stems Roses	S. Macnabb	J. Norkett	Thorneycroft
Vase of Roses	J. Macnabb		
12 Sweet Peas	R. Turvill	A. Figgins	B. Milam
6 Pinks	S. Macnabb	M. Browning	
Lily one stem	M. Allan		
Mixed Garden Flowers	J. Macnabb	B. Milam	T. Crowhurst
Mixed Foliage	M. Cresswell	T. Saunders	A. Blunt
Six Violas/Pansies	M. Court	M. Cresswell	G. Bradley
Four Clematis Blooms	M. Browning	S. Harris	M. Allan
Pot Plant in Bloom	J. Cresswell	A. Figgins	
Foliage Pot Plant	M. Court	S. Macnabb	
Cactus or Succulent	J. Norkett	M. Browning	S. Macnabb
Three Penstemon	S. Harris	T. Crowhurst	A. Blunt

Section C Domestic

Jar of Marmalade	A. Figgins	J. Norkett	M. Browning
Jar of Strawberry Jam	F. Marston	J. Norkett	A. Figgins
Jam (Ex Strawberry)	S. Carr	D. Snow	A. Figgins
Jar of Jelly	A. Figgins	D. Snow	S. Carr
Jar of Chutney	M. Browning	J. Norkett	
Novelty Cake	L. Mills	A. Figgins	J. Trim
Bread Pudding Squares	S. Harris	M. Browning	B. Milam
Four Rock Cakes	G. Bradley	S. Carr	G. Williams
Example of Handicraft	G. Turvill	G. Bradley	T. Lucas

Section D Flower Arrngement

Dr. Lewarne Cup	B. Milam	S. Harris	M. Cresswell
“Sign of the zodiac”	M. Cresswell	B. Milam	S. Thursfield
“A star of the garden”	G. Bradley	S. Harris	
“Sweet dreams”	P. Mattin	B. Millam	G. Bradley

Section D Children

Froyle girls	G. Williams	T. Marston	F. Marston
Froyle boys	R. Macnabb	H. Thorneycroft	
Model spacecraft	G. Williams	A. Lucas	J. Thursfield
Model alien	H. Thorneycroft	J. Thurfield	G. Williams
Flower arrangement	G. Williams	Macnabb	T. Marston
Plsnt of the year	G. Williams	K. Whittock	L. Menzies

Lost a Watch?

Derek and I found a watch (ladies, numbered face on silver bracelet strap) on the footpath outside The White House, on Park Lane.

Our phone number is 23309.

Kate Barnden

The Clive Barter Walk

Saturday 5th September

As most of you will be aware, a walk along St. Swithun's Way to the Anchor was thought a fitting way of raising funds for a permanent memorial to Clive in St. Mary's Church.

After weeks of preparation and a fantastic response we now have some 15 or so brave (some would say foolhardy!) souls attempting to walk the whole 25 miles, with many more joining at various points on the way to the Anchor. At least another 15 have opted to cycle the 21 miles from Winchester to Froyle through some lovely Hampshire countryside. It is particularly pleasing to see that people of all ages and fitness, including a number of families, are participating in some way.

For those taking part, you should by now know how you are getting to your start point. Regardless of the distance travelled by foot or bike, the plan is for everyone to congregate at the Anchor from about 5.30pm to round off what will hopefully have been an enjoyable day's activity in memory of a special person.

Ian Whitmore

Mavis Start

Walter would like to thank all those who attended Mavis's funeral on 16th June and all those who have expressed sympathy and support since his sad loss.

Mavis so loved Froyle, and the kindness, sympathy and support received by Walter are a testament to just how special a place it is.

Walter and his family are so grateful to you all.

Visit Froyle on the internet on:

www.froyle.com

Froyle Village Hall

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, October 10th - Doors open 2.00pm

Stalls will include Bric-a-Brac, Jumble, Cakes, Toys

There will also be a Raffle

**Start turning out all your unwanted bits and pieces
Offers of Cakes and Raffle Prizes also most welcome**

For more info contact Jeanette Cray on 22709

Froyle Baby and Toddler Mornings

**Thursday mornings, 10th, 17th and 24th September
9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall**

Starting from September I would like to invite local babies, toddlers and their parents or carers to meet for play, refreshment and the chance to chat.

Should the September mornings be a success we have funding available to purchase new toys and establish a regular get together for the youngest members of our village and their accompanying grown ups.

If you would like any further details please contact Anthea on 520134.

2nd Bentley Scout Group

Many thanks to all who gave and purchased at our last jumble sale. We took four figures. Most grateful.



**J. Bellis, R. Figgins
2nd Bentley Scout Group**

FROYLE CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT...the details! ☺

In aid of BEAT and the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation

WHEN: Saturday 24TH October 2009

WHERE: Froyle Village Hall

TIMES:

- 6.45 Doors Open
- 7.15 Dinner Served
- 8.00 Quiz Starts
- After Round 5 - Pudding Platter Served

PRICE: Tickets are £7 per person, which includes a hot dinner.

TO RESERVE A TABLE: Please call Lori Taylor on 01420 22148,
or email
lorijaylor@hotmail.com

- There are only 12 tables and they should consist of 6 people (max.)
- When you book a table please can you already have prepared a TEAM NAME! - This will make our job a lot easier!
- Please inform us if you require a vegetarian meal
- Please let us know if you would be happy to join forces with another small group to make up a table of 6.
- There will be a Bar



FIGHTING LUNG CANCER

FROYLE PANTOMIME 2010

Auditions for The Froyle Players 2010 production of “THE WIZARD OF OZ” will take place on 7th September 2009 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome whether it is your first time or you are a seasoned “old luvvie”

If you cannot make on the 7th but would still like to take part give me a call on 22709.

Mark Cray

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A meeting was recently held of almost all the watch administrators to enable them to exchange views and receive updates on any local issues and problems.

We are all particularly grateful to Andy White for coming and briefing everybody about topics (and problems) in Alton and the surrounding areas. It is very helpful.

Almost all of Froyle (Upper and Lower) is covered and anyone who notices anything untoward going on is asked to notify their local watcher or give me a ring (23294).

It has been suggested that Froyle should become a “No Cold Calling Zone”. This means exactly what it says i.e. that someone cannot call at the door without an invitation. Research has identified a link between cold calling and doorstep crime e.g. distraction burglary and bogus property repairs. Hampshire Constabulary are involved in this initiative. Please can as many people as possible let their views be known to the watcher in their area or give me a ring.



John Thursfield

R.N.L.I. VILLAGE COLLECTION

Very many thanks to all who gave to the R.N.L.I. house-to-house collection in June. The total sum was £289.67.

Thanks to Marion and John Cresswell, Jo Mills and Ann Figgins for all your time and “foot work”.



R.Figgins
R.N.L.I. (Froyle)

OPEN AIR PETS SERVICE



I hope you all enjoyed the service as much as I did. Thank you every one who came with animals, especially the pigs and horse. It really was quite special. Thank you young people for your readings and prayers which were read so beautifully. We sent £109 to the RSPCA, so hopefully you all felt it was a success.

Brenda Milam

Alton Art Society

78th Annual Exhibition 2009

Assembly Rooms, Alton. GU34 1BD

Thursday 1st October to Sunday 4th October 10am to 5pm

Formal opening by Toni & Jill Goffe
at the **Private View** Wednesday 30th September 7.30pm to 9pm

Children's Prize Presentation Saturday 3rd October at 11.00am

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For further information or to register please contact Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team on 01962 846100 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety

YOUTH ALPHA

A Youth Alpha course will be running in the autumn term. The course will run from Sept 4th to Nov 27th (excluding Oct 30th from 5:30-7.30pm upstairs in the Bentley Memorial Hall.

In addition there is a weekend away on Fri 9th/Sat 10th Oct.

There is an introduction evening on 21st July from 5:30 to 7:00 (same venue)

If you are interested please contact Pippa Blizzard on 01420 23839

Deanne Ward 01420 22840

FROYLE RAINFALL

	June		July	
2009	23mm	0.91ins	78mm	3.07 ins
2008	37mm	1.46ins	70.5mm	2.78 ins
Wettest (2007/2007)	122.5mm	4.82 ins	139.5mm	5.49ins
Driest (1995/1978)	5mm	0.2 ins	11mm	0.43 ins
Long-term averages – the 3rd driest and the most dry month respectively	53.7mm	2.11 ins	48.4mm	1.91 ins

Taken together, June and July were almost exactly in line with the combined monthly average, although June was well down, whereas July was 60% up (as if we need reminding). Despite this, Froyle's rainfall so far in 2009 is some 10% below average at 360mm (14.17 ins). But if the past is any guide, we should more or less make this up in the remaining 5 months when almost half the year's rain falls.



“The Umbrella Man”

INVITATION TO THE BINSTED SOCIETY

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd at 8.00p.m. in the Wickham Institute (opposite the church).

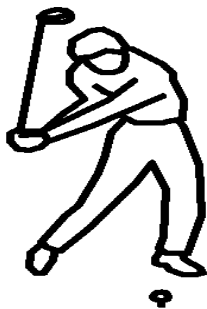
We would welcome all comers from Bentley and Froyle to join us for the evening. Our speaker will be :

Wing Commander John Stubbington

and he will give an illustrated talk on

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COMMAND**

Admission is free and there's no need to let us know – just turn up!



FROYLE CHARITY GOLF DAY

Monday September 14th Blackmoor Golf Club

Price £50, includes sandwich lunch.

To reserve your place or for further information
contact

Jamie Stewart-Smith (22072)
or Nigel Fisher (22574)

FROYLE JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sadly, due to lack of players, we decided not to run the Tennis Tournament. Many thanks to all those who offered courts, and particularly to Rob and Jos who had offered coaching and racquets! We might try and run an over 18s version another time.

David and Susie Robertson



ALTON HEALTH FAYRE

Saturday 5th September 10:00am – 3:00pm.

For the fourth year running the Wilson Practice Patient's Participation Group will be holding their Health Fayre at Alton Assembly Rooms, Hampshire County Council is supporting this with a grant organised by Councillor Tony Ludlow.

Blood Pressure; Blood Sugar and Cholesterol checks will be available, as will a wide range of expert groups and health professionals.

Care and Support Groups will also be attending.

The Fayre is an opportunity for all the community to find out about a wide range of health issues.

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

Churchwarden

Mrs.J.Dundas *Tel: 01420 520279*
Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle



Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*

Services during September

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Church Report

For the second year running, on the Sunday morning after the Fete, an Open Air Songs of Praise Service was held on the Village Hall patio. Like last year, the sun shone. The big difference, though, was that this year people were invited to bring their pets too – and my goodness, what a variety we had! Lots of dogs, a few ducks and rabbits through to a tame pigeon... and who will ever forget the chicken named Bob who joined in all the hymns? Together with an equally noisy piglet, it gave some interesting harmonies to our singing! Looking on and standing rock steady throughout the Service were a rider and horse. Only the billowing vestments in the gentle breeze as James the Vicar moved round to Bless every single owner and their pet did we see the horse twitch a little. Over 70 people attended this Service which included well known hymns and all the readings and prayers were read beautifully by the children. The Collection was in aid of the RSPCA. Afterwards, light refreshments were served in the Village Hall.

Dates For Your 2009 Diaries

PCC Committe Meeting - Thursday 24th September
Harvest Supper - Friday 2nd October
Harvest Service - Sunday 4th October at St. Mary's
St. Mary's Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November

Jean Norkett

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

I have recently had a number of enquiries from adults asking about confirmation. I hope to be running a confirmation course for adults in September. Would you be interested in coming along and joining us? We would love to hear from you.

What is confirmation? As the word suggests it is about confirming. Adults in their faith journey reach a point when they wish to witness in public their commitment to Jesus Christ and in their common discipleship with others wish to declare and share that Good news to others in the world in word and action

Preparation for confirmation is absolutely crucial. People come to faith from a number of different starting points. Recent evidence shows that bereavement is one of those key starting points. Fundamental questions abound. Why has God let this happen? Is there a God? Is there life after death? Why do I feel so angry? Many other such and similar questions lead people to want to explore the meaning of the Christian faith further. There may be other starting points, a painful divorce or some other major life change. The starting point, however, may simply be “this just feels like the right time” to take things further. It may simply be “I am interested”.

Confirmation classes do not aim to provide solutions and certainties but to offer up a safe place where together we grow and learn. Discipleship means learning. Confirmation marks a new stage in a person's life.

Please do contact me if you want to be part of the group. If there are other ways the church can help meet adult spiritual needs (e.g. prayer group/Bible study) do please get in touch with me.

With every blessing,

James

THE SMALL ADS

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

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Nigel Fisher

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Village Hall
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Froyle Village Hall

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Quiz Night

Saturday 24th October

Please see page 4 for an important announcement!



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Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

From the Parish Council

Please note that dates of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the Parish Council pages of the village web site. Extraordinary meetings are arranged from time to time at short notice. If residents have an interest in a particular issue, please contact the Parish Clerk to determine whether a meeting has been or will be arranged to discuss it.

Nigel Fisher

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THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



Meeting Place Birthday

The Meeting Place will be celebrating its 19th Birthday on Friday October 9th. As you no doubt remember we choose this day to highlight a specific charity. This year we are supporting "Tea for Treloars". Living here in Froyle none of us need to be told how important this charity is, and we do hope you will come and celebrate 19 years of coffee and cake with us, at the same time supporting Treloars.

Although not usual on our Birthday, we thought we would have a small raffle, so any donations would be gratefully received.



NOW WE ARE 19



CAKE BAKERS FOR OCTOBER

October	2	Ann Roberts	Anne Andrew	Jo Mills
	9	Cecily Robertson	Lauraine Bourne	Sheila Lawrence
	16	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Nancy Rowson
	23	Marj Robinson	Marian Cresswell	Margaret Stanford
	30	Susie Robertson	Caroline Bush	Mary Chaplin

HELPERS FOR OCTOBER

October	2	Maria Jefferson
	9	Elizabeth Sealey
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FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

September

1st - S. Fry (64); 2nd - J. Southern (30); 3rd - A. Pritchard (95)

Annette Booth

Village Quiz - 24th October 2009 ☺

I'm very pleased to say that all 12 tables have been booked - (woohoo!)

HOWEVER...

We only have the money from **1** table, and only **4** team names! So please, please, please can you get the money to Lori Taylor and also your team names asap! Otherwise we'll choose one for you!

You can contact Lori on 01420 22148 and tickets are £7 per person which includes a hot meal (please let us also know if you will require a vegetarian meal).

Just if you have forgotten...doors open at **6.45** and dinner is served at **7.15**, with the quiz starting at **8pm!**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Constance Barter

Froyle Baby and Toddler Mornings **Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall**

After a successful start, these are the dates for the Froyle baby and toddler group meetings for the next two months.

1st 8th 15th 22nd October

5th 12th 19th 26th November

There will be no meeting during half term.

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity to meet and play.

Any questions please call Anthea on 520134.

Froyle Charity Golf Day

The annual Froyle charity golf day was held at Blackmoor golf club on Monday 14th September, with 14 players attending. We started off with a hearty meal of sandwiches and chips, and few drinks to loosen the swing. The course was in excellent condition and the weather was perfect.

The following prizes were awarded:-

Nearest the Pin - Roy Norkett

Longest Drive - Johnny Rath

4th place - Barbara Wheatley

3rd place - Ian Forbes

2nd place - Nigel Fisher

1st place - Jamie Stewart-Smith (on a count back after equalling Nigel's score of 37 Stableford points)



Thanks go to Sarah Barter for donating the old "Prince of Wales" salver for the winner. The last name on the salver is Clive Barter, therefore, with the £200 raised we thought it fitting that the monies be donated to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Next year's golf day is to be held at Farnham Sands Golf Course and Alan Wheatley of Bentley Stores has kindly offered a case of wine for the winner.

Unfortunately, there were a few no-shows on the day, resulting in a £10 per person cancellation fee being levelled by the club, reducing the funds raised for the charity. Next year if there is a no-show on the day the culprit will have to pay the cancellation fee, plus a £5 penalty fee, which will be added to the charity donation.

Jamie Stewart-Smith

GENERAL NOTICE

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THE CLIVE BARTER WALK – SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Many, many thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy into making Saturday's Walk another wonderful Froyle event. If you were there, you will know what I mean when I say that something very special happened that day – you could see it on everyone's faces who gathered afterwards in The Anchor car park. Lots of lovely moments to treasure and so many people played their part, from the bike couriers to eggy-sandwich makers. Lunch at the Forresters. Tea at the Church. ALL the walkers, young and not so young. The cyclists. And the cyclists that did it there...and back (are they mad?!), including the amazing 75 year old Dave Bennett. The mini bus and our lovely driver ferrying us to and from. Oh, and did I mention the numb bums and blisters? Big blisters too (I can't comment on the bums!) yet a decided lack of sympathy from our resident nurse... There were the wonky hips and creaking knees and many stiles to clamber over (tricky if you're short and/or have blisters, wonky hips and/or creaking knees or all of the said listed ailments). Kissing gates were more fun. Stunning countryside. Calls of nature and whistling coming from the bushes. Laughter. Banter. Blackberry picking. A special Walkers Menu at The Anchor. Colonel Stanford, a youthful 78, smoking his pipe and who did the first 16 miles as if it were a stroll in the park, only bowing out because he "needed to get home to walk the dogs."

Ian Whitmore, who spearheaded the organisation and planning, said he hoped that if nothing else was achieved, everyone would have a good day. We did! A community coming together and having fun. Thank you. Clive would have loved it. Perhaps Nancy Rowson summed it up best, "An extraordinary happy day - All in memory of you, Clive"

I've just checked the website and the target Ian set of £5,000 has been achieved. Wow!

Thank you must also go to the sponsors who have been so generous in their support to help us raise money for a display cabinet in St Mary's Church.

Sarah, Constance, Simon, Mandy, Roy & Jean

I would like to say a big thank you to Ian Whitmore, who was the brains behind the Clive Barter walk the other weekend. Not only did he come up with the idea, he organised the walkers and cyclists, set in motion the raising of a staggering £5,000 for the cabinet and walked 20 miles himself.

In the best tradition, the idea was conceived over a few pints in the Anchor and quickly people volunteered for various roles. The whole event was beautifully organised and much attention to detail was put in behind the scenes. For instance, in order that the walkers knew where to go, Nigel Fisher and myself were asked to accompany Ian to do the whole walk, admittedly in two stages. Jerry Saunders was persuaded to drive the cycle route for the same reason.

Thanks must go to the ladies of Froyle who produced the lovely cakes and sandwiches for the walkers including a delightful plum flapjack. Also, thanks to Duncan and Mel Forrester for making their garden available, Jan Elliot for driving the Bentley School mini bus and Roy Norkett for all the other eventualities.

Lastly, thanks to Sarah Barter for a moving and memorable speech and Constance Barter for reminding us why we were walking.

Jamie Stewart-Smith

FROYLE GARDENING CLUB

The Autumn Show was another great success with record entries. It was a very enjoyable day.

The results for the show are as follows :

Rose Bowl – Ann Figgins
Tuke-Hastings Trophy – David Snow
Newton Davis Trophy – B. Milam and B. Hunter
Figgins Trophy – Molly Court
Blanchford Trophy – Jean Norkett
Pollock Rose Bowl – Sue Clarke
Graham Blunt Award and Diploma – David Snow
Diploma for Best Exhibit – Olga Crowhurst
Rosemary Bennett Award – Brenda Milam



The talk for October has been changed. Chris Booth will be doing a talk on “Colorado – The Old West”.

Jayne Williams

Conkers

Miss Willetts was five feet eleven inches of angular loyalties – unquestioning loyalties to King, Country and Hymns Ancient and Modern. It was said that she had fluttered chastely almost within arms length of a number of curates during her early years at the Vicarage, but perhaps none of them had felt quite tall enough to close with her. So it was that she was to be found, aide to her widowed father, in the third year of a World War and her own forties.

The many parochial and patriotic duties which came Miss Willetts's way seemed to devolve upon her softly with an inevitability which precluded refusal. Since sometimes onerous jobs merely happened, and were not the deliberate imposition of some determined committee, there was no-one to whom to object. In any case, Miss Willetts could not have found it in her to refuse a task if it came even remotely near to the status of a good cause.

Thus it came about that rose-hips and horse chestnuts joined her other concerns. These ranged from organizing knitting groups later to be dedicated to keeping the defenders of Stalingrad from freezing, to captaincy of a group of Girl guides, some of whom could have told a thing or two as the result of their brief encounters with Polish-émigré paratroopers. Mercifully the latter had been whisked away before major demographic upsets could accrue, and it was rumoured that they were now based in Scotland, a location presumably considered more deserving of their energies than Miss Willetts's home town.

There may be just a few who recall an urgent autumn appeal from the wartime authorities to patriots at large for contributions of rose-hips and conkers. These fruits were to be taken to collection centres which appeared in many provincial towns, thus calling for a nationwide supply of Miss Willettses. As an incentive, much taken up by small boys, monetary reward was on offer.

So it was that Edgar, Ken and I spent several days hurling sticks at indignant horse chestnut trees to boost our offering to the nation. Nature took her revenge when we risked our bare arms to reach rose-hips in their prickle-protected environment. We got our heavy, hard-won harvest to the collection centre three miles away on the Saturday of half-term, socks bisected over the crossbars of our bicycles.

Miss Willetts was at the back door of the Vicarage, pensive over a cluttered table which accommodated a set of scales as well as her financial records. Outside, on the flagstones which led to an enormous dilapidated greenhouse was the more heavyweight apparatus destined to assess our conker offering. The greenhouse was awash with horse chestnuts, and assuming that their importance had not been exaggerated, the war was virtually over. The weighing and cash settlement process began.

It became evident to three quick-witted young dealers that Miss Willetts was vague, slightly deaf, and prone to flap. None of our conker sacks or rose-hip bags actually went through the scales twice, but confused dialogue with simultaneous contributions from three small boys led to a measure of over-payment.

“Was it three or four stones of horse chestnuts?” asked Miss Willetts.

“At least four” offered Ken, tempted by the magic elementary multiplication which told him four times one-and-threepence made five shillings.

“Capital!” said Miss Willetts, noting five shillings on her chit.

“Indeed” reflected Edgar – or so, in memory, his face seemed to register – “and five or six pounds of rose-hips come to ...”

“Six pounds at one-and-three”, asserted Ken firmly, “make seven-and-six.”

Miss Willetts was to be seen, brow furrowed, going through the arithmetic of the transaction as we cycled away, exultant.

“Twelve-and-six!” I yelled, coasting down Racehill.

“Capital!” said Edgar.

We divided the spoils when we reached our camp behind Ken’s garden shed. Sated by the success of our enterprise, none of us gave a thought to a second initiative, and thus foreshadowed our failure so many years after to profit from the Enterprise Eighties.

Years later, I was to suspect that fate was taking revenge on behalf of the saintly Miss Willetts. My infant daughter would for many long months take no nourishment other than rose-hip syrup. Although she thrived on a diet as unbalanced as Miss Willetts’s scales, my dread was that the apple of my eye would be forever toothless. Mercifully, her smile is one to dazzle.

I do wonder from time to time what Mr Churchill wanted the conkers for; but history seems to confirm he put them to good use.

Ted Crowhurst

Editor’s Comment

If there are any more budding writers out there, I’m happy to include short original pieces when space permits. Who knows, we may have a future best-selling author living in the village!

Nigel Fisher

Treloar's Vision For the Future – An Update

In Spring last year, we introduced Vision Treloar's - the proposal of how to best meet the demands on Treloar's in the 21st century. Essentially, the Vision proposed to co-locate the School, College and Trust at Holybourne, where we will have one nationally recognised centre of expertise, which is the hub of Treloar's education, support and other services for young people with physical disabilities.

Since first announcing our plans, we have been busy exploring and developing Vision Treloar's in more detail. We have undertaken two community consultations that have provided the local community and local authority with details of our aspirations and the opportunity to comment on them. All relevant suggestions are being considered as we develop our plans.

The financial landscape has changed considerably. Originally, an opportunity for major state funding from the Learning and Skills Council had been identified. However, recent changes in government mean that Treloar's will not receive any such funding in support of our plans, so it is now intended to fund Vision Treloar's through the sale of the property at Froyle (the current School site) and fundraising - creating a fundraising appeal that excites our supporters and donors, encouraging them to contribute to our Vision.

Achieving the Vision

The plan now is to integrate the School, College and Trust by September 2011. Our focus is on achieving one organisation on one site, where we can truly work together for the benefit of our students and other young people.

Re-locating the School is an economically sound and efficient solution to ensure the best use of resources and gives us the opportunity to provide an even better level of support to all our students. Many of you have invested a great deal to help us develop the School during its years in Froyle. Our aim is to ensure this investment is not lost but as far as possible, taken with us to the new site.

We have submitted an outline planning application for the Holybourne site and the adjacent farmland to East Hants District Council. Our plans involve putting up new buildings and refurbishing existing buildings at Holybourne – we want to create a new and exciting environment for all our students and ensure that they have a smooth transition as they grow from children to young adults.

However, Vision Treloar's is much more than a building programme; it is about a new way of working in the face of considerable future funding challenges. We obviously plan to continue to provide exceptional care and opportunities for our students, but we will also build on our existing range of services so that we can deliver more support to the community beyond Holybourne. One such initiative is 'Treloar's Direct'. This innovative project will involve taking our in-house expertise and delivering it to the community beyond, via a mobile facility – the Treloar's Direct Trailblazer - that comes to them.

The Next Steps

Vision Treloar's is still subject, amongst other matters, to collective consultation with staff, local authority planning remits, financial considerations and the Trustees final approval. The Trustees and Treloar Leadership Team are aware that to achieve the September 2011 target date, construction work will have to start in April 2010. They are committed to investing millions of pounds in Vision Treloar's to secure our future and keep Treloar's as a national brand leader in the disability world.

The vision of having a truly sustainable future for Treloar's and generations of young people with physical disabilities is getting ever closer

Letters to the Editor

The Union Flag

On Friday August 28th to be exact, I flew the Union Flag, our country's flag, at half-mast at the Village Hall flagpole, in respect of our 207 soldiers killed in Afghanistan. Sadly, this number has now risen to 212.

The flag flew all day until I came to take it down at 6.00 p.m., only to find it had been removed by a member of Froyle Parish Council.

On enquiring why it had been removed, I was told politely that some members of the public, men and women, had complained and objected.

May I suggest they take a trip to the small market town in Wiltshire called Wootton Bassett and stand in the high street silently and watch the coffins go quietly past?

Many of these soldiers both men and women are 18-19 years of age. A son, husband, boyfriend paying the final price in this so-called "war".

R. Figgins
Ex Royal Engineers
7th Armoured Division

P.S. Should you see someone collecting for "Help the Heroes" put a few bob in. Thanks.

Editor's note

The Department of Media, Culture and Sport gives clear guidance about the flying of flags on public buildings. This guidance was adopted by Froyle Parish Council.

Froyle Rainfall for August

2009	42mm	1.65 inches
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Driest August (1995)	3.5mm	0.14 inches
Long-term average for August which vies with March and September for the long-term monthly median.	9.5mm	2.34 inches

August was another below average month, the 5th in the last 6th, with most of the rain falling within the first 6 days; this has now taken us to around 13% down on the average so far for the year as a whole.

However, it is still well up on the two most recent drought years for 2003 and 2005 and, judging by the long-range forecast, we may not have too long to wait for it to return to the norm



"The Umbrella Man"

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Friday 2nd October

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Harvest Service

Sunday 4th October

11.00 a.m.

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

Saturday 5th September 2009 will remain in my memory for countless years. For those who took part, who will ever forget “The Clive Barter walk”? It was a marvellous day with many people taking part both cycling and walking from Winchester and Holybourne. Clive was such a very special person and it was a tremendous tribute to him.

I arrived in the afternoon by car – what a cheat! I was encouraged to meet the walkers by walking to Holybourne Down. The weather was great and I started to make the walk up the hill when I caught sight of a bird in the corner of my eye. I thought “Oh that’s just a crow” I realised, however, as the bird came closer to me that this was not the case for it was in fact a Red Kite! It passed right over me close enough for me to see its reddish colouring and pronounced forked tail. I had seen Red Kites before but never in the parish and it was something I really wanted to see here. What a blessing! Such a happening seemed to really fit the day. People I talked to later said that a Red Kite had been seen around – perhaps it was the same one.

I shall remember gathering at “The Anchor” and seeing the brave walkers come in very tired and needing a good drink to refresh. People sometimes speak of “the anchor of the soul” and again it seemed such a great place to finish there for the reason of the name. The soul of the village met at a place where Clive liked to be and enjoy himself. I felt the anchor of the soul can never be simply a private matter but that it is something intrinsically communal. Our memories and prayers aid us as we stretch out our arms to the eternal and share our lives together.

Thank you to all who organised an extraordinary and wonderful day.

With every blessing,

James

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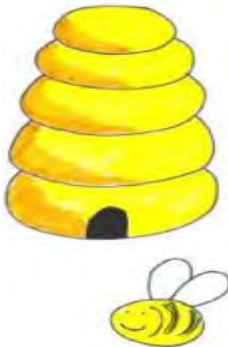
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Please deliver copy to Homestead Cottage, leave in the folder at The Meeting Place, e-mail to magazine@froyle.com or fax to 08714338956.

Nigel Fisher

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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BONFIRE NIGHT **Thursday 5th November**

Froyle Recreation Ground



Admission (as ALWAYS)
Free of Charge



Guy Competition: judging 5.45pm.
£20 first prize. Free gift for all that enter

Burgers and sausages; mulled wine and soft drinks and hot chocolate
all on sale from 6pm.

Bonfire lit at 6.30pm
Fireworks after.

We do hope that many of you can make it.

Village Hall Committee

STOP PRESS!

If you would like to help with building the bonfire, please turn up at
the Recreation Ground on Sunday 1st November from 9.30 a.m.
onwards.

All help greatly appreciated.

Jerry Saunders



FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

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HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

FROYLE CALENDAR

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who entered a photo for the calendar, we received over 200 photographs making it a very hard task to find just 12. By the time you read this, the final selection will have been made and printing in progress. The calendars will be on sale from mid November at a cost of £5.

The calendars make an ideal Christmas present particularly for friends and family living outside the village. We expect demand to be high, so if you are interested in reserving any calendars please ring June Trim on 01420 23336 and leave contact details.

June Trim

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

October

1st - P. Cousins (50); 2nd - J. Norkett (70); 3rd - A. Booth (75)

Annette Booth

THE MEETING PLACE

Remember that the Meeting Place is open in Froyle Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon for coffee, tea, squash, home-made cakes, postage stamps, local papers, greetings cards and company. You can always contact me on a Friday morning at the Village Hall on 07724243948.



CAKE BAKERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6	Kay Goodall	Sue Carr	Jeannie Whitley
16	Joy West	Kay Pogson	Elizabeth Sealey
20	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam
27	Jeanette Cray	Maureen Fry	

HELPERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6	Lyn Pritchard
13	Ann Roberts
20	Lori Taylor
27	Vivien Riley

BIRTHDAY THANKS

Can I thank all of you who supported our 19th Birthday Meeting Place.
We raised £64 for Tea for Treloars.

WILL YOU CARRY ON HELPING THE MEETING PLACE IN 2010?

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped ensure that The Meeting Place stayed open during 2009 - I really want you to know that it simply could not happen without you! If you would be willing to continue in 2010, **YOU DON'T NEED TO DO A THING** and I will give you your new rota in December. I only need to hear from you if you would like to give it a break for a while.

SHORTAGE OF CAKES

Regulars of The Meeting Place will be aware that we have had to ask people not to purchase cake to take away until the end as, owing to our increasing popularity, we simply do not have enough cakes. Therefore we are **DESPERATELY** looking for new cake bakers. If you would like to join, please either ring me, Annette Booth, on 22364, or sign the lists that are at The Meeting Place every Friday from now until December.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE MEETING PLACE, but do not bake or feel able to help in the kitchen, we would be most grateful for any small donation that would enable me to purchase cakes to make up any shortfall. Thank you all once again.



NOVEMBER 13TH ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

RNLI Morning on Friday 13th November. There will be Christmas cards and other gifts on sale, also cakes. We hope to see you there to support them.

Annette Booth 22364

Froyle Baby and Toddler Mornings
Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall

We are delighted to report that the first instalment of our new toys has arrived! They have already undergone rigorous testing and we are pleased to say they have been approved by the most discerning of panels - our children!

The craft activities available at the group have been very popular and are set to become even more exciting now that we have received fresh supplies. We provide toddler size aprons but I would suggest if you are thinking of joining us, do wear clothes suitable for messy play (from experience, this applies to both adult and child!).

There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall. The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise and local parents/carers to enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee.

Our meeting dates up to Christmas are
5th 12th 19th 26th November
3rd 10th 17th December

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on 7th January 2010

Any questions please call Anthea on 520134
or Alison on 22336

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to all those who gave up a very sunny Saturday to help run the jumble sale. Thanks to many more of you for all the cakes, clothes, books, toys and bric-a-brac and, especially, the prizes for the raffle. And of course a big thank you to those who came along and spent their money in a good cause. We made over £300 which will go towards the cost of the bonfire and fireworks.

Jeanette Cray

“STITCH AND CHAT”

On 4th December, the Alton “Stitch and Chat” group will be selling embroidered Christmas Cards at the Meeting Place.

Do come and see what we have made!

Sarah Thursfield

FROYLE GARDENING CLUB



A most enjoyable evening was spent by members of the gardening club when Mr Chris Booth entertained us with a travelogue "Colorado and the Old West" taking us on a 4,000 mile journey from Denver through the heart of Colorado. I am sure he will be asked to return again.

Our next meeting will be Friday 13th November 7.30pm when Mr Gerald Ponting will be showing us "A Hampshire Calendar".

June Trim

Froyle Gardening Club has been allocated 30 tickets for a Chris Beardshall Lecture to take place at the Maltings in Alton on 17th February at 8.00 pm. The subject is 'Designing with Plants' and tickets are £10. Please ring Brenda Milam 22216 if you would like to go. We may need to ballot if the demand is great.

Brenda Milam

The Refectory at Winchester Cathedral

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped this year especially newcomers.

A team of 8 ladies goes from Froyle to help in the restaurant at Winchester Cathedral three times a year. In 2010 the dates will be in January, May and October. It will be hard work, but fun - definitely different.

I hope all the present helpers will continue but I would love to hear from anyone new - whether for a 4 hour shift or all day! Anyone interested (who is not already on my list) contact Margaret Stanford (22139) and I can explain all. Just one stint a year would be a real help. Although Kaye Pogson has moved to Farnham and Eira Cray to Alton, they still join us which is a great help.

Margaret Stanford

The Old Tree

Late last year I was walking in the fields over the back of the village; there had been a tremendous hoar frost and everything was coated in silver. A weak winter sun struggled through the mist and made the village look like one of those old black and white photographs I'd seen in the archives. In the middle of a one particular field stood an enormous oak tree; even at this time of year you could tell that the tree was dead. Holes stretched down between the giant roots and gaped like chasms; knots blistered where long fallen branches had been ripped off by some terrible storm; the tops of the tree climbed towards the fizzing sun - skeletal and black against the white sky.

The bark was cracked and scarred and split and laced in what looked like ancient axe marks. I ran my hand over the surface; it was like stone - almost frozen - but not from the winter; this coldness felt like it was coming from within.

I ran my hand further round the trunk feeling the coldness and the contours of the wood, the axe marks - and suddenly a searing pain in my palm. I clenched my handkerchief tightly to try and stem the blood from my hand and investigated - expecting to find barbed wire.

Toward the back of the trunk I found half a dozen shards of rusted iron sticking out of the bark; they were ancient, razor-sharp saw-teeth. I tested one with the thumb on my good hand and tried to dislodge it but suddenly from behind me a voice said:

"Aye, plenty a man has tried to cut this ol' girl down and plenty a man has failed."

I swung round, caught my foot in one of the hollows and went sprawling, cracking my head against one of the roots. As my focus returned I found myself looking up at what I can only describe as the oldest man I had ever seen.

As I picked myself up, brushed myself down and tried to deal with both a bleeding hand and a twisted ankle the old man sucked his gums.

"Aye, plenty a man, and plenty more no doubt." Then he laughed - well, more of a toothless hiss really.

"Hi, I said. "I'm..."

"Funny old tree, that one" he said, completely ignoring me. "Looks dead, eh? You try cutting it down - hard as stone. I've seen axe, saws - blunt in seconds. And if you did managed to nick the bark - well - the sap that comes out stinks worse than anything I smelled before - like brimstone but worse and it sticks to anything."

I tried to introduce myself again and one again he cut me off.

"Lots of stories about this ol' girl - lots of stories. Some go on about faeries, pixies and the like; some say that it is haunted! - Haunted by the ghost of one Molly Buckle"

"Who's was Molly Buckle, Mr..." I asked.

“Sad story that one; killed herself one midsummer evening when she found out her intended was already engaged to another girl. Hanged herself from this tree see, and since then, not a leaf has sprouted on it for nigh-on two hundred years.

“It’s said that Molly actually became this tree when she died and that’s why it looks so dead – broken and black like Molly’s heart. Legend has it that it will stay dead until blood is spilled on its roots again.”

He looked at my bandaged hand – “Course, it’s a lot of old nonsense innit?” and cackled again.

I grinned at him nervously “And what supposed to happen if blood is spilled on it?”

“Oh, they say that old Molly will drag the owners soul down to hell with her, little by little, and as she drags them down then the tree will slowly come back to life –leaf by single leaf - until all the leaves are back on the branches.”

He caught me peering up at the old oak.

“That’s the thing about folk stories, innit?” he said, smiling “You never know whether to believe them or not.”

The next morning I woke with a start; my head was throbbing and I felt hung-over though I had not drunk anything.

I decided to go for a walk to clear my head and re-traced the route I took the day before. The frost had gone- and although cold - the day was bright and sunny.

I got to the tree – Molly’s tree. I felt it – it was warm; I heard a faint noise and pressed my ear against the trunk – from within the trunk I could hear a distant foom-foom-foom - almost like a heartbeat.

I jumped back from the tree and peered up into the branches. As I squinted in the weak morning sun, I could make out a shape at the very top of the tree. There, on the tip of one of the highest branches was the unmistakable shape of a fresh, new leaf.

Stuart Wardle



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SATURDAY 28th November 6.30 P.M.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Please read and let us know your views

The Village Hall has a Business Plan – wow! Clearly, it is important to continue to develop the Hall’s facilities; otherwise they will grow old and tired. We also want to ensure that the hall is financially sustainable. Also, there are opportunities to invest to increase our income and to reduce our running costs. So we need a plan. It will be published on the website but do let us know if you would like a copy now.

In this edition of the magazine, we would like to describe the immediate opportunities. Please let us know if you have questions, comments and suggestions. Letters of support are particularly helpful as all funders require evidence of community support.

It has to be said that the grant funding situation is volatile. While there is no shortage of initiatives from central and local government there is evidence that the availability of money is likely to decrease rapidly. Currently we are considering three projects.

1 Kitchen refurbishment

We have a design, quotes and some initial funding for a project which has had to become much more than just the kitchen facilities. Our original objectives had been simply to upgrade the cooking, preparation surfaces and washing-up area. However, after many plans, discussions and reviews, we have found it best if we also deal with the leaking roof, the inefficient hot water/central heating boiler and the electricity distribution board at the same time.

The plan now involves the following elements:

- i a small extension by the current back door, extending the main roof to replace the existing flat roof and removing some inconvenient pillars. This will allow us to fit in the facilities and new work surfaces. A new door would be installed at the far end of the bar area.
- ii installation of two large ovens, a 4 burner hob, an industrial grade dishwasher, and new energy efficient fridge and freezer.
- iii new cupboards, work surfaces, flooring and redecoration.
- iv upgrade of the electricity board.
- v a new energy efficient boiler.

Cost: We have an acceptable quote for £25,000. When we add VAT and a £5,000 contingency, we will need to have £35,000 available before we proceed.

Funding: The Village Hall would allocate a maximum of £7,500 from its reserves.
The Parish Council have kindly agreed a contribution of £3,000.
The Fete Committee have donated £2,000.
We have applied to EHDC and HCC for grants of £16,500.

We therefore need to raise from donations and fund raising events a further £6,000 by next March when we hope to start work.

Benefits : More enjoyable to use and easier to manage and keep clean. It should result in a wider range of events taking place in the hall. And we hope to see a reduction in fuel costs and a likely increase in income from more hiring of the hall. Rates for commercial users could also go up with better facilities.

2 Installation of photovoltaic panels on the hall roof

These would generate electricity and so earn income from the new 'feed in tariffs', as well as providing a certain amount of 'free' electricity. The estimated payback time is 10 years but the panels would continue to work for more than 20 years. Selborne have recently installed a similar system and report better than expected benefits.

Cost: we are obtaining estimates and believe this would be in the order of £18-20,000.

Funding: We shall shortly be applying for a 50% grant from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme. The grants will disappear early next year so now is a particularly advantageous time to act.
Donations and fund raising events.
We are also considering a low interest loan from the Rural Communities Building Loan Fund.

Benefits: Protection against the rise in fuel costs and a new source of income. Maintenance costs would be low. Our Carbon Footprint would be reduced. Micro-generation might be of interest to others in the community and 'help spread the word'.

Disadvantage: the panels would occupy around 30m2.

3 Replacing the front doors and the glazing to the sides and above

Cost: we have a quote from the company who installed the French doors earlier this year of approximately £9,000.

Funding: We are searching for a suitable fund to apply to.

Benefits: It should result in a small saving on our fuel bills and would make the foyer more comfortable for those waiting to see the doctor.

If we don't go ahead with this project we shall still have to fund repairs to the doors and mend leaks in the glazing.

If you know of possible sources of funding or would like further information or have a comment or a question please contact Nick Whines on 23130

If you would like to discuss making a donation to the village hall please contact Charlie Findlay on 22019. The Hall is a charity and so giving can be tax efficient.

If you would like to help with fund raising or have a good fund raising idea, please contact Jerry Saunders on 22478.

Finally - the annual bonfire and fireworks will take place on Thursday 5 November, starting at 6.30. Everybody is welcome. There is a prize for the best guy on parade in the hall at 6.00. The event is free but there will be a bucket collection to help fund the party and we plan to have food and drink for sale.

Charlie Finlay, Nick Whines and Jerry Saunders

Rainfall in Froyle - September

2009	67 mm	2.64 inches
2008	105 mm	4.13 inches
Wettest September (1981)	133 mm	5.24 inches
Driest September (2003)	7 mm	0.28 inches
Long-term average for September – the 5 th wettest month	61.1 mm	2.41 inches

Even though for England as a whole September 2009 was the driest since 1997, in Froyle it was slightly wetter than average, due to a very inclement 3rd week. Despite this, the total for the year so far steadfastly remains some 10% below average. Looking ahead, the last 3 months (plus January) are traditionally the wettest, with 80mm+ expected in each, but, if the below-average 2007 and 2008 are anything to go by, we may struggle to make it up.

“The Umbrella Man”





POPPY APPEAL 2009



The Second War World started 70 years ago and generations are still fascinated by this global conflict. It was a war with front lines, with different uniforms and a known conclusion in the surrender of Germany and Japan.

Today's conflict in Afghanistan is more complex, a war without front lines, civilians and enemy can merge together and perhaps an unwinnable military conclusion. However, this war, together with Korea, Northern Ireland, Falklands and Iraq, to name a few, may not capture the public imagination as much, but we still expect our soldiers to offer their lives.

Please support the Poppy Appeal, to help those who have return with physical or mental scars or both.

Jamie Stewart-Smith

The War Memorial

May I commend the Parish Council on the wonderful refurbishment of the War Memorial. Not only does the whole monument now stand out proudly in its position overlooking Upper Froyle, but the names on the pediment are much easier to read, especially for those seeking their family members.

It is a fitting tribute to those Froyle people who gave their lives in the service of their country and a permanent reminder to us all of the continuing sacrifice of our Armed Forces - my congratulations to everyone involved.

If anyone wants to find out more about Froyle's War Memorial, and has internet access, you can read all about it at:-

<http://www.froyle.com/warmem.htm>

Chris Booth

Neighbourhood Watch

Those who responded to the piece in the Septmember magazine have in general been positive to the idea of Froyle becoming a No Cold-calling Zone. In the mean time, residents should bear in the mind the following advice from Hampshire Police which applies to both cold-calling and bogus callers.

If someone knocks on your door and tries to sell you something, you are perfectly within your rights to say “no thank you” and close the door. You do not have to listen to the sales patter, you do not have to accept sales literature and you must certainly NEVER give personal information out over the doorstep.

If it is a cold call over the telephone, you are entitled to say a firm “no thank you” and hang up. Again, NEVER give personal details over the phone.

As with any purchase, there is a cooling off period, so if you have purchased something that you do not feel 100% comfortable about, please remember you can cancel.

If you are at all concerned about the caller (phone or door) and/or feel upset or intimidated, please let Trading Standards or the Police know.

You can arrange with Neighbourhood Watch or Trading Standards to make your road a No Cold-calling Zone. To do this, please speak with your NW co-ordinator, local Trading Standards Office, or your local beat officers who should be able to point you in the right direction.

If you do make an appointment, whether as a result of a cold call or not, ensure you get the details of the sales person who attends your premises. Then, should any action be required, the Police or Trading Standards are in a far stronger position to help if they have a name to report.

John Thursfield

Froyle Ladies Group

A REMINDER: On Wednesday 11th November there will be a meeting to finalise the business details 7.30 in the Village Hall. Please bring a small plate of refreshments as usual. I will sort the rest. Please think about possible charities to benefit from our funds. I have also booked the Hall and Jo Mills for Wednesday 2nd December. This year I will need the money with your booking as there will be no club funds as a back up.

Brenda Milam

Letters to the Editor

I have just read the article submitted by Ron Figgins in the parish magazine, and I am amazed that anyone could object to a flag being flown at half mast. The man hasn't committed a crime, he genuinely feels patriotic towards the sacrifice that these soldiers have given. It is typical of what is happening in our society, petty minded individuals have nothing better to do. It would serve them right if Ron threw in the towel and didn't bother with his many other activities that he does for this community.

Other countries fly flags all the year round, and are proud to do so.

Ian Jack

In the past I would have agreed with the decision to take down the flag at the village hall when flying at HALF mast. I am certainly pleased that the flag is no longer at the war memorial. However, when you see the good people of Wooton Bassett turning out over and over and over to honour the coffins of the dead I really wonder if we shouldn't show in some way that we care too.

When I see the faces of the fine young men who have given their lives so willingly and hear stories of great heroism it is very humbling.

Brenda Milam

I am writing in reply to Mr Figgins letter about the flag being flown at half mast.

Whilst out for a walk with my children on Friday the 28th of August we passed the village hall and noticed that the flag was flying at half mast. This provoked a conversation as the children were curious as to why the flag was at half mast. I replied it was due to our soldiers being killed in Afghanistan. The children asked why people were killing each other, they knew about the first and second world wars due to school and a recent family trip to Ypres in Belgium. but were not aware that soldiers were still dying today. I told them why our soldiers were in Afghanistan to which they replied 'we are lucky to have kind people who protect us'. I replied "yes we are, that is why we live in a free country and are able to walk in our lovely village and feel safe".

Maybe the Department of Media, Culture and Sport would like to take a trip to Helmand province!

Jeanette Cray

With reference to the Editor's note in the last magazine referring to the Department of Media, Culture and Sports guidance on flag flying. We wholeheartedly support Mr Figgins in his marking of the sad loss of our British soldiers, so much so that we wrote to the Department ourselves (please see their answer attached).

From: "GREEN CHRISTOPHER" <CHRISTOPHER.GREEN@Culture.gsi.gov.uk>
To:
Sent: 15 October 2009 14:45
Subject: Flags at half-mast

Thank you for your recent e-mail about whether the Union Flag can be flown at half-mast from a village hall, as a mark of respect to soldiers killed in action.

The Department for Culture, Media & Sport's guidance on flag flying relates to UK Government buildings, as the heading in the relevant section of its website states.

The information about the flying of flags at half-mast, as directed by the Sovereign or Government, refers only to Royal and National Mourning.

Local authorities, individuals and other organisations are free to fly flags at half-mast at any time they deem appropriate.

Regards,

Chris Green
Public Engagement & Recognition Unit
Department for Culture, Media & Sport

As you can see their guidance only relates to flag flying on Government buildings, as far as I am aware our Village Hall is not a Government building. Therefore, as it is such an emotive issue we suggest that the whole village should be given a say in the matter and let it be a majority decision. Most of the people we have spoken to on the subject also agree that it is a fitting way to mark our respects.

Teresa and John Ogden

Action for Children – September Collection

The annual house-to house collection raised the useful sum of £119.92. Thanks to everyone who contributed and especially our fellow collectors Maureen Fry and Ron Figgins. With some of us now living outside Froyle, it is difficult to cover the whole village, so if you were not approached and would like to give, please hand to one of the collectors who will be pleased to receive any donation.

Marion and John Cresswell
544034

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft *Tel: 01420 83240*

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Mrs.J.Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle
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Chaplain, Treloar Trust

The Rev'd. Canon Edward Pruen *Tel: 01420 23893*

Services during November

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

Remembrance Sunday 10.45 a.m. at the War Memorial, afterwards at the Church

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Church Report

Firstly, a very big thank you to all those people who helped me with the Harvest Supper. It was a great success and raised £740 for the Church. A big thank you.you.also to all those people who came along and made it such an enjoyable evening.

ST MARYS CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2pm at Froyle Village Hall

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Jean Norkett (Tel: 22591)

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

The importance of remembering is an important theme for us all in November. Perhaps the significant decrease in daylight and the beginning of the closure of the calendar year are some of the natural ways we are called to look back and remember.

Above all we need to remember that we are a country currently at war. That war in Afghanistan may seem a long way off and not affect us very much but that surely means that we should all the more try and remember our servicemen and women out there, families here at home as well as the local people and communities of Helmand Province. We need to remember the injured and those who grieve the death of loved ones.

Personally I am uneasy about the war in Afghanistan. I am not at all sure what we are doing there or why. I am fearful that as a nation we might be drawn into some kind of Vietnam. I am acutely aware that Afghanistan is a country where the British and the might of the Russian army have failed before. Above all I yearn for more information.

Yet all these doubts again make it that much more important to remember. Our communities remember this month. Please come out and support the various events and services that are being held.

With every blessing,

James

SERVICES IN FROYLE DURING NOVEMBER

Sunday November 8th Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial - meet up time 10.45am and afterwards at St Mary's

Sunday November 22nd 6.30pm Congregational Evensong

Saturday November 28th 6.30pm Choral Advent Service - led by the choir

Treloar School students teach leadership skills to HSBC

A group from HSBC, coming from different countries, recently visited Treloar School as part of their leadership-training programme. In two intensive days they worked with students to make a short film, a mini theatre production around a given theme, a plasma screen presentation and a sensory trail around Treloar School site.

The programme, organised by the local leadership training company Ambur Ltd of Haslemere, aimed to teach leadership skills in different environments by placing emerging talents in situations that are new to them.

Treloar School students enjoyed working with HSBC and took part in a role-play and imaginary characterizations to produce unique stage performances and DVD productions. The project, well integrated into the School curriculum, provided the Treloar students with a unique opportunity to demonstrate and develop their skills in communication, teamwork and working under pressure.

Chris Fallegan, a project coordinator at HSBC said: “My two days at Treloar’s have been a once in a lifetime opportunity and a very unique experience, completely different to my normal job. I really enjoyed working with the students and I am sure each of us is going to leave taking a lot of experiences back to the work place thus making us more effective.”

The HSBC group before coming to Treloar’s raised an amazing £10,000 that will go towards supporting music therapy sessions, ‘pushing the boundaries’ (Year 10 Cornwall trip) and purchasing an interactive plasma screen at the School.

Helen Dignum, Treloar School Senior teacher and project coordinator said: “We all enjoyed watching the films and productions on the final day, the results were excellent and the teams worked well together. We were sad to see them go on Friday afternoon.”



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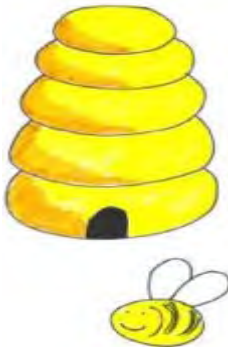
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Nigel Fisher

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Froyle Village Carol Singing

Please join us to sing some old favourites

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Tuesday 22nd December 6.30pm

Christmas Services in St Mary's

Carol Service – Sunday 20th December 6.30pm

Crib Service – Thursday 24th December 5.30pm

Midnight Mass – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December 11.00am





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From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

RNLI Meeting Place 13th November

Although it was a very wet and windy morning, we still managed to raise £194. This included £24 from the refreshments.

Annette Booth (22364)

“Stitch and Chat ”

On 4th December, the Alton “Stitch and Chat” group will be selling embroidered Christmas cards at the Meeting Place.

Do come and see what we have made!

Sarah Thursfield

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING PLACE

We do hope you will be able to join us on Friday, 18th December, any time from 10.00am until 1.00 pm (**NOTE NEW TIME**), when we shall be getting into the Christmas spirit! Once more, we shall be serving MULLED WINE, as well as our usual tea and coffee, for those who prefer it. This will be accompanied by mince pies, cakes and savouries. Music and Carol Singing are on the agenda and there will be our usual raffle as well as a visit from Santa, if he can find the time in his busy schedule.



If you are not a regular helper or cake maker and feel you would like to contribute to The Meeting Place, we would be very grateful for either a small raffle prize, or a promise of mince pies, savouries etc.

We hope you will find a few moments at this very busy time of year to pop in, along with friends or family, and share the happiness and friendship of a real village Christmas.

CAKE BAKERS FOR DECEMBER

December 4	Kate Barnden	Vivien Riley	Bea Sword
11	Ann Roberts	Anne Andrew	Jo Mills
18	<i>Any offers of sandwiches, savouries, cakes etc.</i>		



HELPERS FOR DECEMBER

December 4	Jenny Gove
11	Marian Cresswell
18	2 Willing Volunteers please



Due to Bank Holidays we shall not see you again until Friday January 8th 2010.

Annette Booth (22364)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO MEETING PLACE MUMS

Money as ever is tight at The Meeting Place and I would be grateful if you could help Santa with his presents. Perhaps you could ring me for more information, or catch me on Fridays. This really is important as I would hate any child to be disappointed on December 18th.

Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE GARDENING CLUB



The club members who braved the awful weather at our last meeting were well rewarded by Mr Gerald Ponting. His talk "A Hampshire Calendar" contained some wonderful photographs of the county of Hampshire we certainly live in a beautiful part of the country.

Our next meeting on Friday 11th December will be our AGM, as several committee members are retiring this year, including the Chairman (Brenda Milam) and Secretary (June Trim) we are desperate for new blood, if you are interested in becoming a committee member please ring June Trim on 01420 23336.

June Trim

Chapel Cottage

We are having a Blessing and Open Day on December 5th from 10 a.m. for anyone who would like to seen inside.

Maureen Fry

Fireworks

Thank you to everyone who helped make this years fireworks on the recreation ground a huge success, and made sure it ran like clockwork. The weather was especially kind to us this year which made it an even more pleasant evening.

Thank you for all your generosity on the night ensuring that the event can take place once again next year and remain free.

See you all 5th November 2010.



Jerry Saunders

Froyle Baby and Toddler Mornings Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall

We have enjoyed making Halloween hats and bonfire pictures in the past month and now we will begin to think about Christmas crafts. Alongside the popular craft tables and play dough we have some lovely toys; however we welcome feedback from anyone who joins us in the group as to what we should be planning to buy next.

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise and local parents/carers to enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee. There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Our meeting dates up to Christmas are
3rd 10th 17th December
and we will be back in the New Year
7th 14th 21st 28th January 2010.

Any questions please call Alison on 22336
or Anthea on 520134

Froyle Rainfall for October

2009	55.5 mm	2.18 in
2008	63.5 mm	2.50 in
Wettest October (1987 - wettest month ever)	226.0 mm	8.90 in
Driest October (1978)	7.0 mm	0.28 in
Long-term average for October - THE wettest month	87.9 mm	3.46 in
Cumulative January - October	5 24.5 mm	20.65 in
Long-term average January - October	610.8 mm	24.05 in

October 2009 came nowhere near matching the wettest month in recent memory in Froyle, namely the infamous October 1987; indeed, despite the first 10 days having the most rainfall since 2001 - courtesy ex-Tropical Storm Grace - yet again it was, for the 7th month out of the last 8, well below the long-term average. To put this in perspective, even if we were now to have the wettest november and December for the last 20 years, this would still only put us marginally above the average.



“The Weather Man”

BUILDER'S MARKS

A request from the Froyle Archive

If you look closely at the walls of many of the older houses and cottages in Froyle you will find odd scratchings and marks left by the builders many centuries ago. If you browse through the Froyle Archive web site you will find references to some of them, but we don't have a central point of reference - until now! Mark Carr, who lives at "Ford's Cottage" (*nowadays "The Cottage"*) in Husseys Lane, recently enquired if we had a master list of them all and it is as a result of that enquiry that we started the Builder's Marks pages, which you can view at: <http://www.froyle.com/bm.htm>

To give you an idea of the kind of mark we are looking for, the photograph on the right is of a brick in the wall of Limit Cottage facing Hussey's Lane. These marks may be initials or dates, even builders plaques, as on Aldersey Cottage and Rose Cottages, so, if you live in the village and have an older house, please have a look around both outside and inside and see if you have any such marks. They could even be on fireplaces, hearths or beams.



If you do find anything we would love a photograph, so either give us a ring, or send an email to archive@froyle.com. We are more than happy to come along, have a look and take a photograph ourselves. This project will be of great assistance in dating the houses in the village.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

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£500 lets BEAT set up two self help groups - so more sufferers, families and carers can get the support they need.

Once again thank you to everyone who was involved - we couldn't have done it without you!

Constance Barter



POPPY APPEAL 2009

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all those who contributed to the Poppy appeal. It was another record year.

We raised a staggering £1,083.81.

I would personally like to thank all the house collectors:-

Maureen Fry (welcome back to the village), Maria Jefferson, Linda Bulpitt, Jenny Gove, and Ron Figgins. Also, the trustees of Lord Mayor Treloars College, the staff of the Anchor Inn, Hen & Chicken Pub, Total petrol station, the members of the Meeting Place, the congregation of St Mary's Church.

It is amazing what this small village raises for charity.



Jamie Stewart-Smith

2009 Quiz

The quiz night has become one of the most popular events in Froyle's social calendar, and 2009 was no exception.

Many thanks to Constance Barter and all her helpers (including Lori Taylor, Jo Mills, Sarah and Simon Barter) for an excellent night. Good food and good fun, enjoyed by a sell-out crowd! See you all next year!

Mary Chaplin

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

March 6th 2010 6.00 – 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall

Come and say 'goodbye' to James Arbuthnot MP and resident of Froyle for many years, and meet Damian Hinds, the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the General Election. More details in the February issue.

Mrs Margaret Stanford

Cllr Glynis Watts

Letters to the Editor

I wish to add my support to Ron Figgins regarding the flying of the Union Flag at half mast outside the village hall as a visual act of sympathy and respect for our recent fallen in Afghanistan.

I am aware that there are a minority of residents who for some obscure reason (probably political correctness), are opposed to Ron's patriotism.

I am also aware that certain heartless morons have actually removed the flag whilst flying at half mast. This is a most cowardly and despicable act, being an insult and showing total disrespect to the memory of the fallen for whom the Union Flag was flying. Whoever was responsible is an absolute disgrace to the flag they removed.

To those of you for whom the cap fits, wear it with shame.

Jim Bellis

From the Editor

I would like to thank all those involved with the magazine for their help during the year, particularly the volunteer distributors, and the Parish Council for its financial support. Froyle is unusual in that the magazine is free and you get it whether you want it or not!

Best wishes for 2010 - keep those letters rolling in!

Nigel Fisher

The Froyle Players present:

“The Wizard of Oz”

22nd and 23rd January 2010

Full details in the January magazine

Carter

The way the evening sun was, and the way the stricken Dornier was, yawning into certain destruction on the west face of the Combe, made a shadow on me, and, in turn, on the hedgehog. It seemed a long time before the creature came out of the shadow, grunting as it lumbered along at the foot of the hedge, only ten yards away.

When the crash came the hedgehog paused briefly; then, as if considering the event of no personal moment, hurried on, intent on his original course.

I began to climb, part eager, part reluctant, towards the crest of the Down, and stopped once there to watch the people from the road running towards the wreck, a half-mile away.

My brother and I had found a kindly welcoming foster family on our arrival in Lewes in December of 1939. Maurice Carter was Head Gardener on the estate of a minor landowner and captain of industry, and though none of us then knew it, we were to live at the Gardener's Cottage for four years, with him, his wife Elsie, and their only son, who was a year younger than me. Among other things it was to offer us our first enduring encounter with squirearchy – of which more than faint echoes can be heard in rural England to this day. We were instructed to touch our caps respectfully if by chance we happened in our comings and goings to meet any of the family from the Big House. Trudging with Elsie one day through the wellington-deep snows of that winter we met the son of the House, who was unremarkable in appearance and about my own age. Mrs Carter introduced him as Master Michael, a label which failed to produce even the faintest show of deference from a Brixton boy already nursing independent leftist views. The cap remained untouched, and Mrs Carter uneasy. She was more than uneasy when we met the son of the House again at a tenants' Christmas party a few days later. Doubtless nobody greeted him with "Wotcher Mike" at preparatory school. Elsie looked more disconcerted than Her Ladyship, his mother, who said "yes, run along now", vaguely pointing at the river, possibly in her subconscious launching me out beyond Newhaven to the sea.

My faintly rebellious, socialistic tendencies, were encouraged by an instinctive rejection of Maurice Carter's total acceptance of every word of the editorials of the Daily Express. He saw that newspaper as the infallible authority on matters social, political, economic and martial. Our host read them to us aloud, verbatim, every evening, as from Scriptures. Later, when his hero, the Beaver, was appointed Minister of Aircraft Production, Maurice felt that a great light had illuminated Whitehall and those entrusted with earthly appointments. He went to work whistling that morning, murmuring "We'll be all right now" as he closed the kitchen door.

Mr Carter was, I suppose, in his early forties. He had fought with the Royal Marines in Russia, yes the Marines, yes in Russia, just after the first lot, and was still fiercely patriotic and warlike, anxious to instill a respect for cold steel in the hearts of any Germans reckless enough to display an interest in East Sussex. By July of 1940 a similar reaction was on offer to Italians. Maurice Carter's very life was renewed, his spine straightened, his fires rekindled, as a consequence of the fall of France and all that was meant by Dunkirk. It is possible that Her Ladyship's hot-house peaches felt relatively neglected, since the Local Defence Volunteers offered him a return to his true calling, his true family, a unit of fighting men. Mr Carter's experience meant that on enlistment he was given a corporal's stripes, a rifle, and ten rounds. Few volunteers were to receive any of these in the first weeks, and my foster-father warmed at the ready recognition of his qualifications. He made a fine sight as he cycled away to evening training sessions, rifle slung across his back. As he rode off, whistling still, I was able to feel sorry for any Panzer Division or parachuting nuns he might meet on his way to South Street. Truly we needed lots of Corporal Carters.

I was in the habit of wandering through the riverside fields to Offham and beyond in the summer evenings of 1940, and indeed the following three years.

At the river one evening in the spring of 1941, I was to see the other side of Maurice Carter. In the dusk, moving slowly downstream an alien shape acquired a dreadful outline as it swung, low in the water, close to the east bank. For long enough to gain conviction I was able to make out the body of a man in flying clothes, moving in the slow current towards town. I rushed to Gardener's Cottage and dragged an unconvinced Mr Carter away from his Express. I knew, absolutely knew, that this was the time for him, he would know what to do. And with much ingenuity, and the help of the cowman, and boat hooks unused since a peacetime summer, the sodden bulk was landed. Telephone calls from the Big House led to the body being taken away by the authorities. But not before I had a secret unforgettable glimpse of my fiery corporal, face wet with tears, head bowed over his hated German enemy.

Ted Crowhurst

FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW

November

1st - N. Bulpitt (72); 2nd - A. Roberts (9); 3rd - J. Ezzard (8)

Annette Booth

Treloar's student sports stars

Treloar's student sports stars celebrated their outstanding achievements at a special ceremony at Thornden School in Chandler's Ford on Thursday November 12, organised by Hampshire County Council on behalf of the Hampshire Schools Sports Federation.

Andrew Morgan and Ben McGifford represented Treloar's in the ceremony proving that hard work and determination always brings success.

Andrew Morgan was nominated in the category of Outstanding Sportsperson 2009 for making a remarkable contribution towards disabled sports, especially in boccia. He was introduced to the sport when he was only ten years old at Treloar School. From then on his hobby became a real passion and he became a member of both the Great Britain boccia squad and the England boccia squad.

Andrew received his trophy for an outstanding year in boccia and in recognition of being nominated as sportsperson for 2009 in Hampshire. He played in the Riverland Cup in Holland where he was member of the Great Britain gold medal team and an individual gold medallist in the Czech Open Championship in Prague.

The other Treloar 's sports star is Ben McGiggord nominated for the Michael May Trophy for the most significant single performance. Ben started wheelchair racing in the spring of 2008 and was nominated for his performance in the London Mini Marathon. He achieved a time of under 20 minutes for the three mile course thus beating his previous year's personal best by 8 minutes– an outstanding achievement.

Ben recently attended a UK athletics talent introduction day in Leeds, from where he has been linked up with Jenny Archer, who is coach to Dave Weir, one of Great Britain's most successful wheelchair racers of all time.

Barry Bowden, Great Britain Boccia Coach and Treloar PE teacher said: "both Andrew and Ben are talented young men with ambitions to compete at the Paralympics 2012, they are already well on the way to this and I am sure they will be in the news again!"

PS: everyone at Treloar's would like to wish to the residents of Froyle a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Antonio Cappelletti, Marketing Executive

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All,

My computer broke down recently. When I took it to the shop to be mended I was told that this was the result of a “power surge”. I immediately learnt how dependent I had become on a computer and actually how “fragile” computers are. A bit like people and the world, I suppose.

This year has seen a financial crisis and we have seen how fragile our economy has been. Wars go on and indeed Afghanistan reminds us of the fragility of world peace and the cost of life. I expect like me you have had your fair share of knocks this year. They take us by surprise and we are brought down to earth with a bump. Bereavement is particularly shocking as we miss friends and loved ones. We learn all too painfully that we too are fragile and our existence is contingent.

We come towards another Christmas and the end of another year and we see our own humanity reflected in the divine life come down to us. In the baby Jesus we see no “power surge” save only the true power that is made real for us in earthly, bodily love (not the false, fantasy, sentimental sort we easily tend to take for genuine love). In the feeding stall for animals (the manger) we see the fragility of God’s own love made known to us.

The amazing gift of all this Christmas time is that it is this fragile love made known in Jesus that is all that matters at the end of the day. We can in grace put aside our fears and anxieties and our self and ADORE...if we choose to...

I would like to wish everybody in Froyle a very happy Christmas and New Year.

With every blessing,

James

St Mary's Church Notes

Vicar

The Reverend James Croft

Tel: 01420 83240

Churchwarden

Mrs.J.Dundas Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle

Tel: 01420 520279



Services during December

First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

Special Services in December

Sunday 20th

Carol Service 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Crib Service 5.30 p.m.

Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Family Service 11.00 p.m.

Church Report

As Christmas nears, please do feel free to come along to any of the special services we are holding to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Jenny Dundas the churchwarden has applied for a Faculty for the new cabinet in Clive Barter's name, to be installed at the rear of the Church. Draft plans are in hand. The memorial fund now stands at over £8,000 with £1,288 having been collected at the funeral and a further £6,700 raised by the sponsored walk.

Jean Norkett

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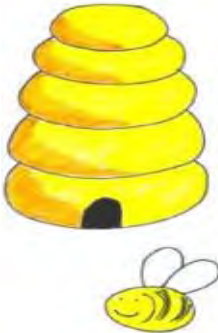
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Nigel Fisher

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