A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and cross-hatching for shading. It shows the River Test flowing through the village, with several mills and inns marked. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is printed in a large, serif font across the top half of the map. Below the title, the date 'JANUARY 2017' and issue number 'No: 428' are printed in a smaller, serif font. The map includes labels for 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', 'Falling Mill', 'Brockhurst', and 'Cohtry'. A road number '327' is also visible on the right side.

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For Froyle businesses £3.50+VAT/month for advertisements of **up to half a page**.

For non-Froyle businesses: £5+VAT/month for **up to half a page**.

For both residents and non residents: £10 +VAT/month for **a full page and £5 for a third of a page in the inside covers**.

All advertising must be requested and paid for through the Parish Clerk at
froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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

Email: froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

The Froyle Parish Council has decided to hold any news over until next month but, in the meantime, would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents for their continued support throughout 2016 and to wish everyone good fortune in 2017.

At the same time, the Magazine's Editorial team would like to express its gratitude to the PC for its continued support. Whilst advertising goes a long way to offsetting the production costs, there remains a financing gap. Not only does the PC fill this unwaveringly but also gives us unfettered editorial independence. Furthermore, we continue to take comfort in the knowledge that, for the foreseeable future, there is no prospect of the Magazine being anything other than free to all households in Froyle.

We hope that you have liked the small changes and new items that have appeared over the last 12 months, such as publishing an increased number of photographs of Village life, the extracts from the Froyle Archive and the "I was there..." Column. During 2017, we will continue to look at ways of further improving the quality and variety, whilst still providing information on past and future events. But any ideas, requests, criticisms or just general comments anybody would like to make, do please get in touch on magazine@froyle.com. We do have regular editorial meetings - all right, admittedly in the pub - but nevertheless, all contributions, comments and ideas really do get discussed in depth between pints, so we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, our job of editing the Magazine, despite the odd frustration, is ultimately satisfying because we do eventually get to see the physical fruits of our labours. But there they would stay were it not for the unstinting efforts of our distributor team, which tend to go unnoticed until, very rarely, something goes awry. So, at this time of goodwill, could we take this opportunity to thank them all, particularly Jane Macnabb, for their hard work, and not forgetting Chris Booth, who puts the whole thing seamlessly on to the website; we really couldn't do this without you.

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

The Editors



Bookings: Jo Mills

01420 22384

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter. (@froylevhall)

PLEASE NOTE:

**THE FROYLE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM 3rd - 15th JANUARY, 2017**

**WHILST THE FLOOR IS BEING REFURBISHED
AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY.**

**IT WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN
FROM 20th - 23rd FEBRUARY, 2017
FOR RE-DECORATING.**

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Defibrillator

If you have been past the village hall recently, you may have spotted an illuminated green and yellow box projecting from the wall. Froyle now has its own AED or automated external defibrillator. Inside is **a very clever piece of electronic kit which can be used to diagnose and correctly treat someone who has suffered a heart attack..** Of course we very much hope it will never be necessary to use the defibrillator but its very presence will be a comfort to many.

In an emergency the first thing to do is always to ring 999 and give your location. You will then be given the code to open the cabinet. As mobile reception around the hall is not always good we will take advice on making sure that a number of residents, including all village hall committee members, are aware of the code.

The device is designed to be used by an untrained person as the system provides audible instructions but, at the time of writing, the Village Hall Committee is arranging to undergo basic training with the ambulance service. More training can be provided if other residents are interested.

The cost of the purchasing the defibrillator has been c£3,000, jointly funded by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. We are grateful to our district councillor Glynis Watts who has contributed a grant of £700. Thanks also to David Andrews who installed the system.

Village Hall Refurbishment

The village hall will be closed for the first two weeks of the New Year, reopening on Monday 16th January with a fully refurbished floor. It will then close again between 20th and 23rd February for redecoration. We are not neglecting the outside either and you will notice we have now replaced all the gutters and down pipes which were showing their age. All this maintenance is expensive so I very much hope as many residents as possible, old and new, will support **our fund raising 'Film Night' on Friday 27th January and 'Race Night' on Saturday 11th February.** If the past is anything to go by, they will both be great evenings! (See pages 7 and 8 for further details).

Finally, if you have thoughts, suggestions or ideas about the hall, do please let me know. Froyle Village Hall is a registered charity set up to provide, manage and maintain a community hall for all the residents of the parish of Froyle. It is run by a Committee of trustees who are elected each year in April at an Annual General Meeting; on behalf of them all, may I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Nick Whines (Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall)

All the fun of the St Mary's Church



Well, it was different, wasn't it? And there was lots of interesting 'stuff' to buy, lovely refreshments and a warm and hospitable atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Deli and Gifts stalls and those who came, helped and supported us. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we and the team did. And what a

Christmas Fair, 3rd December 2016



team! – thank you Caroline, Jan, Jane, Julie, Karen, and William (and ‘PJ’, our dog biscuit taster). The team will now focus on the programme for 2017. We’re sure you’ll enjoy what we have planned.

Nigel and Linda Bulpitt

Froyle 100 Club Results

For November 2016

1st Janet Dobson 2nd Jill McKenzie
3rd Jennifer Evans 4th Anne Andrew

...and December 2016

1st Caroline Findlay 2nd Annette Booth
3rd Maisie Pritchard 4th David Robertson

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles

...AND TO ALL *NON-* MEMBERS OF THE FROYLE 100 CLUB.....

...especially new residents: Do you know about the Froyle 100 Club..?

1. Any adult resident of Froyle can join – the more members we have, the more money we raise for the Froyle Village Hall, and the more cash we hand out in prize money at each monthly draw.
2. We have well over 100 members, and it would be really wonderful if everyone in Froyle joined. Membership costs £12 per year, and is renewed as from 1st January each year, so now is the best time to join!
3. Upon joining, you are assigned a number and entered in the draw made at the Meeting Place in the Froyle Village Hall on the first Friday of each month (no need to be present to win).
4. We pay out half our takings in prize money - a pretty good bet - with the balance going to the village hall. Each month in 2016 there have been four prizes, with a top prize of £30.
5. You can subscribe in cash or by annual standing order. Just contact me, William Knowles, by telephone (23164 or 07775 928933) or email: wbk@wbknowles.com, preferably before the end of 2016 – the first draw for 2017 takes place on 6th January!



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



'ABOUT TIME'

Starring
Bill Nighy and Rachel Adams

Directed by
Richard Curtis
Creator of Love Actually and
Four Weddings and a Funeral

Friday 27th January 2017

About Time is a 2013 British romantic comedy-drama film.

At the age of 21, Tim discovers he can travel in time and change what happens and has happened in his own life.

His decision to make his world a better place by getting a girlfriend turns out not to be as easy as you might think.

Rated - R

Froyle Village Hall

Doors open 7 p.m.
Film starts 7.30 p.m.

Price = £8.00
(payment in advance would be appreciated)

includes a sausage bap
(to be available before the film starts)

Pay Bar available

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:
Karen Potter (520294) or Jo Mills (22384)**

FROYLE RACE NIGHT

An evening of fun!



SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY
GATES OPEN 7.00pm
FIRST RACE 7.30pm

At the Froyle Village Hall

TICKETS £8 PER HEAD, WHICH INCLUDES SUPPER.

WINE AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE DURING THE EVENING.
BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR BETTING.

HOW THE EVENING WORKS:

- * WE WILL BE SHOWING EIGHT FILMS OF ACTUAL HORSE RACES, EACH WITH EIGHT NUMBERED HORSES.
- * PLACE A BET (MINIMUM £1) AT THE TOTE TABLE ON WHICHEVER HORSE YOU THINK WILL WIN THE RACE.
- * YOU CAN BET ON AS MANY HORSES AS YOU LIKE.
- * YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET FOR EACH BET. HOLD ON TO THIS, YOU WILL NEED THIS TO CLAIM YOUR WINNINGS!
- * WHEN ALL BETS HAVE BEEN PLACED THE RACE WILL BE SHOWN.
- * IF THE HORSE THAT YOU BET ON IS THE WINNER, COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS FROM THE TOTE TABLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A RACE (OFFERS INVITED) AND/OR BUY AND NAME A HORSE (£2 EACH) PLEASE ASK HEAD STABLE GIRL JO MILLS FOR DETAILS. IF YOU BUY A HORSE AND IT WINS ITS RACE YOU WILL WIN A PRIZE!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JO MILLS 22384 or joannamills@yahoo.com
DEADLINE: MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY.



HAPPY RACING!



The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place continues every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30 am - 12 noon. If you are new to the Village or have an hour to spare, do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation.

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers etc.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETING PLACE
ON 6th AND 13th JANUARY WHILE THE VILLAGE HALL FLOOR IS
BEING REFURBISHED**

Cake Bakers for January.

Jan 20 Bea Sword	Nelle Pratt	Sue Lelliott	Corinna Whines.
27 Kay Pogson	Alison Pincot	Jo Mills	Sarah English.

Kitchen helpers for January

Jan 20 Elizabeth Sealy	Jack Watts.
27 Kay Pogson	Margaret Stanford.

If you need to swap dates, please contact the helper direct to arrange this. If you could please be at Village Hall around 10.00am we would be grateful..

IT IS AN ENORMOUS HELP TO BE TOLD WHAT YOU ARE BAKING EACH WEEK TO AVOID DUPLICATION. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE VERY GRATEFUL IF ALL THE CAKE BAKERS COULD LET US KNOW WHAT THEY ARE BAKING A COUPLE OF DAYS IN ADVANCE.

**MANY THANKS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.**

*Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com
Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com*



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

The A G M was held on Friday 9th December and was quite well attended. Thankfully we now have Jim Bellis as a new committee member but unfortunately we made a loss last year so we must try harder to find ways of covering our expenses. We are going to try to advertise the club and its activities to a wider audience. We are of course delighted to welcome new residents to Froyle to join us.

**On January 21st we will have our New Years party at lunch time,
12.30 for 1.00 pm at the Village Hall.**

**There will be the usual wonderful feast and quizzes, all for only £5.
Tickets available from Mollie Court on 23141.**

This would be a good time to come and meet us .

Brenda Milam



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a dolls house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017 EVERYONE !!!!

*Please note that due to the floor being refurbished, the Village Hall is closed for a couple of weeks so
there will be no toddler group until Thursday 19th January, 2017.*

Do join us then for lots of playing and running on the new floor

January meetings in the Village Hall are on Thursdays 19th and 26th.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun-filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Froyle Poppy Appeal

Thank you all for your very generous contributions to this year Royal British Legion Poppy appeal, for which we raised :

£1, 335.12



I would particularly like to thank the house collectors who do raise the majority of the funds, **Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Linda Bulpitt, Mark Cray and Ron Figgins.**

My sincere thanks also go to the local businesses who support this great cause, namely **the BP Petrol Station, the Hen & Chicken Inn, the Anchor Inn, Froyle Park and Froyle Church.**

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

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

(John McCrae)

(Jamie Stewart-Smith)

Bentley CE Primary School News from the Autumn Term

This term is always a busy one with lots going on. By Christmas it seems hard to remember that in September everyone felt very new as staff changed year groups and children ‘moved up’ or joined the school as a new pupil. Four months is a very long time in ‘school time’ and we have certainly packed a lot in! Here are a few highlights mentioned by the staff and children as they looked back over the term.

“In September we had a team of painters on site to repaint the outside of the school. We made the decision to have the bright yellow sections repainted in a more 21st century grey but the royal blue areas still remain. We think they did a great job and the school looks really smart again. Whilst the Hampshire county painters were on site we had an INSET day and several brave staff were given a treat to have a turn on the cherry picker! We took some great pictures of the school which looked a little different from above”.
Mr Simon Cottam, Finance Officer

“Lots of people learn to play different musical instruments at our school. All sorts like the piano, flute and violin and recorder. My favourite day this term was doing the Rock Steady concert. My group were practising for a long, long time – all term actually and now we are much better. I play the guitar!”
Will Day, Rock Steady member, Year 2

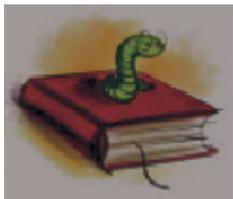
“One of my favourite days this term was going to Basingstoke to represent our school. Both me and Rose were chosen from all the Junior pupils to be our school Juniors Road Safety Officers and we attended a conference. That meant we went along and talked to lots of other children from different schools all about Road Safety. We have brought back our ideas to share with Bentley pupils to help people to make good decisions when they are out and about”
Henry Driver, JRSO, Year 5

“We have done a lot of brilliant things at school this term like going to the Houses of Parliament, studying Harry Potter and visiting Jenkyn Place and seeing what was behind the old wall! One of my most fun experiences is being a member of Science Club where we take part in lots of different types of projects and meet lots of interesting people who use Science in their work. One day we had a Robot War like they have on television. It was a lot of fun! My robot was not so lucky!”
Evie Kennett, Year 6

“It has been really good this term because my brother joined Bentley Primary too. I like having him in school and what is also good is that now at lunchtime we all mix up so we get to play together then too. At playtimes we still have Infant and Junior breaks which is good too because then you can play with people in your class or do things that

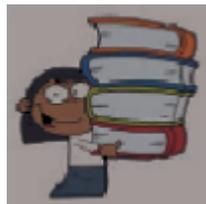
the older or younger children don't want to do so much. I love having my brother here with me”
Jasmine Annible, Year 4





Medicine for the Soul

Book Review
A Village Called Sin
by Guy Bellamy



Guy Bellamy, who died in 2015, was a local author who lived most of his life in Farnham. Rumour has it that he was known to sit in local hostelrys listening to the regulars to get ideas for his mainly humorous novels. Where he was visiting to get the idea for *A Village Called Sin* published in 1991 is anyone's guess.

The story is based in the fictional Compton Sinbury, an idyllic village off the M3. The story involves a number of characters who may or may not reflect the life of any village in the early 90's, the city trader who commutes daily, his wife whose drink problem is well-known and the Vicar and his attractive sister whose nudity on the lawn of the vicarage is also well-known. Then there is the property developer whose relationship with the local council is also well-known. Finally the local reporter whose doesn't know a secret that most of the other villagers know.

This is a novel that is not to be taken seriously, it is fun and, if any of the characters bears any likeness to anyone you know, that would best be kept to yourself.

Ian Whitmore



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 8th January

from

3.30 - 5.30pm

In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village

for a time of

Fun, crafts, celebration & food

All are invited - young & old alike, adults, children,
teenagers, carers, grandparents, come as friends, families or partners, or
come on your own,
everyone is welcome.

If you are a child you will need to bring an adult with you.

Just come !

Entrance free

Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861

messychurch@benbinfro.org



Better Balance

After the Christmas break we meet on
Wednesday 18th January to loosen up again!
2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Then the following dates up to Easter:

February 8th, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & April 5th

If you would like to join the class contact Sue 22603

Do you want to learn more about using your iPad or tablet? or smartphone or laptop? **Age Concern Hampshire runs computer classes for ages 50+, with one-to-one tuition at the Rosefield Day Centre, Odiham Cottage Hospital. The next session starts on 11th January** for an hour on Wednesday mornings, for up to 8 weeks. Why not call 01252 843639 now to enrol? £4.50 per class.

Madeleine Black, Village Agent for Age Concern, Hampshire, 23371
ACH Information and Advice line 10am-3pm Mon-Fri: 0800 328 7154
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk>

We have been asked to reprint this piece from the November 2014 edition of the magazine because, amazingly, it is still going on - we can only presume that our readers are not the guilty parties...

...and a Special Plea to all Dog Walkers

Bags of dog poo are being thrown onto the verge along Hussey's Lane. We recently cleared the verge and we had no less than 30 bags, some of which were in the drain/run offs.

This is a disgusting habit - and a vile desecration of the countryside. Please take it home with you and put it with your *own* rubbish or in a dog poo collection bin. What is the point in picking it up and then anti-socially dropping it by the side of the road? In the case of Hussey's Lane, it might block the drainage ditch and culvert, or end up floating in the pond and possibly poisoning the ducks, etc. Please will all be on the alert to spot and identify anyone doing this.

Residents of Hussey's Lane

January News from The Froyle Archive



On November 27th 2016, there were big changes at Sylvesters when the two Scots Pines were cut down due to safety concerns. A fungus, *phaeolus schweinitzii*, which causes rot on the roots, had been discovered, and this put both houses at risk from the trees, which could fall without warning.

The trees, whose Latin name is, interestingly, “*Pinus sylvestris*”, were quite old, as the photographs below show. They can live to between 150 and 300 years old..

A persistent theme in the folklore of Scots Pine is their use as markers in the landscape. In the Highlands there is a recurrent theme that they were used to mark burial places of warriors, heroes and chieftains. In areas further south, where the sight of Scots Pine may have been more unusual and their use would have stood out more, they can be seen to mark ancient cairns, trackways and crossroads. In England they were commonly used to mark not only the drove roads themselves, but also the perimeters of meadows on which

passing drovers and their herds could spend the night. There is also the possibly more fanciful suggestion that Scots Pines were planted in England by Jacobite farmers or sympathisers.

“Sylvesters” in its present shape dates back to 1674, which is right in the Jacobite ‘era’, so could the trees have replaced originals planted around that time, and given their name to the house? We shall probably never know!

The photograph below, left, from the Sale Catalogue of the Froyle Estate in 1915, shows that the trees were pretty tall then, while the other picture, taken in the 1880s, shows the Knight family outside “Sylvesters”, with one of the trees just visible to the left, which is still some considerable height. In fact, they seem to have not grown much more in the past 100 years!

Prompted by this event we will hopefully find out some more about this strange connection with the past.

Chris & Annette Booth





I was there...

The day we got our first TV!



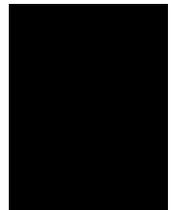
I can vividly recall being age eleven and the awe and excitement that followed for my younger brother and I on the day my father came home with our first television.

It was in the run up to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. My mother was most keen to travel to London from our home in Yorkshire in order to experience the excitement and be a part of the crowd celebrating such an historic occasion. Given that my father was busy working and we lived a considerable distance away, she was however naturally disappointed to be constrained by having to look after my brother and I.

Determined not to completely miss out on such a momentous royal event my mother persuaded my father to buy a television for us all to enjoy the Coronation on screen instead. I can recall being impressed at my mother's manipulative powers. Given the long run up to the day itself mother had a good lead time to start sowing the seed so persuasively in a period when there was certainly not a great deal of disposable income and a television was a considerable cost. I suspect the fact that the TV arrived just ahead of the Grand National, prior to the Coronation might have had something to do with it!

(Christopher L)

**Have *you* got a similar story?
If so, why not let the Village know about it?
Just put it in an email to
magazine@froyle.com
We'd all love to hear it...!**



SPEEDWATCH – after a year...

As most of you will have noticed, over the last 12 months or so, we have been conducting sessions using the Speedwatch kit borrowed from the Alton Police. We have done these outside the Village Hall, by Park Lane, and outside Brocas Farm and Manderley and **the good news is that we do appear to have been having an effect.** However, we are unable to recommend anything – by way of initiating a more permanent solution – for the moment until the East Hants Traffic Management Department of the County Council comes back to us – we have been waiting on them since May!. So until we hear, some interesting and useful facts that we have gleaned from our sessions:

- Froyle Road carries more (through) traffic than Ryebidge Lane;
- Afternoons are mostly busier than mornings;
- The Village Hall in percentage terms has more notifiable speedsters than elsewhere – because the road there is wider perhaps?
- Overall speeding appears to be a morning problem – hurrying to work/school run, maybe?
- It would appear that there has been a reduction, depending on the time and location, in the numbers speeding excessively; this was particularly marked at the Village Hall and outside Brocas.
- Bare numbers suggest that, whilst the number of motorists exceeding 35mph has halved to around 7% currently, those doing between 31 and 35mph has also come down, but is still around the 20% mark.

All this data has been put together by our intrepid leader Gordon Mitchell, to whom we are extremely grateful.

PS As we have said before, we would greatly appreciate any more who would like to join us; please contact Gordon, for further details on champersg@hotmail.com

“Nipper of the Woodyard”

Lent Lunches 2017

Our Lent lunches **start on Ash Wednesday,**
which this year is on March 1st.

Each lunch comprises home-made soup, bread and cheese, to which all are welcome; donations go to the charity chosen by the hostess.

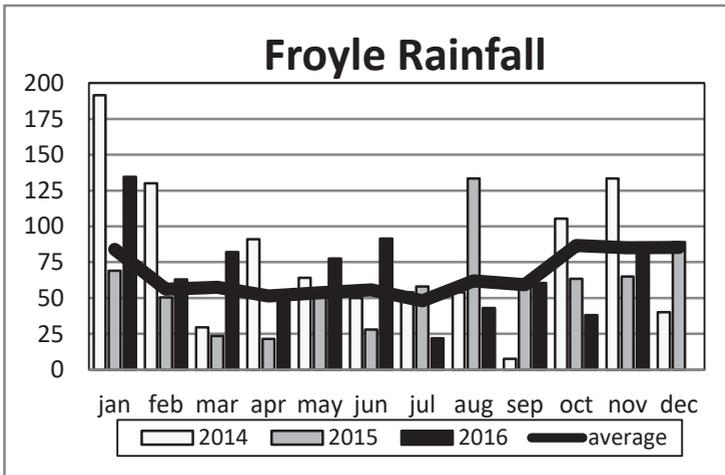
The lunches are from **12.30 to 2.00 pm**, and further details of venues will be in the next Magazine.

If anyone needs a lift, would like to offer a lift, or has any queries, please call Jenny Gove on 23697.



Froyle Rainfall for November 2016

This year	87 mm	3.4 ins
Last year	65 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest November (2009)	198.5 mm	7.8 ins
Driest November (1978)	18 mm	0.7 ins
November long-term average– the 3rd wettest month	84.9 mm	3.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	661.5 mm	26 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	699.2 mm	27.5 ins



A pretty average month towards the end of what is increasingly looking like a pretty average year, and of course all the while it has remained un-seasonally warm, with the leaves still firmly on the trees. So, turning to The Old Farmers Almanac for guidance, it states that “Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.” And going back somewhat further into the Dark Ages, according to ancient weather lore: “If leaves fall not by Martinmas Day, a cruel winter’s on its way.” So don’t say you haven’t been warned...!



“The Umbrella Man”

Which Wine with Which Food?

an update



Just to remind you this evening of good wine, food and informative conversation is still very much on the cards for a Friday or Saturday late February, early March, in the Village Hall, but final date TBC.

Guy Nightingale of Louis Latour has indicated that he would be delighted to host the event, which is excellent news.

But it's sad that we will be without his advice for our Christmas and New Year dining. In the meantime, you could do a lot worse than pick up a bottle of **Estevez Chilean Pinot Noir from, you guessed it, Aldi, for an unbelievable £4.79** - it should go really well with your turkey...



David and Susie Robertson (520820)

The Alton branch of the U3A

wishes all the members an intellectual and stimulating New Year
and invites members to
**start the year with
an amusing look at CHEESE.**

John Pearson has been an International cheese judge and has visited dairies all over Europe (for M & S). He will tell of hilarious and sometimes embarrassing encounters with suppliers.

Entitled "**Blessed are the Cheesemakers**", his talk will educate and entertain.
There will also be a cheese tasting.

It will take place on **January 20th 2017**
at the Alton Community Centre
at 2.00pm.
All are welcome.

From time to time we receive accounts from Froyle residents of their various trips and excursions both far and near which we are more than happy to publish.

We are therefore delighted to reproduce this account of Jamie Stewart-Smith's walk to the First World War battle sites in October this year.

Army Benevolent Fund Frontline Walk 2016

From 6th to 8th October with two great friends we walked 100kms along the old British Frontline to raise monies for the Army Benevolent Fund. Thanks to your generous contributions we managed to raise a staggering £15,000 between the three of us and nearly £2000,000 as a group.

We set off from Wellington Barracks Wednesday morning some 97 strong and arrived in Arras late afternoon. Our party included Andy, a remarkable young man who lost two legs and his right arm in Afghanistan a few years ago. The Charity has helped him and his family enormously. Each of the following 3 days saw us assemble at 0600 for a fortifying breakfast followed by a coach ride to our starting point.

On day one our 38km walk got underway from Lochnagar Crater, the largest mine crater which contained 60 tons of explosive and was detonated on 1st July 2016, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Some 21 km later we arrived at the iconic Thiepval Memorial. This was my third visit and it was as moving as before. Should you not have visited this memorial ,which bears the names of some 72,000 soldiers of the British Armies who have no known grave, I urge you to do so. That afternoon we walked to The Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial and then on to The Sunken Lane, passing the Memorial to the Accrington Pals and ending at Gommecourt Wood Military Cemetery.

Our second day started at Neuville Saint Vaast, the largest German cemetery in France containing almost 45,000 graves, including 129 headstones for Jewish soldiers who fell fighting for Germany. We visited a great number of cemeteries over the trip and lunch was at Notre Dame de Lorette, the largest French military cemetery. The recently completed Ring of Remembrance lists the names of those who fell in that area, including 5 with whom I share my surname. So I now have some research to do! The walk on the second day was 37km and ended at Vimy Ridge, the site of the magnificent memorial to all Canadians who served during WW1.

On Saturday we left Arras for Belgium and began our walk from Ploegsteert Cemetery. As you may know, Churchill served here in the first war with the 6th Royal Scots Fusiliers. Later in the morning we passed the Khaki Chums 1914 Christmas Truce Memorial, shortly followed by the New Zealand Messines Ridge Memorial and the Spanbroekmolen Mine Crater, usually referred to as the Pool of Peace. In the afternoon we passed several more cemeteries over our walk towards Ypres and our penultimate stop was Caterpillar Crater and the Hill 60 Preserved Battlefield. From there we walked in procession to the Menin Gate, attracting much encouragement and

applause from locals and tourists alike. Visiting The Menin Gate and attending the ceremony, which takes place every night at 2000, is in my opinion a 'must do' and no one can fail to be moved by spending some time perusing the names of some 55,000 men who died between 1914 and August 1917, whose remains were never found. As I mentioned previously, I did this walk with two close friends, one of whom was given the honour of laying a wreath at the ceremony on Saturday evening in front of a crowd which must have exceeded 2000.

In some regards the 102 km walk was demanding and quite a few succumbed to blisters, fatigue etc but most of us completed the challenge with pride. We were accompanied throughout by a military historian who has an encyclopedic knowledge of WW1. As you will have gathered, I have visited many WW1 sites over the last few years but one thing I have taken from this walk is a greater understanding of the suffering of so many people who gave their lives for their country, the most appalling conditions, the carnage and in many respects the futility. I can tell you, this was a most humbling experience and it makes one realise just how much one has to be grateful for.



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Happy New Year to you and yours!

2017 has arrived and once again we find ourselves wondering where 2016 went. And some of us may well once again be reflecting on last year's broken New Year's resolutions. But last year's disappointment will be put well and truly behind once more as once again we resolve to lose weight, get fit, be kinder to our neighbours, etc. We will no doubt be determined to fix our shortcomings and areas of failure... once again.

Christmas reminded us that it was to a world of failed hope that Jesus came. In other words, God comes to us as we are – however well disciplined (or not!) we may be, full of grace and truth.

As one who was without fault, His presence highlighted people's failures and shortcomings, as well as their strengths. But his presence also changed people and continues to do so. His presence can renew us, redeem us and transform us. Christ reveals to us our inner selves. But he also shows how we can be saved. It may take a long time to receive the saving power of Christ. It may be a troublesome journey with highs and lows. We may be distracted on the way. But Christ will not leave us alone, however hard our personal journey may be. And in the end we will come into the fullness of his presence and know that the only response is gratitude and praise.

So at the beginning of this New Year which, no doubt, will may bring with it troubles and sorrows, as well, of course, as joys and delights, let us resolve to keep our eyes turned to Christ. He brings real hope to a struggling humanity, to a struggling world and he brings it to our own personal struggles so that we may be saved by his loving, penetrating and transforming presence.

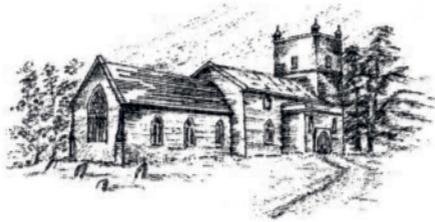
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***Blessings,
Yann***

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Sunday 1st January	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service
Sunday 8th January	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 15th January	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd January	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
	9.30am	Bentley	HC and Children's Church
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th January	11.00am	Froyle	Joint Benefice Service



**The Salvation Army Band will be joining us for
Songs of Praise on Sunday 26th February at 4.00p.m.**

We would like you to suggest your favourite hymns so that the most popular will be included in this Service. There will be lists for you to add your selection at the Meeting Place and in the Church.

Choices must be made by the beginning of January.

(Gill Bradley)



**Froyle Good Neighbours
Seasons Greetings from The Froyle Good
Neighbours Scheme.**

We have been running for three years now and this is a timely reminder to those who know of us and may even have used us and an introduction to those new residents of Froyle who have not heard of us. **All residents of Froyle can phone a number and get help with any small emergencies that may arise. The help includes simple repairs/DIY, help with shopping and gardening, snow clearance and short-term help with pets.** The help will be provided by our band of volunteers who should be able to solve most problems. When it is not possible for us to do this, because the problem involves approved trades such as plumbing and electricians, we will put the client in touch with local trades people who can provide their services. The Scheme is meant to provide short-term assistance for those residents that cannot help themselves and in this season of (supposedly) inclement weather we may prove to be a lifeline!

Our primary contact is Linda Hagan-Wilkie, on 01420 520292. Should Linda be unavailable, please call Gill Bradley: 01420 520484, Karen Potter: 01420 520294 or John Sexton: 01420 520098/07885 620011.

(John Sexton, Chairman)

On Wednesday 18th January 2017,

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8 <i>11.00 HC</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>11.00 HC</i>	16 <i>FVH re-opens today</i>	17	18 <i>2.30 Better Balance FVH</i>	19 <i>9.45 Toddlers & Babies FVH</i>	20 <i>9.30 Meeting Place Magazine deadline</i>	21 <i>12.30 Gardening Club New Year party FVH</i>
22 <i>6.30 Evensong</i>	23	24	25	19 <i>9.45 Toddlers & Babies FVH</i>	27 <i>9.30 Meeting Place 7.00 pm Film Night FVH</i>	28
29 <i>11.00 Joint Benefice Service</i>	30	31				

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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting

Monday 17th January, 2017

1. **New Year**

Our first meeting in the New Year, and we were welcomed into the VH by the distinct smell of something new on the floor! The Village Hall committee are to be congratulated and thanked for their attention to maintaining the Hall. The floor looks impressive.

2. **Planning Matters**

Froyle Park ('FP') The EHDC investigation is continuing. The FPC have been informed that news of the investigation (whether the FP Hotel is, with its wedding venue business, exceeding what may be permitted under its C1 planning licence) will be received by FPC after EHDC has had a meeting with Counsel (due 17th January). Having no specific comments to date the committee is to write for an update. Further EHDC, in early December, pressed FP to update its traffic management (referred to as "condition 8") in the light of the car park permission. EHDC have yet to reply, and will be chased up on both these matters.

Gid Lane FPC have notified Hampshire County Council of FPC's concern over the proposed increase in use of Gid Lane by guests of Froyle Park. HCC have responded that the FP proposals "would contribute to a reduction of trips on the local road network when compared to previous use (*in Treloar days*), thus the proposed use of Gid Lane is deemed acceptable". FPC have asked HCC to reconsider.

Both the 'Froyle Park' and 'Gid Lane' matters were discussed by FPC members at a recent meeting with Damian Hinds MP.

Froyle House The earlier application to convert three flats in the main body of the "White House" into six flats has been revised to now convert from three to five flats. The FPC's objections (including adequacy of parking, access to the site, that the plans attaching to the application were incorrect, and the unsustainable amount of development which has now taken place in Upper Froyle) are being resubmitted.

FPC News and Views (continued)

3. **Village Magazine Advertising charges**

It was agreed to leave the current charges for advertising in the village magazine as they are.

4. **Finance**

The FPC reviewed the 2017/18 draft budget and agreed to apply for a 3% increase to its annual precept (for 2016/17 this has been £21,962).

5. **Village Recreation Ground / Play Area**

The FPC is shortly to receive quotes with which to look at the refurbishment of the play area. It is hoped we will be able to consider replacing some of the older play equipment and also as to what surface may be better for the area. More to follow. Any special requests or ideas – please email froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

6. **The Police and Crime Commissioner – Rural Communities Matter Conferences**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Michael Lane, will be holding five conferences in February to enable people to give their views on rural crime. The discussion will also be to help set future priorities for a new rural crime strategy. Conference dates and venues, and details to book, are at www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/events

7. **Wey Valley Radio**

The FPC have contributed funding to this project to be a local radio for Alton and the surrounding area. It is expected that broadcasting will commence within two years. See more at www.weyvalleyradio.uk

8. **“Cold Callers”**

HCC Trading Standard Services are reminding residents to be alert to cold callers. Residents are advised NOT to rely on identity cards as a way of telling if the caller is genuine.

The FPC were shocked at reports of a cold caller (apparently genuine) calling after dark – so please beware. See also at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th March 2017, at 7.30pm.



Bookings: Jo Mills

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Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter. (@froylevhall)

Froyle !00 Club Results

The winners for January were

1st - Caroline Findlay 2nd - Gordon Mitchell

3rd - Maureen Fry 4th - Andrew Pritchard

HOWEVER, Caroline, having now won first prize two months in succession (yes!

She won first prize in December - what are the chances of that...?), has

nobly declined the January prize, and THERE WILL NOW BE AN
ADDITIONAL FIRST

PRIZE AWARDED IN THE FEBRUARY DRAW...

William Knowles

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

A major refurbishment of the hall floor has been completed: the floor has been sanded down, cleaned and many layers of lacquer applied. Redecoration of the walls will follow next month. **Can I ask all hall users to help look after the floor by avoiding walking in mud and grit or by dragging furniture. Please mop up any spillages immediately and only use 'Sportsclean' at the correct dilution, which you will find in the kitchen store cupboard.** This is the detergent recommended by Granwood the company which supplied the original floor and who have now carried out the resurfacing. While the floor is tough it copes badly if sticky tape is used on it. **We have therefore provided masking tape which will not damage the floor. Please only use this.**

Can I thank those members of the committee who manhandled the piano and the bar billiards table, back into position and who refitted the double doors without a single scratch on the floor. In fact it is important to note that the success of the hall depends completely on a dedicated and hardworking band of supporters.

The Granwood block out of which the floor is made was invented in 1912 by a Derbyshire builder who wanted a flooring material which had the warmth of wood but without the tendency to split or shrink. The original blocks were made of much compressed cement and sawdust which were then saturated in linseed oil. After being allowed to 'mature' the blocks are completely stable and very robust. Today the blocks are exported to at least 50 countries. 70% of indoor sport is played on Granwood floors. And Granwood floors have been known to survive fire and flood requiring only sanding and resealing to bring them back to life. So when the hall was built in the early 1980s, the decision by the then committee to install a Granwood floor was a good one from which we still benefit.

I very much hope you enjoyed the Froyle Film Night presentation of 'About time' on 27 January. Let me know if you have suggestions for our next film.

Looking forward, Saturday 11 February sees another Froyle Race Night which I very much hope you will support. It's always fun. The supper will be excellent. The natives are friendly. And if you don't back a winner you will still be doing your bit to support the hall. Tickets from Jo Mills on 22384 or joannamills@yahoo.com .

Village Hall News (continued)

Christmas already seems a long time ago but we should note an enjoyable carol sing round the Christmas tree. Thanks are due to Nigel Southern who led the singing and Jane Palmer who provided the accompaniment. June Trim who baked the mince pies and Susie Robertson who brewed the mulled cider.

Nick Whines (Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall)



A really big thank you to all those who arranged the splendid party at the Christmas Meeting Place which was enjoyed by young and old alike.. It was such an enjoyable event.

Ann Roberts



Talk: Butterflies of Hampshire

**Thursday 23rd Feb 2017 at 7.30pm, Froyle Village Hall
(door open at 7pm)**

This month we are delighted to welcome Dr Andy Barker of the charity 'Butterfly Conservation' www.butterfly-conservation.org as our first speaker of 2017.

There are 45 species of butterfly which can be seen in Hampshire and Andy will especially highlight those found in our local area (Froyle, East and North East Hampshire) and give us tips on identification. We'll also hear of important habitats such as woodland, chalk downland and heathland which sustain many of the less common species. So forget the winter for a while, come along and be inspired to seek out some of these fascinating and sometimes elusive insects.

All welcome, members £2, non members £3, children free, Refreshments



Brimstone Butterfly

The complete programme of events will be published in the March magazine - lots more to look forward to!

It's been a curious last few months in the natural world with autumn reluctant to give way to winter. Some butterflies lingered on till mid December, conversely Hazel catkins were seen full out before Christmas as were Primroses and 'Sweet Violets'.

Late winter early spring can be a particularly harsh month for birds with much of their natural food supply diminished. Energy is needed to keep them from freezing at night, to stake their territories and for nest building. Flying from place to place looking for food expends a lot of energy and this is where we can help by providing high energy foods in our gardens such as sunflower hearts, niger seed, peanuts and fat balls. A clean supply of fresh water is also vital, especially if it's freezing.

Fieldfares and Redwings, having stripped most of the hedgerow berries, can now be seen in large flocks over farmland probing for worms and other invertebrates, but it's particularly hard for them to find food when the ground is frozen. Apples saved from autumn and thrown on the lawn often attracts them and blackbirds to our gardens.



Fieldfare

Wildlife to look and listen for in February -

- Great Spotted Woodpeckers drumming, Rooks starting to nest, Lapwings on farmland
- Brown Hares, animal tracks in the mud or snow
- Tawny Owls (Brown Owls) calling, females go Too-wit (Ke-wick) males Too-woo
- The first Honey and Bumble bees seeking nectar and pollen on sunny days
- Leaves of Lords and Ladies and Dog's Mercury pushing through
- Mistletoe - easier to spot on the bare branches
- Gladwyn Iris with their bright orange berries, gorse in flower.

Have you had a memorable encounter with wildlife? Do let us know
info@froylewildlife.co.uk

Sue Clark

February News from The Froyle Archive

Last month's article from Speedwatch has prompted us to revisit the Parish Council Minutes in the Archive - incidentally, we have a full set of minutes from the first meeting in 1894 to date. Traffic speeds have always been a problem in the village, but to put it all in perspective, let's quote from the minutes of September 14th 1903.

"The business of the meeting was the consideration of the reduction of speed with regard to the Motor Act of 1903 and the safety of the public through certain parts and places of the Parish of Froyle and the setting up of signposts denoting such dangerous corners and precipitous places. The meeting having been called by the District Council through a letter received from the County Council. The Parish council felt that rates of speed should be reduced through the parish for safety of public on such narrow roads which in some parts measured only from 12 to 14 feet in width. The Parish Council recommended that danger boards should be erected at the Hen & Chicken, Quarry Bottom, the crossroads by Highway leading to Isington and Froyle and in various places through Lower Froyle which was especially dangerous at such times of Motor traffic. A letter to this effect was sent to the District Council for their perusal."



It took a while, but one hundred and one years later, in September 2004, the new speed limit signs finally appeared!!

Chris & Annette Booth

**Visit The Froyle Archive at
www.froyle.com**

In St Mary's Cabinet

The current exhibit in the Clive Barter Cabinet at the back of St Mary's is "Sylvesters loses its Pinus Sylvestrus", featuring colour photographs as well as black & white images from The Froyle Archive.

Chris & Annette Booth

FROYLE RACE NIGHT

An evening of fun!



SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY
GATES OPEN 7.00pm
FIRST RACE 7.30pm

At the Froyle Village Hall

TICKETS £8 PER HEAD, WHICH INCLUDES SUPPER.

WINE AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE DURING THE EVENING.
BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR BETTING.

HOW THE EVENING WORKS:

- * WE WILL BE SHOWING EIGHT FILMS OF ACTUAL HORSE RACES, EACH WITH EIGHT NUMBERED HORSES.
- * PLACE A BET (MINIMUM £1) AT THE TOTE TABLE ON WHICHEVER HORSE YOU THINK WILL WIN THE RACE.
- * YOU CAN BET ON AS MANY HORSES AS YOU LIKE.
- * YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET FOR EACH BET. HOLD ON TO THIS, YOU WILL NEED THIS TO CLAIM YOUR WINNINGS!
- * WHEN ALL BETS HAVE BEEN PLACED THE RACE WILL BE SHOWN.
- * IF THE HORSE THAT YOU BET ON IS THE WINNER, COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS FROM THE TOTE TABLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A RACE (OFFERS INVITED) AND/OR BUY AND NAME A HORSE (£2 EACH) PLEASE ASK HEAD STABLE GIRL JO MILLS FOR DETAILS. IF YOU BUY A HORSE AND IT WINS ITS RACE YOU WILL WIN A PRIZE!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JO MILLS 22384 or joannamills@yahoo.com
DEADLINE: MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY.



HAPPY RACING!



The Meeting Place



For those who are new comers to the Village the Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning from 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall and all are very there is a selection of books welcome to drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, delicious homemade cake and a chat.

We sell the local newspaper and postage stamps and home produce, when available. We collect used postage stamps and milk bottle tops for charity and to borrow.

Cake Bakers for February

Feb 3	Shirley Bellis	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Barbara Starbuck.
Feb 10	June Trim	Kim Blake	Louise Marston	Anne Blunt
Feb 17	Marj Robinson	Anne Wetherall	Jenny Dundas	Jenny Matthews
Feb 24	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	Pat Gasson

It is a great help to be told what you are baking each week, to avoid duplication, with a quick phone call or email.

Kitchen helpers for February

Feb 3	Sue Carr	Jack Watts.
Feb 10	David and Mary Perryman	
Feb 17	Linda Bulpitt	Caroline Findlay
Feb 24	David Robertson	William Knowles

Many Thanks

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I was there...



Munich 1972

It was the first time I had been on a foreign assignment for the BBC. Along with fourteen other videotape engineers and editors plus four and a half videotape machines we went to Munich at the end of August 1972 to cover the Summer Games of the 20th Olympiad.

The Germans provided superb facilities, the Press Village where we lived would become public housing after the games and the Broadcast Centre, where we would work, was to become a school. Everything was very compact with the Athletes village next door to us. The weather was very hot and everything went well until the morning of September 5th.

It just so happened that four of us had a scheduled rest day and so we decided to head South to Austria and the mountains. As we left the Press Centre there was a large group of journalists interviewing Mark Spitz who had just won his seventh gold medal in the pool the previous evening. Little did we know of the drama unfolding close by in the Athlete's Village. It was not until lunchtime, in a cafe high above Innsbruck, that we realised something very bad was happening back in Munich. The local TV (*ORF, in German*) was showing a developing news story about hostages being held in the Athletes Village. This being an age before mobile phones there was no way we could contact the Broadcast Centre to find out what *was* going on. Tensions were high when we reached the German border at Kufstein and we only just managed to escape a confrontation with heavily armed guards at the passport control.

Back in Munich we learnt about the Black September attack on the Israeli team in the Village at 4.35 that morning. Being adjacent we acquired a large military presence in both the Broadcast Centre and the Press accommodation, which was both un-nerving and reassuring. Our bulk eraser (*to wipe videotapes*) was too big to fit in our area and so had been set up just down the corridor, each journey to wipe a tape attracting an armed soldier as an escort. Our "half" a videotape machine - a small portable device - was sent with a camera man and one of our editors to the perimeter fence by the village and captured the images you may have seen of the terrorists on the balcony of the Israeli's apartment.

The next morning we heard of the disaster at Furstenfelbruck airfield where, in a shootout with armed troops, 11 athletes and coaches, one German police officer and 5 terrorist were killed. That day, September 6th, the Games were suspended while a memorial service, attended by over 80,000 people was broadcast to the world..

Munich 1972 (Contt)

After 24 hours, the Games resumed and on Monday September 11th I was scheduled to record the Closing Ceremony. Due to the very tight security - Black September had threatened retaliation for their members who were killed - access to the whole Olympic Park was restricted and we were obliged to take a very circuitous route to reach the Broadcast Centre. It would be an experience that I can still remember to this day.

The Closing Ceremony had just begun as we walked behind the stadium - Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" was blasting from the speakers there and a very large inflatable rainbow flew above. On our right the competitors in the last event of the Games, the show jumping, were packing up and putting the horses in their boxes, while between our footpath and the stadium was what seemed like most of the German Army, with tanks, armoured cars and anti-aircraft guns, and a further ring of fully armed soldiers on the perimeter.

The next morning we flew home with B.E.A., the only difference from our arrival three weeks earlier were arrays of metal detectors to screen the passengers as we boarded - we had Bob Hope with lots of security men on our flight - and, as we taxied out for takeoff, we passed missile launchers and anti-aircraft guns. One and a half hours later we were back in the UK.

To this day I never hear "Ode to Joy" without memories of that evening in Munich flooding back, and, of course, for everyone, air travel was never the same again.

Chris Booth

Lent Lunches 2017



These consist of home made soup, bread and cheese, and all donations go to the charity chosen by the hostess. If anyone needs a lift, or has any queries, please give me a call.

All Lunches are from 12.30 to 2.00pm

Ash Wednesday March 1st at Wykeham House in aid of the Piam Brown ward at Southampton hospital; Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday **March 8th at Stowells** in aid of the Mare & Foal Sanctuary; Cherida Cannon 520470

Wednesday **March 15th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment conservation; Jenny Gove 23697

Information about the last 3 lunches will be in the March magazine.

Jenny Gove 23697



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

A Happy New Year to all gardeners. May our gardens be a success. As we go to press we are about to have our New Year's party delayed by the Hall Floor renovations. It was worth waiting for.

Our first speaker this year is Mr David Mills who will give us a talk on Keukenhof the spectacular Spring garden near Amsterdam. This will be on February 10th at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The competition will be a specimen of Winter flowering shrub. This should all brighten us up. Let's hope the weather is on our side. Anne Blunt's Flower Arranging workshops take place on the third Wednesday of the month. All levels welcome please ring Anne on 22262 for details. Please alter the date of the Spring show on your membership cards to April 7th. We have decided to come before instead of after Easter.

Brenda Milam



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning **Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Please note that due to the village hall being redecorated, there will be no toddler group on February 16th and then again on the 23rd due to half term.

February meetings in the village hall are on Thursdays 2nd and 9th only.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



Medicine of the Soul



A New Year beckons- typically the time to make resolutions. This year, for a change, why not resolve to catch up on some of the masterpieces of cinema history? They are easily available on DVD or for download, and have never been cheaper. The 1920's saw an astonishing flowering of early cinema in Germany, so just to set the ball rolling, here are three important films from that time.

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1920)

Highly impressionistic set design (worth watching for that alone), this reflective film probes the experience of Germans emerging from the first world war. A strange circus sideshow rolls into town. A Dr. Caligari displays a fortune-telling somnambulist who foresees death. Murders ensue.... Recommended.



Nosferatu (1922)

Well, this is a barely-concealed reworking of the Dracula story. Strictly speaking, we shouldn't be able to watch it at all, as Bram Stoker's widow sued the production company for breach of copyright, and won. Fortunately, a print escaped the ordered subsequent destruction. Interesting to compare how the story was handled in the 20's as compared with more recent outings. Terrific makeup for the actor in the title role (Max Schreck) who really does look like a human bat.

Metropolis (1927)

If you only watch one of these films, watch this one. The grandfather of all modernist dystopian sci-fi films, yet transcends that genre entirely. Stuffed full of symbolism which you can have a lot of fun decoding, the extraordinarily evocative cityscapes are all the more remarkable, considering these were days long pre-dating computer graphics. Nearly lost entirely due to deterioration of the film stock, you can now get this accompanied by the original music. (All these films are, of course, silent movies, pre-dating the talkies).

It is said that the vision of the future in this film impressed Adolf Hitler so much that he resolved to retain the director (Fritz Lang) to make Nazi propaganda films – on hearing this, Lang packed his bags and left the country. Highly Recommended

Ian Black

71st Froyle Fete, Dog Show and Flower Show Saturday 8th July 2017

Whilst along way off a date for your diary and hopefully thoughts of a long hot summer.

If anyone would be interested in joining the ever enthusiastic organising committee whose work starts soon then all are welcome, just contact Ian Whitmore who has been press ganged into serving as Chairman for another year.

This year we plan to hold a silent auction, very successful three years ago, but as it requires a great deal of individual generosity making it an annual event wouldn't be appropriate. Last time we auctioned all manner of donations, a flight over Froyle in a small aircraft, the use of a barn for a special event, rounds of golf and a trailer load of wood. So just think about whether you could help this year, maybe you have a holiday home you don't use all year, you may be willing to give four hours of gardening or bake a cake for a special occasion. As they say anything goes!

Ian Whitmore 22634

Children beating the adults in 2016 so a return match is planned for 2017



Not showing the adults team, rather embarrassing but they are already back in training



Village Agents Help You to Find Out About Blue Badges

The Blue Badge Disabled parking scheme is available to residents of Hampshire if you meet certain criteria:

- If you are in receipt of the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (HRMCDLA)
- If you are registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- If you receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
- If you receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award that indicates in the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component that you cannot walk further than 50 metres

If any of the above apply you should be eligible without further assessment, however you may still be eligible after assessment if you fall within one or more of the following descriptions:

- Drives a vehicle regularly, has a severe disability in both arms and is unable to operate, or has considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter; or
- Has a permanent and substantial disability, which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking, and which is likely to last at least a year.

The fee for new badges is £10 and the scheme allows the holder to use designated disabled parking spaces, in some circumstances to park on single or double yellow lines, and free parking at parking meters in some areas. The scheme applies to Blue Badge holders as drivers or when being carried as a passenger. Your Blue Badge is valid in all areas of the United Kingdom, apart from some areas of central London. You can apply for a Blue Badge online: www.hants.gov.uk/bluebadge or call 0300 555 1376. If you need help with your application, contact your local Village Agent, **Madeleine** who can help to talk you through the process on **23371**.





**The Alton & District Committee
of
CANCER RESEARCH UK
invite you to a**

BRIDGE TEA

Thursday 9th March 2017 (2 – 5pm)

Froyle Village Hall GU34 4LG

Please bring cloth/scorers/cards

**To reserve your table @ £10 (plus a voluntary donation of £40), please
contact:**

Carol McMeekan

01420 476098 / carolmcmeekan@gmail.com



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 12th February

from

3.30 – 5.30pm

In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village

for a time of

Fun, crafts, celebration & food

**All are invited – young & old alike, adults, children,
teenagers, carers, grandparents, come as friends, families or partners, or
come on your own,
everyone is welcome.**

If you are a child you will need to bring an adult with you.

Just come !

Entrance free

Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861

messychurch@benbinfro.org



Better Balance

Better Balance is on Wednesday February 8 at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. We are gently warming up for regular weekly sessions in March!

For information on Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance, Keeping warm at home, and other topics call Madeleine on 23371 or try ACH Information and Advice 0800 328 7154 10-3 Mon-Fri or www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk where there are also volunteering opportunities
Madeleine Black Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire

The Alton Branch of the U3A invite you to February's Monthly Meeting. The title of the talk is "**From the 6.58 to Force 8**" by **Jonathon Pickering**. Jonathon sailed round the world in the Clipper Round the World Race and will tell of the dangers, thrills, wildlife, sunburn and howling gales and anything else you should know about ocean racing. This will be on **February 17th** at 2pm at the Community Centre as usual. All are welcome.

Notices about access rights in Hampshire Countryside

Notices have recently been appearing in Hampshire's countryside, including around Froyle. These notices are being put in the countryside to tell people that landowners (including the County Council) have made a 'declaration' to safeguard their land from claims for new public rights of way, or for village green status. The notices put up on-site are required as part of the associated legal process.

The notices inform people that landowners recognise the existing public rights of way or other access over their land, but they do not intend to dedicate any new permanent access. They consist of a legal notice called a 'Form CA17', along with a map of the land covered which shows the boundary of the land and any existing public rights of way over it. The declaration is valid for 20 years.

This effectively means that we haven't lost any of the footpaths in the area but that dog walkers and ramblers should respect that landowners do not wish to have any further rights of way across their land.

R Amblin

The River Wey and New Zealand Trout

It is not widely known that it is thanks to trout from the River Wey that the famous trout of New Zealand now exist.

The story goes that in the 19th century there were many attempts to get trout to Australia and New Zealand, but due to slow sailing ships and poor refrigeration all efforts failed. But by 1864 T A Youl was able to make all the necessary preparations. Boxes were sprinkled with charcoal and filled with moss and ice chips, and a 56 tonne icehouse installed in the clipper Norfolk. It was originally intended for salmon eggs only, but the salmon ova ordered were not available, so a letter was written to the Times pleading for replacements. When this was published the effect was immediate and salmon ova poured into the London docks and the waiting ship.

But Francis Frances (then the Angling Editor of the Field) and Frank Buckland thought it a good idea to send trout ova as well, and took it upon themselves to collect eggs from Itchen- and Thames-type trout as well, despite believing that the trout would hatch first and eat the salmon eggs. Mr Frances was right about the trout ova hatching first after the 91 day voyage, but wrong about them eating the salmon, and wrong about their being thought the less important cargo, and sufficient salmon and trout survived the journey. Of the 3000 trout ova that were loaded onto the clipper in January 1864 one third came from the Itchen at Bishopstoke, one third from Kings Pond on the Wey in Alton, and one third from the Wick at High Wycombe. The salmon ponds of the River Plenty in Hobart are still preserved as a memorial - to the successful importation of trout!

A year later 171 trout had survived from which 38 were stocked in the Plenty and the rest kept for breeding, with their progeny used to stock the South Island of New Zealand in 1867.

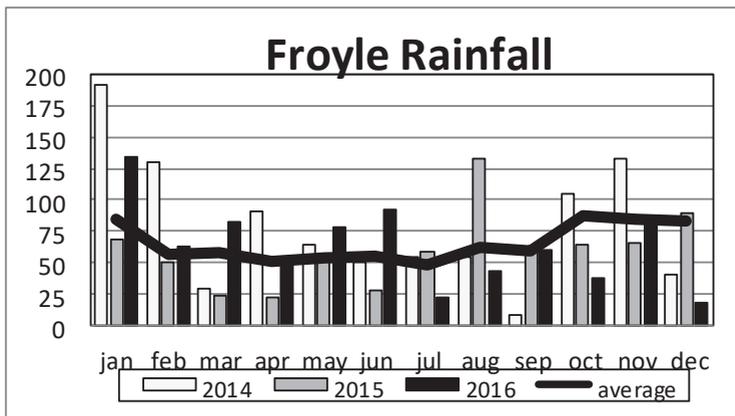
What a remarkable legacy Francis Frances, and the River Wey, have left



Robert Bourne

Froyle Rainfall for December 2016 and for the past year

This year	17.5 mm	0.7 ins
Last year	89 mm	3.5 ins
Wettest December (1989)	167 mm	6.6 ins
Driest December (1988)	17 mm	0.7 ins
December long-term average – the 4 th wettest month	85.2 mm	3.4 ins
Total rainfall for the whole of 2016	766 mm	30.2 ins



- Up until 2015, December was the second wettest month of the year; but now it is the 4th, due to 80% less rain in the month this year - almost a record low in fact - and 60% more in a very wet January.
- As has been long indicated, 2016 did end up being very average.
- The first half of 2016, at 263mm, was the driest since 1990, the second half was the 3rd wettest in 40 years, after 2014 and 1998.



“The Umbrella Man”

And what does the New Year behold? Well, two-thirds of the time a dry final quarter is

Which Wine with Which Food?

an update



Just to remind you this evening of good wine, food and informative conversation is still very much on the cards for a Friday or Saturday late February, early March, in the Village Hall, but final date TBC.

Guy Nightingale of Louis Latour has indicated that he would be delighted to host the event, which is excellent news.

But it's sad that we will be without his advice for our Christmas and New Year dining. In the meantime, you could do a lot worse than pick up a bottle of **Estevez Chilean Pinot Noir** from, you guessed it, **Aldi**, for an unbelievable **£4.79** - it should go really well with your turkey...



David and Susie Robertson (520820)



LOOK FORWARD TO HARMONY IN MARCH

Following the success of the Gospel Choir last year; we have invited a Barbershop Choir to bring rhythm and harmony to Froyle church on **March 25th**. They will be accompanied by delicious eats and drink, so please save the date and there will be more details in the next magazine.



St. Mary's Church Froyle – SONGS OF PRAISE

The Salvation Army Band will be leading us at a Service of:-

SONGS OF PRAISE

on **Sunday 26th February at 4.30pm**

Please do come and join us to sing some of your favourite hymns!!

Light refreshments will be served after the service

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Salvation Army

**‘Working party’ to help tidy up the churchyard
Sunday 19th February 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm**

Gareth Wells does such a good job on keeping the churchyard tidy that this is much less onerous than it used to be, but it would be good if we could gather one of our occasional working parties to do things like cut back the borders of the paths and some of the growth on the walls before the start of the growing and nesting season. So if any of our church congregation are able and willing, please meet with suitable gardening kit at the church on **Sunday 19th February at 2:30 pm**. We should be done by 4:00pm latest. Many thanks!

Sarah and William

BENEFICE LENT LECTURE

Loitering with intent – the role of Police Chaplaincy

Thursday 2nd March, at Froyle Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm



**Guest speaker: Canon David Wilbraham
Force Chaplain for Thames Valley Police and
National Police Chaplain**

Last year David came to Froyle Church to baptise his granddaughter; he has kindly agreed to return to present this year’s Benefice Lent Lecture!

David will speak about the role and work of Police Chaplains across the UK and the growth in chaplaincy provision over the last 10 years; he will share with us some of the fun and the challenges of working in an environment that combines the routine with the unexpected.

So do join us for what promises to be an interesting and entertaining evening.

There is no charge for this event, but there will be a retiring collection for the UK Police Chaplaincy.

Please RSVP if you would like to attend by contacting either Sarah (520041), William (23164) or Alison in the Church Office (23339). Drinks & nibbles will be served from 7.00 pm, so we would like to have a sense of numbers beforehand.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Sunday 5th February	8.00am 5.00pm 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Holy Communion
Sunday 12th February	11.00am 9.30am 3.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Service Messy Church
Sunday 19th February	11.00am 5.00pm 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Morning Worship
Sunday 26th February	4.30pm 9.30am 8.00am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Songs of Praise HC and Children's Church Holy Communion

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

February is the month of that most dreaded of days (well for some at least) - Valentine's day.

In preparation for this letter, I googled "tips for Valentine's Day" and began to trudge through the 17.2 million results. Needless to say, I soon gave up but not before I found this this top tip:

Make his/her favourite home-cooked meal and leave a trail of it leading to the bedroom...

Offbeat and silly - but the image this cast in my mind's eye rather tickled me.

Valentine's day is very much focused on romantic love - the love of poets and pop singers and cinema weepies - and what a gift this love is. However, for most people I know, despite its power, the everyday experience of romantic love is one that waxes and wanes - there are times when it is easy to be romantic and other times less so.

The Bible speaks of romantic love most especially in the Old Testament in the Song of Songs - an extended and fantastic Hebrew love poem. Though it's power and strength is clearly lauded the Bible reserves its highest praise for another kind of love. Divine love. A love that is of the will, not just the emotions.

This love transcends romanticism and is characterised, as the Bible puts it, by being "patient and kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

It is the love that takes Christ to the cross, a love that, as the hymn writer puts it, is all loves excelling.

May this love be yours this February and a Happy Valentine's Day to you all.

***Blessings,
Yann***

'Outstanding' Result for Treloar College

Ofsted has rated Treloar College as "Outstanding" in all aspects of its provision, confirming that it is one of the very best specialist colleges in the country.

Inspectors were particularly impressed with the exceptional progress that students make at Treloar's in "*developing their communication skills and in improving the skills they need to live and/or work more independently*". Staff and governors were praised for creating a culture of high aspirations where students are given outstanding support. Amongst many highlights, the Treloar's transition team were commended for the range and quality of work experience that are arranged for students and inspectors also singled out the innovative use of technology throughout the organisation.

Treloar's Principal Martin Ingram is thrilled with the Report, "The staff here are outstanding both in their professional expertise and the way they support our young people. They provide the widest range of opportunities to help them to achieve their potential.

We are tremendously proud of our students and their commitment to learning. The inspectors confirmed this commitment and commented that '*students display excellent attitudes to learning. They are diligent and keen to develop their skills and understanding*'. It is an exciting time to be at Treloar's."

The full report can be viewed on the Treloar's website (www.treloar.org.uk) or that of Ofsted (www.ofsted.gov.uk).

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<i>5</i> <i>11.00am</i> <i>HC</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Recycling</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>2.30pm</i> <i>Better</i> <i>Balance</i>	<i>9</i> <i>9.45am</i> <i>Toddlers</i> <i>& babies</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>Place</i> <i>7.30pm</i> <i>Gardening</i> <i>Club</i>	<i>11</i> <i>7.00pm</i> <i>Race</i> <i>Night</i> <i>FVH</i>
<i>12</i> <i>11.00am</i> <i>HC</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Refuse &</i> <i>garden</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>Place</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> <i>11.00am</i> <i>HC</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Recycling</i> <i>&</i> <i>bottles</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>7.00pm</i> <i>Froyle</i> <i>Wildlife</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>Place</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Songs of</i> <i>Praise</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Refuse &</i> <i>garden</i>	<i>28</i>				

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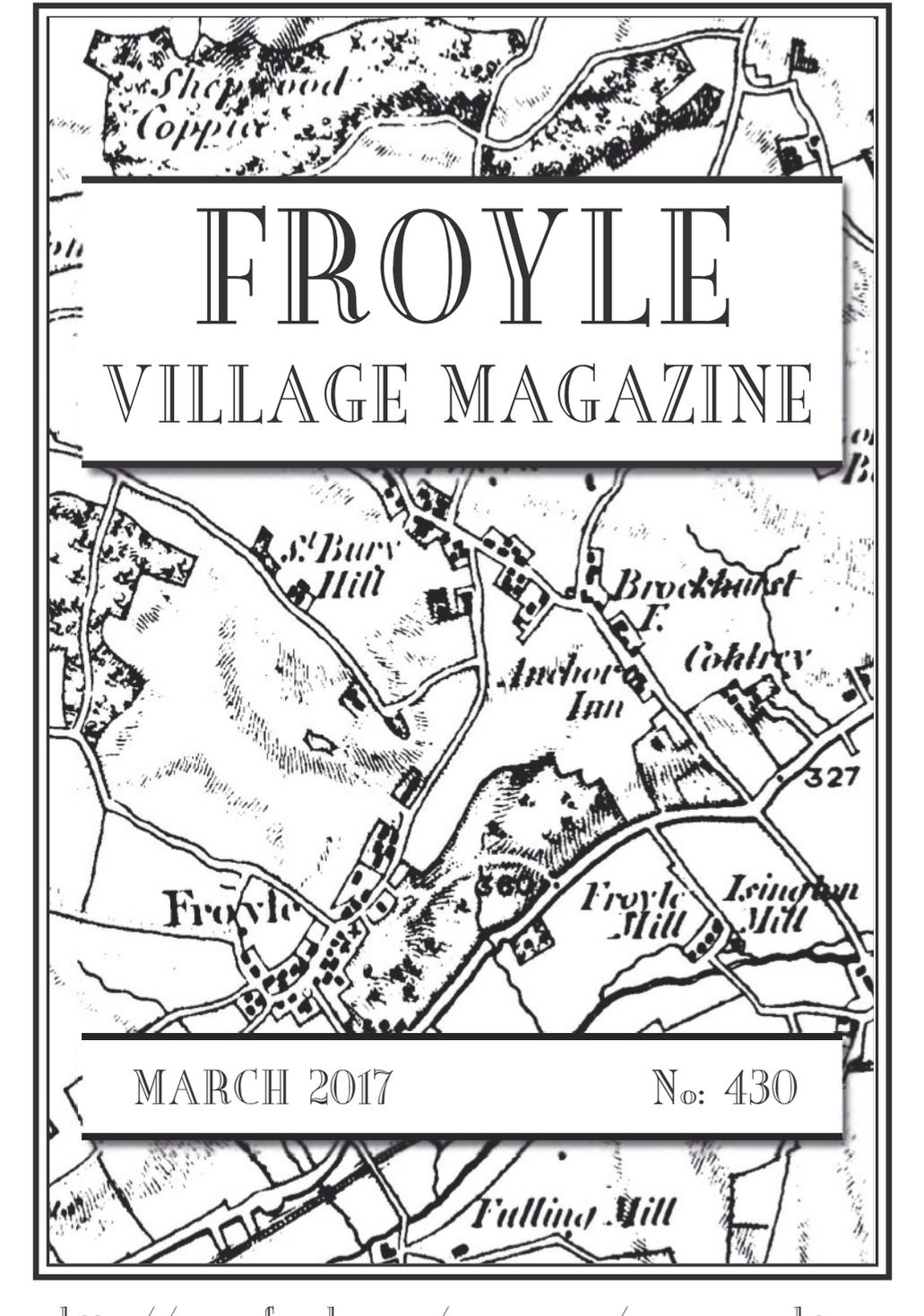
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Report from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Thursday 16th February, 2017

1. **Playground / Pavilion (Sports Hut) project**

The FPC proposes to improve the play area on the Froyle Recreation Ground and to replace the 'Football Hut' with a Pavilion. To move ahead with this project the FPC wishes to consult with the community and, importantly, needs the community to respond NOW with views and comments in order to move the project forward.

Please turn to the four page Project Outline at the centre of this magazine.

Please send your comments and views on the project, to The Clerk of the FPC (froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk) before the next FPC meeting on 13th March 2017.

The FPC agreed that it was important to seek the views / comments of ALL in the village as we all look at the playground even if we don't all use it. Further, community support is important to support funding applications.

2. **Other Matters**

Froyle Park ('FP') The FPC have continued to engage with EHDC and understand that the report resulting from their investigation is now complete and will shortly be issued to us.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th March 2017, at 7.30pm.

The Froyle Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on 26th April, 2017 in the Village Hall.



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Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter. (@froylevhall)

FOR YOUR DIARY FROYLE FILM NIGHT



2017 DATES

The dates for the next 2 Froyle Film Nights are:

Friday 16th June 2017

and

Friday 20th October 2017

Details of the films to be shown will be announced nearer the date

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The Meeting Place



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Cake Bakers for March

Mar 3	Sue Carr	Sue Sharman	Sarah Basey	Shirley Bellis
Mar 10	Elizabeth Sealy	Jane Stewart Smith	Sarah Roberts	Charlotte Baikie
Mar 17	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam	Sarah Khan
Mar 24	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Matthews	Helen MacDonald
Mar 31	Bea Sword	Alex Roberts	Sue Lelliott	Blanchard Bakers

It is enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday it would be much appreciated. If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.

Kitchen helpers for March

Mar 3	Lauraine Bourne	Lois Pope
Mar 10	Molly Court	Judith Leslie Smith
Mar 17	Jane McNabb	Jenny Topping
Mar 24	Elizabeth Sealy	Philippa Cullen-Stephenson
Mar 31	Maureen Fry	Lois Pope

Many Thanks

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Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for February were

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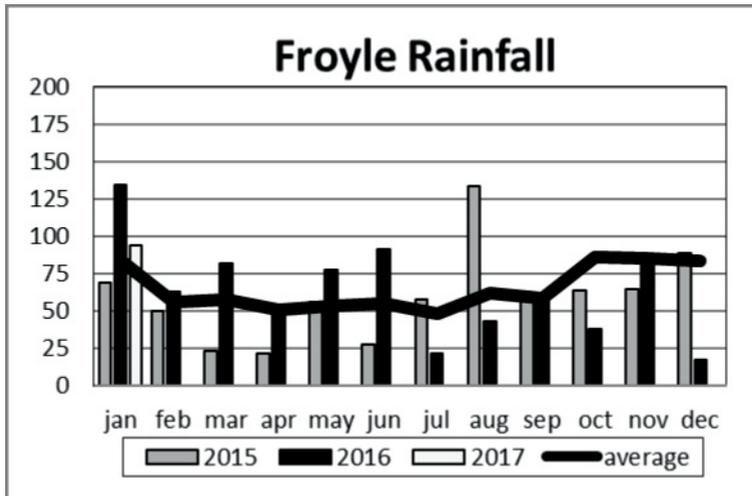
3rd - Julie Southern 4th - Ted Crowhurst

AND... the winner of the January first prize kindly donated back by Caroline

Findlay was: Angela Wimshurst

Froyle Rainfall for January, 2017

This year	94 mm	3.7 ins
Last year	134.5 mm	5.3 ins
Wettest January (2014)	191.5 mm	7.6 ins
Driest January (1997)	13 mm	0.5 ins
January long-term average – the 3 rd wettest month	83.9 mm	3.3 ins



January has now usurped December as the 3rd wettest month, by dint of a very dry last month of 2016 and a slightly above average beginning to 2017. That said, it is still worth reiterating (the missing words from) last month's column:

“And what does the New Year behold? Well, two-thirds of the time a dry final quarter is followed by a dry first quarter; so maybe better check those watering cans...?”



“The Umbrella Man”



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“Sing Street” – available on DVD from Amazon for only a fiver...and worth every penny.

Whilst idly flicking through Netflix recently, I came across a 2016 Irish film I had never heard of called “Sing Street”.

Intrigued as it was about some kids forming a band whilst at a school in a suburb of 1980’s Dublin, I saw that it had got numerous ratings of 4 and 5 stars, which persuaded me to watch it.

All I can say is that it was an absolute delight, a sort of cross between *The Commitments* and *School of Rock*, which I heartily recommend to everybody; it’s full of good lines, great acting from a cast of mostly unknowns, and some terrific (original) foot-tapping music, perfect for a Saturday night in front of the telly with a pizza and glass of whatever takes your fancy.

Who better to sum it up than Mark Kermode: “Happy sad indeed. I laughed, I cried, I bought the soundtrack album.”

David Robertson

Race Night 11th February 2017

Just to thank everyone, both behind the scenes and front-of-house, for working so hard to make this year’s Race Night yet again such a great success.



Huge thanks are especially due to Jo Mills for organising it, to all the team in the kitchen for the delicious food, to Charlie and Matthew Findlay for manning the Tote and of course to Big Al for yet again trekking all the way down from Doncaster to subject us all to his appalling jokes.

But finally, we are indebted to everybody in the Village who came along, either for the first time or those hardened racegoers who’ve been round this particular course on more than one occasion; the Village Hall coffers have been swelled to the tune of around £750 due to your unending generosity, so a very big **THANK YOU** to you all..

The Village Hall Committee



Froyle Wildlife

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Talk on “Wildlife and Hedgerows’ by Jon Stokes,

Thursday 16th March, 7.30pm Froyle Village Hall (doors open 7pm).

It's surprising that the hedgerow network represents Britain's largest nature reserve. Jon Stokes of the Tree Council will show us the importance of hedgerows and the how to improve them to boost their wildlife potential. Hedgerows adjacent to roads, green lanes, tracks and wooded ground tend to be particularly species-rich and can act as wildlife corridors.

All welcome, members £2, non members £3, children free, Refreshments.



A date for your diary is 27th April for a talk entitled “Wildlife of the River Wey” by Glen Skelton, 7.30pm. For more information about our ‘walks and talks’ see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news.

Jenny Matthews

Writing this in February there's no knowing what the weather has in store for March but already there are signs of spring with honeybees on the wing, by the beginning of April we could see the queen bees of seven of our commoner bumblebees. The mated queens will be searching for nest sites and will need nectar and pollen too. Some species will be looking to nest underground in old mouse nests, others on the surface in tussocky grass or under hedges whilst a few may use nest boxes or holes in trees.

The Bees Wasps and Ants Recording Scheme BWARS has some really useful information sheets on flowers we can grow throughout the year to attract and help bees in our gardens, plus ideas for Bee Hotels to cater for some of the many Solitary bee species. http://www.bwars.com/information_sheets The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is also an excellent source of information including help on bumblebee identification <http://bumblebeeconservation.org/about-bees/identification/common-bumblebees/>

The Hairy-footed Flower Bee is a 'Solitary bee' on the wing from March to May, they love Lungwort and buzz and dart from flower to flower, the females are all black.



A male Hairy-footed Flower Bee nectaring on Perennial wallflower

More Wildlife to look out for in March

- Hedgehogs will be waking in March or April, look out for their long darkish droppings on the lawn
- Butterflies that hibernated in their adult stage; Brimstone, Comma, Peacock, Red Admiral, and Small Tortoiseshell
- Flowering plants; Primrose, Sweet Violet, Early Dog-violet, Celandine, Coltsfoot
- Hares chasing and maybe boxing - generally thought it is females fending off males
- Frogs Toads and newts spawning in ponds

Motorists please keep a special eye out for Toads returning to their breeding ponds, usually on warm damp nights. Unfortunately they can look like lumps of mud in the road; many are killed each year on our roads.

Sue Clark

March News from The Froyle Archive

“More that meets the eye”

I have just given a talk about Froyle for Long Sutton WI and, in the process of reviewing the full screen (6ft x 6ft) slides, with Annette, this particular photograph of Froyle



School and School House, taken at the end of the 19th century caught our eye.

We’ve had the photograph in the Archive since 1999, but never looked at it on a large scale before. You can imagine our surprise when we spotted the group of people (*circled*) standing outside the school building.

Looking through the records and consulting Annette’s book “a Village School”, provided an answer. The couple are the Headmaster, William Button Downes, (*obviously his parents had a sense of humour!*), and his wife Alice Lucy, along with, we think, their children, Dorothy Mabel (*b1895*) and Margaret Vera (*b1897*).



Their other children, Herbert Frederick (*b1898*) and Ruth Ellen Mary (*B1899*) are not there. This would place the picture around 1900. We have been through all our school group photographs - there are quite a few - but we can find none that equate to the positioning of the subjects.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village



Which Wine with Which Food?



We have a date!! Friday 5th May at 7pm
In the Village Hall
Tickets £25 per head

Unfortunately our original plans have had to be changed but **the really good news is that Cecile Bergart from the Hampshire Wine School**, - see www.hampshirewineschool.com for details - has agreed to step in.

Cecile, who has a wine cv as long as your arm, has suggested the format of a tutored tasting of six different wines with food; ie we eat and drink while she talks, which sounds a pretty pleasurable experience to us!

Whilst this is not a fund-raising evening - covering costs is the aim - because Cecile needs to be compensated for her time and expertise, the price per head as you can see is somewhat higher than originally envisaged. **However, as an incentive, a part of the cost of your ticket will be entry into a raffle, the prize for which will be a top quality bottle of wine.**

We are convinced that it will be a really worthwhile and memorable evening – you only have to read the testimonials on the Hampshire Wine School website to see in what high regard it is held – so do come if you can.

Thus far we have indications of about 30 people interested. Payment in advance to me (David) to confirm your place would be appreciated.



David and Susie Robertson (520820)



I was there...



I was sharing a flat in London in my late teens and every birthday we took the birthday gal "for a special treat". I was standing in front of the stage at Scott's of St James when Ike and Tina Turner walked on and sang "River Deep Mountain High".....just before it was released.

I was there!

Also, it was the time of the Swinging Sixties and my sister and I had an impromptu party at our parents house while they were away, oh dear! We used to hang out with a lot of the upcoming pop artists in Pinner. Our mum "smelt a rat" so they decided to return early and found over 100 teenagers partying in their house! Mother stood at the front door and ordered everyone out. One shortish youngster in bizarre clothes and large spectacles asked mum "who are you?!" to which she replied "I am the owner of this house and you are leaving!".....he was Reg Dwight, alias Elton John to be.

I was there and knew him pretty well....

Later I met my husband, Derek, his previous sister-in-law used to sing with the Beatles in the Cavern at lunchtime. Needless to say she had a good voice.

I was NOT there!

Lois Pope

Froyle Golf Day Tuesday 14th March 2017 12.30pm Blackmoor Golf Club Lunch & 18 holes of golf

There are still plenty of places available for our annual golf day. Whilst competitive it is also a fun afternoon and is a real opportunity to meet fellow village golfers.

Ian Whitmore 22634

Babysitting

Megan Hern, 15 year old girl living in Froyle with experience in looking after children looking for babysitting.

Please contact me on my mobile 07484233410 or email megan.hern@btinternet.com if interested.

Lent Lunches 2017



These consist of home made soup, bread and cheese, and all donations go to the charity chosen by the hostess. If anyone needs a lift, or has any queries, please give me a call.

All Lunches are from 12.30 to 2.00pm

Ash Wednesday March 1st at Wykeham House in aid of the Piam Brown ward at Southampton hospital; Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday March 8th at Stowells in aid of the Mare & Foal Sanctuary; Cherida Cannon 520470

Wednesday March 15th in St Mary's Church in aid of Vestment conservation; Jenny Gove 23697

Wednesday March 22nd at The Old Dairy in aid of Cardiac Rehab; Sarah Roberts 540041

Wednesday March 29th at Badgersbank in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice; Lauraine Bourne 22159

Wednesday April 5th at Brewery House also in aid of Cardiac Rehab; Vivienne & John Sexton 520098

Jenny Gove 23697



Better Balance

Time to loosen up for spring! Come along on Wednesday March 1, 2.30pm, in the Village Hall, for the start of a six week session.

Dates: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th.

Any queries to Sue 22603.

For help with Attendance Allowance forms, Keeping Warm, and other topics call Madeleine, Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire 23371

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Madeleine Black



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

It was cold and miserable for our first speaker of the year but our meeting was very well attended. Mr David Miller gave an illustrated talk on Keukenhof with many vibrant slides displaying the spectacular planting of thousands of spring bulbs. We also learnt about the processes involved with planting, gathering and marketing the bulbs. Mrs Anne Blunt won the monthly competition with a vase of Garrya Elliptica. On March 10th Mrs Jill Fry will speak on Spring Flowers in 3 counties. The competition will be a vase of Spring Flowers. We meet at Froyle Village Hall at 7.30pm PLEASE NOTE THE SPRING SHOW HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO APRIL 7th.

OUTING

I am now taking bookings for Forde Abbey in Dorset on Thursday June 8th. Leaving Froyle at 8.30am. We will be seeing the Abbey and the lovely gardens. The countryside is also very beautiful. Cost £24. You do not need to be a member to join us. For further details ring Brenda on 22216.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

We have 5 sessions this month and lots of fun craft planned for Mother's day and spring. March meetings in the village hall are on Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

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The Big Build commences at Bentley Primary School February 2017

Very exciting plans are becoming a reality as the long awaited 'Big build' work starts after four years of planning and fundraising.

The building works include a brand new classroom for Reception (4/5yrs) pupils using unused space on site; new learning facilities for children with special needs; an extended kitchen, new and much improved toilet facilities and a first aid room. Originally built in 1842 for 50 children, the school's drainage system has also been targeted for a much needed upgrade and the County's Education building management team will use the project to make some additional improvements to roofs and access onto site.

Despite the increasingly squeezed schools funding we have been greatly supported by Hampshire County Council with early support to allow this project to go ahead. The school would like to thank Councillors Ken Carter and Mark Kemp-Gee for securing further local developers contributions which resulted in a much reduced target of £50,000 for The Big School Build fundraising team.

Through the extraordinary support of parents, families, carers, friends and individual donors over £50,000 has been raised. The school and local community have rallied around all of our events whether buying tickets to win a Mini; joining in or sponsoring our team of cyclists on their off-road mission from Brighton to Bentley; visiting Mill Farm's amazing open day or attending the Bentley Business Club's interactive panel session discussing "The Future of The South East Post Brexit" . A huge thank you to you all! The local area has supported this project which will enable many future generations of Bentley pupils to benefit from a much improved building and site fit for the 21st century!

A special thank you also goes to the Big Build committee lead brilliantly by Amanda Sinclair and including Suzie Honey, Millie Powell, Vicky Soden, Alex Cavell, Andrew Aldridge-Lopes, Anna MacInnes, Becky Robinson, Claire Faherty, Fiona Reavely, Georgie and Jonty Patrick, Jenny Shaylor, Karen Brown, Karen Cullen, Natalie Drew and Simon Poyser. These champions of change should feel proud of their hard work and support to allow this to go ahead.

Katy Pinchess, the school's Head Teacher, says: "So many people from the local community have devoted their time and energy to raise over £50,000 for our school and every single penny will be well spent to improve facilities. The fundraising and support has really overwhelmed us and the children are so excited that it is about to become a reality. We can't wait to see the whole project come together and the new Reception class of 2017 will be the first lucky pupils to enjoy the lovely new room, whilst everyone else in school will benefit too! Thank you very much from everyone at school."

FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Playground and Hut Replacement Project

Dear Resident

The Parish Council is considering a bold new project to improve facilities on the recreation ground in Lower Froyle and would welcome your input . The playground and recreation ground is a community facility so your views on what it should look like really matter. We intend to apply for a number of funding grants and knowing that we have your support for the scheme is vital to our chances of success. The last thing that we want to do is to provide something that you don't want.



We propose to renew the Playground and replace the Hut.

The pirate ship, the cradle swing and the zip wire which were installed in 2013 will be retained but the rest of the equipment is showing its age and will be removed. Years of accumulated bark will be dug out and replaced with stone, top soil and turf. This area will be allowed to settle for a couple of months and then new equipment will be installed together with safety matting. The reason for replacing the bark with turf is that although expensive it will reduce maintenance costs in the longer term. We also think it will look much more attractive and should be just as safe.

We are planning to retain the traditional look of the present playground and to source equipment from a local supplier, *Hand Made Places* based in Bordon, whose woody equipment should sit well in our rural setting. Go to www.handmadeplaces.co.uk and scroll down and you will find a link to their brochure/catalogue. Let us know what you would like to see installed.

No decision has yet been made about the choice of equipment but it might include a two bay double swing as at present, a rope and post climbing area, a seesaw and a cow springy!



Secondly, for many years the Parish Council has pondered on what to do with the football hut. It's seemed at times an almost insuperable problem.



The last team departed a long time ago and there have been few expressions of interest since. It requires substantial renovation including a new roof. The loo, urinals, basins and shower area all need to be replaced. We are told that communal showers are no longer acceptable to the younger generation. We have therefore concluded that the hut is sadly not fit for use and beyond economic repair. As it gradually decays it detracts from the look of the village hall and the recreation ground.

Our plan is to remove the hut but retain the concrete base. On this, if funds permit, we propose to build an attractive three bay oak framed structure. The bay at the car park end could be enclosed to include storage and more ambitiously a field kitchen with sinks, stove and fridge. The other two bays will be open on two sides and provide a sheltered sitting area for those visiting the playground, a meeting place or a picnic spot. The table tennis table could be used here. On fete day or bonfire night the barbecue might be located here with kitchen facilities nearby. Unlike the hut it will be a facility available to all.

The village hall will also benefit from the proposed changes as it frequently hosts children's parties and the new playground plus the sitting area should make the hall even more attractive to hirers. And this of course helps sustain the hall. At a recent meeting the Village Hall Committee expressed support for the project and an interest in being involved.



For illustrative purposes. No window but a door. Timber clad to the ground and at the rear.

The Parish Council has accumulated reserves to help fund the project. We also have access to Open Space money which is provided by local developers. Together this amounts to approximately 65% of the estimated £100k we need. We have already applied to IGAS for a funding and intend to apply to Veolia, both of whom have sites within or close to the parish. We shall of course approach our District and County Councillors who in the past have always been supportive of and generous towards village projects. It is undoubtedly the case that funding is much harder to acquire than previously and competition for funds more intense. Funding from the Big Lottery is now much more narrowly focused. We are taking advice from Community First Hampshire. Suggestions for other potential sources of funding would be very welcome.

However what we most need at the moment is your support for the general outline of the project and any suggestions or advice you wish to make. Looking back to the Parish Plan survey the 92% response rate was terrific and certainly put Froyle on the map as one of the most involved communities in the District.

Could we therefore ask you to email your thoughts on the proposal to the Parish Clerk at froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Or write to The Parish Clerk, Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle, Alton, Hants GU34 4LR.

If you wish to discuss the project and how you might help please ring Ian Macnabb on 23195 or Nick Whines on 23130.

It is important that you respond by **Wednesday 15 March 2017** in order that we can process your comments and include them in our main funding applications. We look forward to hearing from you.



A cow springy!

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Sunday 5th March	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th March	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Service Childrens Ch
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 19th March	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Sunday 26th March Mothering Sunday	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	HC and Children's Church
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Paul visited Corinth and founded the church there between 49 and 51 AD. He stayed one and a half years in this city (Acts 18:11) — a much longer time period than he had spent in many other cities in which he preached the gospel. Corinth was a strategic location for spreading the kingdom message and work. It was prosperous because the trade routes by land (north and south) and sea (east and west) from Italy to Asia passed through it. It had been a strong Greek city-state but was destroyed in 146 B.C. when conflict with Rome arose. In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar rebuilt it and many flocked to it because it offered so much commercial promise. It was a melting pot of Greek culture and Roman citizenship; wealthy merchants and laboring poor; freedmen and slaves. The religious climate included pagan temples, mystery religions, and Judaism.

Many have suggested that Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to correct divisions within the church but there is more evidence in the letter to suggest that Paul was dealing with a serious rift between the church and himself. One topic the church and Paul strongly disagree over seems to be the idea of what it means to be “spiritual” indicated by the Corinthians emphasizing speaking in unknown tongues.

Paul’s famous chapter on Christ-like love was a corrective to this wrong emphasis and for the pride and exclusiveness evident in attitudes expressed by some church members. It describes true spirituality – as John was to write in one of his letters, “God is love”, and as Jesus himself remarked, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

So much time and energy is spent discussing, debating and analysing ways to be, do, organise, govern and arrange church. Yet our first question must always be, “Do I have love?”

***Blessings,
Yann***

Mothering Sunday, 26th March, 11.00, Froyle Church

Like many traditions and festivities, **Mothering Sunday** began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth **Sunday** in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter **Sunday**, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Then it became a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. On Sunday 26th March we would like the young to play an active role in our simple family service. You might be able to hand out hymn books, flowers, read a prayer or help with the collection. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Sarah & William

+++ Save the date +++

Church Spring Jumble Sale – Saturday 23rd April

Is Spring on it's way? We hope so! And so too will be our annual Jumble Sale in the Village Hall which raises funds for the church as well as provides an opportunity for us to get together! Any fresh ideas or offers of help always welcome.

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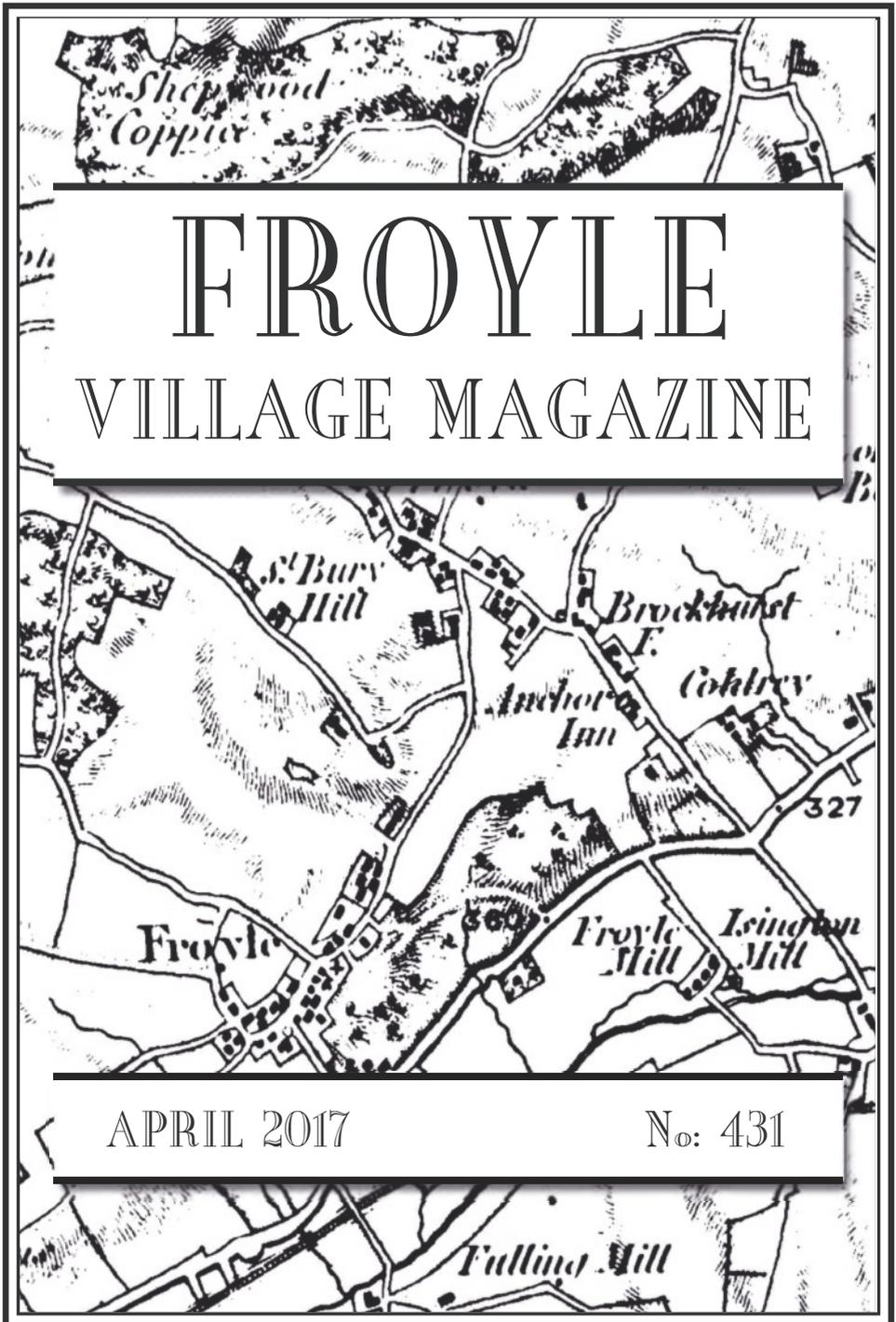
All contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to

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Alternatively a hard copy can be dropped off The Meeting Place.

Please remember to check out the magazine online at:

<http://www.froyle.com/magazine/magazine.htm>

A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brockhurst', 'Cohtry', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill' at the bottom. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and hatching for shading. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the map, containing the title and issue information.

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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Monday 13th March 2017

1. Froyle Park

Following our meeting with EHDC on 4th October last year the FPC have been waiting for the result of an investigation into activity at Froyle Park and whether it was consistent with the planning permission granted in 2013. This finally arrived on 10th March with a short and final letter from James Hassett the Executive Director, most of which we quote below:

The Council's investigations have included the following:-

- *A thorough examination of the planning permission and background documents.*
- *A thorough examination and assessment of information provided by Froyle Park.*
- *A thorough investigation into the information provided by Froyle Parish Council. Advice from Counsel.*
- *A thorough assessment/ valuation of whether the way Froyle Park is operating is within the lawful use of the land.*

From the above the Council is assured that the authorised use for the premises is as a Country Club Hotel (Class C1) and the Council's investigations show that it is being used as such.....

In the circumstances the Council does not consider that it is possible to take enforcement action regarding the use of the premises. The Council will only re-consider its position on the receipt of substantial evidence that there has been a change of use.

The letter contained no information about the investigation, examinations or assessments. On the grounds of legal privilege, the letter gave no reasons to support EHDC's legal advisers conclusion that there was no breach of planning permission. To say the FPC was surprised is perhaps an understatement both at the scarcity of detail and the lack of courtesy after such a long wait. EHDC's own Enforcement Policy quotes the National Planning Policy Framework which states:

Effective enforcement is important as a means of maintaining public confidence in the planning system.

Currently EHDC are defending an appeal by Froyle Park against the refusal of planning permission to build 3 houses in Froyle Green on the site of some old garages (this appeal was submitted on 22nd December 2016, ie at exactly the same time as the EHDC is investigating claims made by FPC that Froyle Park is operating as a wedding venue).

This is what EHDC told the Planning Inspector:

Since opening, the 'country club hotel' has operated primarily as a wedding venue, which has been the subject of local complaints regarding the impacts on surrounding properties and the village as a whole..... The frequency of use of the site and the volume of people who attend each event, together with the associated supporting staff, catering, DJ, bands etc all impact on the amenity of the area. The venue's website advertises the capacity as having a ballroom that "seats up to 300 friends and family." In terms of intensity of events, as part of the Environmental Health Teams noise nuisance investigations for the period of July to September 2015, there were 64 events – 70% of the days and the Environmental Health Team add that with their continued involvement with the site, it is believed the site has become more regularly used rather than quieter since that time..... The proximity of the site to the venue is very close and would likely result in a poor relationship that would harm the amenity of future occupiers of the development as a result of guests, staff and supporting catering vehicles arriving / departing and are significantly exposed to any change / deterioration in future management arrangements of the venue that cannot be controlled by existing planning conditions.

EHDC do not appear to see any inconsistency between Mr Hassett's letter and their statement to the Planning Inspector. The FPC has responded robustly. EHDC require evidence of a change of use but what exactly does that mean? Froyle Park has been a wedding venue since it opened so no change of use there. Change of use from that envisaged by the planning permission is fairly clear cut.

2. Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday, 26 April at 8.15pm, starting with the Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm

There will be an opportunity for a further update on the situation at Froyle Park at the Annual Parish Meeting and in the meantime we would be happy to hear any views that people want to share. We have invited the Leader of EHDC (who has now resigned) and the Chief Executive Officer but neither have responded so far. **Do please make every effort to attend.**

3. The Playground and Pavilion Project

Many thanks to all those residents who responded to our consultation. Support was strong for refurbishing the Playground and there was a sense of 'about time too'. Views on exactly which bits of equipment to install were more varied as might be expected. All suggestions have been considered.

The playground will be taken out of service sometime between 1st and 14th April. The existing equipment will be removed along with the bark. The resulting hole will be filled and turfed over. The area will be temporarily fenced off and the turf allowed to establish for about 6-8 weeks depending on the weather. The new equipment will be installed in early June and should be ready for use by the end of that month. The total cost of this part of the project will be between £30-35,000. Both the Village Hall Committee and the Fete Committee have kindly agreed to make contributions to the cost.

Responses to the proposed pavilion were much more varied ranging from the hostile to the enthusiastic. No one argued to retain the football hut. The FPC are minded to go ahead with a smaller pavilion than at first envisaged but the final decision will not be made until June when the outcome of funding applications are known and the playground is nearing completion.

There will be a chance to discuss the Project further at the Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Speedwatch Report

At their meeting on 20th March the FPC heard a presentation from Gordon Mitchell on the proposed purchase of a speed indication device with funds from EHDC's section 106 Transport Fund..

5. Litter Bins

A litter bin for Upper Froyle was requested and after an assessment by EHDC a dual use bin has been installed. The style and siting of the bin has met with some adverse comments and the FPC is currently exploring possible alternative solutions with EHDC.

6. Trees

Representation was made to the FPC about the safety of road side trees along Froyle Road. This has been passed to the EHDC tree officer for investigation.

Can we warn residents particularly those in the two conservation areas that trees are strongly protected and that no work whatsoever should be undertaken on them without first consulting the tree officer at EHDC and putting in a planning application. The penalties for failing to do this are severe.

7. Date of next meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **26th April, 2017 at 8.15pm**, after the Village Hall AGM.

The next **Froyle Parish Council meeting** will be held on **8th May, 2017 at 8.00pm**.

Ian Macnabb

Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for March were

1st - Roz Packett 2nd - Anthea McRiley

3rd - Beverley Morgan 4th - Angela Wimshurst

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles

April News from The Froyle Archive

“More that meets the eye” (Part 2)



Last month's Archive page has brought to mind another photograph with an unusual “extra”. This Froyle School group was taken around 1908 - sadly we have very few photographs that can be accurately dated, but some of the children resemble those in a slightly earlier picture that we *do* have a date for! Once again, looking closely at the top of the fence behind the boys on the left, you can see the heads of the infants straining to see what was going on on the other side!! The school playground was divided by the fence to separate the younger children from the older boys and girls. Life was hard in those early days of education and the children weren't used to any discipline, apart from their parents.



Clive Barter Cabinet - current display

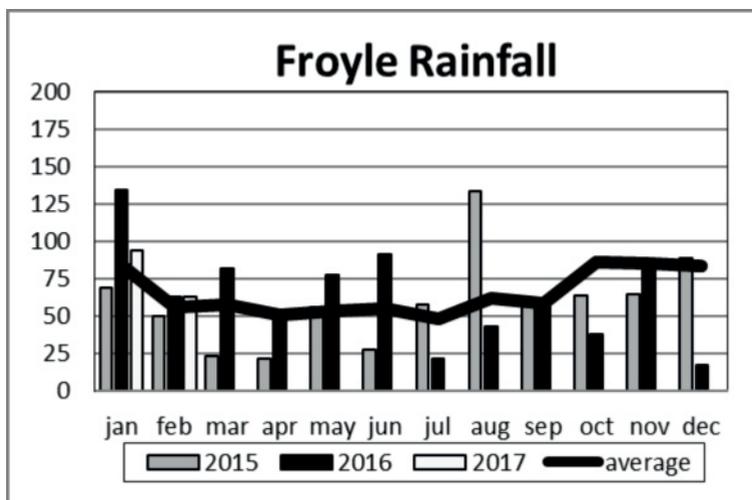
Until Easter, the display features the graves of the Messenger family, maltsters & brewers, in Lower Froyle. Have you ever looked at these particular graves - they are quite unique!

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village

Froyle Rainfall for February, 2017

This year	63 mm	2.5 ins
Last year	63 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.2 ins
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for February – the 5 th driest month	56.3 mm	2.2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	157 mm	6.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	140.4 mm	4.7 ins



2017 was, extraordinarily, identical in terms of rainfall to 2016, save for two small differences:

1. 28 days this year vs 29 last; and
2. Candlemas Day (the 2nd), where the occurrence of good or bad weather traditionally predicts the opposite for the next couple of months, was more exciting – 9 mm this year vs a big fat zero in 2016.

So is perhaps spring finally in the air...?



“The Umbrella Man”



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The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter. (@froylevhall)

You are invited to

The Froyle Village Hall Annual General Meeting

at 7.30pm, followed by

The Froyle Annual Parish Meeting

at 8.15pm on Wednesday 26 April 2017 in the Village Hall

These two events are again being held on the same evening. The first meeting includes a review of the activities of the Village Hall Committee. There will be a chance to hear what the committee has been up to for the last 12 months, approve our accounts and discuss plans for the future. It will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting which will include reports from the Parish Council, our District and County Councillors, and village groups. There will also be a chance to discuss progress on the Playground, the future of the Football Hut, planning issues and anything else you wish to raise.

DO PLEASE COME. RESIDENTS OLD AND NEW ALL WELCOME.

The Meeting Place



The Easter Meeting Place will take place as usual on **Good Friday**, this year **April 14th, from 9.30-12 noon** in the village hall. Do join us for Hot Cross Buns, the world famous Meeting Place cakes and drinks.

There will be an Easter Raffle, and **competition for the best decorated egg**. This is judged by popular vote, and is for all ages, so **please bring your hard boiled egg to the hall by 11o'clock for judging at 11.15am**.

Cake Bakers for April

7th.	Ann Roberts.	Barbara Starbuck.	Jo Mills.	Janet Dobson
14th.	Good Friday.			
	Margaret Stanford.	Lauraine Bourne.	Mary Perryman.	Anne Blunt
21st.	June Trim.	Sarah Basey.	Louise Marston.	Corinna Whines.
28th.	Marj Robinson.	Ann Netherway.	Jenny Dundas.	Jill Mackenzie

It is enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday it would be much appreciated. If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.

Kitchen helpers for April

April 7th.	Sarah Lovell.	Gillian Pickering.
14th.	The Meeting Place team.	
21st.	Sarah Roberts.	Jenny Matthews.
28th.	Jill Mackenzie.	Linda Cooper.

Many Thanks

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FOR YOUR DIARY FROYLE FILM NIGHT 2017 DATES



The dates for the next 2 Froyle Film Nights are:

Friday 16th June 2017

and

Friday 20th October 2017

Details of the films to be shown will be announced nearer the date

Froyle Wildlife

www.froylewildlife.co.uk

Talk on “Wildlife of the River Wey” by Glen Skelton Thursday 27th April, 7.30pm Froyle Village Hall (doors open 7pm)

Our rivers have been called ‘Nature’s Super Highway’. The talk will cover the North Wey describing the ingredients for a healthy river ecosystem. The wildlife species present on our local river depend on habitats including instream and the flood-plain. Current impacts such as pollution and invasive species can be partly offset by river restoration techniques. Glen Skelton has the experience of being involved with the Wey Landscape Partnership and Surrey Wildlife Trust.

All welcome, members £2, non members £3, children free, Refreshments.

Charitable status - Our application has now been approved by the Charities Commission to become a ‘Charitable Incorporated Organisation’. This registered charity number 1171997 has the name ‘Froyle Wildlife’.

Barry Clark

Hedgerows for Wildlife - At our talk in March we enjoyed a riveting and at times humorous evening with Jon Stokes from the Tree Council.



We were treated to so much more than the title of the talk. Jon spoke of the nine thousand year history of man’s relationship with trees in Britain, the wildlife that depend on hedgerows, how hedgerows can be better managed for wildlife and even snippets of folk law and superstitions that are still around today. As man settled in the landscape hedgerows were planted and used as a source for food, medicine, fire wood, building material, stock proof fencing and more. Apparently there are 500,000 miles of hedgerow in Britain which could be looked on as our largest nature reserve, sometimes the only places where species can find homes and travel safely in the farmed landscape.

We discovered that 130 nationally rare species live in hedgerow but sadly 88 of these are rapidly declining, this is due to several factors, and one such is the close annual cutting that some hedgerows undergo. Jon explained that moving the hedge cutter just four inches back from the usual cutting position produces flowering and fruiting on second year wood. This in turn provides food for many species including insects, mammals and farmland birds for example Brown Hairstreak butterflies, Bullfinches, Dormice, Soprano Pipistrelle, Barbastelle and Bechstein's bats. Employing this method of management each year then cutting back to the original size in the 5th year would dramatically improve biodiversity. Jon recommended the following websites:-

Information on maintaining hedgerows <http://hedgeline.org.uk/index.php>

Seasonal berries, nuts and apples www.hedgerowharvest.org.uk/

The Natural History of the Hedgerow – John Wright - ISBN-13: 978-1846685524

The Hedge Tree Handbook – The Tree Council – ISBN 0-904853-0-04-7

Jenny Matthews

Butterflies - In February we welcomed Dr. Andy Barker of the charity Butterfly Conservation to speak about the Butterflies of Hampshire. We learnt there are 46 species of butterfly that breed in the county with most of the scarcer species relying on special habitats such as deciduous woodland, chalk downland and heathland. This is due to the exacting habitat requirements of many



species including the presence of specific larval foodplants. Richly illustrated with photographs and graphs, the latter showed the serious declines over a number of years of many of these beautiful insects with the Pearl-bordered Fritillary nearly extinct in Hampshire due to loss of coppiced habitat. Success stories include the recreation of wild flower chalk grassland at Magdalen Hill Down near Winchester.

Enthused by Andy's talk, we will be aiming to do short notice walks (sunny weather) on local nature reserves to look for Duke of Burgundy, Silver-studded Blue, Chalkhill Blue and Brown Hairstreak butterflies. There is also a planned Guided Walk on **Saturday 29th July** in nearby Bentley Station Meadow Butterfly Conservation reserve to see Silver-washed Fritillary and other summer butterflies.

Gardening for butterflies – Plenty of ideas for nectar and larval food plants to grow for butterflies <http://butterfly-conservation.org/11908/garden.html>

Garden Butterfly Survey Make your garden butterfly sightings count by noting what you see each month online, something for the whole family. <http://www.gardenbutterflysurvey.org/>

Sue Clark

Lent Lecture in Froyle Village Hall on 2 March

“Loitering with Intent – The Role of Police Chaplaincy”

I'm sure everyone who attended will agree that we heard a most interesting and uplifting talk on 2 March at FVH from David Wilbraham, who is the Police Chaplain for Thames Valley Police and National Police Chaplain. David has had a long and distinguished career, initially as a policeman and then as an Anglican priest, in which role he returned in mid-career to the police force as a chaplain. He is also an excellent speaker!

David provided insights into parts of our police force which I for one never knew existed – army chaplains and prison chaplains I knew about, but not police chaplains.

As the police force has become increasingly specialised and sophisticated in recent decades (David illustrated this with entertaining video clips running from Dixon of Dock Green through Z Cars and on to present day TV police drama), so has the provision within the police force of spiritual support for police men and women in the stressful and often traumatic situations which they encounter on a day-to-day basis.

As the police have sought to recruit from a greater variety of cultural and educational backgrounds, so police chaplains themselves are now drawn from a broad range of different faiths and backgrounds. Their role is not to promote their faith. Much as their faith might motivate and strengthen them, their role as police chaplains is more to listen, to provide understanding and support for fellow members of the police force and sometimes others; they will only discuss their faith if asked; their stock in trade is their integrity, their grasp of the pressures under which the police operate; their combination of objectivity and sympathy, the confidentiality in which they work.

Listening to David speak in his warm and lively manner, it was easy to see how well he would fulfil the role he was describing. The evening was not only entertaining; it left me with a greater understanding of and confidence in a little known aspect of police activity which indirectly affects the security of all of us.

Perhaps this should not have been called a ‘Lent Lecture’ – it would have been of interest to anyone, not just to practising Christians. But that should always be the case with a Lent Lecture, which is really (for me at least) just a good excuse for having lectures on a variety of thought-provoking subjects of interest to a broad range of people – so if anyone has any ideas for a lecture next year, speak up!

William

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Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

Spring Show

Friday 7th April

Froyle Village Hall

Entries(for members only) 6.00pm –6.45pm

Visitors very welcome from 7.00pm

Refreshments and Raffle

Please enter our Show if you possibly can. It would be good to have as many visitors as possible . We don` t bite.

A reminder please return any trophies from any show for engraving

At our March meeting we welcomed Mrs Jill Fry to speak about Butterflies and wild flowers of 3 counties . A very knowledgeable speaker we were treated to superb slides of some more unusual orchids and other flowers and learnt a great deal about the Butterflies of our region.

Maureen Hunter won the monthly competition with a delightful vase of spring flowers.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday May 20th Geoff Hawkins Workshop, 10.00-12.00 Paddock Bend, Bentworth

Thursday June 8th Coach Trip to Forde Abbey £24 . A few places remain

Thursday May 18th 2.30p.m. Chestnut Cottage Jubilee Lane Boundstone . Refreshments

Frday June 23rd 7.00p.m. Old Rose Cottage,Blackberry Lane ,Four Marks Refreshments

Please ring Brenda Milam on 22216 to book any of the above .

Friday July 14th ,7.00pm The Willows ,Paice Lane Medstead



Better Balance

Better Balance ends on **5th April** for Easter. The summer session starts on **19th April**, and **26th April** onwards at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Please call **Sue on 22603** if you would like to join.

For help with Attendance Allowance forms, or information on other topics call Madeleine, Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire 23371

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Madeleine Black



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Due to the Easter holidays, we are meeting on **April 6th and 27th** only this month.
Do join us for some Easter craft.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



Many thanks to all the helpers in the informal **Froyle Litter Picking Team** for keeping the village tidy. It does make a difference and if anyone sees a "picker up" please give a toot or a wave to them as it is great to know that it is appreciated. I am sure that a scientific study could be conducted on why most of the litter seems to consist of Red Bull, Strongbow or Fosters cans - not wishing to be sexist but I don't think those are usually drunk by women !

If anyone thinks there is a part of the village not properly covered and would like to help please join us please let me know.

Sue Carr

E Mail susancarr80@gmail.com

Passover Meal and Maundy Thursday

Thursday 13 April – 7.15 pm, Froyle Village Hall

For those who have not been to this in the past, this annual event needs some explanation: on the Thursday before Easter, the Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle holds what is always one of the most entertaining and informative – not to mention unusual - evenings of our Church calendar: a Jewish Passover meal celebrated by Christians! The idea of it is (a) in a light-hearted way, to gain a greater understanding of Jewish history, rituals and beliefs and of how Christianity developed from these, all as reflected in the annual Jewish celebration of Passover and the Christian celebration of the Last Supper, and (b) most importantly, to have an enjoyable family evening of food, drink and good company. This year it is Froyle's turn to host. It is open to everyone of any religious belief or none - space permitting. **If you would like to come** sign up on one of the lists available at each of the three churches or contact Sarah or William, our Churchwardens - their details are on page 17.

Unconnected to the Passover meal, but shortly before it, there is a beautiful service in Froyle Church featuring choral music and hymns led by the choir with participation by the congregation – it is an emotionally powerful lead-in to the most important days of the Christian calendar. It starts at 6:00 pm. Do come to either or both of these events.

+++ Church Spring Jumble Sale +++

Saturday 22 April 2.00pm, Froyle Village Hall

Note the date, well done to those who spotted the error in last month's magazine. Our annual Jumble Sale raises much needed funds for the church and is a good opportunity for the village to get together. **Donations for all stalls will be very gratefully received.** Please bring to the Village Hall any Friday in April or contact stall holders below if you would like a house collection.

Books & CDs - Any topic! Lauraine Bourne 22159 or Madeleine Black 23371.

Bric-a-brac - All bric-a-brac will be gratefully received, Jane Macnabb 23195 or Royston Annible 520574.

Children's stall – looking for books, toys and games – Good condition only please, Gillian Pickering 23209.

Jumble - We need clean clothes, coats, accessories, shoes and linens, Lori Taylor 22148 or Sarah Lovell 520026.

Spring Produce - Cakes, biscuits, home-made chutneys, jams, marmalade, pickles and plants needed, so get baking! Janet Dobson 23340.

Raffle – we are looking for some good quality donations, Barbara Starbuck 22180 or Sarah Roberts 520041.

St Mary's Supporting the Community



I was there...



It was sad to hear of the death of Chuck Berry especially since in February 1972 I have to admit to being one of approximately 2000 drunken students at the Lanchester Arts Festival in Coventry who sang the chorus to My Ding-a-Ling which became Chuck Berry's only UK number one. Sad as tracks like Maybellene and Johnny b Goode were really great rock and roll tracks of their time but never came near to being number one. My Ding-a-Ling was described by Mary Whitehouse (she was actually born in the same town as myself) as suggestive and smutty, some said her comments actually helped the song reach number one.

The show at the Lacarno Ballroom in Coventry also included Slade as one of the warm up acts. Then half way through his set Chuck Berry rehearsed the audience so the girls were to shout "My" and the boys "Ding-a-Ling" then the girls were to sing "I want you to play with my" and the boys "Ding-a-Ling". Come on Mary what is smutty about that. For young students it was a night to remember, no one at the time knew that the performance would be released as a single and certainly that it would top the charts.

I did buy the single but think it came to grief under weight of a party seven.

Ian Whitmore

Quiet Day Before Holy Week

At Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP

Saturday, April 8th 2017

The day starts at 10.15am with a welcome, followed by the first of two talks by a member of the Community of Our Lady and St John – an Anglican Benedictine Monastery near Alton.

There is a Eucharist at 9am in the church to which all are welcome, followed by coffee in the Green Room. The day will finish at 4pm

Soup and hot drinks will be available, please bring anything else you might need.

The cost of the day is £10. Booking is not necessary.

For more information please contact the Guest Master: **01420 562145;**
guesthouse@altonabbey.com.



Which Wine with Which Food?



Friday 5th May at 7pm
In the Village Hall
Tickets £25 per head

As we mentioned last month, **Cecile Bergart from the Hampshire Wine School** - see www.hampshirerwineschool.com for details - has agreed to host this and give us the benefit of her experience and expertise, which is wonderful.

So far we have had interest from almost 40 of you, which is tremendous, but that's a good number as any more than that will start to get unmanageable.

There is still room therefore for maybe a couple more but could we ask everybody who has indicated they wish to come, and who hasn't paid yet, to drop a cheque for £25 per head - made payable to DARobertson – in at Wykeham House to guarantee your place (strictly on a first come, first served basis).

And just to remind you this is not a fund-raising evening - covering costs is the aim - because Cecile needs to be compensated for her time and expertise but, **as an incentive, a part of the cost of your ticket will be entry into a raffle, the prize for which will be a top quality bottle of wine.**

We are convinced that it will be a really worthwhile and memorable evening – you only have to read the testimonials on the Hampshire Wine School website to see in what high regard it is held – so do come if you can.



David and Susie Robertson (520820)



**The Production Of Stained Glass, plus
An Introduction To Heraldry
Saturday 6th May, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St Mary's Church, Froyle**

Last year we heard about the extraordinary history of the stained glass in St Mary's Church, Froyle. It was a lovely and informative evening and a lot of people suggested they would like to know more about how stained glass is actually produced. So I'm delighted to let you know that Alfred Fisher, who has lectured in the USA and the UK, has agreed to come and talk on that very subject. He draws on a career steeped in the design and production of stained glass (see www.alfredfisherglass.com).

He has also agreed to extend his talk to touch on the use of heraldry - another part of St Mary's rich history.

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Sunday 2nd April	8.00am 5.00pm 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Holy Communion
Sunday 9th April	11.00am 9.30am 3.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Worship & Childrens Ch Messy Church
Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday	6.00pm	Froyle	Choral Service
Friday 14th April Good Friday	1.00pm	Binsted	Good Friday Meditation
Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday	11.00am 5.30am 9.30am 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Sunrise Service Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd April	6.30pm 9.30am 8.00am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Evensong HC and Children's Church Holy Communion
Sunday 30th April	11.00am	Bentley	Joint Benefice Service

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Fake news or Good News?

We've all heard about "fake news" - the stories which certain politicians and certain parts of the media invent, or wildly exaggerate, in order to push their own agendas, or boost their own profits. The other name for it is "lies". Whether it's a promise of NHS funding painted on the side of a bus, or a non-existent "massacre" used as an excuse for banning immigrants, such lies are more and more common.

It's bad enough when people get fooled by those lies. It's worse when people make decision based on those lies, because usually the only people who benefit are the liars. Worst of all is that the liars can then cry "fake news" even when presented with the truth, leaving everyone confused, and making it much harder to find out what is real news, and what is lies.

We all need the truth. But what is it?

In the Gospels, it is Pontius Pilate, the Roman politician, who asks Jesus "what is truth?" just before making the politically expedient decision to have Jesus executed. Pontius Pilate may have thought that the truth could be distorted, hidden, or killed, but God had different plans.

The joyful Easter-proclamation of the Church is that Jesus who was put to death by crucifixion and whose corpse was hurriedly buried in a tomb nearby, was raised to life again on the third day after all this happened.

The evidence for this is recorded in the Gospels, the effect it had on the original band of disciples, the existence of the Church, and two thousand years of Christian belief and worship.

Of course, I'm a vicar so I'm bound to see things that way...

However, probably the strongest arguments for Christ's resurrection for me personally (yes, vicars do have their own moments of doubt!), are the testimonies of normal men and women I have met and yet whose lives have been transformed through faith in Jesus Christ. Normal people, with all the worries and issues and faults we all have, who can yet testify following sometimes slow and gentle, sometimes dramatic conversion experiences that Jesus is alive and He is Lord.

There are good grounds for accepting the evidence of the Gospels and Christian tradition, and in that conviction I invite you to share with us in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus in church on Easter Day, and I pray that we may all experience His living presence and power as we try to serve Him day by day. "Jesus is alive" - that is the jubilant conviction, the Good News which brings hope and joy into our lives.

***Easter Blessings to you all,
Yann***

St Marys Church, Froyle - Kneelers

Those of you who lived in the village in 1996 might remember joining in with a project initiated by Bea Sword, in the creation of new kneelers in the Church. Bea found a supplier, who provided the design, wool, canvas etc, and the community spent many hours making the kneelers now easing the knees of the Congregation!

Nobody thought about the kneelers at the altar rail, which are now looking very drab and worn, and rather damp, so we decided it would be an idea to replace them. We have approached the same supplier, and agreed a design, and we have received PCC approval for the project.

While the Community Group will 'drive' the work, we would like it to be a truly 'Community' project, and are looking for any stitchers out there who would be happy to join us for a couple of hours a week in the Church Vestry for a 'stitch & chat' session! You don't, in fact, have to be an advanced needleworker; it is a simple cross stitch used throughout, so anyone can learn it.

If the idea of being part of this project appeals, please let one of us know. There will be more detail in the next Magazine.

Sarah T 23294 Gill 520484 Jenny 23697

St. Mary's Church, Froyle – Easter Decorations

We shall be decorating the Church on **Saturday 15th April** starting at **9.30a.m.**

We would be delighted to welcome as many people as possible to help, the theme will be decorated crosses and baskets or containers of Spring flowers. We look forward to seeing you. Any enquiries to Sarah T 23294 or Gill 520484

Our Church Roof

On Friday 3rd April, a five week contract to repair the Chancel roof will begin ; repairs to the stonework above the Porch will also be carried out during this time. A large part of the cost of this is being funded through a grant received through the Government-funded Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund.

The North side of the Chancel roof will be completely retiled and the South side repaired where necessary. We will also take the opportunity to seal the Chancel eaves in an attempt to persuade our visiting Jackdaws to set up home elsewhere.

The choice of April is made by our transient bat population! We are host to as many as three varieties of bat and possibly more. The only other time of year when the bats allow us to disturb their roosts is from the middle of September to the end of October. So please bear with us during any resulting disruption. We have sought to keep this to a minimum by arranging for the necessary scaffold to the Porch not to be erected until the 24th April, so the Porch will be free from scaffolding for our two April weddings and over Easter.

Mike Starbuck

Froyle Church Annual Meeting (AGM/APCM)

Thursday 27 April 7:30 pm in Froyle Church

Come and hear and discuss what the Church has been up to and our thoughts for the future. A formal notice and agenda will be posted on the Church notice boards the week beginning 10 April. Wine will be served beforehand from 7:00 pm as usual, so get there in plenty of time!



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You don't have to commit to the whole course - just come along and see what you think. No pressure, no follow up and no charge.

For further information please contact: louisemarston@icloud.com the Benefice Church Office, St Mary's Church, Bentley, GU10 5NA or visit alpha.org

Challenge, debate or simply listen



Bentley CE Primary March News

Singing is a great part of primary school life. From music lessons to assembly time we often comment on how singing fills the heart with joy. We are lucky enough to have some super singers at school both pupils and staff. Several members of staff enjoy their own extra-curricular singing at Rock Choir, whilst for many of us it is class based or within whole school singing time. We love singing with Yann in Thursday assemblies and particularly enjoy this aspect of his worship with lots of actions and enthusiasm.

This March two classes were lucky enough to take part in special concerts at The Anvil Theatre. These were organised by Hampshire Music Service who we use at Bentley to help support our rich and interesting music curriculum. The concerts were offered to Year 1 and Year 4 and this is what they said about their visits:

Year 1 Barnaby Bear

We had a brilliant time at the Anvil where every child and adult brought along their own teddy bear to help sing along! The Year 1 children were impeccably behaved and we all really enjoyed the experience. For our regular choir members this was the best choir experience singing with so many others! Well done Year 1, I am very proud of you.

By Miss Vogel, Class teacher



On Wednesday we went to the Anvil. We went on a big bus and it was fun and long. When we got there we saw Sophie and Sam and we sung lots of songs. Sophie and Sam were very good but we were better! When we went back to school it was lunch time and I had a packed lunch with a wrap.

By Charlotte Lucas Year 1



On Wednesday we went to the Anvil to sing some songs. We had lots of fun and we sat on flappy chairs. We had a picnic lunch and I had lots of fun. We met Barnaby Bear and I felt really happy.

By Esmond Westlake

(Contd)

Year 4 The Happy Prince

The Year 4 class thoroughly enjoyed our morning at the Anvil singing some extremely challenging parts linked to the story of The Happy Prince. It was a great feeling to sing altogether with so many participants and brought all the prior learning together. The story came alive as the teenagers acted it out and it was a great event, which no doubt the children will remember for a long time to come. *By Mr Goddard, class teacher*

We took a coach to the Anvil in Basingtoke. It was really good fun. The Anvil is huge! There were lots of schools there, I think about sixteen! Some of the people from Hampshire Music Service were there. There was also a choir there of older students from Perrins School who helped us to sing. There were dancers in the middles. There was also a narrator who told us the story in-between the songs. *By Bea Curtis*

We went on a coach to get to the Anvil. On the way there was lots of chatter because everyone was really excited. When we got there it took us about two minutes to get there. It is really big and when we got inside it was really noisy with so many schools and children and adults! We watched the actors and then sang in between as the story went along. It is a sad story but the actors were really good and even made parts of it funny. We had to walk back to the bus and on the way some people fell asleep and woke up back at school for lunch! *By Sam Kent*

London Marathon for Treloar's

I am running the London Marathon on **April 23rd** on behalf of the Treloar Trust.

I was at the School and College this morning, and what a privilege it is to run for them - especially as funding is such a key factor at the moment.

My fundraising is a joint effort between me and my friend Henry Skrine. Both of us are in our final year of University and getting ready to face the real world.

As I am not a keen runner, this 26.2 miles is a fairly daunting prospect but any donations or support will really help these final weeks of preparation.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at **findlaywill80@hotmail.co.uk** or contact me on **01420 22019**.

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Friday, 21st April 2017

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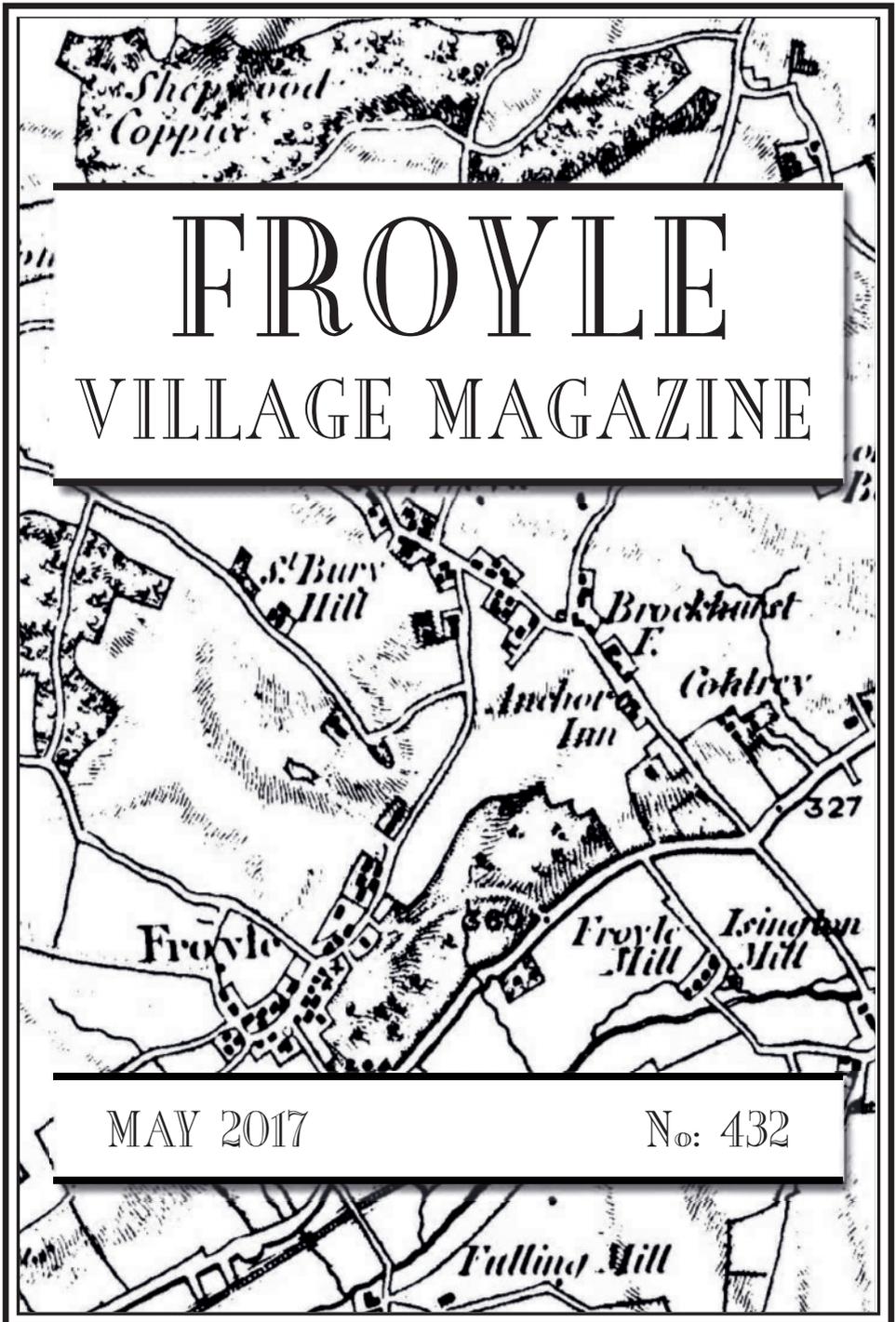
All contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to

magazine@froyle.com

Alternatively a hard copy can be dropped off The Meeting Place.

Please remember to check out the magazine online at:

<http://www.froyle.com/magazine/magazine.htm>

A detailed historical map of Froyle village, showing various landmarks and buildings. The map is framed by a thick black border. At the top, the text 'Sheepwood Coppice' is visible. The central part of the map features a large white rectangular box containing the title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE'. Below this box, the map shows several mills: 'St. Bury Mill', 'Brockhurst Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill'. The number '327' is also visible on a road. The map uses hatching and stippling to represent terrain and buildings.

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Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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Email: froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC)

The Froyle Parish Council have not held a meeting since our last report in the April village magazine, so there is little to report upon here other than to update you with progress on the playground project.

The groundworks for the playground area commenced on Thursday 20th April, are expected to last two weeks, and will comprise:-

- Fencing the groundworks area
- Clearing the old equipment
- Clearing the bark
- Importing stones to improve drainage
- Turfing the whole playground area.

The area will then be left to allow the ground to settle and the turf to become established. The area will remain fenced in.

The contractors will return mid June to install the new equipment and to remove the fencing. It is expected that the new playground area will be opened at the Village Fete on 8th July.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 26th April, 2017 at 8.15pm, after the Village Hall AGM.

The next Froyle Parish Council meeting will be held on 8th May, 2017 at 8pm.

Ian Macnabb

The Froyle Archive

50 years ago Lilian Smither, a daughter of the Westbrook family, wrote about life in Rock House Farm, Lower Froyle, which was demolished in 1962

About the year 1855 my paternal grandfather, William Westbrook, purchased Rock House Farm and settled in with his new bride. The house was very old, having been built in, or quite possibly, before, the 16th century, chiefly of local stone taken from a quarry beside the main road about two miles away. The front elevation had two gables at the extreme ends, gables of tile hanging made up of plain and decorative tiles and four sash windows, obviously added at a later date. The brick archway of a much larger window above the present dining room sash



window could still be seen. The rear elevation had a sloping tiled roof coming down to within about five feet of the ground with one small attic window giving a view of the farm yard.

There were two distinct attics, with separate staircases to each, the pigeons occupied one and Grandfather's sons, when grown up, occupied the other. The pigeons made an awful mess flying in and out of the pigeon holes built in the side of the house for that purpose and their quarters were referred to as "The Loft".

An enormous chimney stack reared up in the middle of the house and a dark passage ran along the interior at the back. The brick floor of this was very uneven and a wooden plank was put down which moved at every step and, no matter how carefully one walked, it made such a noise that grandmother was always aware of someone approaching.

An old heavy refectory table, complete with stool, stood on one side of the room and my father could recall harvest suppers around that table, when all the farm workers sat down to a good meal of home made food and home made beer and wine. A noble looking grandfather clock stood nearby and a barometer hung on the wall. An old H.M.V. gramophone stood on an equally old piano. Oak beams ran across the ceiling and the room was very dark.

The drawing room was entered from the dining room and had a corner fireplace. Its oak floor was covered by an old much worn carpet with various arm chairs and numerous antimacassars.

The old bakehouse had been turned into a kitchen, with a smoky kitchen range. Two or three rooms were not used at all, or so it seemed to me. A third front room held the water pans and, as the well was at the front of the house within three feet of the wall, the window stood open and each bucket of water drawn from the well was simply tipped through the window into the pans. Many years later this room became a kitchen.

By 1962 the old house stood forlorn and empty and the walled in garden had become a wilderness; soon the hand of a demolition squad was at work attacking some of the outbuildings to make way for a dwelling house, with the old walnut tree, planted, by my uncle over a century ago, standing guard over the whole scene.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village



Bookings: Jo Mills
01420 22384
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Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter. (@froylevhall)



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

May meetings are on the 11th, 18th and 25th. We do hope to see you then.

**Please note that due to the local elections,
there is no toddler group meeting on May 4th.**

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am - 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot and cold drinks and all the local gossip!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers

05-May Susie Robertson.	Lucia Lindblom.	Mary Chaplin.	Sarah Khan.
12-May Sue Carr.	Sue Sharman.	Janet Dobson.	Shirley Bellis
19-May Madeleine Black.	Jane Stewart-Smith.	Elizabeth Sealy.	Alison Pincott
26-May Sarah Roberts.	Jenny Gove.	Brenda Milam.	Kay Pogson

Kitchen Helpers

05-May Sue Carr	Sue Marriott
12-May Jan Elliott	Philippa Cullen- Stephenson
19-May Barbara Starbuck	Jenny Dundas
26-May Kay Pogson	Sue Sharman

If you need to swap dates, please contact helper direct to arrange this. **Please be at Village Hall around 10.00am.**

It is enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday it would be much appreciated. If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com
Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

LOST PROPERTY?

A coat, a ring and a girls (age 12) cardigan have all been left in the village hall recently. If anyone is missing these items, please get in touch or they will be moved on to new homes.

Advance warning about "The Fantastic Froyle Quiz 2017"

It will be held on October 14th at the Village hall.

Watch this space for more details



Which Wine with Which Food?



Friday 5th May at 7pm
In the Village Hall
Tickets £25 per head

As we mentioned last month, **Cecile Bergart from the Hampshire Wine School** - see www.hampshirerwineschool.com for details - has agreed to host this and give us the benefit of her experience and expertise, which is wonderful.

So far we have had interest from almost 40 of you, which is tremendous, but that's a good number as any more than that will start to get unmanageable.

There is still room therefore for maybe a couple more but could we ask everybody who has indicated they wish to come, and who hasn't paid yet, to drop a cheque for £25 per head - made payable to DARobertson – in at Wykeham House to guarantee your place (strictly on a first come, first served basis).

And just to remind you this is not a fund-raising evening - covering costs is the aim - because Cecile needs to be compensated for her time and expertise but, **as an incentive, a part of the cost of your ticket will be entry into a raffle, the prize for which will be a top quality bottle of wine.**

We are convinced that it will be a really worthwhile and memorable evening – you only have to read the testimonials on the Hampshire Wine School website to see in what high regard it is held – so do come if you can.



David and Susie Robertson (520820)



71st Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show - Saturday, 8th July Village Recreation Ground

The organising committee have already met and have plans in place for this year's fete and have decided it is going to be much like last year's, very traditional with plenty for young and old alike.

As well as the Flower Show and the often hilarious but very organised Dog Show this year we have a children's farm with a range of farm and other animals, a display of classic cars and the ever popular children's races which as always will culminate in adults v children tug of war, yet to be won by the grown ups.

There is also food and drink, raffle prizes, games and some surprising stalls, including this year the silent auction with plenty of interesting items already lined up.

So now is the time to start digging out your bric-a-brac, jumble, books and DVDs.

As well as a well drilled organising committee we are always grateful to anyone who can help on the day, setting up, helping on one of the stalls or assisting with clearing up. Your time is really appreciated so if you would like to help please call **Ian Whitmore 22634**.

Now all we need to do is hope for a lovely sunny summer day.

Ian Whitmore

Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for April were:

1st - Lizzie Johnson 2nd - Lauraine Bourne
3rd - Mary Wilde 4th - Barry Clark

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles

Froyle Wildlife

www.froylewildlife.co.uk

GARDEN BIRDS. The top three garden birds in Hampshire this year were House sparrow, Starling and Woodpigeon according to the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (see <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>). Although only 59% of gardens recorded sparrows and less than half had starlings. We know that regularly feeding the birds has a big positive impact locally, as well as other actions such as putting up a nest box or gardening with nature in mind.



THE WILDFLOWER MEADOW area on Froyle recreation ground is starting to flower now. Look out for perennials such as oxeye daisy, common sorrel, ribwort plantain, yarrow and grasses such as crested dogstail and sweet vernal-grass. The cowslips, lady's smock, and common field speedwell have already flowered in April. An annual cut and rake-up to maintain the meadow area is planned for the end of July. Photos of last year's cornfield annuals can be seen at <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/photo-gallery/2016-wildflower-area/>.

Barry Clark

GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES. Butterflies not only brighten our gardens with movement and colour but also, along with moths, provide vital food supplies for other species especially birds and bats. We can help by providing nectar for adults and in some cases food plants for the larvae.

NECTAR PLANTS (a selection of garden and wild flowers)- Primrose, Chionodoxa, Pussy Willow, Bluebell, Aubrietia, Hyacinth, Cuckoo Flower, Forget-me-not, Perennial Wallflower – Bowles Mauve, Honesty, Sweet Rocket – *Hesperis matronalis*, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Lavender, Marjoram, Bramble, Mint, Hyssop, Perennial Pea - *Lathyrus latifolius*, Hebe, Buddleia, Verbena bonariensis, Field Scabious, Hemp Agrimony, Teasel, Phlox, Ice plant- *Sedum spectabile*, Cone Flower, *Inula hookeri*, Michaelmas Daisy. Annuals include Candytuft, Tithonia, and Single dahlias.

Flowering Ivy is an important late season nectar source for many insects including the Red Admiral. It's a larval food plant of the Holly Blue butterfly and the Brimstone will hibernate in it. Birds find shelter, build nests amongst it and eat the berries in winter. The juice from rotting windfall fruit is often a magnet for Comma and Red Admiral. 7 -

LARVAL FOOD PLANTS - The adult female must search for the right food plants to lay her eggs. The Peacock seeks out Nettle, the only plant her caterpillars (larva) will eat. Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Red Admiral are the other nettle feeders. Cabbage Whites, can be tempted away from our brassicas by planting Nasturtiums. The Holly Blue lays on Holly in the spring and Ivy in the autumn and the Orange tip on Sweet Rocket, Honesty, Ladies Smock and Garlic Mustard –Brimstone larvae will only eat Buckthorn or Alder Buckthorn. Again these plants need to be in sunny sheltered areas and of course chemicals should be avoided.



SPECIES TO LOOK OUT FOR IN OUR GARDENS -

Brimstone, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Red Admiral, are the first species on the wing in spring having hibernated as adults. By May Holly Blue, Green-veined White, Orange Tip, Small Copper, Speckled Wood, Large and Small White (collectively known as Cabbage Whites) will be flying and perhaps the migrant Painted Lady. Others to watch for during the year are Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Large

and Small Skipper, Gatekeeper and Ringlet. These are the most likely species to turn up in our Froyle gardens but others could make an appearance. A list of the 35 species recorded in the Parish can be seen at <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/recording/species-lists/>.

Sue Clark



Better Balance

Better Balance is warming up for summer at 2.30pm on Wednesdays in the Village Hall.

Dates for **May: 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st.** (Note there's no class on 17th May)

Please call **Sue 22603** if you would like to join.

For help with Attendance Allowance forms, or information on other topics call **Madeleine, Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire 23371**

ACH Information and Advice , 10-3 M-F, 0800 328 7154

ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Madeleine Black

Safari Supper

Proposed for Early September



Many of you will recall Safari Suppers held in Froyle some 5 and 8 years ago. They were generally deemed a great success due to heroic efforts by, amongst others, Gill Bradley and Jenny Gove, so we are proposing to organise another one this year in aid of the Village Hall.

For those of you who are new to this, a safari supper is **a shared meal**,

where several members of the Village each cook a single course; you then eat each course with different people at a different house (this is the safari bit).

This presents a great opportunity, not only for some of the more seasoned residents to catch up with friends old and new, but also for those of you who may have moved in to the village more recently to get to know some more of your neighbours .

The idea is to all meet at one central venue, probably in Upper Froyle, for a welcome drink and to receive the name and address of your first-course-host. As you finish that course, the guests will then be told where each is to go for their main course; and when that is over, it's off to the final venue, probably the Village Hall, for pudding, coffee and home.

The probable date is expected to be **either Saturday 2nd or 9th September** and the approximate timing: all meet at 6.45pm, the first course to start at 7.30pm, and through by 10.30 pm at the latest.

This does take a fair amount of organising so, at this stage, we would be very grateful if **everybody who would like to host a single course for probably around 8 people, ie you + 6 guests, to let anybody on the Village Hall Committee know you are happy to do so, either in person or by email to DARinfoyle@aol.com or sjrinfoyle@gmail.com or telephone 520820.**

If the previous such evenings are anything to go by it really will be great fun, we promise... but more in future issues...

The Village Hall Committee



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

On **Friday May 12th at 7.30** in the Village Hall, Mrs Sarah Furey is coming to give us a talk on `A Medicine cupboard from your garden`. Sarah has told me she is bringing along samples of ointments etc for us to try . This should be a little different and really interesting. Visitors always welcome at £2 a head.

There has so far been a very poor response to the extra afternoon visit to Chestnut Cottage on **Thursday May 18th at 2.30pm**. Also Geoff's workshop at Paddock Bend, Bentworth on **Saturday May 20th 10.00am to 12.00pm**. It would be a shame to have to cancel either of these..

We have just had our Spring Show and in spite of the unusually mild Spring there was still a good display of Daffodils and other Spring Flowers. It was particularly good and very encouraging to see new members entering. The results were as follows ;

- 1 Bloom Yellow Trumpet Daffodil, 1st Gillian Pickering, 2nd Brian Porter.
- 3 Blooms Yellow Trumpet Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd June Trim.
- Trumpet Daffodils white, 1st Brian Porter.
- Trumpet daffodils Bicolour, 1st Sue Sharman, 2nd Brenda Milam.,
- Large Cupped daffodil, 1st Brian Porter, 3rd David Menzies,
- Double Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd Mollie Court,
- Triandrus Daffodils, 1st Gillian Pickering, 2nd Brian Porter, 3rd David Menzies.
- Cyclamineus Daffodils, 1st David Menzies.
- Tazetta Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd Tony Riley.
- Poeticus Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Any Other Daffodil, 1st Brenda Milam, 2nd Nick Whines, 3rd David Menzies.
- Tulips, 1st Julie Southern, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Polyanthus, 2nd Mollie Court, 3rd Nick Whines.
- Flowering Shrub, 1st Gillian Pickering, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Maureen Hunter.
- Mixed Spring Flowers, 1st Maureen Hunter, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Mixed Foliage, 1st Brenda Milam, 2nd Maureen Hunter, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Cactus or Succulent, 1st David Menzies, 2nd June Trim, 3rd Brenda Milam.

(Cont'd)

- Flowering pot plant , 1st Tony Riley, 2nd Brian Porter, 3rd Sue Cripps.
- Foliage Pot Plant, 1st Mollie Court.
- Alpine pot plant, 1st David Menzies, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Tony Riley.
- Rhubarb, 1st Brenda Milam, 2nd David Menzies, 3rd Anne Blunt.
- Spring Posy judged by Popular Vote there was a tie between Marian Cresswell, Brenda Milam and Beryl Webster..
- Photograph- Reflections. Popular vote . Anne Blunt .
- A Flower Portrait Nick Whines.

Trophies

- Best in Show and Best Spring Flowers, Maureen Hunter,
- Best Exhibit of Daffodils, Gillian Pickering
- Award for highest points, Brian Porter.

Well Done everyone.

Brenda Milam

THE PRODUCTION OF STAINED GLASS PLUS AN INTRODUCTION TO HERALDRY SATURDAY 6TH MAY, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM ST MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE



May I remind you of the talk coming up on Saturday 6th May? Last year we heard about the extraordinary history of the stained glass in St Mary's Church, Froyle. It was a lovely and informative evening and a lot of people suggested they would like to know more about how stained glass is actually produced. So I'm delighted to let you know that Alfred Fisher, who has lectured in the USA and the UK, has agreed to come and talk on that very subject. He draws on a career steeped in the design and production of stained glass (see www.alfredfisherglass.com).

He has also agreed to extend his talk to touch on the use of heraldry - another part of St Mary's rich history.

The lecture will be followed by wine and nibbles and a chance to chat with Alfred.

Tickets £10 – ring Nigel and Linda Bulpitt (01420 22725)



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



'SUFFRAGETTE'

Starring

CAREY MULLIGAN, HELENA BONHAM CARTER,
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Friday 16th June

Froyle Village Hall

Doors open 7 p.m.

Film starts 7.30 p.m.

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Pay Bar available

A drama that tracks the story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. These women were not primarily from the genteel educated classes, they were working women who had seen peaceful protest achieve nothing. Radicalized and turning to violence as the only route to change, they were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality - their jobs, their homes, their children and their lives.

PG 12A

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:
Karen Potter (520294)**



I was there...



This June, the British and Irish Lions depart for New Zealand under the captaincy of Sam Warburton. By any standards this is a strong touring party well equipped to take on the world champions, but it's worth recalling that the Lions have won only one test series in New Zealand, back in 1971. That team contained many of British rugby's all time greats - Gareth, Barry, JPR, Gerald, Merv the Swerve and some players who weren't Welsh. In 1973, members of this team formed the majority of the Barbarians side that met the All Blacks in what was then the traditional finale to a tour of these islands. The following piece is for the benefit of any residents who have not been in the Anchor when the author is talking about rugby.

January 27th, 1973.

Barbarians 23, New Zealand 11

"Gareth Edwards- a dramatic start - WHAT A SCORE!"

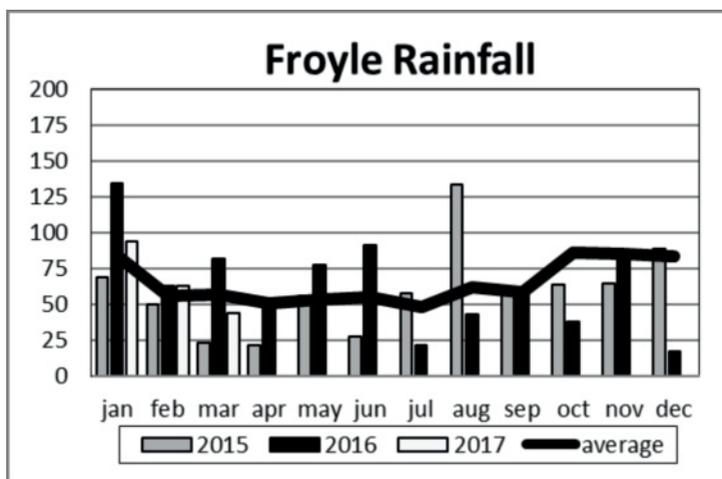
Cliff Morgan's commentary will be familiar to all rugby fans, but I didn't hear it at the time because I was there. There at the old "Arms Park" in Cardiff with my Dad standing up against the railings in the South Enclosure. It was a great time to be a rugby mad teenager in South Wales, with an equally rugby mad Dad, and we'd already seen the All Blacks twice on that tour. A brutal encounter against the Cardiff club side, a match notable for one of the New Zealand props being stretchered off with a broken jaw, and a narrow victory over the Welsh national side. We could have no idea that we'd be present at one of the most talked about games in rugby history and witness THAT try. The tourists, under the leadership of Ian Kirkpatrick had been dubbed "the unsmiling All Blacks". They had come to avenge the test series defeat in 1971 and not to win friends, and had lost only once on the tour to a Llanelli side coached by Carwyn James who had been the mastermind behind the Lions triumph. In a concession to public opinion, this match in Cardiff was the only time on the tour when the team performed the Haka and if you watch the video it's more like a version of "pat a cake, pat a cake baker's man" than the blood curdling performances of today!

Rugby and Cardiff have changed dramatically in the last 44 years. What was Tiger Bay, birthplace of Shirley Bassey and home to some "interesting" pubs, restaurants and clubs is now Cardiff Bay, home to the Welsh Assembly, the Doctor Who Experience and bars and restaurants whose names will be familiar to any visitor to a large U.K. town. The rugby ground is now the Principality Stadium and one of the finest sporting venues in Europe. I attend most international games in Cardiff and, unlike that day in 1973, when my pre match preparation consisted of fish and chips and a can of "pop", it's more likely to be a few pints of Brains S.A. ("Skull Attack"). In the 21st century, I've been fortunate to see three Welsh Grand Slams, but perhaps those are tales for another day

Nigel Fisher

Froyle Rainfall for March 2017

This year	44 mm	1.7 ins
Last year	82 mm	3.2 ins
Wettest March (2001)	129.5 mm	5.1 ins
Driest March (1990)	6 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for March – the 5 th driest month	57.3 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	201 mm	7.9 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	197.7 mm	7.8 ins



“As it rains in March so it rains in June”...apparently...

Believe it or not, this has occurred each year for the last 3, but only 11 times in the last 39, so we are seeing the revival of an ancient trend? Call me a sceptic, but I reckon probably not, because three-quarters of the time a below average first quarter (as this year has been) results in a relatively dry first half of the year.



“The Umbrella Man”

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Sunday 7th May	8.00am 5.00pm 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Holy Communion
Sunday 14th May	11.00am 9.30am 3.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Worship & Childrens Ch Messy Church
Sunday 21st May	11.00am 5.00pm 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Morning Worship
Sunday 28th May	6.30pm 9.30am 8.00am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Evensong HC and Children's Church Holy Communion

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Following the funerals in April of some well known and well loved local figures (Hilda Evans, Brian Eves, Jimmy Evans, Julian Lyon-Taylor) one could be forgiven for heading towards the summer in sombre mood. Of course, when loved ones die it is entirely normal and appropriate to mourn their passing away, and to miss their presence with us. And yet...

And yet, last month's Easter celebrations have afforded us the light of hope. St Paul's instruction to the church in Thessalonica was:

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope." 1 Thessalonians 4:13

This was not a glib comment from Paul – his point wasn't that we shouldn't grieve, after all, Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. It was how we grieve. Grieving in the light of hope is a very different proposition to grieving without it.

At Hilda's funeral, Revd James Campbell, formerly the Vicar of Bentley and Binsted, quoted some of Edward the Confessor's dying words to his wife:

"Weep not, I shall not die, and as I leave the land of the dying, I trust to see the blessings of the Lord in the land of the living."

James continued,

"We think that we live in 'the land of the living' but we'd be more correct to call it 'the land of the dying'. Through Jesus Christ, we know that we are journeying not to the sunset, but to the sunrise; as someone once put it, 'death is the gateway to the skyline.' We are not on our way to death, but to life."

May we all share this hope, and live in its light hour by hour and day by day.

***Blessings,
Yann***



Lent Lunches

We had our last Lent lunch of 2017 on Wednesday April 5th , and my grateful thanks to all the hosts/hostesses, who gave so generously of their soup and hospitality. The soups were all of the usual magnificent standard and variety, and much enjoyed by all.

The total taken towards all the chosen charities was **£1150**, which is a tremendous achievement.

I look forward to seeing you all next year for a similar gastronomic experience!

Jenny Gove

Church Flowers

THANK YOU once again to all those who helped to decorate the Church for Easter. We had a beautiful Easter Garden, lots of decorated crosses and some amazing painted eggs. Thanks to the Sunday School, the Toddler Group and the Congregation.

Our next request is for baskets of greenery and plenty of foliage to decorate the church to set off the Vestment Display on the first weekend in June, 3rd and 4th. **Please deliver your contributions to the church by Tuesday 30th May.** Many thanks.

Sarah 23294 & Gill 520484

Church Jumble Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who kindly donated lots of goodies, a special thank you to those who gave a gift for the raffle, we were rather overwhelmed so had to keep some gifts back for the Harvest Supper and Christmas raffles later in the year! As a result of your generosity we had stalls crammed with treasures to sell.

Thanks to Upper Froyle resident Jane of Wag Design whose new ad for the Alton Herald pulled in a larger crowd than usual. But biggest thanks go to the wonderful troop of helpers who laid out all the stalls, greeted all the punters with a smile, collected lots of dosh and then had the energy to tidy up! We had a really happy, hectic afternoon! Hip hip hurrah

Julie and Sarah

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Treloar's earns fifth place finish in the National Centre for Diversity's 2017 Top 100 Organisation Index

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The top 100 Index, as well as organisation awards, was announced at the NCFD's Annual Grand Awards in March. Placement on the index is determined by the results of surveys completed by those who embark on the accreditation journey with NCFD.

Martin Ingram, Treloar's Principal, is happy with the result, *"Treloar's values the diversity of its staff and we believe that our ranking is a reflection of the commitment we feel toward diversity."*

Holybourne Shop

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U3A Alton Branch

The subject of the Monthly Meeting for May is one I hope you will not forget.... Alzheimer's and Dementia can affect people of any age, and can be distressing. Come and hear what progress into research is being made by the University of Southampton. Dr Boche and Dr Amin are leading authorities on the subject and will share their knowledge.

The Meeting is on **Friday, May 19th at 2.00 pm** at the Community Centre Alton. As usual, all are welcome, a charge of a pound includes a cup of tea.

Moonwalk 2017

It has come to the time when I feel the need to complete a challenge!!

This year I am doing the Moonwalk on **Saturday, 13th May 2017.**

We are all touched by cancer in our lives, whether it be a mum, dad or a dear friend or even a neighbour, every day someone is told that they have this awful illness and we need to do all we can to help.

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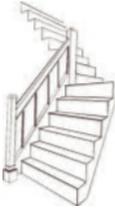
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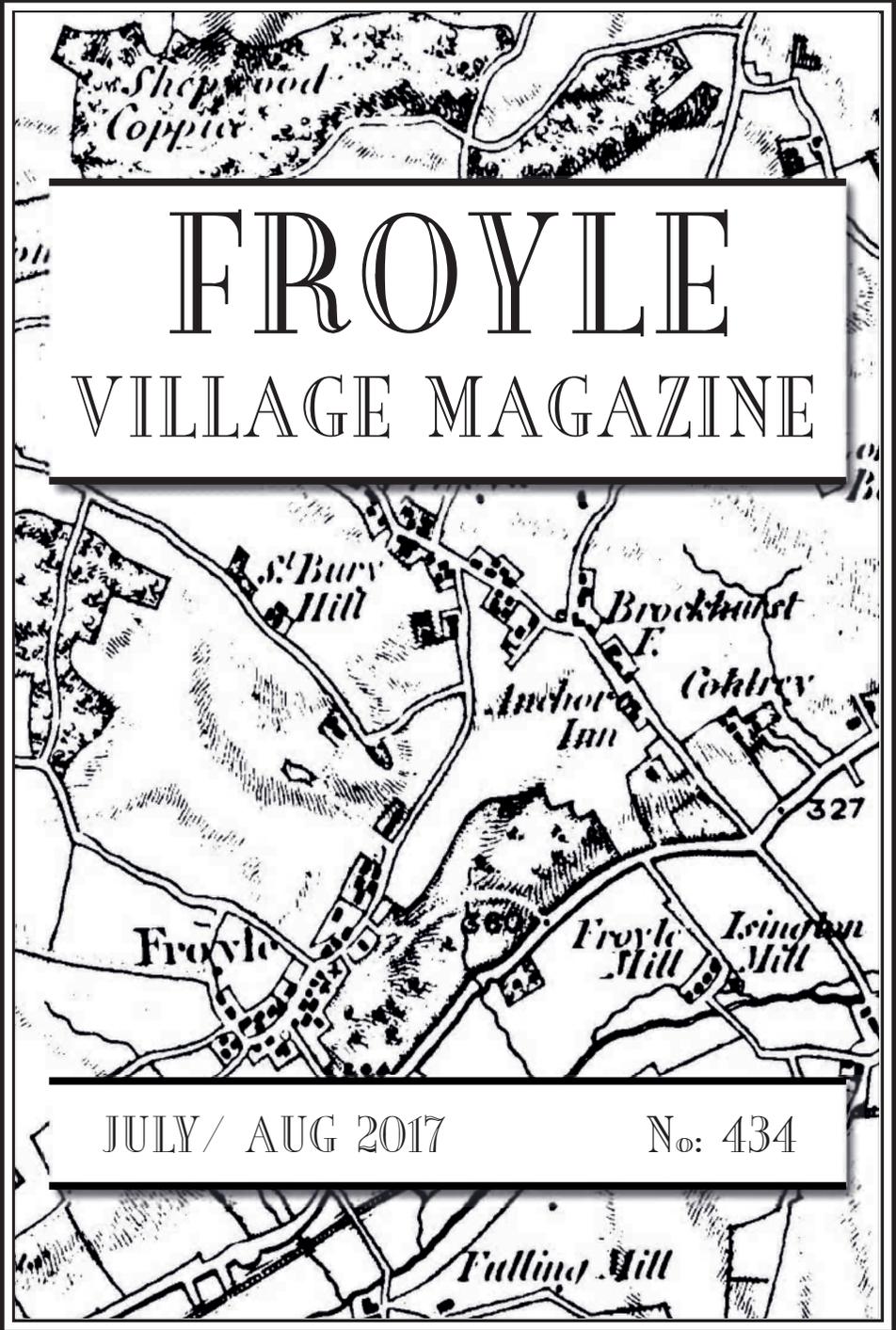
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A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and cross-hatching for shading. It shows the River Test flowing through the village. Key landmarks include Shepwood Coppice in the north, St. Mary's Church, and several mills: St. Mary's Mill, Brockhurst Mill, Froyle Mill, Isington Mill, and Fulling Mill. The Anchor Inn is also clearly marked. The map includes various streets, paths, and fields, with the village name 'Froyle' prominently displayed in the center. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the map, containing the title and issue information.

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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting - Tuesday 13th June 2017

1. Froyle Park

Some of you may have seen the apology from FPC published in the Alton Herald following a legal complaint by Mr Roach. FPC will shortly be meeting with Mr Roach and it is expected that there will be regular dialogue with Ms Nikki Dorkings (manager) concerning the management of FP. If there are specific issues you wish to be raised with Mr Roach please write to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Residents will recall from the FPC's report in last month's village magazine that EHDC had informed FPC, following an investigation at FP, that they had concluded there was no breach of planning permission at FP - as an hotel FP is entitled to hold weddings and other events as ancillary to its hotel business. FPC believe that the number of weddings and events being held at FP makes them a primary activity but EHDC disagree and sadly have not been willing to provide any explanation or reasons for the conclusion they reached. FPC have considered legal action against this decision however the legal advice received suggests that the associated financial risks are too great for FPC to pursue the matter further at this stage. It should again be emphasised that the dispute (on planning processes for Froyle Park) has been with EHDC, and that FPC continue to hold the view that FP is used too intensively in regard to both its impact on its neighbours and for its conservation area location.

With regard to the personal letter FPC sent to each of the 44 EHDC councillors setting out the history of the development, a small number of acknowledgements have been received, but to date no substantive responses. This is disappointing.

2. The Playground and Pavilion Project

Progress on the playground is behind schedule and although FPC hope that it will be complete by 8th July in time for the Village Fête, there remains much to be done. During week commencing Monday 26th June work at the playground will recommence preparing it for the equipment which is due to arrive also that week.

Meanwhile FPC are pleased to note that the funding for the joint programme has largely been successful and the following amounts have been granted:
EHDC Cabinet Funds - £15,000; EHDC Open Space Developer Contribution - £29,000.

FPC propose that further consultation with residents should now be conducted. The funding submissions were broadly based on the scheme previously set out in the March village magazine, ie to improve the facilities on the playground and to demolish the football hut and to build a pavilion. A copy of the picture presented in the March village magazine of our thoughts on a pavilion is again shown here as it best summarises the current proposal – ie, to remove the old football hut but to retain the concrete base and to build, on this, an attractive three bay oak framed structure.

FPC would very much appreciate hearing from those residents who are interested in this part of the project and would like to contribute to the final design. They should contact either Nick Whines, Ian Macnabb, Alex Roberts or Toby Fay with their offer of help. FPC will report again to the village once final plans have been decided and a planning application submitted.



3. Stone Wall at Froyle House (the ‘White House), Upper Froyle

Mrs Glynis Watts, EHDC councillor, attended the meeting and reported that the developer of Froyle House had been contacted and had agreed that the wall will be repaired within six weeks, otherwise enforcement action would be considered. A meeting scheduled for 13th July has been planned with the EHDC conservation officer to discuss the future of the walled garden and other local issues.

4. EHDC / Froyle Parish Council

Whilst there is continuing frustration with EHDC (noted above), FPC hope to be able to meet the new EHDC leader to discuss planning matters and so will be seeking an early meeting.

5. Internal Auditor

Last month's report noted FPC's thanks to Mr Phil Elliot for his many years' service as internal auditor, and would now like to continue to seek a replacement. Anyone interested in assisting FPC in this way should please advise the Froyle Parish Clerk.

6. **Date of next meeting:** 11th July 2017 at 7.45pm

Ian Macnabb



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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.

We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Meetings for July are on the 6th, 13th and 20th only.

We will then have our summer break and will be back on 7th September.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for June were:

1st - Linda Bulpitt	2nd - Karen Potter
3rd - Gillian Pickering	4th - Sarah Thursfield

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles



Bookings: Jo Mills

01420 22384

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

**Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on
Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)**

Hilda's Wheelchair

Hilda promised that she would bequeath her wheelchair to the Village Hall when she no longer needed it! We have now taken delivery and it is available for use in and around the Hall. *Thank you Hilda.*

Looking for a good home/ homes

Two beautiful white legbar cockerels. Home bred. About 3 months' old. Please contact Alex Roberts on 521099.

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and all the local gossip!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers for July

07 July	Marj Robinson	Janet Dobson	Jenny Dundas	Ann Netherway
14 July	Sarah Roberts	Alison Pincott	Alex Roberts	Corinna Whines
21 July	June Trim	Sue Sharman	Helen MacDonald	Sarah English
28 July	Madeleine Black	Jenny Mathews	Kim Blake	Sarah Basey

Cake Bakers for August

04 Aug	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealy	Lucia Lindblom	Blanchard bakers
11 Aug	Gill Bradley	Jane Stewart-Smith	Brenda Milam	Charlotte Baikie
18 Aug	Ann Roberts	Jenny Gove	Caroline Findlay	Shirley Bellis
25 Aug	Sue Lelliott	Pat Gasson	Mary Chaplin	Jenny Mathews

Kitchen Helpers for July

07 July	Sarah Lovell	Jenny Dundas
14 July	Jane Macnabb	Sarah Roberts
21 July	Mollie Court	Mary Wilde
28 July	Kim Blake	Jenny Mathews

for August

04 Aug	Sue Marriott	Gillian Pickering
11 Aug	Chris Muddeman	Judith Leslie Smith
18 Aug	Barbara Starbuck	Jenny Topping
25 Aug	David Robertson	William Knowles

If you need to swap dates, please contact helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

It is a great help to be told what you are baking each week and it would be much appreciated if you could let us know by Thursday. If you are short of inspiration, please get in touch too.

MANY THANKS.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com
Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfrayle@gmail.com



Better Balance

Better Balance will run three sessions in July:

Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th

There will then be a break till September:

If you want to know about the class, please call **Sue 22603**.

For information or help with Attendance Allowance forms, please call **Village Agent Madeleine Black on 23371**.

Age Concern Hampshire Information and Advice 0800 328 7154 Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm, www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Madeleine Black



FROYLE GARDENS OPEN The final result...

WELL another huge success thanks to our wonderful village. For Walbury and Fords Cottage, this was our last year and we went out on a high as the early season meant all the gardens were at their best.

900 visitors came to us and £6,195 was sent to the National Gardens Scheme plus £66 to other charities like Thrive. The NGS money will be distributed to Nursing, and Gardening charities.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Susie Robertson and her team for their monumental efforts with the teas. Of course she needed cake so thank you to all those who provided goodies. We were fortunate to have Jim Bellis, Charlie Zorab and David Robertson keeping the parking sorted ably signposted by Toby Fay. We were particularly grateful for the use of the Dundas field which eased the traffic problem in Husseys Lane and also thanks to Vicki for cooperating by moving her horse to a smaller area. A final Thank You to Peter Bradley for counting the money again. The more we make, the worse it is for him. All in all everyone worked hard to make the weekend such a success. Now I am stepping back and Nick Whines is taking over.

Good luck with future openings.

Brenda Milam



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

We had some lovely outings in June and visited Forde Abbey in Dorset. Shame about the weather! However the Abbey was delightful, the nursery tempting with a good restaurant and a very pleasant garden. The Bog garden was at its best with Candelabra Primroses in abundance in fabulous colours. We also visited Sue Hough's garden in Four Marks.

On 14th July, we are visiting The Willows, Paice Lane, Medstead GU34 5PR, the home of Peter and Marjorie Hart. Meet there at 7pm.

FLOWER SHOW 8th JULY

Please do not forget to enter at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th July between 7pm and 8pm or contact Mollie Court, Greendown, Lower Froyle, tel 01420 23141. Schedules will be at the Meeting Place or in the box on the side wall at Walbury.

We are also having a stall with produce/plants etc, so please do not forget to give us any jam, marmalade, rhubarb, plants, etc

AUTUMN SHOW 16th SEPTEMBER @ 2.30pm

Reintroduced this year! Please try to support us. Entries at the Village Hall 7pm to 8pm, otherwise details as for Flower Show.

Brenda Milam

ngs gardens open
for charity

A message from the NGS District Organiser... to Froyle

On behalf of the NGS may I thank you very much for the fantastic amount you have raised at Froyle Gardens. It represents a lot of hard work by so many people as well as being blessed by the weather. The gardens looked lovely, many and various.

71st Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show Saturday 8th July 2017

All are welcome to the annual no frills but plenty of spills Froyle Fête.

The schedule below is subject as always to the weather but let's hope for a fine summer's day.

13:00 Open for lunch and drinks, fun and games, shopping and strolling
13.45 Official opening (Long time local resident)
14.00 Children's Races
15.00 Dog Show
16.00 Garden Prizes
16:15 Grand Raffle (prizes include Apple ipad, Kindle Fire and much much more)

As with previous years we will be offering a range of food and drink, at the beer tent, at the bbq, ice creams and teas on the patio.

For the more active there will be welly wanging, coconut shy, mini golf, beat the goalie and crockery smashing.

The children's races, a 'children versus adults' tug of war and the very entertaining dog show form the entertainment in the main arena. There is also a display of classic and not so classic cars.

Throughout the afternoon there will be plenty of other attractions and stalls for adults and children alike including a farm and giant slide. So come along on 8th July - you'll be sorry if you miss it!

We can't promise that the sun will be shining, but you're sure to have a good time. If anyone has questions, ideas or donations, please call Ian (22634) or anyone else on the Fête Committee. And please join in with set-up and take-down.

We'll be coming around the village collecting for the Bottle Stall prior to the event so please give generously, if we had a pound for every time we're asked if we take empties we wouldn't need to hold the Fête to raise funds for charity. Remember this year we are raising money for the playground.



A shaggy dog story and a tall tail

The shaggy dog story...

Early on at last year's Fête, a lady with a shaggy dog walked up to the Jenkyn Place sparkling wine stall and asked Simon Bladon, the owner (whom she did not know), whether Jenkyn Place would give her a bottle of their fine bubbly if her woofers won the 'Top Dog' award at the Dog Show. Simon rose to the occasion and agreed, no doubt thinking his bubbly was pretty safe..... You can guess what happened.....

So this year, Simon has very generously decided not to wait to be asked, and is *offering a bottle of Jenkyn Place sparkling wine to whoever wins the Top Dog award!*

The tall tail...

We said last month that we would include full details of the Dog Show classes, etc, in the July magazine when we had thought of them. Well, we haven't done much thinking since then. In fact, like our dogs, we are creatures of habit who avoid thinking wherever possible. So it will just be the usual chaotic stuff again this year.

All dogs entering the Dog Show will be encouraged to wreak a certain amount of controlled havoc in the arena with their handlers, while our discerning judge (from outside the village) attempts to sort out which dog is:

- the fastest,
- the scruffiest,
- the one which looks most like its owner,
- the most obedient,
- the most badly behaved,



...and of course which one is overall **TOP DOG**.

The one consistent feature of the last few years in which this event has been held is that the winners are always unexpected. So don't worry if you think your woofers will be no good at any of this. Badly behaved and completely useless dogs (and their owners...) tend to feel right at home at this Dog Show. You owe it to your dog to allow him or her to join in the entertainment! The exact format also depends a bit on the weather. There will be plenty of water bowls in case it is hot.

You can sign up at the Fête at any time before the Dog Show starts at 3pm.

Ian Whitmore and William Knowles

... and we are still collecting prizes for the **TOMBOLA STALL**

Just days now till the Froyle Fête, and we are still looking for small gifts, toiletries, sweets, jars of 'goodies', toys, in fact anything you think would make a nice prize for the stall.

The collection box is still at the Meeting Place for your donations. Or you can drop them off at Owl Cottage, Froyle Green, or phone if you need them picked up. We really do appreciate you taking the time to find little prizes for us. Many thanks.

Lori (Taylor) 22148 and Sue (Sharman) 22603



Froyle Vestments Group thanks all who helped us stage our exhibition on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June. There are too many to list, but you know who you are. Tony Riley's tribute to Froyle gardeners deserves a special mention.

If you did not come into the church this year, why not pop in next year? You will be surprised at the collection held in this little village!

Madeleine Black

An enormous **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the **teas** in the village hall for **Open Gardens** weekend. A great team effort, lots of washing up and hopefully some fun as well. We did fantastically well, and had lots of positive comments from happy customers. I had no idea we would get through so many cakes!

You are all brilliant. Looking forward to 2018.....

Susie Robertson

Cream Teas on Tuesday in June at St Mary's have had another successful year and were much enjoyed by many. However we had a very special guest last week, a hoglet, who tucked into quite a good proportion of a scone and then a refreshing drink of water before waddling off through the grass – probably to sleep it off!



Thank you to everyone who came and see you in 2018.

The Fund Raising Team



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SUNDAY 9th JULY 2017

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Froyle Wildlife
www.froylewildlife.co.uk

Butterfly walk Saturday 29th July,
10.30am-12noon, all welcome

Join us for a leisurely stroll around Bentley Station Meadow. This SSSI is owned and managed by Butterfly Conservation and borders Alice Holt Forest so many woodland species can be seen including the large and graceful Silver-washed Fritillary. Meet at the reserve entrance 10.30am, for more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/category/walks-and-talks/>



Join in the Big Butterfly Count 14th July to 6th August

Download a handy butterfly chart, chose a place to spot butterflies for 15 minutes and submit your sightings! For more information see www.bigbutterflycount.org/

Barry Clark

Pond dipping on Sunday 20th August at 1.30pm and at 2.30pm

Family fun - join us for a 1 hour dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in a wildlife pond at Froyle. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. All equipment will be provided and numbers are limited so it is essential to book by emailing info@froylewildlife.co.uk.

Jenny Matthews

**“Cuckoo comes in April,
Sings a song in May,
Whistles a tune to the middle of June
And then she flies away”**

Those who came to hear Edward Mayer’s talk on swifts last year in Froyle Village Hall, may recall him saying that in the past 20 years the number of cuckoos in this country have halved, and they are now on the red list of birds of conservation concern. He mentioned that our children/grandchildren are unlikely to hear a cuckoo in their lifetime. Hence, I am delighted that our three children aged 3, 6 and 8 years have all heard a cuckoo in the local area this year. We have recently enjoyed having our own natural cuckoo clock and have been woken by the sound of the cuckoo each morning. Something I can perhaps attribute to living on an organic farm, abundant in wildlife.

Cuckoos are remarkable birds. They have an unusual diet, in that the adults consume lots of hairy caterpillars which few other birds can manage because of the chemical deterrents in their hairs. However, the unusual characteristic of cuckoos which people will be most familiar with is their choosing of foster parents to hatch and raise their chicks.

This is not simply a case of finding a nest to lay her egg in. A mother cuckoo retains an egg in her body for a day longer than most birds, so development of the embryo is already well underway when she lays it. This together with the care she takes in selecting her hosts means that her chick will hatch just before the rest of the brood. Most birds will lay their eggs in the morning but typically atypical the cuckoo lays her eggs late in the day when her victims are more likely to be away from the nest feeding and she can then sneak in unseen. Each female cuckoo will use one species of bird for her foster parents but different cuckoos will use different species. The pattern on the cuckoo’s egg will be almost identical to that of the host, making it difficult for them to identify that they have been invaded. In the UK the main species are dunnocks, reed warblers and meadow pipits. It’s easy to think that a female cuckoo is taking the lazy option in getting other birds to hatch her chicks but this is not the case. She must lay her egg at just the right moment in the egg laying sequence of her host to ensure that the chick hatches at the right time. She spends hours watching to check that the nest is right for her next egg. It’s a risky business and if her hosts realise that they have received one of her eggs, they will tip it out if they can or may abandon the clutch and start again.

If not rejected, the cuckoo egg will hatch just before the other eggs are due to and within a day of hatching, this scrap of life still naked and blind will have ejected all of its siblings out of the nest. As it grows the chick makes a begging call which stimulates its parents to work as hard to feed it as they would an entire brood of their own babies. The parents are duped into rearing one monstrous baby with care and dedication which will eventually set off alone on its long migration to Africa without having ever seen its true parents.

Jenny Shaylor

House Martins in Froyle

For the past two years I have been monitoring a colony of House Martins in Lower Froyle as part of the British Trust for Ornithology's House Martin survey. The aim is to shed light on how the UK population is faring and what might be affecting them. Over a thousand people across the country are taking part in the BTO survey, submitting records from over 4,600 nests. The Froyle site – our house - has over 20 nests, putting it in the top 3% of all sites being surveyed based purely on nest numbers.

Considering House Martins nest under the eaves of many houses across the country, relatively little is known about them. We know something about their numbers, a little about their diet, but hardly anything about their social life. Precise locations where they winter in Africa are not clear, largely because tracking devices are not yet available that can be carried by such a little bird. Some birds have been ringed but only a few have been recovered in winter, all in Africa. The oldest recorded bird is 15 years.

My first House Martin sighting in 2017 came on 16th April with the first arrivals after their long trip from Africa. Around 20 birds returned to the Froyle site this year. Numbers have gradually decreased in the 13 years we have lived here. In mid-May we had some rain following a lengthy dry spell for this time of year. This signalled the start of repairs to nests weather damaged during winter and three new nests were started. A thousand beak sized mud pellets are needed to construct a complete nest. Less than 50% of the Froyle nests were occupied at the time, so the need for additional nests is not clear.

House Martins have 2 or 3 broods during their time in the UK between April and September. One of my challenges doing the survey is trying to differentiate the young from the adults as they fly from and to nests. All the birds are black on top while the youngsters have brownish grey rather than white underneath, but they are so small and move at such speed that a clear identification is often tricky! I hope my observation skills will prove better tuned this year.

The House Martins are active much of the day, but the best times to see them are early mornings and in the evenings when they appear particularly active at varying heights catching insects. Also between May and August we are fortunate to be able to see (and hear) Swifts chasing around the sky. The sight of House Martins and Swifts sharing the sky on a warm sunny evening is one of Froyle's finest wildlife spectacles during the summer months.

Alan Dyos

The Froyle Archive

Gardens Open

In 1927 the National Garden Scheme, or NGS as we know it now, was born as a way to raise funds for district nursing all over the country. People were invited to tour certain local gardens for the cost of 'a shilling a head', with the money going to various nursing and caring charities.

In the first year, some 600 gardens were opened. Today, around 3,700 gardens – many of them privately owned and opened for just a few days each year – are listed in The Yellow Book, the annual guide published by the National Garden Scheme.

In 90 years the NGS has donated no less than £50 million to various charities, including The Queen's Nursing Institute, Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support, to name but three. Of that £50 million, £25 million has been donated in the last ten years. Froyle is proud to have several gardens open each year under the scheme, this year there were eight in Lower Froyle.

Until now we believed that the village had been associated with the NGS for some twenty years or so, but, researching for the Archive's display, in the Clive Barter Cabinet in St Mary's Church in Upper Froyle, we were surprised to discover that Sir Hubert Miller, the Lord of the Manor from 1868 until 1940, was one of the first to open his garden under the scheme.

This entry from the Western Gazette of July 25th 1930 states that "The Shrubbery House" garden would be open on August 6th that year. We wonder if this could be the first time as Sir Hubert's name was spelt incorrectly as Sir Herbert!

AUGUST 6TH.—The Shrubbery House, Froyle (Sir Herbert Miller, Bart.). Rock garden and herbaceous border.

"The Shrubbery House", shown right, was Sir Hubert's base in Froyle for his adult life. Situated on the modern A31, it was originally a river keepers cottage and, over the years, was greatly expanded.



The smaller photograph shows Gerald Robinson and other staff from Sir Hubert's Estate working on the gardens at "The Shrubbery House" in the 1930s. Gerald had been Gardener to Sir Hubert for many years and we like to think that he might actually be working on the garden in readiness for one of those first "Gardens Open".

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village



I was there...



Back in the 1990's I had the great fun of driving a Chieftain Battle Tank, an Armoured Personnel Carrier and a Stalwart 6 Wheel Drive Amphibian for a day. A rather clever birthday present from Nigel and far superior from the drain rods I got the year before!

Then came 1995 and what happened then - you may well ask? Well the Bentley Bypass was being built and I looked longingly at the excavations going on there and being intrigued by it all - and in retrospect rather stupidly I suppose - I scurried under the old road in a culvert they had built to take the rain water and came up the other side to see where it was all going on. An exasperated husband once again came up trumps and got in touch with the constructors, which I think were McAlpines, and they very kindly gave me a morning on one of their huge diggers digging up the bypass. It was a fascinating piece of machinery with two sets of hand controls each with a four way 'stick' which went every which way just to get a bucket at the end of a long arm to dig up a few feet of earth! The angle at which the machines can lean without toppling over is rather nerve wracking.

It was certainly an exciting experience and if a piece of the Bypass ever starts subsiding please don't look at me!

Linda Bulpitt

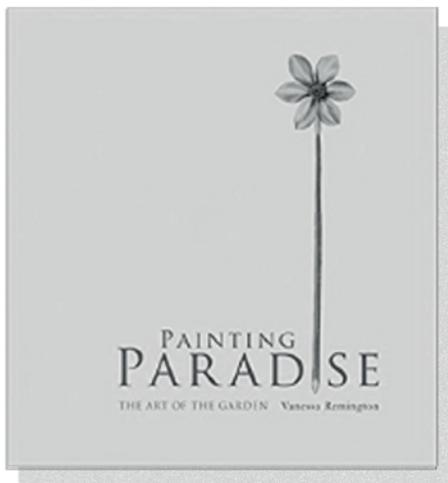
Following the death of their son Tom on 3 June,
Nick and Corinna would like to thank all friends and
neighbours for their expressions of concern and sympathy.

Tom had been suffering from cancer for eighteen months.
He leaves behind a wife and three children.
He was only 37.

Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

Nick and Corinna Whines

ST MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE



*'Painting Paradise
The Art of the Garden'*

From garden paradises in exquisite 15th century Persian manuscripts to jewelled hard stone flowers created by the great Russian goldsmith Carl Fabergé in the early 1900s, this lecture explores the way that artists and craftsman have been inspired by the garden over the centuries. Drawing exclusively on works of art from the Royal Collection, and looking at works from Leonardo da Vinci to Rembrandt, Vanessa will introduce many different types of garden – including the sacred garden, the botanical garden and the landscape garden – as we explore the story of the garden in art.

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Sunday 2nd July	08.00am 05.00pm 09.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Holy Communion
Sunday 9th July	11.00am 09.30am 03.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Pet Service on Rec or VH if wet Morning Worship & Children's Ch Messy Church
Sunday 16th July	11.00am 11.00am	Froyle Bentley	Holy Communion Marquee Service
Sunday 23rd July	06.30pm 11.00am	Froyle Binsted	Evensong Marquee Service
Sunday 30th July	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service
Sunday 6th August	08.00am 09.30am	Froyle Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 13th August	11.00am 09.30am	Froyle Bentley	Holy Communion Morning Worship & Children's Ch
Sunday 20th August	11.00am 09.30am	Froyle Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 27th August	06.30pm 09.30am	Froyle Bentley	Evensong Holy Communion & Children's Ch

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

When I sat down to start writing this month's column, Flaming June was being snuffed out by high winds and heavy rain. I looked out at the storm tossed-trees and bruised full-blown roses and was reminded of Mr Jarndyce in Dicken's Bleak House, saying, "The wind's in the east.... I am always conscious of an uncomfortable sensation now and then when the wind is blowing in the east".

Of course, I quickly realised that the wind wasn't actually blowing from the east during those gusty days, but nevertheless it seemed to me at the time that nature was expressing the general feeling of uncertainty that prevailed, following so soon after the awful events in London and Manchester and with the general election and Brexit adding to the general mood of disquiet.

And yet, looking at the parish magazine and the June and July editions in particular, one is reminded of the certainty that life goes on. In our villages, particularly in summer, the annual fêtes, with their flower shows, cake stands and best dog shows, are timeless and reflect traditions that have been enjoyed for many years, more or less unchanged.

It would be easy for others to mock the insular nature of these parochial events for their Little Englandness, for their Vicar of Diblynness, but I think they are an enduring expression of our sense of community, of our coming together in appreciation of our neighbours and the simple good things in life. There is a feeling of security in this annual round of traditional pageantry, which can help us build the strength to face all kinds of difficulty, whether it is the risks associated with a daily commute into London or anxiety over the availability of health resources.

And the foundation stone beneath all these summer festivities and village community is the Church; for over 700 years a bedrock of constancy and faith in Froyle, Bentley and Binsted, which will always be there to sustain us no matter how turbulent the times and the weather, no matter how often we attend services, nor how little we attend (although I always hope for greater numbers). We should be fiercely proud of our little traditions, which knit our communities together and make them stronger, no matter how hard the winds of change (whether from the east or the west) may blow.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Older People Matter

Older people matter. They matter to their relatives, their friends, their carers, the church and, of course, they matter to God. He loves them.

Simeon and Anna were two very elderly people. When Jesus turned up at the temple with his parents, they immediately recognised that Jesus was the Light of the World. They loved God and trusted him and they had been waiting in hope and expectancy for Jesus to arrive. Simeon takes Jesus in his arms, and, with joy, announces that a light for all the world has arrived. Wise old man. And Anna, an 84 year old widow, joins in. She praises God for Jesus' arrival and she is so overjoyed that she starts telling everyone the good news. Older people matter. They have always had a valuable part to play.

Anna Chaplaincy takes its name from this story in Luke. God loves older people and an Anna Chaplaincy is one of the ways in which a church can help Jesus to reach out and love them. As representatives of the church, Anna Chaplains work with the congregation to go to elderly people of strong faith, little faith and no faith and share their spiritual journey with them. This might mean going to them in their homes, in care homes or at the clubs where they meet. God is already there, stirring up His spirit of love because older people matter to Him.

As Anna Chaplain, I will join in with the congregation to show how much we hold the elderly in high regard. I am looking forward to leading services appropriate for them including those with memory loss, praying with them, celebrating the blessings of their life and sharing with them the challenges that a long life inevitably brings. Our Anna Chaplaincy is a way for the congregation to give 'voice and action' to God's love for our elderly people in the community.

Anna and Simeon were full of hope and joy. Our Anna Chaplaincy will try to help our own older people to try to find hope and joy because they matter.

I will be out and about in the Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Benefice each Friday as Anna Chaplain so if you would like me to pop over and see you on that day please email me. I will also be joining some of the services and look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Jonathan Rooke
Anna Chaplain
Licensed Lay Minister
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Froyle Care Group



The Binsted, Bentley & Froyle Care Group exists predominately to provide a Car Service for the residents of the three villages and surrounding areas, to take them to any health related appointment – such as GPs, hospitals, dentists, opticians etc. These appointments can be local - Alton, Bentley, Farnham, or further afield - Basingstoke, Frimley, Guildford, Southampton, Slough etc. The car service operates from Monday to Friday each week, though it does close for a ten day period over Christmas and New Year.

The service relies entirely on volunteers - to act as co-ordinators, who take telephone calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements, and drivers, who take clients to their appointments. There are currently around 40 volunteers in total: 8 co-ordinators and 38 drivers, who help us to provide the much needed support to clients in the local community - but there is always a need to recruit more volunteers.

The Care Group is funded by ‘donations’ from the clients but also, when required, by generous grants from the three Parish Councils and Fête Committees. Volunteers are paid their expenses - telephone costs for co-ordinators and mileage expenses for drivers.

The Care Group is part of a wider Hampshire Good Neighbours Network, which encompasses 123 other similar groups, with over 4,000 volunteers, who undertook 158,050 tasks last year. These other schemes provide a number of different services, as well as health related transport - they may also provide befriending services, lunch clubs, social journeys, minibus services, coffee mornings, practical support, carer sitting support.

We have in the past two years expanded our scheme to meet local needs, so we do now also provide a social transport service taking clients to a fortnightly Lunch Club in Whitehill Village Hall, run by the WRVS. This new element of our Service helps to combat social isolation for a group of clients, who otherwise would not be able meet. The Committee is continuing to evaluate how best we can support the local community and to develop our services.

Telephone 01420 23440

Altar Rail Kneelers

We have had a few sessions of stitching, and realise that this is going to be a long term project! Only two people can stitch on one side at a time, and eyes tend to cross after a while, so regular rest with a cuppa is necessary!

The sessions will be from 2.30 to 4.30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays at The Old Malthouse, courtesy of Gill Bradley. There will be occasions, when for whatever reason, there may be no stitching, so please always call Gill (520484) the day before, or on the morning of. *Thank you.*

The Community Group

London to Brighton Cycle 2017

On 17th September, I will be lining up to take part in the London to Brighton cycle challenge.

To secure a place, I was requested to select an organisation or charity, and pledge to raise money through sponsorship. Although there are many deserving causes, I was drawn towards **Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital**.

All sponsorship money raised, will go towards funding ongoing pioneering research and technology, in an effort to develop groundbreaking medicines and treatments, so that chronically sick and dependant children may have the fighting chance of a future, also to bring hope and comfort to their parents and loved ones.

If you would like to sponsor me, you can do so by going on line to www.justgiving.com and search James Bellis, then look for James Bellis DIFC London to Brighton Cycle 2017.

Alternatively sponsorship forms will be at the Froyle Village Hall meeting place, or at Bentley Stores. All support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Jim Bellis, Froyle resident

Note from the Editors

We now take a break for summer with this combined issue of our July/ August edition of the Froyle Village Magazine. Thank you to all our regular and not so regular contributors. The next issue of the magazine will be the September issue with an **early copy deadline of Monday 14 August** due to holidays. All advertising queries should be addressed to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk and copied to magazine@froyle.com. We wish all our readers a lovely summer.



Sarah Zorab
Nutrition



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Bentley CE Primary

What music means to me...

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The whole school concerts are much enjoyed by performers and the audience, whether it is an orchestra recital or our X-Factor singing competition. We have violin, flute, guitar, piano, recorder and 'Rock' instrument lessons – certainly something for everyone!



Within whole class lessons, teachers each open up a world of music to their pupils. Each class has an adopted composer of the year and they are becoming more confident in recognising a wider range of music genres. It is great news to know that music is still bringing so much enjoyment to our modern day children, albeit on a wider range of mediums! In this work the Year 5 pupils thought about how music makes them feel...

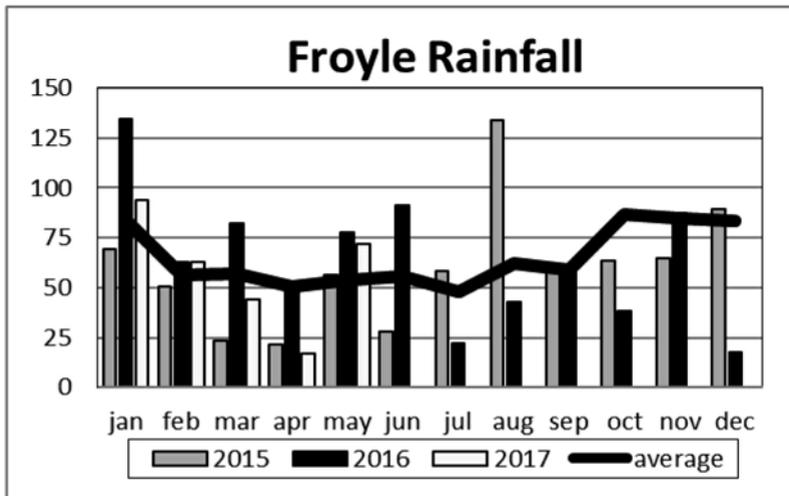


'My favourite band is Coldplay because their music is really fun and exciting, my favourite soloist is Taylor Swift because her music brings out your emotions. Some slow music makes me feel sad but bands like Coldplay or Little Mix make me feel happy. When I am down I play the flute, I play it because I can be part of loads of performances, and at school I am in the orchestra. Music is helpful for people because when people are sad or stressed music helps them calm down and relax. If music was banned then there would be nothing to cheer you up. Music is important because it brings people together as a community and makes them feel different emotions.'

Rosie Wittington

Froyle Rainfall for May 2017

This year	72 mm	2.8 ins
Last year	77.5 mm	3.1 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 rd driest month of the year after July and April	54.1 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	290 mm	11.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	302.3 mm	11.9 ins



The driest April for six years was followed by a slightly above average May but did include comfortably the wettest week (ending 21st) of the year so far, in fact we have to go back to the 4th week of June last year for a wetter one.

That said, although some would say this refers to the appearance of hawthorn blossom, nonetheless you can now safely put away your winter coats because, as we weather folk often recite:

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“The Umbrella Man”



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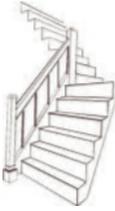
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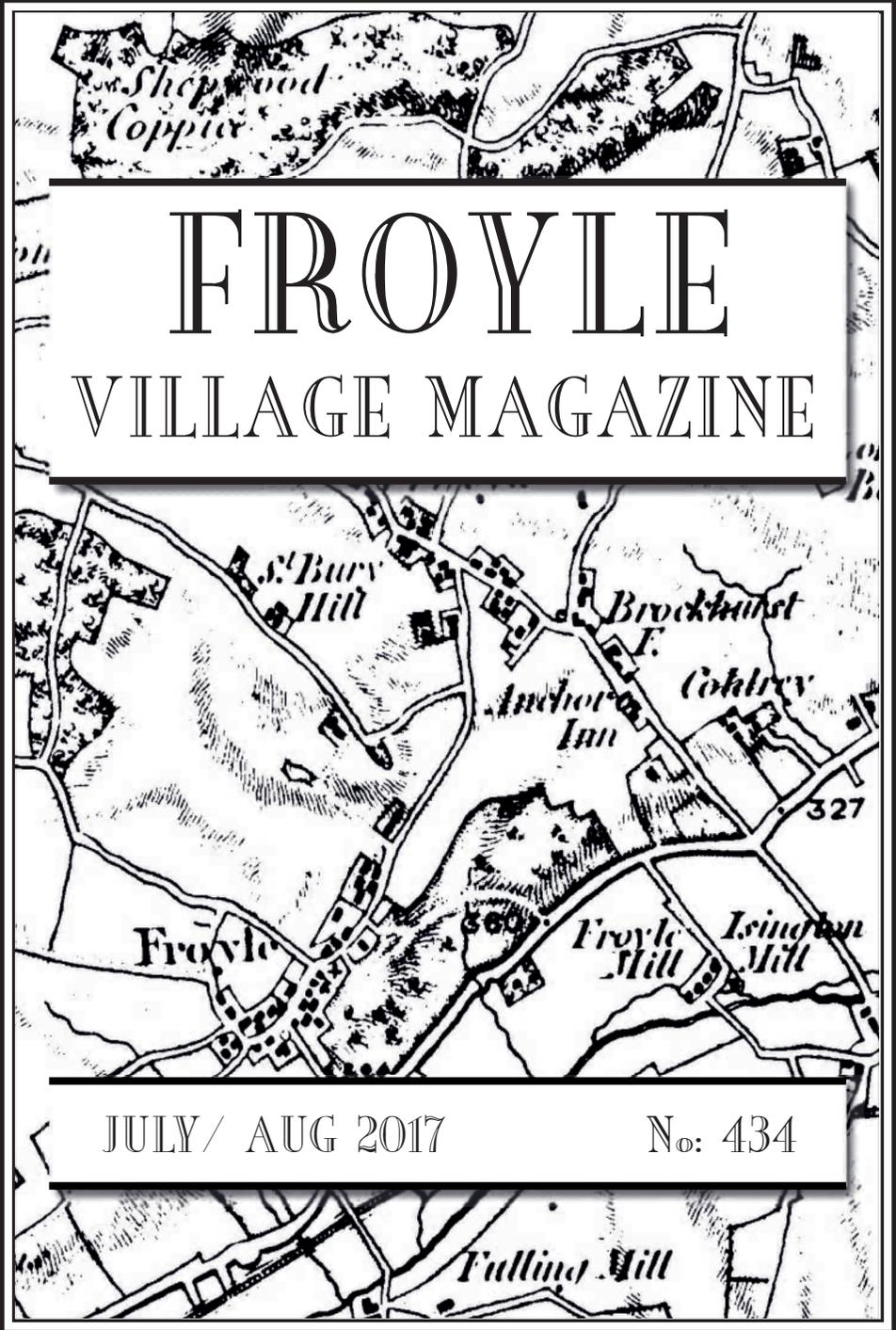
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Please remember to check out the magazine online at:

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A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is printed in a large, serif font across the top of the map. Below the title, the date 'JULY / AUG 2017' and issue number 'No: 434' are displayed. The map includes labels for 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brookhurst', 'Cohtry', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill' at the bottom. The map is framed by a double-line border.

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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting - Tuesday 13th June 2017

1. Froyle Park

Some of you may have seen the apology from FPC published in the Alton Herald following a legal complaint by Mr Roach. FPC will shortly be meeting with Mr Roach and it is expected that there will be regular dialogue with Ms Nikki Dorkings (manager) concerning the management of FP. If there are specific issues you wish to be raised with Mr Roach please write to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Residents will recall from the FPC's report in last month's village magazine that EHDC had informed FPC, following an investigation at FP, that they had concluded there was no breach of planning permission at FP - as an hotel FP is entitled to hold weddings and other events as ancillary to its hotel business. FPC believe that the number of weddings and events being held at FP makes them a primary activity but EHDC disagree and sadly have not been willing to provide any explanation or reasons for the conclusion they reached. FPC have considered legal action against this decision however the legal advice received suggests that the associated financial risks are too great for FPC to pursue the matter further at this stage. It should again be emphasised that the dispute (on planning processes for Froyle Park) has been with EHDC, and that FPC continue to hold the view that FP is used too intensively in regard to both its impact on its neighbours and for its conservation area location.

With regard to the personal letter FPC sent to each of the 44 EHDC councillors setting out the history of the development, a small number of acknowledgements have been received, but to date no substantive responses. This is disappointing.

2. The Playground and Pavilion Project

Progress on the playground is behind schedule and although FPC hope that it will be complete by 8th July in time for the Village Fête, there remains much to be done. During week commencing Monday 26th June work at the playground will recommence preparing it for the equipment which is due to arrive also that week.

Meanwhile FPC are pleased to note that the funding for the joint programme has largely been successful and the following amounts have been granted:
EHDC Cabinet Funds - £15,000; EHDC Open Space Developer Contribution - £29,000.

FPC propose that further consultation with residents should now be conducted. The funding submissions were broadly based on the scheme previously set out in the March village magazine, ie to improve the facilities on the playground and to demolish the football hut and to build a pavilion. A copy of the picture presented in the March village magazine of our thoughts on a pavilion is again shown here as it best summarises the current proposal – ie, to remove the old football hut but to retain the concrete base and to build, on this, an attractive three bay oak framed structure.

FPC would very much appreciate hearing from those residents who are interested in this part of the project and would like to contribute to the final design. They should contact either Nick Whines, Ian Macnabb, Alex Roberts or Toby Fay with their offer of help. FPC will report again to the village once final plans have been decided and a planning application submitted.



3. Stone Wall at Froyle House (the ‘White House), Upper Froyle

Mrs Glynis Watts, EHDC councillor, attended the meeting and reported that the developer of Froyle House had been contacted and had agreed that the wall will be repaired within six weeks, otherwise enforcement action would be considered. A meeting scheduled for 13th July has been planned with the EHDC conservation officer to discuss the future of the walled garden and other local issues.

4. EHDC / Froyle Parish Council

Whilst there is continuing frustration with EHDC (noted above), FPC hope to be able to meet the new EHDC leader to discuss planning matters and so will be seeking an early meeting.

5. Internal Auditor

Last month's report noted FPC's thanks to Mr Phil Elliot for his many years' service as internal auditor, and would now like to continue to seek a replacement. Anyone interested in assisting FPC in this way should please advise the Froyle Parish Clerk.

6. **Date of next meeting:** 11th July 2017 at 7.45pm

Ian Macnabb



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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.

We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Meetings for July are on the 6th, 13th and 20th only.

We will then have our summer break and will be back on 7th September.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for June were:

1st - Linda Bulpitt	2nd - Karen Potter
3rd - Gillian Pickering	4th - Sarah Thursfield

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles



Bookings: Jo Mills

01420 22384

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

**Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on
Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)**

Hilda's Wheelchair

Hilda promised that she would bequeath her wheelchair to the Village Hall when she no longer needed it! We have now taken delivery and it is available for use in and around the Hall. *Thank you Hilda.*

Looking for a good home/ homes

Two beautiful white legbar cockerels. Home bred. About 3 months' old. Please contact Alex Roberts on 521099.

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and all the local gossip!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers for July

07 July	Marj Robinson	Janet Dobson	Jenny Dundas	Ann Netherway
14 July	Sarah Roberts	Alison Pincott	Alex Roberts	Corinna Whines
21 July	June Trim	Sue Sharman	Helen MacDonald	Sarah English
28 July	Madeleine Black	Jenny Mathews	Kim Blake	Sarah Basey

Cake Bakers for August

04 Aug	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealy	Lucia Lindblom	Blanchard bakers
11 Aug	Gill Bradley	Jane Stewart-Smith	Brenda Milam	Charlotte Baikie
18 Aug	Ann Roberts	Jenny Gove	Caroline Findlay	Shirley Bellis
25 Aug	Sue Lelliott	Pat Gasson	Mary Chaplin	Jenny Mathews

Kitchen Helpers for July

07 July	Sarah Lovell	Jenny Dundas
14 July	Jane Macnabb	Sarah Roberts
21 July	Mollie Court	Mary Wilde
28 July	Kim Blake	Jenny Mathews

for August

04 Aug	Sue Marriott	Gillian Pickering
11 Aug	Chris Muddeman	Judith Leslie Smith
18 Aug	Barbara Starbuck	Jenny Topping
25 Aug	David Robertson	William Knowles

If you need to swap dates, please contact helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

It is a great help to be told what you are baking each week and it would be much appreciated if you could let us know by Thursday. If you are short of inspiration, please get in touch too.

MANY THANKS.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com
Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfrayle@gmail.com



Better Balance

Better Balance will run three sessions in July:

Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th

There will then be a break till September:

If you want to know about the class, please call **Sue 22603**.

For information or help with Attendance Allowance forms, please call **Village Agent Madeleine Black on 23371**.

Age Concern Hampshire Information and Advice 0800 328 7154 Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm, www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Madeleine Black



FROYLE GARDENS OPEN The final result...

WELL another huge success thanks to our wonderful village. For Walbury and Fords Cottage, this was our last year and we went out on a high as the early season meant all the gardens were at their best.

900 visitors came to us and £6,195 was sent to the National Gardens Scheme plus £66 to other charities like Thrive. The NGS money will be distributed to Nursing, and Gardening charities.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Susie Robertson and her team for their monumental efforts with the teas. Of course she needed cake so thank you to all those who provided goodies. We were fortunate to have Jim Bellis, Charlie Zorab and David Robertson keeping the parking sorted ably signposted by Toby Fay. We were particularly grateful for the use of the Dundas field which eased the traffic problem in Husseys Lane and also thanks to Vicki for cooperating by moving her horse to a smaller area. A final Thank You to Peter Bradley for counting the money again. The more we make, the worse it is for him. All in all everyone worked hard to make the weekend such a success. Now I am stepping back and Nick Whines is taking over.

Good luck with future openings.

Brenda Milam



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

We had some lovely outings in June and visited Forde Abbey in Dorset. Shame about the weather! However the Abbey was delightful, the nursery tempting with a good restaurant and a very pleasant garden. The Bog garden was at its best with Candelabra Primroses in abundance in fabulous colours. We also visited Sue Hough's garden in Four Marks.

On 14th July, we are visiting The Willows, Paice Lane, Medstead GU34 5PR, the home of Peter and Marjorie Hart. Meet there at 7pm.

FLOWER SHOW 8th JULY

Please do not forget to enter at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th July between 7pm and 8pm or contact Mollie Court, Greendown, Lower Froyle, tel 01420 23141. Schedules will be at the Meeting Place or in the box on the side wall at Walbury.

We are also having a stall with produce/plants etc, so please do not forget to give us any jam, marmalade, rhubarb, plants, etc

AUTUMN SHOW 16th SEPTEMBER @ 2.30pm

Reintroduced this year! Please try to support us. Entries at the Village Hall 7pm to 8pm, otherwise details as for Flower Show.

Brenda Milam

ngs gardens open
for charity

A message from the NGS District Organiser... to Froyle

On behalf of the NGS may I thank you very much for the fantastic amount you have raised at Froyle Gardens. It represents a lot of hard work by so many people as well as being blessed by the weather. The gardens looked lovely, many and various.

71st Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show Saturday 8th July 2017

All are welcome to the annual no frills but plenty of spills Froyle Fête.

The schedule below is subject as always to the weather but let's hope for a fine summer's day.

13:00 Open for lunch and drinks, fun and games, shopping and strolling
13.45 Official opening (Long time local resident)
14.00 Children's Races
15.00 Dog Show
16.00 Garden Prizes
16:15 Grand Raffle (prizes include Apple ipad, Kindle Fire and much much more)

As with previous years we will be offering a range of food and drink, at the beer tent, at the bbq, ice creams and teas on the patio.

For the more active there will be welly wanging, coconut shy, mini golf, beat the goalie and crockery smashing.

The children's races, a 'children versus adults' tug of war and the very entertaining dog show form the entertainment in the main arena. There is also a display of classic and not so classic cars.

Throughout the afternoon there will be plenty of other attractions and stalls for adults and children alike including a farm and giant slide. So come along on 8th July - you'll be sorry if you miss it!

We can't promise that the sun will be shining, but you're sure to have a good time. If anyone has questions, ideas or donations, please call Ian (22634) or anyone else on the Fête Committee. And please join in with set-up and take-down.

We'll be coming around the village collecting for the Bottle Stall prior to the event so please give generously, if we had a pound for every time we're asked if we take empties we wouldn't need to hold the Fête to raise funds for charity. Remember this year we are raising money for the playground.



A shaggy dog story and a tall tail

The shaggy dog story...

Early on at last year's Fête, a lady with a shaggy dog walked up to the Jenkyn Place sparkling wine stall and asked Simon Bladon, the owner (whom she did not know), whether Jenkyn Place would give her a bottle of their fine bubbly if her woofers won the 'Top Dog' award at the Dog Show. Simon rose to the occasion and agreed, no doubt thinking his bubbly was pretty safe..... You can guess what happened.....

So this year, Simon has very generously decided not to wait to be asked, and is *offering a bottle of Jenkyn Place sparkling wine to whoever wins the Top Dog award!*

The tall tail...

We said last month that we would include full details of the Dog Show classes, etc, in the July magazine when we had thought of them. Well, we haven't done much thinking since then. In fact, like our dogs, we are creatures of habit who avoid thinking wherever possible. So it will just be the usual chaotic stuff again this year.

All dogs entering the Dog Show will be encouraged to wreak a certain amount of controlled havoc in the arena with their handlers, while our discerning judge (from outside the village) attempts to sort out which dog is:

- the fastest,
- the scruffiest,
- the one which looks most like its owner,
- the most obedient,
- the most badly behaved,



...and of course which one is overall **TOP DOG**.

The one consistent feature of the last few years in which this event has been held is that the winners are always unexpected. So don't worry if you think your woofers will be no good at any of this. Badly behaved and completely useless dogs (and their owners...) tend to feel right at home at this Dog Show. You owe it to your dog to allow him or her to join in the entertainment! The exact format also depends a bit on the weather. There will be plenty of water bowls in case it is hot.

You can sign up at the Fête at any time before the Dog Show starts at 3pm.

Ian Whitmore and William Knowles

... and we are still collecting prizes for the **TOMBOLA STALL**

Just days now till the Froyle Fête, and we are still looking for small gifts, toiletries, sweets, jars of 'goodies', toys, in fact anything you think would make a nice prize for the stall.

The collection box is still at the Meeting Place for your donations. Or you can drop them off at Owl Cottage, Froyle Green, or phone if you need them picked up. We really do appreciate you taking the time to find little prizes for us. Many thanks.

Lori (Taylor) 22148 and Sue (Sharman) 22603



Froyle Vestments Group thanks all who helped us stage our exhibition on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June. There are too many to list, but you know who you are. Tony Riley's tribute to Froyle gardeners deserves a special mention.

If you did not come into the church this year, why not pop in next year? You will be surprised at the collection held in this little village!

Madeleine Black

An enormous **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the **teas** in the village hall for **Open Gardens** weekend. A great team effort, lots of washing up and hopefully some fun as well. We did fantastically well, and had lots of positive comments from happy customers. I had no idea we would get through so many cakes!

You are all brilliant. Looking forward to 2018.....

Susie Robertson

Cream Teas on Tuesday in June at St Mary's have had another successful year and were much enjoyed by many. However we had a very special guest last week, a hoglet, who tucked into quite a good proportion of a scone and then a refreshing drink of water before waddling off through the grass – probably to sleep it off!



Thank you to everyone who came and see you in 2018.

The Fund Raising Team



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SUNDAY 9th JULY 2017

11 a.m.

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Froyle Wildlife
www.froylewildlife.co.uk

Butterfly walk Saturday 29th July,
10.30am-12noon, all welcome

Join us for a leisurely stroll around Bentley Station Meadow. This SSSI is owned and managed by Butterfly Conservation and borders Alice Holt Forest so many woodland species can be seen including the large and graceful Silver-washed Fritillary. Meet at the reserve entrance 10.30am, for more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/category/walks-and-talks/>



Join in the Big Butterfly Count 14th July to 6th August

Download a handy butterfly chart, chose a place to spot butterflies for 15 minutes and submit your sightings! For more information see www.bigbutterflycount.org/

Barry Clark

Pond dipping on Sunday 20th August at 1.30pm and at 2.30pm

Family fun - join us for a 1 hour dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in a wildlife pond at Froyle. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. All equipment will be provided and numbers are limited so it is essential to book by emailing info@froylewildlife.co.uk.

Jenny Matthews

**“Cuckoo comes in April,
Sings a song in May,
Whistles a tune to the middle of June
And then she flies away”**

Those who came to hear Edward Mayer’s talk on swifts last year in Froyle Village Hall, may recall him saying that in the past 20 years the number of cuckoos in this country have halved, and they are now on the red list of birds of conservation concern. He mentioned that our children/grandchildren are unlikely to hear a cuckoo in their lifetime. Hence, I am delighted that our three children aged 3, 6 and 8 years have all heard a cuckoo in the local area this year. We have recently enjoyed having our own natural cuckoo clock and have been woken by the sound of the cuckoo each morning. Something I can perhaps attribute to living on an organic farm, abundant in wildlife.

Cuckoos are remarkable birds. They have an unusual diet, in that the adults consume lots of hairy caterpillars which few other birds can manage because of the chemical deterrents in their hairs. However, the unusual characteristic of cuckoos which people will be most familiar with is their choosing of foster parents to hatch and raise their chicks.

This is not simply a case of finding a nest to lay her egg in. A mother cuckoo retains an egg in her body for a day longer than most birds, so development of the embryo is already well underway when she lays it. This together with the care she takes in selecting her hosts means that her chick will hatch just before the rest of the brood. Most birds will lay their eggs in the morning but typically atypical the cuckoo lays her eggs late in the day when her victims are more likely to be away from the nest feeding and she can then sneak in unseen. Each female cuckoo will use one species of bird for her foster parents but different cuckoos will use different species. The pattern on the cuckoo’s egg will be almost identical to that of the host, making it difficult for them to identify that they have been invaded. In the UK the main species are dunnocks, reed warblers and meadow pipits. It’s easy to think that a female cuckoo is taking the lazy option in getting other birds to hatch her chicks but this is not the case. She must lay her egg at just the right moment in the egg laying sequence of her host to ensure that the chick hatches at the right time. She spends hours watching to check that the nest is right for her next egg. It’s a risky business and if her hosts realise that they have received one of her eggs, they will tip it out if they can or may abandon the clutch and start again.

If not rejected, the cuckoo egg will hatch just before the other eggs are due to and within a day of hatching, this scrap of life still naked and blind will have ejected all of its siblings out of the nest. As it grows the chick makes a begging call which stimulates its parents to work as hard to feed it as they would an entire brood of their own babies. The parents are duped into rearing one monstrous baby with care and dedication which will eventually set off alone on its long migration to Africa without having ever seen its true parents.

Jenny Shaylor

House Martins in Froyle

For the past two years I have been monitoring a colony of House Martins in Lower Froyle as part of the British Trust for Ornithology's House Martin survey. The aim is to shed light on how the UK population is faring and what might be affecting them. Over a thousand people across the country are taking part in the BTO survey, submitting records from over 4,600 nests. The Froyle site – our house - has over 20 nests, putting it in the top 3% of all sites being surveyed based purely on nest numbers.

Considering House Martins nest under the eaves of many houses across the country, relatively little is known about them. We know something about their numbers, a little about their diet, but hardly anything about their social life. Precise locations where they winter in Africa are not clear, largely because tracking devices are not yet available that can be carried by such a little bird. Some birds have been ringed but only a few have been recovered in winter, all in Africa. The oldest recorded bird is 15 years.

My first House Martin sighting in 2017 came on 16th April with the first arrivals after their long trip from Africa. Around 20 birds returned to the Froyle site this year. Numbers have gradually decreased in the 13 years we have lived here. In mid-May we had some rain following a lengthy dry spell for this time of year. This signalled the start of repairs to nests weather damaged during winter and three new nests were started. A thousand beak sized mud pellets are needed to construct a complete nest. Less than 50% of the Froyle nests were occupied at the time, so the need for additional nests is not clear.

House Martins have 2 or 3 broods during their time in the UK between April and September. One of my challenges doing the survey is trying to differentiate the young from the adults as they fly from and to nests. All the birds are black on top while the youngsters have brownish grey rather than white underneath, but they are so small and move at such speed that a clear identification is often tricky! I hope my observation skills will prove better tuned this year.

The House Martins are active much of the day, but the best times to see them are early mornings and in the evenings when they appear particularly active at varying heights catching insects. Also between May and August we are fortunate to be able to see (and hear) Swifts chasing around the sky. The sight of House Martins and Swifts sharing the sky on a warm sunny evening is one of Froyle's finest wildlife spectacles during the summer months.

Alan Dyos

The Froyle Archive

Gardens Open

In 1927 the National Garden Scheme, or NGS as we know it now, was born as a way to raise funds for district nursing all over the country. People were invited to tour certain local gardens for the cost of ‘a shilling a head’, with the money going to various nursing and caring charities.

In the first year, some 600 gardens were opened. Today, around 3,700 gardens – many of them privately owned and opened for just a few days each year – are listed in The Yellow Book, the annual guide published by the National Garden Scheme.

In 90 years the NGS has donated no less than £50 million to various charities, including The Queen’s Nursing Institute, Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support, to name but three. Of that £50 million, £25 million has been donated in the last ten years. Froyle is proud to have several gardens open each year under the scheme, this year there were eight in Lower Froyle.

Until now we believed that the village had been associated with the NGS for some twenty years or so, but, researching for the Archive’s display, in the Clive Barter Cabinet in St Mary’s Church in Upper Froyle, we were surprised to discover that Sir Hubert Miller, the Lord of the Manor from 1868 until 1940, was one of the first to open his garden under the scheme.

This entry from the Western Gazette of July 25th 1930 states that “The Shrubbery House” garden would be open on August 6th that year. We wonder if this could be the first time as Sir Hubert’s name was spelt incorrectly as Sir Herbert!

AUGUST 6TH.—The Shrubbery House, Froyle (Sir Herbert Miller, Bart.). Rock garden and herbaceous border.

“The Shrubbery House”, shown right, was Sir Hubert’s base in Froyle for his adult life. Situated on the modern A31, it was originally a river keepers cottage and, over the years, was greatly expanded.



The smaller photograph shows Gerald Robinson and other staff from Sir Hubert’s Estate working on the gardens at “The Shrubbery House” in the 1930s. Gerald had been Gardener to Sir Hubert for many years and we like to think that he might actually be working on the garden in readiness for one of those first “Gardens Open”.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village



I was there...



Back in the 1990's I had the great fun of driving a Chieftain Battle Tank, an Armoured Personnel Carrier and a Stalwart 6 Wheel Drive Amphibian for a day. A rather clever birthday present from Nigel and far superior from the drain rods I got the year before!

Then came 1995 and what happened then - you may well ask? Well the Bentley Bypass was being built and I looked longingly at the excavations going on there and being intrigued by it all - and in retrospect rather stupidly I suppose - I scurried under the old road in a culvert they had built to take the rain water and came up the other side to see where it was all going on. An exasperated husband once again came up trumps and got in touch with the constructors, which I think were McAlpines, and they very kindly gave me a morning on one of their huge diggers digging up the bypass. It was a fascinating piece of machinery with two sets of hand controls each with a four way 'stick' which went every which way just to get a bucket at the end of a long arm to dig up a few feet of earth! The angle at which the machines can lean without toppling over is rather nerve wracking.

It was certainly an exciting experience and if a piece of the Bypass ever starts subsiding please don't look at me!

Linda Bulpitt

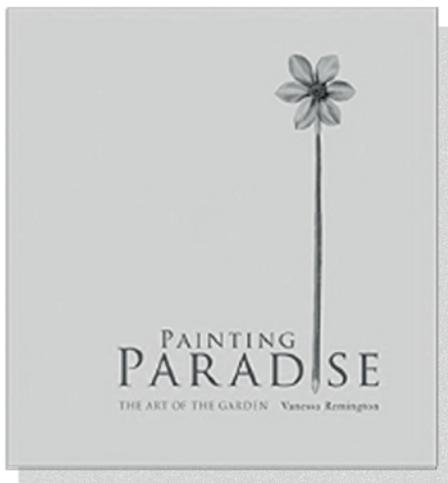
Following the death of their son Tom on 3 June,
Nick and Corinna would like to thank all friends and
neighbours for their expressions of concern and sympathy.

Tom had been suffering from cancer for eighteen months.
He leaves behind a wife and three children.
He was only 37.

Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

Nick and Corinna Whines

ST MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE



*'Painting Paradise
The Art of the Garden'*

From garden paradises in exquisite 15th century Persian manuscripts to jewelled hard stone flowers created by the great Russian goldsmith Carl Fabergé in the early 1900s, this lecture explores the way that artists and craftsman have been inspired by the garden over the centuries. Drawing exclusively on works of art from the Royal Collection, and looking at works from Leonardo da Vinci to Rembrandt, Vanessa will introduce many different types of garden – including the sacred garden, the botanical garden and the landscape garden – as we explore the story of the garden in art.

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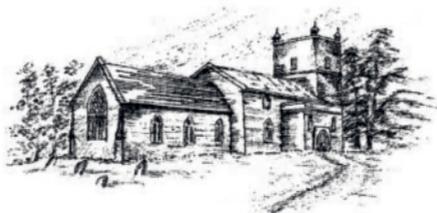
**For tickets call Nigel and Linda Bulpitt
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Sunday 2nd July	08.00am 05.00pm 09.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@Five Holy Communion
Sunday 9th July	11.00am 09.30am 03.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Pet Service on Rec or VH if wet Morning Worship & Children's Ch Messy Church
Sunday 16th July	11.00am 11.00am	Froyle Bentley	Holy Communion Marquee Service
Sunday 23rd July	06.30pm 11.00am	Froyle Binsted	Evensong Marquee Service
Sunday 30th July	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service
Sunday 6th August	08.00am 09.30am	Froyle Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 13th August	11.00am 09.30am	Froyle Bentley	Holy Communion Morning Worship & Children's Ch
Sunday 20th August	11.00am 09.30am	Froyle Binsted	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 27th August	06.30pm 09.30am	Froyle Bentley	Evensong Holy Communion & Children's Ch

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

When I sat down to start writing this month's column, Flaming June was being snuffed out by high winds and heavy rain. I looked out at the storm tossed-trees and bruised full-blown roses and was reminded of Mr Jarndyce in Dicken's Bleak House, saying, "The wind's in the east.... I am always conscious of an uncomfortable sensation now and then when the wind is blowing in the east".

Of course, I quickly realised that the wind wasn't actually blowing from the east during those gusty days, but nevertheless it seemed to me at the time that nature was expressing the general feeling of uncertainty that prevailed, following so soon after the awful events in London and Manchester and with the general election and Brexit adding to the general mood of disquiet.

And yet, looking at the parish magazine and the June and July editions in particular, one is reminded of the certainty that life goes on. In our villages, particularly in summer, the annual fêtes, with their flower shows, cake stands and best dog shows, are timeless and reflect traditions that have been enjoyed for many years, more or less unchanged.

It would be easy for others to mock the insular nature of these parochial events for their Little Englandness, for their Vicar of Diblyness, but I think they are an enduring expression of our sense of community, of our coming together in appreciation of our neighbours and the simple good things in life. There is a feeling of security in this annual round of traditional pageantry, which can help us build the strength to face all kinds of difficulty, whether it is the risks associated with a daily commute into London or anxiety over the availability of health resources.

And the foundation stone beneath all these summer festivities and village community is the Church; for over 700 years a bedrock of constancy and faith in Froyle, Bentley and Binsted, which will always be there to sustain us no matter how turbulent the times and the weather, no matter how often we attend services, nor how little we attend (although I always hope for greater numbers). We should be fiercely proud of our little traditions, which knit our communities together and make them stronger, no matter how hard the winds of change (whether from the east or the west) may blow.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Older People Matter

Older people matter. They matter to their relatives, their friends, their carers, the church and, of course, they matter to God. He loves them.

Simeon and Anna were two very elderly people. When Jesus turned up at the temple with his parents, they immediately recognised that Jesus was the Light of the World. They loved God and trusted him and they had been waiting in hope and expectancy for Jesus to arrive. Simeon takes Jesus in his arms, and, with joy, announces that a light for all the world has arrived. Wise old man. And Anna, an 84 year old widow, joins in. She praises God for Jesus' arrival and she is so overjoyed that she starts telling everyone the good news. Older people matter. They have always had a valuable part to play.

Anna Chaplaincy takes its name from this story in Luke. God loves older people and an Anna Chaplaincy is one of the ways in which a church can help Jesus to reach out and love them. As representatives of the church, Anna Chaplains work with the congregation to go to elderly people of strong faith, little faith and no faith and share their spiritual journey with them. This might mean going to them in their homes, in care homes or at the clubs where they meet. God is already there, stirring up His spirit of love because older people matter to Him.

As Anna Chaplain, I will join in with the congregation to show how much we hold the elderly in high regard. I am looking forward to leading services appropriate for them including those with memory loss, praying with them, celebrating the blessings of their life and sharing with them the challenges that a long life inevitably brings. Our Anna Chaplaincy is a way for the congregation to give 'voice and action' to God's love for our elderly people in the community.

Anna and Simeon were full of hope and joy. Our Anna Chaplaincy will try to help our own older people to try to find hope and joy because they matter.

I will be out and about in the Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Benefice each Friday as Anna Chaplain so if you would like me to pop over and see you on that day please email me. I will also be joining some of the services and look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Jonathan Rooke
Anna Chaplain
Licensed Lay Minister
annachaplain@benbinfo.org

Froyle Care Group



The Binsted, Bentley & Froyle Care Group exists predominately to provide a Car Service for the residents of the three villages and surrounding areas, to take them to any health related appointment – such as GPs, hospitals, dentists, opticians etc. These appointments can be local - Alton, Bentley, Farnham, or further afield - Basingstoke, Frimley, Guildford, Southampton, Slough etc. The car service operates from Monday to Friday each week, though it does close for a ten day period over Christmas and New Year.

The service relies entirely on volunteers - to act as co-ordinators, who take telephone calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements, and drivers, who take clients to their appointments. There are currently around 40 volunteers in total: 8 co-ordinators and 38 drivers, who help us to provide the much needed support to clients in the local community - but there is always a need to recruit more volunteers.

The Care Group is funded by ‘donations’ from the clients but also, when required, by generous grants from the three Parish Councils and Fête Committees. Volunteers are paid their expenses - telephone costs for co-ordinators and mileage expenses for drivers.

The Care Group is part of a wider Hampshire Good Neighbours Network, which encompasses 123 other similar groups, with over 4,000 volunteers, who undertook 158,050 tasks last year. These other schemes provide a number of different services, as well as health related transport - they may also provide befriending services, lunch clubs, social journeys, minibus services, coffee mornings, practical support, carer sitting support.

We have in the past two years expanded our scheme to meet local needs, so we do now also provide a social transport service taking clients to a fortnightly Lunch Club in Whitehill Village Hall, run by the WRVS. This new element of our Service helps to combat social isolation for a group of clients, who otherwise would not be able meet. The Committee is continuing to evaluate how best we can support the local community and to develop our services.

Telephone 01420 23440

Altar Rail Kneelers

We have had a few sessions of stitching, and realise that this is going to be a long term project! Only two people can stitch on one side at a time, and eyes tend to cross after a while, so regular rest with a cuppa is necessary!

The sessions will be from 2.30 to 4.30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays at The Old Malthouse, courtesy of Gill Bradley. There will be occasions, when for whatever reason, there may be no stitching, so please always call Gill (520484) the day before, or on the morning of. *Thank you.*

The Community Group

London to Brighton Cycle 2017

On 17th September, I will be lining up to take part in the London to Brighton cycle challenge.

To secure a place, I was requested to select an organisation or charity, and pledge to raise money through sponsorship. Although there are many deserving causes, I was drawn towards **Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital**.

All sponsorship money raised, will go towards funding ongoing pioneering research and technology, in an effort to develop groundbreaking medicines and treatments, so that chronically sick and dependant children may have the fighting chance of a future, also to bring hope and comfort to their parents and loved ones.

If you would like to sponsor me, you can do so by going on line to www.justgiving.com and search James Bellis, then look for James Bellis DIFC London to Brighton Cycle 2017.

Alternatively sponsorship forms will be at the Froyle Village Hall meeting place, or at Bentley Stores. All support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Jim Bellis, Froyle resident

Note from the Editors

We now take a break for summer with this combined issue of our July/ August edition of the Froyle Village Magazine. Thank you to all our regular and not so regular contributors. The next issue of the magazine will be the September issue with an **early copy deadline of Monday 14 August** due to holidays. All advertising queries should be addressed to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk and copied to magazine@froyle.com. We wish all our readers a lovely summer.



Sarah Zorab
Nutrition



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Bentley CE Primary

What music means to me...

Music is a big part of life at school from shared singing in assembly to learning about composers, to taking up an instrument. We are fortunate to have inspiring 1:1 music teachers whose young charges amaze us each year as they learn new skills and share their new talents in school performances and as they play at home.

The whole school concerts are much enjoyed by performers and the audience, whether it is an orchestra recital or our X-Factor singing competition. We have violin, flute, guitar, piano, recorder and 'Rock' instrument lessons – certainly something for everyone!



Within whole class lessons, teachers each open up a world of music to their pupils. Each class has an adopted composer of the year and they are becoming more confident in recognising a wider range of music genres. It is great news to know that music is still bringing so much enjoyment to our modern day children, albeit on a wider range of mediums! In this work the Year 5 pupils thought about how music makes them feel...

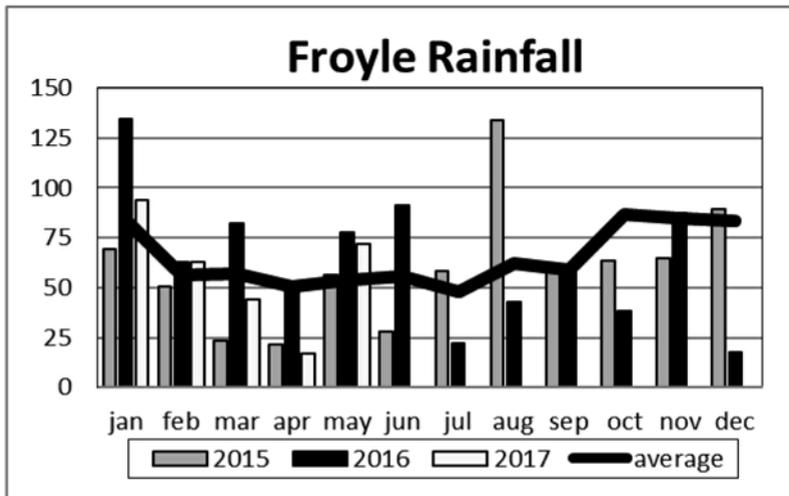


'My favourite band is Coldplay because their music is really fun and exciting, my favourite soloist is Taylor Swift because her music brings out your emotions. Some slow music makes me feel sad but bands like Coldplay or Little Mix make me feel happy. When I am down I play the flute, I play it because I can be part of loads of performances, and at school I am in the orchestra. Music is helpful for people because when people are sad or stressed music helps them calm down and relax. If music was banned then there would be nothing to cheer you up. Music is important because it brings people together as a community and makes them feel different emotions.'

Rosie Wittington

Froyle Rainfall for May 2017

This year	72 mm	2.8 ins
Last year	77.5 mm	3.1 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 rd driest month of the year after July and April	54.1 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	290 mm	11.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	302.3 mm	11.9 ins



The driest April for six years was followed by a slightly above average May but did include comfortably the wettest week (ending 21st) of the year so far, in fact we have to go back to the 4th week of June last year for a wetter one.

That said, although some would say this refers to the appearance of hawthorn blossom, nonetheless you can now safely put away your winter coats because, as we weather folk often recite:

“Ne’er cast a clout, til May is out.”



“The Umbrella Man”



Sunday 9th July - Messy Church picnic style!

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**Further information from Glenda or Chris Powell on 01420 23246 or
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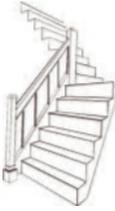
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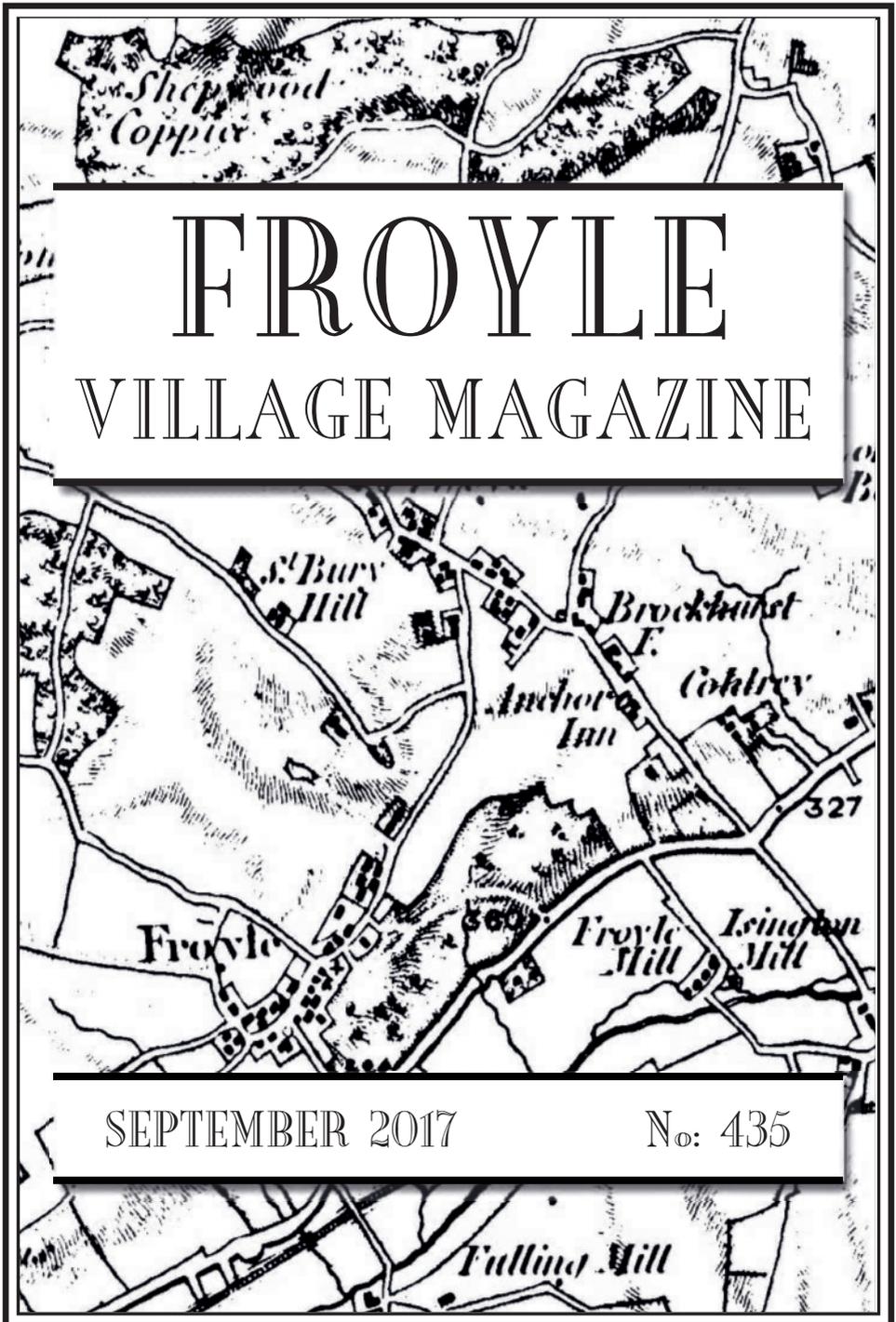
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Alternatively a hard copy can be dropped off The Meeting Place.

Please remember to check out the magazine online at:

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A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, showing the River Test and various landmarks. The map is framed by a double-line border. At the top, 'Sheepwood Coppice' is labeled. The central title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is set within a white rectangular box. Below the title, the map shows 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brockhurst', 'Cohtry', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill'. A road with the number '327' is also visible.

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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting - Tuesday 8th August 2017

1. Froyle Parish Council

Unfortunately Mr Toby Fay has had to resign as a councillor although he will continue to support FPC particularly 'around the Rec'. This is very much appreciated. There is therefore a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a parish councillor please write in to The Clerk, Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle, GU34 4LR, or froyleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk before 11th September 2017. Applications will be considered at a meeting of the Parish Council.

2. Playground and Football Hut Project

The grass has grown and the playground looks good. The efforts of all involved are being enjoyed and the input from parents was particularly helpful. The costs and funding of the entire project, including the football hut, can be summarised as follows:

Total project related costs

Playground – ground works, equipment, benches (yet to be purchased) - actual cost	£35,855
Football Hut (based upon the planned project for a pavilion) - estimated cost	£50,841
Total project estimated costs	£86,696

Funding (as per the funding applications)

Open Spaces - section 106 funding approved	£29,000
EHDC grant approved	£15,000
Froyle Village Hall Committee donation - received	£2,500
Froyle Village Fête - received	£2,500
Fundraising and donations to date	£1,964
Froyle Parish Council reserve	£35,732
Total estimated costs	£86,696

FPC is very grateful for all the donations, including those recently received from the Village Hall Committee and the Village Fête Committee.

FPC will now be able to collect the pro rata shares of the S106 funding (£11,994) and the EHDC grant (£6,204) relating to the playground.

With regard to the Football Hut element of the project the FPC again seeks consultation with residents. This is an exciting opportunity for the whole village. PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

It is important that we get it right, and so to encourage more thought and input, FPC is looking into, and seeking costings for the following possible options:-

- a) Pursue the Pavilion option (outlined in the last village magazine report) but taking into consideration residents comments received so far.
- b) Maintaining the Football Hut as is with no changes other than repairs, possibly for storage.
- c) Maintaining the Football Hut and enhancing it – i) opening up the inside to make more room, and ii) extending the roof on the ‘Rec’ side to provide cover for those watching activities on the ‘Rec’.
- d) Take down and remove the football hut to extend the existing car park.

FPC needs and would very much welcome further thoughts on any of the above options, or further options. The funding that we have received from EHDC was for a joint project covering both the playground and football hut redevelopment so we are not free to spend the money on anything else without going back to EHDC who may of course decide that any new plan does not meet their criteria. The funds also come with a time limit for usage so we really do need to get on with something as soon as we can.

3. Froyle Wildlife

Mr Barry Clarke attended the FPC meeting to discuss plans for the Froyle Wildlife Group. These included the maintenance of the Wildlife Group pond in Froyle, and secondly, increasing the size of the wildflower garden on the ‘Rec’. FPC is pleased to agree to a donation of £160 to the Group to cover the cost of pond dipping equipment which will hopefully be used for years to come. Also FPC asked Mr Clarke to submit an outline plan / proposal for extending the wildflower garden noting that it has been a considerable success.

4. Post Box

A short time before the Village Fête it was noticed that the post box outside the Village Hall was looking a little weathered. Ros Packet was consulted and within two days our post box had been repainted and now looks splendid. A sincere thanks to Ros and colleagues for their first class service.

5. Alton Community Forum

At the Alton Community Forum on 27th June, Cllr Alex Roberts on behalf of FPC asked a detailed question about the failure on the part of EHDC to explain the result of their investigation into an alleged breach of planning control at Froyle Park which has left FPC unable to explain to residents how a busy wedding venue has come to be located in the Upper Froyle Conservation Area. After a delay of six weeks, Democratic Services at EHDC has finally responded merely referring FPC to an earlier letter from the EHDC solicitor. Part of that letter is quoted below:

By a letter dated 8th March 2017, the Council's Executive Director, James Hassett, informed the Parish Council's Clerk, Mrs Cullen Stephenson, the authority had investigated whether premises at Gasston House, Froyle Park were being operated within the terms of a planning permission which authorises a Class C1 country club hotel. In the light of those investigations, and acting upon the advice of Counsel, the conclusion was that there was no breach of planning control. The Council remains of that view.'

EHDC has provided no argument or evidence to support this position. FPC will follow up in due course.

6. Meeting with Nicholas Roach

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Southern met with Mr Nicolas Roach Chairman of NJG, owners of Froyle Park on 11th July. The meeting was designed to help to reset the relationship between the Parish Council and NJG, and will be followed up by a further meeting in the autumn. Whilst we continue to believe that a busy wedding venue is inappropriate in Upper Froyle, for as long as it is in the village it is better for us to have a constructive working relationship with the hotel. Various matters were discussed including day to day operations and how they might be improved, the impact on local residents, possible improvements to the Gid Lane exit onto the A31 for large amounts of wedding traffic through the village, possible improvements to the Froyle Green area around the children's play area to improve the unsightly path and fence, possible uses for the "redundant" shop space and the improvement of 1&2 Froyle Cottages. Various follow up actions were agreed and we will keep you informed of progress.

7. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 18th September 2017, at 7.45pm.

Ian Macnabb

Froyle 2017 Safari Supper

in aid of the Village Hall

Saturday, 9th September, 2017 from 6.45pm

TICKETS



£12.50 per head

A Safari Supper is a shared meal, where several residents of the Village each provide a single course, including drinks. You then eat each course with different people at a different house (this is the safari bit).

The plan is as follows:

1. All meet at 6.45pm at Park Edge, Upper Froyle, courtesy of William & Mary Knowles, for a welcome drink and to receive the name and address of your first-course host.
2. You then all make your way to the first house for 7.30pm; as you finish that course, you will then be told where your next course is taking place;
3. You should be at the second house by 8.30pm and...
4. By 9.30pm it's off to the final venue, namely the Village Hall, for pudding and coffee.

We've had promises from approximately 20 couples who have kindly volunteered to *host* courses but clearly, for this to work, we need the support of as many Froyle residents, both Upper and Lower, as possible to join us *as guests*. Not only will you get to meet lots of people in the Village, new and old, especially some who have been here for a relatively short time; but if this evening is anything like as successful as ones we've done in the past, it promises to be huge fun.

But inevitably, in order that we can plan the whole evening successfully, we do need to know who would like to join us as guests well in advance and by August 31st at the latest (and NB couples will be moving around together).

Please therefore contact David or Susie Robertson for tickets asap by telephone on 520820, or by email at sjrinfroyle@gmail.com - £12.50 per head in advance.



Bookings: Jo Mills
01420 22384
www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)



FOR YOUR DIARY FILM NIGHT



The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

Friday 20th October 2017

Details of the film to be shown will be announced nearer the date.

Better Balance

Better Balance returns for the autumn on
Wednesday 13th September in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.
If you would like to join this friendly group please call Sue on 22603.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Hope you all had a lovely summer.

We are back and our September meetings are on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

HARVEST Dates for your Diary

The Harvest Supper will be on **Friday 6th October**
7.00 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
Tickets will be available in September.
Further information next month.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on
Sunday 8th October



The theme for decorating the church will be trugs and baskets of garden produce and flowers. We would welcome anyone to come and help with decorating the church on Saturday 7th from 9am onwards. All vegetables will be used to make soup for a Soup Lunch to be held in the Village Hall on **Thursday 19th October**.

The Community Group



Please call Madeleine Black on 23371 if you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community, or Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154, or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

DEHYDRATION

Watch out for the following signs and symptoms, which can be good indicators of dehydration.

- Thirst, headache, dry mouth and lips, tiredness, feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Passing small amounts of dark coloured, concentrated urine
- Dry sunken eyes, fragile skin, confusion and lack of concentration
- Constipation

How much should a person drink to stay hydrated?

The Food Standards Agency recommends a daily intake of 6-8 large glasses of water or other fluids.

Get creative to improve hydration

High fluid foods all contribute valuable fluid such as:

- Ice-lollies jelly and milk puddings
- Pureed fruit
- Cut up water-rich fruit or vegetables such as melon and cucumber
- Soups

Tips on providing good hydration

- Having a readily available wide range of drinks at the right temperature
- It is often more effective to offer a drink rather than ask if the individual would like one
- Encourage individuals to take each tablet of medication separately with fluid
- Prompt individuals to drink but avoid nagging
- Reassure an individual that you have time to help them drink
- Time spent preventing inadequate hydration = less time dealing with the associated problems
- Aim for the best you can do. Small steps can be effective and older people find it difficult to change their routines
- Show understanding and empathy. Imagine yourself in that individual's situation
- Emphasise the importance of good hydration to the individual



The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and good conversation!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers for September

01 Sept	Madeleine Black	Barbara Starbuck	Jo Mills	Anne Blunt
08 Sept	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sarah English
15 Sept	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Sarah Khan	Charlotte Baikie
22 Sept	Marj Robinson	Sue Sharman	Nelle Pratt	Kay Pogson
29 Sept	Susie Robertson	Bea Sword	Lucia Lindblom	Sarah Roberts

Kitchen Helpers for September

01 Sept	Sue Carr	Mary Knowles
08 Sept	Jan Elliott	Lori Taylor
15 Sept	Sarah Lovell	Margaret Stanford
22 Sept	Kay Pogson	Sue Sharman
29 Sept	Linda Bulpitt	Linda Cooper

If you need to swap dates, please contact helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

It is of enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday, it would be appreciated. Many thanks.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com

Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com



Macmillan Meeting Place

On 29th September, we will be collecting for Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be a cake sale, raffle and other fun and games. Please bake us a cake or come and buy one to support this amazing charity. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Meeting Place Team

THE MEETING PLACE NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU.....

Our wonderful Helpers and Cake Makers make it possible for our village to hold the Best Weekly Coffee Morning in the country - okay, so I may be a little biased! A big thank you to all of you who contribute to its success.

We always like to welcome new faces at the Friday morning Meeting Place in the Village Hall. This is a great way to get to know Froyle friends and neighbours and join our great group of helpers serving the tea, coffee and cakes. It's just two hours of your time about three times a year, and is good fun. However, if you are unable to commit to this, how about letting your creative baking ideas take flight by baking a cake or two. As the Meeting Place becomes ever more popular, we are always looking for more cake makers. If you can make a cake about four times a year that would be brilliant, but I know life is 'full on' so even if you feel you can only bake two or three times each year, we would be very grateful. If baking really isn't your thing, but you'd like to contribute, then a home-made cake from, say, a WI stall or Farmers' Market, which you may have bought (and even frozen) will be most acceptable (your secret will be safe with me!).

We would love to hear from young, old and everyone in between who would like to join us as kitchen helper and/or cake maker. We especially welcome new residents to the village, ladies and gentlemen. (We already have four brave men donning pinnies!!!)

If you are not sure, or you haven't been to the Meeting Place at all yet, please come along for tea, coffee, cakes and lots of chat and laughter, and a member of the committee or any regular 'MP-goer' will be happy to tell you all about it.

Please contact me by 30th September if you'd like to join our 'happy band' for 2018. To helpers and cake makers, old and new.....if you know of dates or periods next year when you are not available, do tell me and I shall roster you at times to suit you.

Thank you very much to all our loyal and valued volunteers.....(and customers, too, of course.)

*Lori (Taylor) 01420 22148
lorijtaylor@hotmail.com*

PS If you would like your rosters emailed to you in December rather than have to pick up a hard copy at the Meeting Place, and you think that I may not have your email address, please email your address to me. Thank you. Lori



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

The Fête Flower Show was the highlight in July. Although there were few entries in the Fruit and Vegetable classes, the Hall looked magnificent with colourful flower arrangements one end and exhibits of mixed flowers and foliage at the other. The domestic classes were very well supported and the children came up trumps with really good exhibits. Of particular note were the Boys' Handicrafts with the Drinks' Dispenser and the model of the Landrover. The girls provided beautifully decorated cup cakes and flowers arranged in cups. Well done !

We had two extra garden visits. The visit to Sue Hough's Old Rose Cottage and the visit to Peter and Marjorie Hart's garden, 'The Willows' were both enjoyable evenings out. Very different! The first being an immaculate small garden with well placed plants. The second much larger but still full of interest.

There is a change in the programme. On 13th October, Geoff Hawkins will be speaking on 'Gardening under Cover' instead of the advertised speaker.

Don't forget the Autumn Show on 16th September, a later date than usual, with Open Classes. Schedules will be at the meeting place or Walbury in the box on the side of bungalow. Entries at the Village Hall between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday 13th September or previously to Molly Court at Greendown, Lower Froyle or ring 01420 23141.

Brenda Milam

**THE TROPHIES FROM THE SUMMER SHOW WILL BE READY FOR
COLLECTION AT THE AUTUMN SHOW**

**AUTUMN SHOW
SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
2.30pm
FROYLE VILLAGE HALL
REFRESHMENTS
RAFFLE
PLANTS FOR SALE**

Flower Show - Saturday 8th July 2017

FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

SECTION A

1A Peas	D Court
1B Mangetout/Sugar Snap	F Thorneycroft
2 Broad Beans	G Hawkins
3 Potatoes	B Milam
5 Lettuce, Cos	F Thorneycroft
6 Lettuce excl Cos	F Turvill
7 Onions	F Thorneycroft
8 Carrots	F Thorneycroft
9 Beetroot	F Thorneycroft
10 Rhubarb	G Hawkins
11 Any other veg	N Whines
12 Herbs	A Blunt
13 Gooseberries	G Bradley
14 Raspberries	G Hawkins
16 Strawberries	F Thorneycroft
17 Any other fruit	A Blunt

SECTION B

20 Specimen Rose	D Court
21 Cluster-flower Rose	J Macnabb
22 Three Roses	M Allan
23 Bowl of Roses	J Macnabb
24 Sweet Peas	N Whines
25 Pinks	M Cresswell
26 Lily	B Milam
27 Garden Flowers	B Milam
28 Foliage	J Macnabb
29 Pansies/Violas	B Milam
30 Clematis	A Blunt
31 Pot plant in bloom	J Trim
32 Foliage pot plant	M Court
33 Cactus/succulent	B Milam
34 Penstemon	G Pickering

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

D Court
F Thorneycroft
G Hawkins
B Milam
F Thorneycroft
F Turvill
F Thorneycroft
F Thorneycroft
F Thorneycroft
F Thorneycroft
G Hawkins
N Whines
A Blunt
G Bradley
G Hawkins
F Thorneycroft
A Blunt

FLOWERS

D Court
J Macnabb
M Allan
J Macnabb
N Whines
M Cresswell
B Milam
B Milam
J Macnabb
B Milam
A Blunt
J Trim
M Court
B Milam
G Pickering

SECTION C

40 Marmalade	A Riley
42 Jam (excl strawberry)	M Black
43 Jelly	M Black
44 Chutney	M Black
45 Fruit Loaf	P Marshall
46 Shortbread	B Milam
47 Sausage Rolls	J Trim
48 Recycled item	D MacInnes
50 Eggs	R MacInnes
51 Home made drink	M Black

DOMESTIC

A Riley
M Black
M Black
M Black
P Marshall
B Milam
J Trim
D MacInnes
R MacInnes
M Black

SECTION D FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

60 'Cook's Corner'	B Webster
61 'Essence of Summer'	B Milam
62 'Treasure Chest'	M Hunter

SECTION E CHILDREN'S CLASSES

70 Handmade article (girls)	M Blanchard
71 Handmade article (boys)	TIE F Thorneycroft/F Turvill
72 Animal made from veg/fruit	L MacInnes
73 Cup cakes	Bea Milam
74 Flower arrangement in tea cup	M Blanchard



TROPHY WINNERS

HOLLIS CUP for highest points in Section A. Winner: *Freddie Thorneycroft*

GOSCHEN CUP for highest points in Section B. Winner: *Maureen Allan*

BOOTLE-WILBRAHAM CUP for the exhibitor gaining most points in Sections A and B. Winner: *Brenda Milam*

DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP awarded to Judge's Choice in Section D. Winner: *Brenda Milam*

DR LEWARNE CUP for the best table decoration, Class 60. Winner: *Beryl Webster*

ROBERTSON ROSE BOWL awarded to the Froyle exhibitor gaining most points in Section C. Winner: *Madeleine Black*

GEOFF HAWKINS PLATE for best exhibit in classes 45, 46, & 47. Winner: *Polly Marshall*

CECILY ROBERTSON TROWEL for Best Homemade Beverage, Class 51. Winner: *Madeleine Black*

MRS LEWARNE CUP for the best handmade article by a girl. Winner: *Maddie Blanchard*

BUSH CUP for the best handmade article by a boy. Winner: *TIE Freddie Thorneycroft & Fergus Turvill*

GRAHAM BLUNT AWARD & DIPLOMA for best exhibit Section A. Winner: *Freddie Thorneycroft*

DIPLOMA for best exhibit Section B. Winner: *David Court*

SUE HARRIS GENERATION SHIELD for the family with most points gained in any classes by exhibitors of more than one generation. Winners: *Brenda Milam & Bea Milam*

71st Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show

Saturday 8th July 2017

I am writing this review on a very wet day in early August, thinking how lucky we were to enjoy a warm sunny day for this year's Fête and Flower Show. This certainly helped bring in what we think may be a record number of people. We heard comments from visitors who like the fact that Froyle has a friendly, traditional fête - something we need to remember in future years. Takings also reflected the weather, with the beer tent and ice creams showing significant increases on the previous year. In fact the beer tent made above £1,000 for the first time ever. Much of this is due to the ever growing popularity of Janet Dobson's Pimms.

We made some radical changes to the layout this year, moving the beer tent and bbq to a more central position; it is obviously from the takings that everyone found where they had been moved to.

Brenda Milam, in opening the Fête, gave a brief but interesting history of the Flower Show, which we should never forget is an integral part of the day, and again the number of entries particularly from the younger members of the village bodes well for the future.

There was a point, during the children races, when it looked as if the adults may have won the tug of war, but I think that an element of cheating ensured their disqualification. Thanks must go to the Khan family who in their 4th year of organising, managed to ensure the races were a great spectacle.

The Dog Show was its usual chaotic self, although William, together with the judge (Jimmy Murphy, to whom many thanks) and the dogs, were kept under a degree of control by Sarah English and Polly Marshall, whose help prevented the spectacle falling apart completely. The larger arena this year was a great help.

Takings for this year (outlined on the next page) were a record. This was certainly helped by the Silent Auction – only the second time this has been held. Thanks to Chris Little and Mary Knowles for putting together a great array of auction items and thanks to those who donated them and to those who successfully bid for them, raising over £1600. The overall profit, whilst up significantly on previous years, was affected by the costs, which too were higher this year. We made a donation to Paul Le Feuvre, who has supported the Fête as MC for 30 years, for his support to Wey Valley Radio.

We were again thankful to a number of organisations and individuals for sponsoring certain items, the Anchor, the Hen and Chicken, the Nicholas James Group for effectively stocking the beer tent and Rawles and Jamie Stewart-Smith for organising a very nice display of cars.

The Fête is very much a village event, so as well as the committee there are many others who play an important part, whether in manning stalls, donating raffle prizes, baking cakes or helping to set up and clear away. We are grateful that each year the village shows off its community spirit to help the success of the event.

Lastly, this Fête was about donating money towards the cost of the playground. So when, near the end of the Fête, Brenda called forward Amelia and Ludo her dog to cut the ribbon (well security tape...), it was so pleasing to see the number of children who rushed to enjoy the new equipment. It is great that the money we raise can bring tangible benefits to the village.

Ian Whitmore



STALL	TAKINGS 2017	TAKINGS 2016
BBQ	804.30	600.56
Beat the Goalie	42.00	35.00
Beer Tent	1041.10	673.55
Books	143.15	189.37
Bottle Stall	286.00	197.00
Bouncy Castle	75.10	147.65
Bric a Brac	155.81	162.31
Cakes	0.00	123.45
Coconuts	134.51	162.45
Crockery Smashing	90.00	125.05
Dog Show	126.00	135.00
Egg Tombola	0.00	11.75
Face Painting	58.70	60.00
Gardening Club Plant Stall	0.00	50.00
Grand Raffle	1163.10	941.70
Golf	25.83	29.01
Hook-a-duck	35.50	34.65
Ice cream	249.30	89.56
Jar of Sweets	73.60	75.70
Jumble	141.85	150.65
Teas	314.20	379.70
Tombola	104.40	151.10
Welly Whanging	35.50	9.10
Silent Auction	1,638.11	0.00
TOTAL	6,738.06	4,534.31

The Froyle Archive

Prelude to War

More of Bill Elstow's recollections of life in Froyle in the 1930s

“Before the war, at the end of the summer, the army would hold its manoeuvres in the countryside around the village. The army was still not fully mechanised at that time and there was always plenty of cavalry around (*see picture*). And in those wonderfully balmy, phlox scented, long summer evenings after the days games were finished the grooms would walk the horses through the village to chat with the villagers and their daughters at the garden gates whilst we youngsters would run back and forth to feed the horse with windfall apples which they would eat in one devastating crunch and swallow.



Troops assembling opposite Sylvesters during the 1933 War Games

The manoeuvres were always exciting for us, I am sure that there is very little difference in the noise of live ammunition and that of blank cartridges. There were certainly plenty of the latter for us to collect the empty cartridges for our own games. One must remember that blank cartridges still have a wad in the end which can be very painful if it hits you from short range. On one occasion some Infantry were laying prone hidden behind a hedge about three foot above the road when some very important looking map reading officers on horseback turned into the lane. As they reached the middle of the ambush someone started to open fire. There is no need to describe the resulting mayhem of bucking horses and unseated riders to contemplate what punishment was meted out to impress on the hoi-poloï one of the things that one does not do to Officers and Gentlemen but, more importantly, certainly not to their horses. But all this was to disappear very quickly with the arrival of the Bren gun carrier.

It so happened that I was in Froyle on the first day of the war. It was a Sunday and I was waiting for my parents to arrive to take me back home to start at my new grammar school. My father who had rejoined the Reserve in 1938 to collect what he regarded as the easiest twenty five quid of his life found himself back in the R.A.F. before the ink had dried. He was on leave but in uniform as he drove through London on the way to Froyle that morning.

As soon as Mr Chamberlain had made his announcement the air raid sirens sounded as my parents arrived in their car at Brixton. There they were stopped and my father was told to put his gas mask on. When they arrived at Clapham they were all but arrested - what on earth did he think he was doing putting the fear of God up everyone! Such was the degree of apprehension that we were all about to be bombed to hell by hoards of Stukas.

In Froyle, at about quarter past eleven, a monoplane flew low over the village and it is remarkable how many people had clearly seen the black and white crosses on its wings. But it is such things that pub conversations are made of, all enjoy listening to it even if they don't believe a word, and, by turning out time, the lone Hurricane had probably become a squadron of German heavy bombers. Little did we know that soon this was to be, for some, the stark reality - but not in Froyle.”

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village



I was there...

The Berlin Wall



In 1980, I moved from RAF Odiham to RAF Gutersloh in West Germany, along with the rest of my helicopter squadron. Life in 'RAF Germany' was relatively simple, the Cold War dominated our professional lives and we constantly trained for the day that Soviet tanks would drive through the 'Fulda gap' and engulf Western Europe.

But it wasn't all about gas masks and nuclear missiles, we were allowed the odd spot of R&R in between NATO exercises. The Officers' Mess had a rather fine Bier Keller, once frequented by Goering. With a favourable Deutschmark exchange rate and tax free prices, it was possible to buy everyone in the bar a beer and still have change from a pound. Vodka was the favoured windscreen de-icer, due to being considerably cheaper than de-icing fluid!

At weekends we often explored Germany by road, the first Golf GTIs had recently been produced and there were no speed limits on autobahns, so everywhere seemed quite close.... Along with three colleagues, I drove to West Berlin one long weekend. This involved crossing the border into East Germany (*Checkpoint Alpha*), driving along a straight stretch of road before crossing the border again into West Berlin (*Checkpoint Bravo*). Detours were forbidden. Once in Berlin, we spent an enjoyable weekend seeing the sights and dancing in all-night clubs. Breakfast of boiled eggs, ham and brotchen was eaten on the way home to bed.

On Saturday (it's all rather hazy...), we put on our uniform (required to transit to the East) and drove through a crossing in 'The Wall' to East Berlin (*Checkpoint Charlie*). The other side looked much as we expected, rather drab and unreconstructed in comparison with flashy West Berlin. There seemed to be East German and Soviet troops all over the place, many of them also enjoying some R&R. Unfortunately our instructions before crossing required us to give them a wide berth and not get drawn into conversation. I doubt that a beer or two together would have triggered nuclear consequences, but we followed orders and went on our way.



Crossing back to the West later, we passed numerous crosses along the wall which marked where desperate attempts to escape had ended in disaster. Having bought a few mementoes in a flea market on Sunday (including a 500 million Reichsmark banknote from the 1920's), we drove back to Gutersloh and resumed preparing for war. I left Germany in 1982 for pastures new, 'The Wall' came down in 1989, and the Cold War ended shortly after. Let's hope that current world events don't bring back too many nervous memories for Europeans who lived through a sharply divided time not so long ago.



Froyle Wildlife
www.froylewildlife.co.uk

In Praise of Ivy

In autumn the yellow green ivy flowers open and, on sunny days, come alive with jostling insects foraging for pollen and nectar. Ivy flowers are a major late food source for pollinators such as honey bees, hoverflies, flies, wasps and butterflies especially Red Admiral and Comma. Often it is the buzz of insects that draws attention to the plant and it is well worth pausing for a moment to take a closer look.

Some of the hoverflies can appear similar to honey bees (honey bees themselves vary in colour) whilst other hoverflies can be mistaken for wasps. The large *Volucella zonaria* is a hornet mimic and looks mighty fierce! However no hoverflies possess stingers – all are harmless. One way to tell the difference is to look at the antennae; hoverflies have very short ones compared to honey bees and hoverflies also have larger eyes.

The Ivy Bee *Colletes hederae* is a rather handsome 'solitary bee' resembling the honey bee from which it can be distinguished by a tuft of yellow/orange fur on its head. It was first recorded in the UK in 2001 and has been seen in Froyle, so is one to watch out for. It is the last solitary bee to emerge and coincides with the flowering



of ivy, its main forage plant. Individual female Ivy Bees each excavate their own nest holes in crumbly soil, often on a bank, into which they deposit eggs plus a pollen store collected from ivy flowers. They usually nest close to other Ivy Bees sometimes resulting in thousands of them swarming over the ground. But fear not they aren't aggressive to humans and can be observed at close quarters. Ivy Bee adults only live for about 3 weeks whereas its larvae remain in the nest for 10-11 months living off the pollen left by the female. As with male honey bees and male bumble bees the male ivy bees do not sting. Female solitary bees hardly ever sting humans and it's barely noticeable compared to that of other bees.

Ivy is a native evergreen plant that only flowers on mature woody stems. The leaves around the flowers are markedly different from the normal leaf we associate with the plant as they are oval in shape. Apart from being a marvellous late season food source for many insects it also provides other creatures with shelter from the worst of the weather and hidden nest sites for birds. Its berries ripen in winter after other hedgerow fruits have been eaten so can be a lifeline for many including thrushes' blackbirds and blackcaps. Additionally it is an important larval food plant for the Holly Blue butterfly and Swallow-tailed moth and the Brimstone butterfly is known to hibernate within it.

Sue Clark

Summer Butterfly Walks



The sun shone at the start of our leisurely stroll around Bentley Station Meadow on 29th July. The abundant nectar of the Water Mint as we went in was clearly a favourite with the Silver-washed Fritillaries, not often you get such good views of this butterfly and so many at once. Earlier this year we visited Noar Hill for an enjoyable afternoon's walk at short notice. We saw Duke of Burgundy and the not so

Dingy Skippers but think the Green Hairstreaks may have stolen the limelight! See <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/past-events/>

Wildlife Pond Opening

The new wildlife pond and surrounding wildflower meadow was opened on 25th June. After enjoying refreshments at Froyle Park we walked to the pond area near Gid Lane where Glynis Watts from East Hampshire District Council cut the ribbon. The wildflower meadow that surrounds 'Froyle Park Pond' looked superb and we lingered to observe what was flying over the pond. Dragonflies have already found the new habitat as well as pond skaters, water boatmen and whirligig beetles. This successful project was lead by volunteers from Froyle Wildlife and for more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/>

Barry Clark

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	09.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Sept	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	09.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Children's Ch
	03.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 17th Sept	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	09.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Sunday 24th Sept	06.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

2nd Bentley Scouts Group, Bentley

Our last Jumble Sale on 20th May 2017 was superb. Customers started to arrive at 12.30pm for a 2pm opening. By 2pm, the crowds had passed the school gate! Furniture, clothing, books all went. It was a wonderful day and the sum of **£2,150** was raised.

Many thanks to all who came: Bentley, Froyle folk and those as far away as Southampton, Portsmouth and Croydon (good old internet!).

See you all again in September 2017.

Ron Figgins



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

For some weeks now, entry into the church in Binsted has been slightly hazardous. No, I don't mean the arms twisted to join the coffee rota or act as church sidesman, I am thinking of our summer visitors, the swifts. But this week I suddenly realised that they have finally left their nest of mud and straw, tucked into the eaves of the porch, high above the church doors. Our valiant cleaners will no longer have to sweep the porch tiles of the deposits left by Mr and Mrs Swift and their children, for they have left the nest and the young swifts may already be setting out on their long journey back to another continent.

Now some may see the messy presence of the swifts as a nuisance (and it certainly requires vigilance when we are likely to have flowing white bridal trains entering the church) but I can't help but see it as another symbol of God's Kingdom. How long the swifts have been coming to our ancient church, who knows, but they return year after year, in the faith that their nesting site will still be there. They raise their brood, trusting that there will be enough for their arduous flight and they leave in the hope that they will complete their journey and be able to return next year.

And all this is happening at a time when the mortals below them are also raising their young and preparing them for long journeys into the future. The summer is a time when we look forward to long sunny days of rest and relaxation, a time when just as the swifts frolic in the air, so we too enjoy play. But it is also a time of tense anticipation following important exams. Did they do enough revision, did they give the right answers, will they be able to take up that place at university or college and sail through their job interviews? However hard our young people have worked, there will always be an underlying anxiety about whether it was enough and whether they made the right choices.

But the church is called to be a community both of present fulfilment and of future hope; the Kingdom is here and yet it is still to come. Our young people have completed their present tasks and obligations to the best of their ability but there is so much more to come. Although they may await the future and its challenges with a degree of anxiety, we can help them grow in confidence and take their place in the world. And just as Christ offers a doorway to the Kingdom, so leaving the nest, a place of protection and nurture, is a step towards that final destination for humans and for swifts.

***Blessings,
Yann***

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Whisky...



As the days get shorter with a hint of autumn chill in the air, alluring thoughts of that whisky by the fire return to soften the onset of those dreary winter evenings. Actually, although many of us think of it as being mainly a winter drink, whisky ('whiskey'....?) is far too great a marvel for its enjoyment to be limited either to winter evenings or by 'purists' who refuse to mix it with anything other than a tiny splash of water.

However you spell it, the word whisky comes from the old Gaelic word for 'water', applied to the Roman concept of 'water of life' (as they called distilled alcohol). So we are talking here about an old and glorious medicinal life force which takes many different forms and is capable of asserting itself in many different cultures and contexts. Feelings run high as to what is or is not a 'real' whisky, how it should be drunk and how the word should be spelt; most of this makes for lively discussion but few reliable facts – even the vexed spelling issue is less clear-cut than one might think....

All whisky is distilled from fermented grain mash. The type of grain varies: it might be mainly barley (as in Scotch whisky, Irish whisky and the much improved Japanese whisky), maize (bourbon and Tennessee whiskey), or rye (Canadian whisky, at least historically). The grain might be malted or not.

And the spelling? The use of the letter 'e' is chiefly associated with the US and Ireland, but it is not just another Anglo/American spelling difference. It seems that the Irish used the term 'Whiskey' in the 19th century to distinguish their product in the US market from the then-inferior Scotch whisky. There has always been a degree of interchangeability in the spelling, although today in general in the US 'whiskey' refers to US sourced grain spirits and 'whisky' to those produced outside the US. Just to confuse things, though, some US producers insist on labelling their products 'whisky'. And apparently the US Federal regulations for distilled spirits use the spelling 'whisky' throughout....

But in our neck of the woods, 'whisky', whatever the spelling, generally means Scotch whisky – not to be referred to simply as 'Scotch', of course: that's a terrible American habit I have, which I can't even blame on my American wife. Scotch whisky requires making a distinction between a 'single malt whisky' (made by a single distillery from one malted grain, but usually from many casks), and 'blended whisky', (the bulk of Scotch whisky, made from a mixture of whiskies from different distilleries, and not necessarily malted grain, under a brand name rather than the name of a distillery).

...continued

Should Scotch whisky be drunk with ice? I certainly do so, but only occasionally, when the mood takes me - there are times when only a 'Scotch on the rocks' will do, and it has little to do with the quality of the whisky. I have never learned to love whisky and soda. I have, however, been taught by one of Froyle's more discerning drinkers to appreciate a Whisky Mac (whisky and green ginger wine) in all weathers. Can I bring you a Whisky Sour cocktail....? Would that be with Scotch or with bourbon....?

Scotch whisky must be aged in the cask or barrel for at least three years – the top single malts for considerably longer. Like all spirits, whisky matures only in the cask, not in the bottle. So while an old bottle of whisky might have rarity value, what matters to its taste is how long it was aged in the cask.

US whiskies, on the other hand, only have to be aged for one year – at least, this is the complaint of producers in Scotland, as they contemplate the prospect of a post-Brexit trade deal with the US resulting in cheaper US 'whiskey' flooding the UK market – some irony here.... No wonder the Scots voted to remain. Oh dear – definitely time for a wee dram....

William Knowles



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Saturday 23rd September, 7pm to 10pm, Froyle Village Hall
£5 per ticket to include entry to quiz (nibbles/ cake provided)

Between 6th and 10th November 2017, I will be trekking 75km along the ancient footpaths of the Oman Mountains in aid of CoppaFeel! - a breast cancer awareness charity whose mission is to spread awareness of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

Out of thousands of applicants, I was selected as one of 55 trekkers undertaking this challenge along with Olympic gold medalist Greg Rutherford and vlogger and author Giovanna Fletcher.

Please join us at a charity quiz and raffle evening to help raise awareness and money to support the fantastic work CoppaFeel! does. We have some really fantastic prizes to be won including:

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All support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Samantha Sayers, Froyle resident

The 100 Club winners for July and August were:

July

1st - Theresa Ogden
2nd - Barbara Starbuck
3rd - David Court
4th - Bill Stanford

August

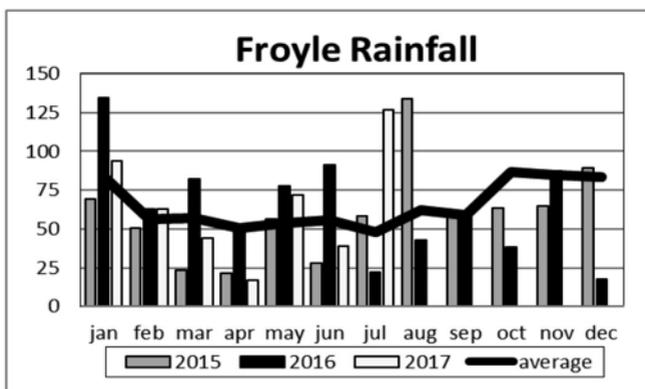
1st - Constance Barter
2nd - Faith Richards
3rd - Lauraine Bourne
4th - Ian Macnabb

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles

Froyle Rainfall for June and July 2017

	June		July	
This year	39 mm	1.5 ins	127 mm	5 ins
Last year	91.5 mm	3.6 ins	22 mm	0.9 ins
Wettest (2012/2007)	155.5 mm	6.1 ins	139.5 mm	5.5 ins
Driest (1995/2013)	5 mm	0.2 ins	10 mm	0.4 ins
Long-term averages – the 4th driest and driest month	55.2 mm	2.2 ins	50.1 mm	2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far			456 mm	18 ins
Long-term average for the year to the end of July			407.6 mm	16.0 ins



Froyle continues to, er, bask in 10% below average rainfall so far this year. Following on a June, which only had 4 days of anything approaching substantial rain, July turned out to be the 2nd wettest for many a moon, with 70% falling in the last 2 weeks of the month.

According to weather.com, this latest bout of inclement weather is all to do with the position of the jetstream above the British Isles...and who are we to argue...?



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Work starts on 29 August and will last approximately 10 weeks with access to businesses being maintained at all times.

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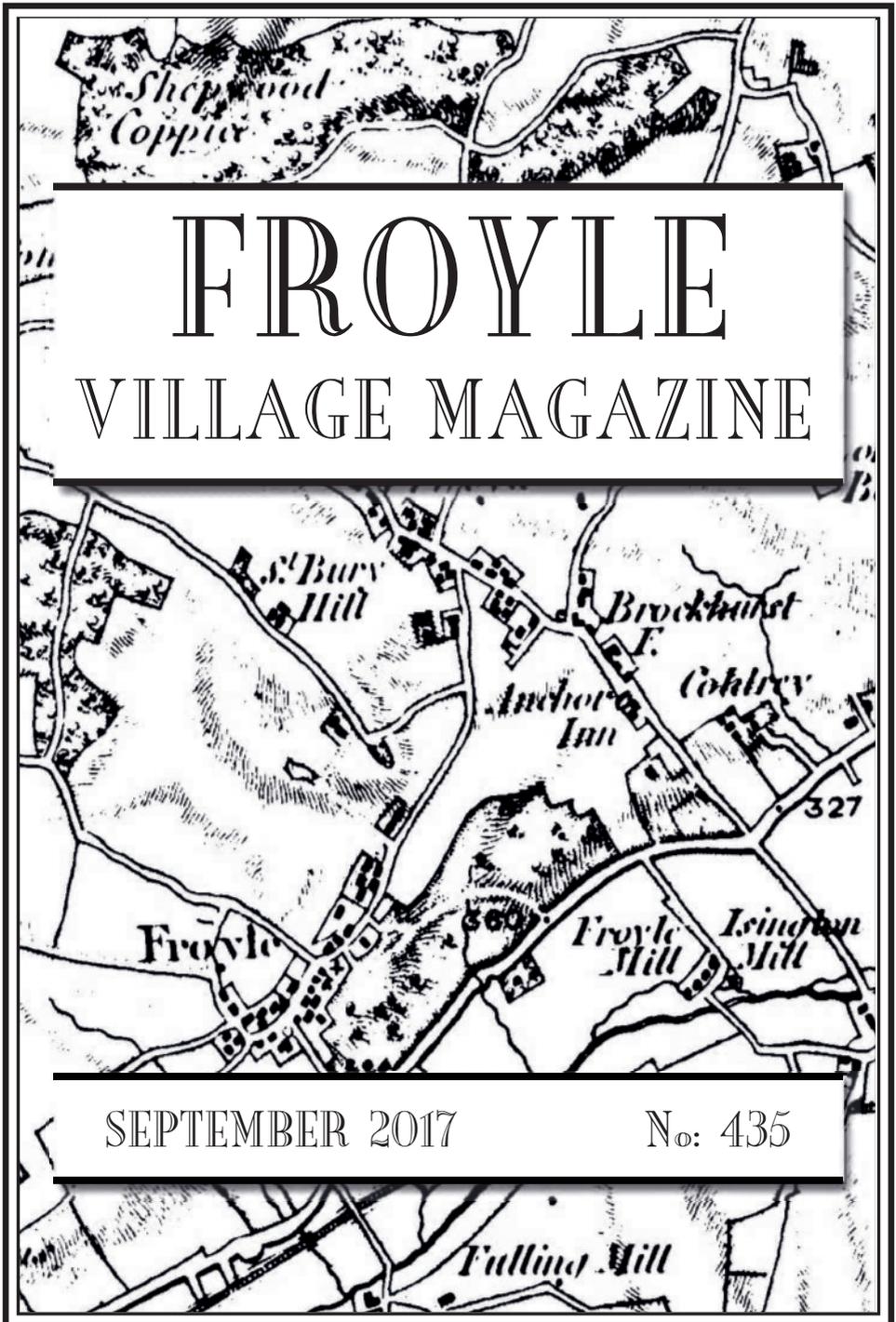
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A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is printed in a large, serif font across the top half of the map. Below the title, the date 'SEPTEMBER 2017' and issue number 'No: 435' are displayed. The map includes labels for 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brockhurst', 'Cohtry', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill' at the bottom. A road number '327' is also visible on the right side.

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting - Tuesday 8th August 2017

1. Froyle Parish Council

Unfortunately Mr Toby Fay has had to resign as a councillor although he will continue to support FPC particularly 'around the Rec'. This is very much appreciated. There is therefore a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a parish councillor please write in to The Clerk, Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle, GU34 4LR, or froyleparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk before 11th September 2017. Applications will be considered at a meeting of the Parish Council.

2. Playground and Football Hut Project

The grass has grown and the playground looks good. The efforts of all involved are being enjoyed and the input from parents was particularly helpful. The costs and funding of the entire project, including the football hut, can be summarised as follows:

Total project related costs

Playground – ground works, equipment, benches (yet to be purchased) - actual cost	£35,855
Football Hut (based upon the planned project for a pavilion) - estimated cost	£50,841
Total project estimated costs	£86,696

Funding (as per the funding applications)

Open Spaces - section 106 funding approved	£29,000
EHDC grant approved	£15,000
Froyle Village Hall Committee donation - received	£2,500
Froyle Village Fête - received	£2,500
Fundraising and donations to date	£1,964
Froyle Parish Council reserve	£35,732
Total estimated costs	£86,696

FPC is very grateful for all the donations, including those recently received from the Village Hall Committee and the Village Fête Committee.

FPC will now be able to collect the pro rata shares of the S106 funding (£11,994) and the EHDC grant (£6,204) relating to the playground.

With regard to the Football Hut element of the project the FPC again seeks consultation with residents. This is an exciting opportunity for the whole village. PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

It is important that we get it right, and so to encourage more thought and input, FPC is looking into, and seeking costings for the following possible options:-

- a) Pursue the Pavilion option (outlined in the last village magazine report) but taking into consideration residents comments received so far.
- b) Maintaining the Football Hut as is with no changes other than repairs, possibly for storage.
- c) Maintaining the Football Hut and enhancing it – i) opening up the inside to make more room, and ii) extending the roof on the ‘Rec’ side to provide cover for those watching activities on the ‘Rec’.
- d) Take down and remove the football hut to extend the existing car park.

FPC needs and would very much welcome further thoughts on any of the above options, or further options. The funding that we have received from EHDC was for a joint project covering both the playground and football hut redevelopment so we are not free to spend the money on anything else without going back to EHDC who may of course decide that any new plan does not meet their criteria. The funds also come with a time limit for usage so we really do need to get on with something as soon as we can.

3. Froyle Wildlife

Mr Barry Clarke attended the FPC meeting to discuss plans for the Froyle Wildlife Group. These included the maintenance of the Wildlife Group pond in Froyle, and secondly, increasing the size of the wildflower garden on the ‘Rec’. FPC is pleased to agree to a donation of £160 to the Group to cover the cost of pond dipping equipment which will hopefully be used for years to come. Also FPC asked Mr Clarke to submit an outline plan / proposal for extending the wildflower garden noting that it has been a considerable success.

4. Post Box

A short time before the Village Fête it was noticed that the post box outside the Village Hall was looking a little weathered. Ros Packet was consulted and within two days our post box had been repainted and now looks splendid. A sincere thanks to Ros and colleagues for their first class service.

5. Alton Community Forum

At the Alton Community Forum on 27th June, Cllr Alex Roberts on behalf of FPC asked a detailed question about the failure on the part of EHDC to explain the result of their investigation into an alleged breach of planning control at Froyle Park which has left FPC unable to explain to residents how a busy wedding venue has come to be located in the Upper Froyle Conservation Area. After a delay of six weeks, Democratic Services at EHDC has finally responded merely referring FPC to an earlier letter from the EHDC solicitor. Part of that letter is quoted below:

By a letter dated 8th March 2017, the Council's Executive Director, James Hassett, informed the Parish Council's Clerk, Mrs Cullen Stephenson, the authority had investigated whether premises at Gasston House, Froyle Park were being operated within the terms of a planning permission which authorises a Class C1 country club hotel. In the light of those investigations, and acting upon the advice of Counsel, the conclusion was that there was no breach of planning control. The Council remains of that view.'

EHDC has provided no argument or evidence to support this position. FPC will follow up in due course.

6. Meeting with Nicholas Roach

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Southern met with Mr Nicolas Roach Chairman of NJG, owners of Froyle Park on 11th July. The meeting was designed to help to reset the relationship between the Parish Council and NJG, and will be followed up by a further meeting in the autumn. Whilst we continue to believe that a busy wedding venue is inappropriate in Upper Froyle, for as long as it is in the village it is better for us to have a constructive working relationship with the hotel. Various matters were discussed including day to day operations and how they might be improved, the impact on local residents, possible improvements to the Gid Lane exit onto the A31 for large amounts of wedding traffic through the village, possible improvements to the Froyle Green area around the children's play area to improve the unsightly path and fence, possible uses for the "redundant" shop space and the improvement of 1&2 Froyle Cottages. Various follow up actions were agreed and we will keep you informed of progress.

7. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 18th September 2017, at 7.45pm.

Ian Macnabb

Froyle 2017 Safari Supper

in aid of the Village Hall

Saturday, 9th September, 2017 from 6.45pm

TICKETS



£12.50 per head

A Safari Supper is a shared meal, where several residents of the Village each provide a single course, including drinks. You then eat each course with different people at a different house (this is the safari bit).

The plan is as follows:

1. All meet at 6.45pm at Park Edge, Upper Froyle, courtesy of William & Mary Knowles, for a welcome drink and to receive the name and address of your first-course host.
2. You then all make your way to the first house for 7.30pm; as you finish that course, you will then be told where your next course is taking place;
3. You should be at the second house by 8.30pm and...
4. By 9.30pm it's off to the final venue, namely the Village Hall, for pudding and coffee.

We've had promises from approximately 20 couples who have kindly volunteered to *host* courses but clearly, for this to work, we need the support of as many Froyle residents, both Upper and Lower, as possible to join us *as guests*. Not only will you get to meet lots of people in the Village, new and old, especially some who have been here for a relatively short time; but if this evening is anything like as successful as ones we've done in the past, it promises to be huge fun.

But inevitably, in order that we can plan the whole evening successfully, we do need to know who would like to join us as guests well in advance and by August 31st at the latest (and NB couples will be moving around together).

Please therefore contact David or Susie Robertson for tickets asap by telephone on 520820, or by email at sjrinfroyle@gmail.com - £12.50 per head in advance.



Bookings: Jo Mills
01420 22384
www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

**Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on
Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)**



FOR YOUR DIARY FILM NIGHT



The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

Friday 20th October 2017

Details of the film to be shown will be
announced nearer the date.

Better Balance

Better Balance returns for the autumn on
Wednesday 13th September in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.
If you would like to join this friendly group please call Sue on 22603.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Hope you all had a lovely summer.

We are back and our September meetings are on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

HARVEST Dates for your Diary

The Harvest Supper will be on **Friday 6th October**
7.00 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
Tickets will be available in September.
Further information next month.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on
Sunday 8th October



The theme for decorating the church will be trugs and baskets of garden produce and flowers. We would welcome anyone to come and help with decorating the church on Saturday 7th from 9am onwards. All vegetables will be used to make soup for a Soup Lunch to be held in the Village Hall on **Thursday 19th October**.

The Community Group



Please call Madeleine Black on 23371 if you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community, or Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154, or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

DEHYDRATION

Watch out for the following signs and symptoms, which can be good indicators of dehydration.

- Thirst, headache, dry mouth and lips, tiredness, feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Passing small amounts of dark coloured, concentrated urine
- Dry sunken eyes, fragile skin, confusion and lack of concentration
- Constipation

How much should a person drink to stay hydrated?

The Food Standards Agency recommends a daily intake of 6-8 large glasses of water or other fluids.

Get creative to improve hydration

High fluid foods all contribute valuable fluid such as:

- Ice-lollies jelly and milk puddings
- Pureed fruit
- Cut up water-rich fruit or vegetables such as melon and cucumber
- Soups

Tips on providing good hydration

- Having a readily available wide range of drinks at the right temperature
- It is often more effective to offer a drink rather than ask if the individual would like one
- Encourage individuals to take each tablet of medication separately with fluid
- Prompt individuals to drink but avoid nagging
- Reassure an individual that you have time to help them drink
- Time spent preventing inadequate hydration = less time dealing with the associated problems
- Aim for the best you can do. Small steps can be effective and older people find it difficult to change their routines
- Show understanding and empathy. Imagine yourself in that individual's situation
- Emphasise the importance of good hydration to the individual



The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and good conversation!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers for September

01 Sept	Madeleine Black	Barbara Starbuck	Jo Mills	Anne Blunt
08 Sept	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sarah English
15 Sept	June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Sarah Khan	Charlotte Baikie
22 Sept	Marj Robinson	Sue Sharman	Nelle Pratt	Kay Pogson
29 Sept	Susie Robertson	Bea Sword	Lucia Lindblom	Sarah Roberts

Kitchen Helpers for September

01 Sept	Sue Carr	Mary Knowles
08 Sept	Jan Elliott	Lori Taylor
15 Sept	Sarah Lovell	Margaret Stanford
22 Sept	Kay Pogson	Sue Sharman
29 Sept	Linda Bulpitt	Linda Cooper

If you need to swap dates, please contact helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

It is of enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday, it would be appreciated. Many thanks.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com

Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com



Macmillan Meeting Place

On 29th September, we will be collecting for Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be a cake sale, raffle and other fun and games. Please bake us a cake or come and buy one to support this amazing charity. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Meeting Place Team

THE MEETING PLACE NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU.....

Our wonderful Helpers and Cake Makers make it possible for our village to hold the Best Weekly Coffee Morning in the country - okay, so I may be a little biased! A big thank you to all of you who contribute to its success.

We always like to welcome new faces at the Friday morning Meeting Place in the Village Hall. This is a great way to get to know Froyle friends and neighbours and join our great group of helpers serving the tea, coffee and cakes. It's just two hours of your time about three times a year, and is good fun. However, if you are unable to commit to this, how about letting your creative baking ideas take flight by baking a cake or two. As the Meeting Place becomes ever more popular, we are always looking for more cake makers. If you can make a cake about four times a year that would be brilliant, but I know life is 'full on' so even if you feel you can only bake two or three times each year, we would be very grateful. If baking really isn't your thing, but you'd like to contribute, then a home-made cake from, say, a WI stall or Farmers' Market, which you may have bought (and even frozen) will be most acceptable (your secret will be safe with me!).

We would love to hear from young, old and everyone in between who would like to join us as kitchen helper and/or cake maker. We especially welcome new residents to the village, ladies and gentlemen. (We already have four brave men donning pinnies!!!)

If you are not sure, or you haven't been to the Meeting Place at all yet, please come along for tea, coffee, cakes and lots of chat and laughter, and a member of the committee or any regular 'MP-goer' will be happy to tell you all about it.

Please contact me by 30th September if you'd like to join our 'happy band' for 2018. To helpers and cake makers, old and new.....if you know of dates or periods next year when you are not available, do tell me and I shall roster you at times to suit you.

Thank you very much to all our loyal and valued volunteers.....(and customers, too, of course.)

*Lori (Taylor) 01420 22148
lorijtaylor@hotmail.com*

PS If you would like your rosters emailed to you in December rather than have to pick up a hard copy at the Meeting Place, and you think that I may not have your email address, please email your address to me. Thank you. Lori



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

The Fête Flower Show was the highlight in July. Although there were few entries in the Fruit and Vegetable classes, the Hall looked magnificent with colourful flower arrangements one end and exhibits of mixed flowers and foliage at the other. The domestic classes were very well supported and the children came up trumps with really good exhibits. Of particular note were the Boys' Handicrafts with the Drinks' Dispenser and the model of the Landrover. The girls provided beautifully decorated cup cakes and flowers arranged in cups. Well done !

We had two extra garden visits. The visit to Sue Hough's Old Rose Cottage and the visit to Peter and Marjorie Hart's garden, 'The Willows' were both enjoyable evenings out. Very different! The first being an immaculate small garden with well placed plants. The second much larger but still full of interest.

There is a change in the programme. On 13th October, Geoff Hawkins will be speaking on 'Gardening under Cover' instead of the advertised speaker.

Don't forget the Autumn Show on 16th September, a later date than usual, with Open Classes. Schedules will be at the meeting place or Walbury in the box on the side of bungalow. Entries at the Village Hall between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday 13th September or previously to Molly Court at Greendown, Lower Froyle or ring 01420 23141.

Brenda Milam

**THE TROPHIES FROM THE SUMMER SHOW WILL BE READY FOR
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**AUTUMN SHOW
SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
2.30pm
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Flower Show - Saturday 8th July 2017

FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

SECTION A

1A Peas	D Court
1B Mangetout/Sugar Snap	F Thorneycroft
2 Broad Beans	G Hawkins
3 Potatoes	B Milam
5 Lettuce, Cos	F Thorneycroft
6 Lettuce excl Cos	F Turvill
7 Onions	F Thorneycroft
8 Carrots	F Thorneycroft
9 Beetroot	F Thorneycroft
10 Rhubarb	G Hawkins
11 Any other veg	N Whines
12 Herbs	A Blunt
13 Gooseberries	G Bradley
14 Raspberries	G Hawkins
16 Strawberries	F Thorneycroft
17 Any other fruit	A Blunt

SECTION B

20 Specimen Rose	D Court
21 Cluster-flower Rose	J Macnabb
22 Three Roses	M Allan
23 Bowl of Roses	J Macnabb
24 Sweet Peas	N Whines
25 Pinks	M Cresswell
26 Lily	B Milam
27 Garden Flowers	B Milam
28 Foliage	J Macnabb
29 Pansies/Violas	B Milam
30 Clematis	A Blunt
31 Pot plant in bloom	J Trim
32 Foliage pot plant	M Court
33 Cactus/succulent	B Milam
34 Penstemon	G Pickering

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

D Court
F Thorneycroft
G Hawkins
B Milam
F Thorneycroft
F Turvill
F Thorneycroft
F Thorneycroft
F Thorneycroft
G Hawkins
N Whines
A Blunt
G Bradley
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FLOWERS

D Court
J Macnabb
M Allan
J Macnabb
N Whines
M Cresswell
B Milam
B Milam
J Macnabb
B Milam
A Blunt
J Trim
M Court
B Milam
G Pickering

SECTION C

40 Marmalade	A Riley
42 Jam (excl strawberry)	M Black
43 Jelly	M Black
44 Chutney	M Black
45 Fruit Loaf	P Marshall
46 Shortbread	B Milam
47 Sausage Rolls	J Trim
48 Recycled item	D MacInnes
50 Eggs	R MacInnes
51 Home made drink	M Black

DOMESTIC

A Riley
M Black
M Black
M Black
P Marshall
B Milam
J Trim
D MacInnes
R MacInnes
M Black

SECTION D FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

60 'Cook's Corner'	B Webster
61 'Essence of Summer'	B Milam
62 'Treasure Chest'	M Hunter

SECTION E CHILDREN'S CLASSES

70 Handmade article (girls)	M Blanchard
71 Handmade article (boys)	TIE F Thorneycroft/F Turvill
72 Animal made from veg/fruit	L MacInnes
73 Cup cakes	Bea Milam
74 Flower arrangement in tea cup	M Blanchard



TROPHY WINNERS

HOLLIS CUP for highest points in Section A. Winner: *Freddie Thorneycroft*

GOSCHEN CUP for highest points in Section B. Winner: *Maureen Allan*

BOOTLE-WILBRAHAM CUP for the exhibitor gaining most points in Sections A and B. Winner: *Brenda Milam*

DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP awarded to Judge's Choice in Section D. Winner: *Brenda Milam*

DR LEWARNE CUP for the best table decoration, Class 60. Winner: *Beryl Webster*

ROBERTSON ROSE BOWL awarded to the Froyle exhibitor gaining most points in Section C. Winner: *Madeleine Black*

GEOFF HAWKINS PLATE for best exhibit in classes 45, 46, & 47. Winner: *Polly Marshall*

CECILY ROBERTSON TROWEL for Best Homemade Beverage, Class 51. Winner: *Madeleine Black*

MRS LEWARNE CUP for the best handmade article by a girl. Winner: *Maddie Blanchard*

BUSH CUP for the best handmade article by a boy. Winner: *TIE Freddie Thorneycroft & Fergus Turvill*

GRAHAM BLUNT AWARD & DIPLOMA for best exhibit Section A. Winner: *Freddie Thorneycroft*

DIPLOMA for best exhibit Section B. Winner: *David Court*

SUE HARRIS GENERATION SHIELD for the family with most points gained in any classes by exhibitors of more than one generation. Winners: *Brenda Milam & Bea Milam*

71st Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show

Saturday 8th July 2017

I am writing this review on a very wet day in early August, thinking how lucky we were to enjoy a warm sunny day for this year's Fête and Flower Show. This certainly helped bring in what we think may be a record number of people. We heard comments from visitors who like the fact that Froyle has a friendly, traditional fête - something we need to remember in future years. Takings also reflected the weather, with the beer tent and ice creams showing significant increases on the previous year. In fact the beer tent made above £1,000 for the first time ever. Much of this is due to the ever growing popularity of Janet Dobson's Pimms.

We made some radical changes to the layout this year, moving the beer tent and bbq to a more central position; it is obviously from the takings that everyone found where they had been moved to.

Brenda Milam, in opening the Fête, gave a brief but interesting history of the Flower Show, which we should never forget is an integral part of the day, and again the number of entries particularly from the younger members of the village bodes well for the future.

There was a point, during the children races, when it looked as if the adults may have won the tug of war, but I think that an element of cheating ensured their disqualification. Thanks must go to the Khan family who in their 4th year of organising, managed to ensure the races were a great spectacle.

The Dog Show was its usual chaotic self, although William, together with the judge (Jimmy Murphy, to whom many thanks) and the dogs, were kept under a degree of control by Sarah English and Polly Marshall, whose help prevented the spectacle falling apart completely. The larger arena this year was a great help.

Takings for this year (outlined on the next page) were a record. This was certainly helped by the Silent Auction – only the second time this has been held. Thanks to Chris Little and Mary Knowles for putting together a great array of auction items and thanks to those who donated them and to those who successfully bid for them, raising over £1600. The overall profit, whilst up significantly on previous years, was affected by the costs, which too were higher this year. We made a donation to Paul Le Feuvre, who has supported the Fête as MC for 30 years, for his support to Wey Valley Radio.

We were again thankful to a number of organisations and individuals for sponsoring certain items, the Anchor, the Hen and Chicken, the Nicholas James Group for effectively stocking the beer tent and Rawles and Jamie Stewart-Smith for organising a very nice display of cars.

The Fête is very much a village event, so as well as the committee there are many others who play an important part, whether in manning stalls, donating raffle prizes, baking cakes or helping to set up and clear away. We are grateful that each year the village shows off its community spirit to help the success of the event.

Lastly, this Fête was about donating money towards the cost of the playground. So when, near the end of the Fête, Brenda called forward Amelia and Ludo her dog to cut the ribbon (well security tape...), it was so pleasing to see the number of children who rushed to enjoy the new equipment. It is great that the money we raise can bring tangible benefits to the village.

Ian Whitmore



STALL	TAKINGS 2017	TAKINGS 2016
BBQ	804.30	600.56
Beat the Goalie	42.00	35.00
Beer Tent	1041.10	673.55
Books	143.15	189.37
Bottle Stall	286.00	197.00
Bouncy Castle	75.10	147.65
Bric a Brac	155.81	162.31
Cakes	0.00	123.45
Coconuts	134.51	162.45
Crockery Smashing	90.00	125.05
Dog Show	126.00	135.00
Egg Tombola	0.00	11.75
Face Painting	58.70	60.00
Gardening Club Plant Stall	0.00	50.00
Grand Raffle	1163.10	941.70
Golf	25.83	29.01
Hook-a-duck	35.50	34.65
Ice cream	249.30	89.56
Jar of Sweets	73.60	75.70
Jumble	141.85	150.65
Teas	314.20	379.70
Tombola	104.40	151.10
Welly Whanging	35.50	9.10
Silent Auction	1,638.11	0.00
TOTAL	6,738.06	4,534.31

The Froyle Archive

Prelude to War

More of Bill Elstow's recollections of life in Froyle in the 1930s

“Before the war, at the end of the summer, the army would hold its manoeuvres in the countryside around the village. The army was still not fully mechanised at that time and there was always plenty of cavalry around (*see picture*). And in those wonderfully balmy, phlox scented, long summer evenings after the days games were finished the grooms would walk the horses through the village to chat with the villagers and their daughters at the garden gates whilst we youngsters would run back and forth to feed the horse with windfall apples which they would eat in one devastating crunch and swallow.



Troops assembling opposite Sylvesters during the 1933 War Games

The manoeuvres were always exciting for us, I am sure that there is very little difference in the noise of live ammunition and that of blank cartridges. There were certainly plenty of the latter for us to collect the empty cartridges for our own games. One must remember that blank cartridges still have a wad in the end which can be very painful if it hits you from short range. On one occasion some Infantry were laying prone hidden behind a hedge about three foot above the road when some very important looking map reading officers on horseback turned into the lane. As they reached the middle of the ambush someone started to open fire. There is no need to describe the resulting mayhem of bucking horses and unseated riders to contemplate what punishment was meted out to impress on the hoi-poloï one of the things that one does not do to Officers and Gentlemen but, more importantly, certainly not to their horses. But all this was to disappear very quickly with the arrival of the Bren gun carrier.

It so happened that I was in Froyle on the first day of the war. It was a Sunday and I was waiting for my parents to arrive to take me back home to start at my new grammar school. My father who had rejoined the Reserve in 1938 to collect what he regarded as the easiest twenty five quid of his life found himself back in the R.A.F. before the ink had dried. He was on leave but in uniform as he drove through London on the way to Froyle that morning.

As soon as Mr Chamberlain had made his announcement the air raid sirens sounded as my parents arrived in their car at Brixton. There they were stopped and my father was told to put his gas mask on. When they arrived at Clapham they were all but arrested - what on earth did he think he was doing putting the fear of God up everyone! Such was the degree of apprehension that we were all about to be bombed to hell by hoards of Stukas.

In Froyle, at about quarter past eleven, a monoplane flew low over the village and it is remarkable how many people had clearly seen the black and white crosses on its wings. But it is such things that pub conversations are made of, all enjoy listening to it even if they don't believe a word, and, by turning out time, the lone Hurricane had probably become a squadron of German heavy bombers. Little did we know that soon this was to be, for some, the stark reality - but not in Froyle.”

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village



I was there...

The Berlin Wall



In 1980, I moved from RAF Odiham to RAF Gutersloh in West Germany, along with the rest of my helicopter squadron. Life in 'RAF Germany' was relatively simple, the Cold War dominated our professional lives and we constantly trained for the day that Soviet tanks would drive through the 'Fulda gap' and engulf Western Europe.

But it wasn't all about gas masks and nuclear missiles, we were allowed the odd spot of R&R in between NATO exercises. The Officers' Mess had a rather fine Bier Keller, once frequented by Goering. With a favourable Deutschmark exchange rate and tax free prices, it was possible to buy everyone in the bar a beer and still have change from a pound. Vodka was the favoured windscreen de-icer, due to being considerably cheaper than de-icing fluid!

At weekends we often explored Germany by road, the first Golf GTIs had recently been produced and there were no speed limits on autobahns, so everywhere seemed quite close.... Along with three colleagues, I drove to West Berlin one long weekend. This involved crossing the border into East Germany (*Checkpoint Alpha*), driving along a straight stretch of road before crossing the border again into West Berlin (*Checkpoint Bravo*). Detours were forbidden. Once in Berlin, we spent an enjoyable weekend seeing the sights and dancing in all-night clubs. Breakfast of boiled eggs, ham and brotchen was eaten on the way home to bed.

On Saturday (it's all rather hazy...), we put on our uniform (required to transit to the East) and drove through a crossing in 'The Wall' to East Berlin (*Checkpoint Charlie*). The other side looked much as we expected, rather drab and unreconstructed in comparison with flashy West Berlin. There seemed to be East German and Soviet troops all over the place, many of them also enjoying some R&R. Unfortunately our instructions before crossing required us to give them a wide berth and not get drawn into conversation. I doubt that a beer or two together would have triggered nuclear consequences, but we followed orders and went on our way.



Crossing back to the West later, we passed numerous crosses along the wall which marked where desperate attempts to escape had ended in disaster. Having bought a few mementoes in a flea market on Sunday (including a 500 million Reichsmark banknote from the 1920's), we drove back to Gutersloh and resumed preparing for war. I left Germany in 1982 for pastures new, 'The Wall' came down in 1989, and the Cold War ended shortly after. Let's hope that current world events don't bring back too many nervous memories for Europeans who lived through a sharply divided time not so long ago.



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In Praise of Ivy

In autumn the yellow green ivy flowers open and, on sunny days, come alive with jostling insects foraging for pollen and nectar. Ivy flowers are a major late food source for pollinators such as honey bees, hoverflies, flies, wasps and butterflies especially Red Admiral and Comma. Often it is the buzz of insects that draws attention to the plant and it is well worth pausing for a moment to take a closer look.

Some of the hoverflies can appear similar to honey bees (honey bees themselves vary in colour) whilst other hoverflies can be mistaken for wasps. The large *Volucella zonaria* is a hornet mimic and looks mighty fierce! However no hoverflies possess stingers – all are harmless. One way to tell the difference is to look at the antennae; hoverflies have very short ones compared to honey bees and hoverflies also have larger eyes.

The Ivy Bee *Colletes hederæ* is a rather handsome ‘solitary bee’ resembling the honey bee from which it can be distinguished by a tuft of yellow/orange fur on its head. It was first recorded in the UK in 2001 and has been seen in Froyle, so is one to watch out for. It is the last solitary bee to emerge and coincides with the flowering



of ivy, its main forage plant. Individual female Ivy Bees each excavate their own nest holes in crumbly soil, often on a bank, into which they deposit eggs plus a pollen store collected from ivy flowers. They usually nest close to other Ivy Bees sometimes resulting in thousands of them swarming over the ground. But fear not they aren't aggressive to humans and can be observed at close quarters. Ivy Bee adults only live for about 3 weeks whereas its larvae remain in the nest for 10-11 months living off the pollen left by the female. As with male honey bees and male bumble bees the male ivy bees do not sting. Female solitary bees hardly ever sting humans and it's barely noticeable compared to that of other bees.

Ivy is a native evergreen plant that only flowers on mature woody stems. The leaves around the flowers are markedly different from the normal leaf we associate with the plant as they are oval in shape. Apart from being a marvellous late season food source for many insects it also provides other creatures with shelter from the worst of the weather and hidden nest sites for birds. Its berries ripen in winter after other hedgerow fruits have been eaten so can be a lifeline for many including thrushes' blackbirds and blackcaps. Additionally it is an important larval food plant for the Holly Blue butterfly and Swallow-tailed moth and the Brimstone butterfly is known to hibernate within it.

Sue Clark

Summer Butterfly Walks



The sun shone at the start of our leisurely stroll around Bentley Station Meadow on 29th July. The abundant nectar of the Water Mint as we went in was clearly a favourite with the Silver-washed Fritillaries, not often you get such good views of this butterfly and so many at once. Earlier this year we visited Noar Hill for an enjoyable afternoon's walk at short notice. We saw Duke of Burgundy and the not so

Dingy Skippers but think the Green Hairstreaks may have stolen the limelight! See <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/past-events/>

Wildlife Pond Opening

The new wildlife pond and surrounding wildflower meadow was opened on 25th June. After enjoying refreshments at Froyle Park we walked to the pond area near Gid Lane where Glynis Watts from East Hampshire District Council cut the ribbon. The wildflower meadow that surrounds 'Froyle Park Pond' looked superb and we lingered to observe what was flying over the pond. Dragonflies have already found the new habitat as well as pond skaters, water boatmen and whirligig beetles. This successful project was lead by volunteers from Froyle Wildlife and for more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/>

Barry Clark

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	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	09.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Sept	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	09.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Children's Ch
	03.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 17th Sept	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	09.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Sunday 24th Sept	06.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

2nd Bentley Scouts Group, Bentley

Our last Jumble Sale on 20th May 2017 was superb. Customers started to arrive at 12.30pm for a 2pm opening. By 2pm, the crowds had passed the school gate! Furniture, clothing, books all went. It was a wonderful day and the sum of **£2,150** was raised.

Many thanks to all who came: Bentley, Froyle folk and those as far away as Southampton, Portsmouth and Croydon (good old internet!).

See you all again in September 2017.

Ron Figgins



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

For some weeks now, entry into the church in Binsted has been slightly hazardous. No, I don't mean the arms twisted to join the coffee rota or act as church sidesman, I am thinking of our summer visitors, the swifts. But this week I suddenly realised that they have finally left their nest of mud and straw, tucked into the eaves of the porch, high above the church doors. Our valiant cleaners will no longer have to sweep the porch tiles of the deposits left by Mr and Mrs Swift and their children, for they have left the nest and the young swifts may already be setting out on their long journey back to another continent.

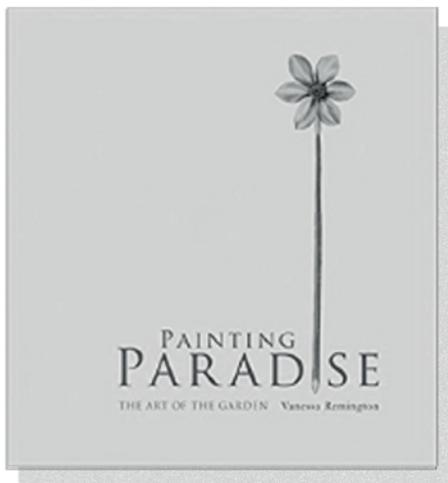
Now some may see the messy presence of the swifts as a nuisance (and it certainly requires vigilance when we are likely to have flowing white bridal trains entering the church) but I can't help but see it as another symbol of God's Kingdom. How long the swifts have been coming to our ancient church, who knows, but they return year after year, in the faith that their nesting site will still be there. They raise their brood, trusting that there will be enough for their arduous flight and they leave in the hope that they will complete their journey and be able to return next year.

And all this is happening at a time when the mortals below them are also raising their young and preparing them for long journeys into the future. The summer is a time when we look forward to long sunny days of rest and relaxation, a time when just as the swifts frolic in the air, so we too enjoy play. But it is also a time of tense anticipation following important exams. Did they do enough revision, did they give the right answers, will they be able to take up that place at university or college and sail through their job interviews? However hard our young people have worked, there will always be an underlying anxiety about whether it was enough and whether they made the right choices.

But the church is called to be a community both of present fulfilment and of future hope; the Kingdom is here and yet it is still to come. Our young people have completed their present tasks and obligations to the best of their ability but there is so much more to come. Although they may await the future and its challenges with a degree of anxiety, we can help them grow in confidence and take their place in the world. And just as Christ offers a doorway to the Kingdom, so leaving the nest, a place of protection and nurture, is a step towards that final destination for humans and for swifts.

***Blessings,
Yann***

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Whisky...



As the days get shorter with a hint of autumn chill in the air, alluring thoughts of that whisky by the fire return to soften the onset of those dreary winter evenings. Actually, although many of us think of it as being mainly a winter drink, whisky ('whiskey'....?) is far too great a marvel for its enjoyment to be limited either to winter evenings or by 'purists' who refuse to mix it with anything other than a tiny splash of water.

However you spell it, the word whisky comes from the old Gaelic word for 'water', applied to the Roman concept of 'water of life' (as they called distilled alcohol). So we are talking here about an old and glorious medicinal life force which takes many different forms and is capable of asserting itself in many different cultures and contexts. Feelings run high as to what is or is not a 'real' whisky, how it should be drunk and how the word should be spelt; most of this makes for lively discussion but few reliable facts – even the vexed spelling issue is less clear-cut than one might think....

All whisky is distilled from fermented grain mash. The type of grain varies: it might be mainly barley (as in Scotch whisky, Irish whisky and the much improved Japanese whisky), maize (bourbon and Tennessee whiskey), or rye (Canadian whisky, at least historically). The grain might be malted or not.

And the spelling? The use of the letter 'e' is chiefly associated with the US and Ireland, but it is not just another Anglo/American spelling difference. It seems that the Irish used the term 'Whiskey' in the 19th century to distinguish their product in the US market from the then-inferior Scotch whisky. There has always been a degree of interchangeability in the spelling, although today in general in the US 'whiskey' refers to US sourced grain spirits and 'whisky' to those produced outside the US. Just to confuse things, though, some US producers insist on labelling their products 'whisky'. And apparently the US Federal regulations for distilled spirits use the spelling 'whisky' throughout....

But in our neck of the woods, 'whisky', whatever the spelling, generally means Scotch whisky – not to be referred to simply as 'Scotch', of course: that's a terrible American habit I have, which I can't even blame on my American wife. Scotch whisky requires making a distinction between a 'single malt whisky' (made by a single distillery from one malted grain, but usually from many casks), and 'blended whisky', (the bulk of Scotch whisky, made from a mixture of whiskies from different distilleries, and not necessarily malted grain, under a brand name rather than the name of a distillery).

...continued

Should Scotch whisky be drunk with ice? I certainly do so, but only occasionally, when the mood takes me - there are times when only a 'Scotch on the rocks' will do, and it has little to do with the quality of the whisky. I have never learned to love whisky and soda. I have, however, been taught by one of Froyle's more discerning drinkers to appreciate a Whisky Mac (whisky and green ginger wine) in all weathers. Can I bring you a Whisky Sour cocktail....? Would that be with Scotch or with bourbon....?

Scotch whisky must be aged in the cask or barrel for at least three years – the top single malts for considerably longer. Like all spirits, whisky matures only in the cask, not in the bottle. So while an old bottle of whisky might have rarity value, what matters to its taste is how long it was aged in the cask.

US whiskies, on the other hand, only have to be aged for one year – at least, this is the complaint of producers in Scotland, as they contemplate the prospect of a post-Brexit trade deal with the US resulting in cheaper US 'whiskey' flooding the UK market – some irony here.... No wonder the Scots voted to remain. Oh dear – definitely time for a wee dram....

William Knowles



Less than 3 weeks until 'Heartyfest 2017'
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This event will run on **Saturday 2nd September**
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Sam's Epic 75km Trek across Oman for CoppaFeel! Charity Quiz and Raffle Night

Saturday 23rd September, 7pm to 10pm, Froyle Village Hall
£5 per ticket to include entry to quiz (nibbles/ cake provided)

Between 6th and 10th November 2017, I will be trekking 75km along the ancient footpaths of the Oman Mountains in aid of CoppaFeel! - a breast cancer awareness charity whose mission is to spread awareness of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

Out of thousands of applicants, I was selected as one of 55 trekkers undertaking this challenge along with Olympic gold medalist Greg Rutherford and vlogger and author Giovanna Fletcher.

Please join us at a charity quiz and raffle evening to help raise awareness and money to support the fantastic work CoppaFeel! does. We have some really fantastic prizes to be won including:

a family ticket for 4 people to the Jane Austen museum
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All support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Samantha Sayers, Froyle resident

The 100 Club winners for July and August were:

July

1st - Theresa Ogden
2nd - Barbara Starbuck
3rd - David Court
4th - Bill Stanford

August

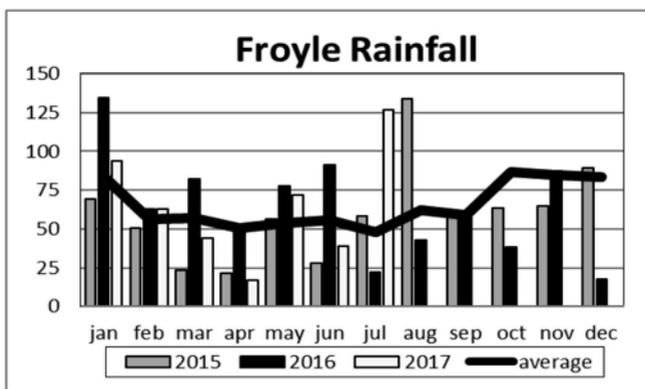
1st - Constance Barter
2nd - Faith Richards
3rd - Lauraine Bourne
4th - Ian Macnabb

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles

Froyle Rainfall for June and July 2017

	June		July	
This year	39 mm	1.5 ins	127 mm	5 ins
Last year	91.5 mm	3.6 ins	22 mm	0.9 ins
Wettest (2012/2007)	155.5 mm	6.1 ins	139.5 mm	5.5 ins
Driest (1995/2013)	5 mm	0.2 ins	10 mm	0.4 ins
Long-term averages – the 4th driest and driest month	55.2 mm	2.2 ins	50.1 mm	2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far			456 mm	18 ins
Long-term average for the year to the end of July			407.6 mm	16.0 ins



Froyle continues to, er, bask in 10% below average rainfall so far this year. Following on a June, which only had 4 days of anything approaching substantial rain, July turned out to be the 2nd wettest for many a moon, with 70% falling in the last 2 weeks of the month.

According to weather.com, this latest bout of inclement weather is all to do with the position of the jetstream above the British Isles...and who are we to argue...?



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Work starts on 29 August and will last approximately 10 weeks with access to businesses being maintained at all times.

A special page has been created on the South East Water website which will be regularly updated with scheme news: www.southeastwater.co.uk/a31

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10 11.00am HC	11 <i>Refuse & garden</i>	12	13 2.30pm <i>Better Balance</i>	14 9.45am Toddlers & babies	15 <i>Meeting Place</i>	16 <i>Froyle Gardening Club Autumn Show 2.30pm VH</i>
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please ask at Reception.

Tel: 01420 22106 www.bentleysurgery.org.uk

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Froyle Vestment Group	<i>Linda Bulpitt</i> - 22725 www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Good Neighbours	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
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Wednesday 20th September 2017

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the inside cover.

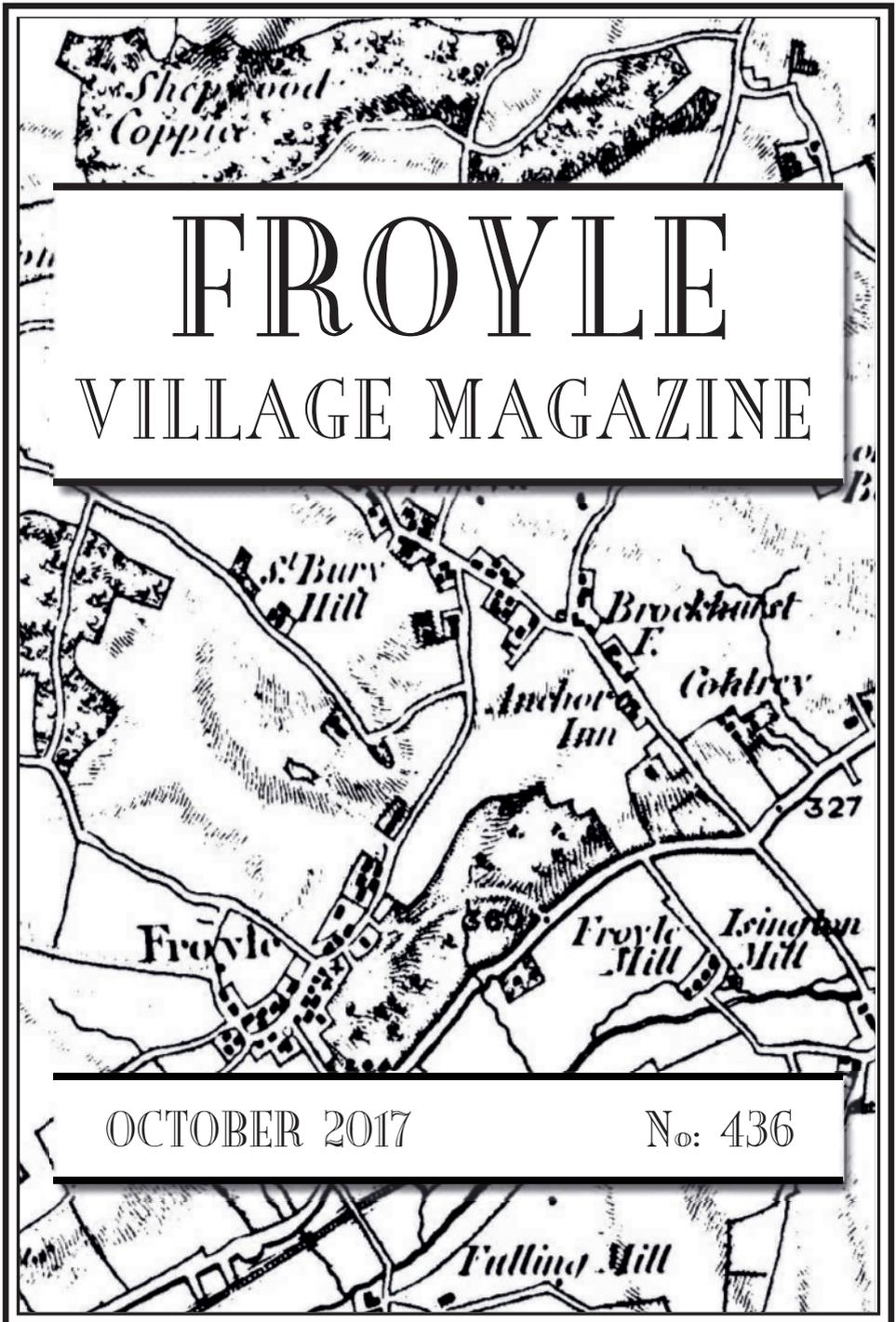
All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to
froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk and copied to *magazine@froyle.com*.

All contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to
magazine@froyle.com

Alternatively a hard copy can be dropped off The Meeting Place.

Please remember to check out the magazine online at:

<http://www.froyle.com/magazine/magazine.htm>

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 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', 'Falling Mill', 'Brockhurst', and 'Cohtry'. The map is framed by a double-line border.

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All advertising must be requested and paid for through the Parish Clerk at
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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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

Email: froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

Froyle Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting due to be held on 18th September, 2017 was cancelled.
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th October, 2017, at 7.45pm.



For your diary

Remember Remember 5th November

Froyle Firework Display will be held on Sunday 5th November
Froyle Recreation Ground and Village Hall

Further details in the next magazine

Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for September were:

1st - Jennifer Evans 2nd - Eva Brambley

3rd - Beverley Morgan 4th - Nigel Mills

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles



Bookings: Jo Mills

01420 22384

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

**Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on
Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)**

Village Quiz - Important Notice

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the team that were due to organise the village quiz in October are unable to do so until 2018.

Knowing that the quiz forms an important part of the autumn activities in the village, would any other group be willing to step into the breach at short notice?

If they are then they should contact David Robertson in his capacity as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Please contact David Robertson on **520820 before Sunday 8th October**



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning
Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

October meetings in the Village Hall are on Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th
Please note: there is no group meeting on 26th Oct. due to half term holiday

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



FROYLE
HARVEST SOUP LUNCH

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
12 – 1.30 p.m.
FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

All soups freshly made using Harvest Festival produce

No charge – Donations welcome
EVERYONE WELCOME



Froyle Film Night Friday 20th October



Film

'LION'

Nominated for 6 Oscars

Starring Dev Patel & Nicole Kidman

Critics rated as 'Magnificent'

(A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia.

25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family.)

Doors Open 7. p.m. – Film, 7.30 p.m.

Sausage Bap served from 7 p.m.

Pay bar available from 7 p.m.

Tickets £8.00

Payment in advance would be appreciated

**Purely for catering purposes please contact
Karen Potter, 01420 520294 if you plan to attend**

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and good conversation!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books and magazines to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers for October

06 Oct	Sue Carr	Maureen Fry	Janet Dobson	Alison Pincott
13 Oct	Ann Netherway	Jenny Gove	Jane Stewart Smith	Helen Macdonald
20 Oct	Gill Bradley	Elizabeth Sealey	Jill Mackenzie	
27 Oct	Barbara Starbuck	Alex Roberts	Brenda Milam	Corinna Whines

Kitchen Helpers for October

06 Oct	David & Mary Perryman	
13 Oct	Elizabeth Sealey	Philippa Cullen Stephenson
20 Oct	Jill Mackenzie	Jenny Dundas
27 Oct	Chris Muddeman	Gillian Pickering

If you need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

If you are baking it is a great help if you could let one of us know by Thursday, if possible, what you plan to make. Many thanks.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com

Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com



Macmillan Meeting Place

The Macmillan Coffee Morning will now be held on Friday October 13th. 9.30 - 12 noon. Froyle Village Hall.

The Meeting Place Team



Froyle Wildlife
www.froylewildlife.co.uk

AGM and talk about Harvest Mice, Thursday 19th October, Froyle Village Hall.



Join us for our brief AGM at 7pm followed by a talk entitled ‘The Harvest Mouse around Selborne –in search of an iconic farmland species’. There will also be a display showing some of the local wildlife seen in Froyle and an update of this year’s events. All welcome and drinks and nibbles will be available during the evening.

Our interesting speaker Francesca Pella aims to help the conservation of Harvest Mice, a species first described in 1771 by Gilbert White in Selborne. Francesca will tell the story of how the Selborne Farm Cluster set about surveying for this tiny and seldom seen mammal (Europe’s smallest rodent) with only one official record in Hampshire in 1999 to go on.

Do come along and find out what happened next. Doors open from 6:30pm and the talk will start at 7.30pm, entrance fee £2 members £3 non members, raffle, refreshments available. For more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.

Bentley Station Meadow

Our nearest SSSI is Bentley Station Meadow and Butterfly Conservation organise winter work parties to help clear scrub starting 10am on the first Wednesday of each month from October to March, starting on 4th Oct 2017. Come and get involved with hands on nature conservation, see www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php.

Wildlife pond

The wildflower meadow area that surrounds the new pond near Gid Lane was partly cut by volunteers in September. As part of the maintenance plan the area is now being grazed by sheep while the pond is fenced off to avoid any damage to the liner. The temporary electric sheep fencing needed was funded by an EHDC councillor community grant.

Barry Clark

Pond Dipping Event



On a breezy but sunny August day the new wildlife pond welcomed 19 children with their accompanying parents and grandparents. It was perfect weather for pond dipping and children and adults had lots of fun finding and identifying many interesting inhabitants of the pond. These included greater and lesser boatmen, juvenile ramshorn snails, damselfly nymphs and at least three different species of dragonfly nymph.

Sam, aged 3 remarked, 'I liked catching all the different creatures'. And Joe, aged 6 said, 'My favourite thing was catching a massive dragonfly nymph'. Frankie aged 6 said he absolutely loved it. Bea aged 11 said she thought it would be babyish but it wasn't and she loved looking at the really tiny creatures under the microscope. Eryka said, 'I've never been pond dipping before, it was so cool! I caught a waterboatman. I would like to do it again.'

It was a wonderfully fun and educational day and hopefully the first of many that Froyle Wildlife will hold in the future. Special thanks should go to the Froyle Parish Council who kindly paid for the pond dipping equipment.

Jenny Matthews



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

We have begun the Autumn season with a resurrected Autumn Show. Although there were very few vegetable entries, there were record numbers in the Flower Arranging classes - eleven in total making the hall attractive and colourful. It is a shame that more of the people who enter the Summer Show do not enter the Autumn Show particularly in the Domestic Classes.

On October 13th we have a change of speaker. Geoff Hawkins is filling in to speak on "Gardening Under Cover". This is in the Village Hall at 7.30 as usual.

Flower Arranging Demonstration

We are pleased to present Sue Aston demonstrating 'Out of The Box' on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30. Entry is by ticket. Members £2 and Visitors £5. I am sure this is not to be missed as we are lucky to have such a renowned demonstrator.

PLEASE CONSIDER!

I have found the club quite hard going this year and I don't want it to close. Instead of positions perhaps we should consider jobs. As follows -

1. Booking Speakers
2. Planning trips
3. Refreshments-Bringing tea coffee milk etc holding the rota and emailing or ringing to remind prior to meetings
4. Help with the shows

This has worked very well with the raffle. If you would like to join the committee so much the better but please think about it.

Brenda Milam

Froyle Gardening Club Autumn Show 16th September 2017

First Prize Winners

Section A Vegetables and Fruit (by class)

- 2. Ugliest vegetable Nigel Southern
- 3. Cherry Tomatoes Anne Blunt
- 4. Tomatoes Anne Blunt
- 7. Runner Beans David Court
- 8. French Beans David Court
- 9. Beetroot Brenda Milam
- 11. Carrots David Court
- 14. Longest Runner Bean David Court
- 16. Dessert Apples Anne Blunt
- 17. Cooking Apples Anne Blunt
- 18. Pears David Court
- 19. Cane Fruit Anne Blunt
- 21. Any other Fruit Gill Bradley

Section B Flowers

- 30 Dahlias, decorative Nigel Southern
- 31 Dahlias, miniature ball Nigel Southern
- 32. Dahlias , cactus AnneBlunt
- 33. Dahlias, any other type Nigel Southern
- 34. Chrysanthemums David Court
- 35. Specimen rose John Cresswell
- 36. Any other rose Brenda Milam
- 37. Asters Nigel Southern
- 38. Berried shrub Marian Cresswell
- 39. Fuchsia flowers Jim Bellis
- 40. Annual flowers Brenda Milam
- 41. Mixed garden flowers Anne Blunt
- 43. Flowering pot plant Tony Riley
- 44. Cactus or succulent Marian Cresswell
- 45. Foliage pot plant Mollie Court
- 46. Any other flower Tony Riley
- 47. Plant of the year Nigel Southern

Domestic Section

- 50. Jam Tony Riley
- 51. Jelly Tony Riley
- 52. Collection preserves Anne Blunt
- 53. Fruit Flan Brenda Milam
- 54. Brownies Anne Blunt
- 55. Quiche Lorraine Brenda Milam
- 56. Orange Drizzle cake Brenda Milam

Flower Arrangement

- 60. 'Autumn' Brenda Milam
- 61. 'Leafy Beauty' Tony Riley
- 62. 'Nature's Sculpture' Brenda Milam

Photography

- 70. 'A Village Fete' Beryl Webster
- 71. 'Leafy Beauty' John Cresswell
- 72. 'Late Summer Border' Anne Blunt
- 73 'Horizons' Anne Blunt

Autumn Show 2017 - Trophies

ROSE BOWL Gardening Club member gaining most points in Horticultural Sections A + B
Winner: David Court

May not be held by any one member for more than two years in succession

TUKE-HASTINGS TROPHY Class 1
Winner: No entries

NEWTON-DAVIS TROPHY Most points in Flower Arrangement Section
Winner: Brenda Milam

FIGGINS TROPHY Class 35
Winner: John Cresswell

BLACHFORD TROPHY Most points in Domestic Section
Winner: Brenda Milam

POLLOCK ROSE BOWL Overall winner in Photography Section
Winner: Anne Blunt

GRAHAM BLUNT TROPHY & DIPLOMA Best exhibit in Section A
Winner: Gill Bradley

DIPLOMA Best in Section B
Winner: Tony Riley

ROSEMARY BENNETT AWARD Judges Choice in Flower Arrangement
Winner: Tony Riley



CCTV Cameras

PCSO David Nops sends a reminder to check CCTV cameras are working (if you have them), and clear spiders' webs off the lenses!

If an alarm goes off in the night, and you see something suspicious that you can describe to the operator, call 999.



Please call Madeleine Black on 23371 if you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community.

*For ACH Information and Advice 10-3pm, Mon-Fri 0800 328 7154
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/>*

Bounce back with Better Balance

Wednesday 2.30pm in the Village Hall

October dates: 11th, 18th, 25th.

We started our Better Balance group in November 2012 as a response to the London Olympics as it has been proved over and over again how beneficial it is to take regular exercise. As we get older we may find that opportunities for regular exercise diminish. To provide this, and to get together socially, our Better Balance group meets on Wednesdays from 2.30 until 3.30 in the Village Hall.

In these meetings we go through a series of balance and strengthening exercises designed to mobilise and strengthen our joints and muscles. This in turn helps us to maintain a good sense of balance and well-being as we get older. Balance exercises, along with strength exercises, can help prevent falls and help such conditions as osteoporosis by improving our strength and ability to control and maintain our body's position, whether we are moving or still. We do the exercises to music as that is so much more enjoyable than just counting numbers of repetitions! There is no age limit, as our group members range from those in their sixties to those in their nineties. Everyone works at their own rate; there is no pressure to keep up with anyone else and basically we have a good laugh!

After our exercise we reward ourselves with a well-earned cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, or sometimes even cake, which is an excellent opportunity for a good chat with old friends or an opportunity to meet new ones. If you are new to the village this would be an ideal opportunity to meet new people in a fun way as there are always plenty of laughs! We make a nominal charge of £1 to cover the cost of hiring the hall and refreshments. If you would find it difficult to get to the hall, we can arrange lifts, so come on, give it a go, everyone is welcome!

If you would like more information, phone Sue Sharman 22603 or Madeleine Black 23371

The Froyle Archive

Ponds

Ponds were the life-blood of the village. They were not only part of the field drainage system but a place for animals to drink, children to play and the local blacksmiths to cool down wagon tyres. At the time the Tithe Map was drawn up in 1847 there were some twenty ponds of varying sizes in Froyle. In the 21st century there is only one real pond left, although a few of the old ones appear, like ghosts, after spells of heavy rain.

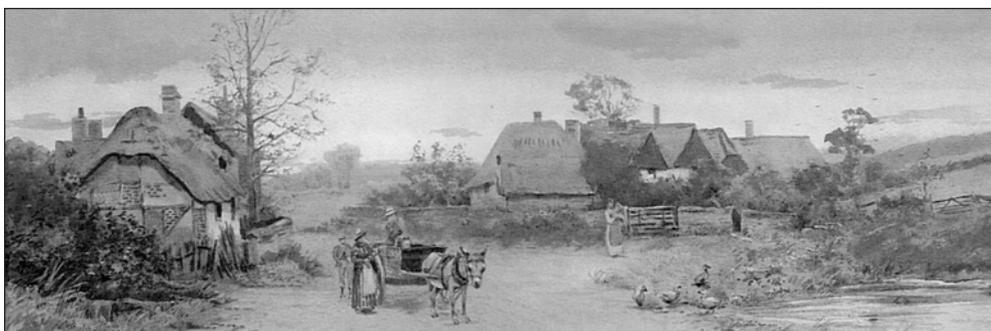
Lower Froyle pond, at the bottom of Husseys Lane, shown here in 1907, is a 'classic' village pond. In the middle distance you can see a cart that has had new iron tyre shrunk on it at John Faulknert's forge (*on the right in the trees*), cooling down by the edge of the pond.

By the 1930s it was barely recognisable (*picture below*) and was classified as arable land.



Other ponds have vanished altogether, either filled in, like Jubilee Green in Upper Froyle, which was created to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee in 1977. In Lower Froyle, Rock House Farm pond makes an appearance following heavy rain as a very large puddle across the road! The only

picture we have of it is this painting by Will Anderson from the end of the 19th Century showing "Box House," on the main road, left, and, in the far right "Westbrook Cottages" which were



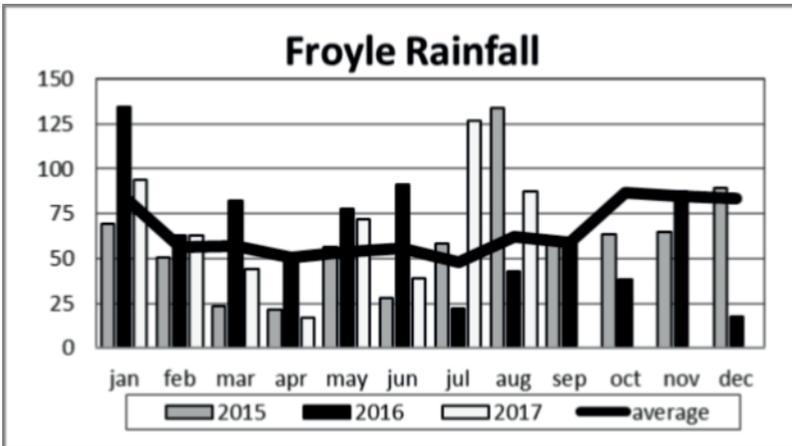
demolished in the 1960s with the current "Cox's Meadow" and "Semley House" built using some of the materials from the demolition.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com and discover more about your village

Froye Rainfall for August 2017

This year	87 mm	3.4 ins
Last year	43 mm	1.7 ins
Wettest August (2001)	134 mm	5.3 ins
Driest August (1995)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for August – the 5th wettest month	62.7 mm	2.5 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	543 mm	21.4 ins
Long-term average for the year to the end of August	470.3 mm	18.5 ins



It may have been the perfect spring and summer for vegetable and flower growers but the fact remains 2017 hasn't been great for barbecue and garden furniture sellers.

If we say that summer runs from the beginning of June to the end of August, during that period this year 253 mm of rain fell, which has been exceeded only 3 times in the last 40 years, in 1985, 2007 and 2012.

And what is more, this does not bode well for the rest of the year. In the years we had more than 200mm of summer rain, generally the run up to Christmas was lousy. So an Indian Summer? I wouldn't bet on it...!



“The Umbrella Man”

The Summer Olympics in Seoul - 1988

A surreal visit to the border with the North

This was my first foreign assignment for the BBC in charge of Post Production for the Summer Games of the 24th Olympiad. We were a long way from home and before leaving I had read up about Korea and the post Korean War cease fire - the two Koreas were, and still are, technically at war! This was brought home to us dramatically the first morning we travelled in by bus to the International Broadcast Centre on the motorway along the bank of the Han River. There were frogmen checking the supports of every river bridge for mines! We would see this most mornings, as Seoul is a mere 35 miles from the border with the North; later on we heard our first air raid warning, but it would be our last as the regular test was postponed during the games and was only resumed after we left - it still takes place every few months to this day.

The other 'odd' thing was that the island the Broadcast Centre was built on, near the National Assembly Building, had a runway through the middle of it, and we were assured it was to provide a method of evacuation for the Government in case of invasion from the North. As a result of all this, it was interesting for three of us to be invited to join a 'tour' to the Demilitarised Zone (*DMZ*) with other members of the Media.

Leaving Seoul in a bus with a close escort of armed police on motorbikes and lots of flashing lights we drove up "Unification Road" to the border, passing under huge blocks of concrete at regular intervals that could be 'dropped' across the road to block tanks. We soon reached the Imjin River where we were briefed on the military threat situation in the *DMZ*, warned that any photography was strictly forbidden, and entered the Joint Security Area.

The road to Panmunjon, the actual border, wound up through trees concealing camouflaged tanks and self propelled guns to the "Freedom House" and Conference Row. (*Below and left*)



I am actually standing in North Korea in the left hand but - the one with two guards - the border runs through the bank of microphones which are live and permanently monitored by both sides.

All the time we were being watched and photographed by the North Koreans (*right*); we had been thoroughly checked at our briefing that everyone was suitably attired - and we were closely monitored by 'our' side to make sure that there was no danger of any of us being grabbed by the North - it *had* happened in the past. To finish off our visit we were taken to the ... Gift Shop(!), where souvenirs could be purchased, and then, still with our escort, the bus took us back down "Unification Road" to Seoul and the Olympics.

Chris Booth





♪ “In the Village, the quiet Village, the lion sleeps tonight...”♪

Well even if the King of the Jungle was all tucked up in his den by the time we got going, the Village most certainly wasn't quiet on 9th September as almost 100 of us set out on safari into the bush that is known locally as Upper and Lower Froyle.

Charged with lashings of jungle juice and bonhomie courtesy of William and Mary Knowles, we proceeded to weave our way through some of the thickest wasteland this side of Alton. Amazingly, after two wonderful courses of local chakula at almost two dozen camps (and not a lion left asleep), we all made it back, more or less unscathed but with many a tale to tell, to base camp Village Hall not too long after sunset.

What a great night it was and everybody had a wonderful time, seeing lots of old friends and making many new ones. Moreover we raised almost £1,000 for Hall funds for which we are indebted to everybody, both hosts and guests, who took part.

Which leaves us with just one more thing to say: all together now: ♪
“wimoweh, wimoweh, wimoweh, wimoweh...”♪

The Village Hall Committee



London to Brighton Cycle Ride

I am pleased to report that I successfully completed the London to Brighton cycle ride, that took place on Sunday 17th September.

The distance of 54.4 miles was completed in a moving time of 4 hrs 38 mins 59 secs, at an average speed of 11.7 m.p.h.

Apart from crossing the finishing line along the sea front, the most satisfying part of the ride for me was staying firmly in the saddle, and cycling comfortably up the mile long Ditchling Beacon, passing tens of others, far younger than myself, pushing their very expensive bikes up the hill.

Weather conditions were favourable, for what was an extremely well organised event.

Many thanks to all who supported and sponsored me in my effort to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Your warm response is sincerely appreciated.

With some money still to be collected, it appears that the total amount raised will exceed £650.

Once again, many thanks to you all.

Jim Bellis



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 8 October

from

3.30 - 5.30pm

In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village

for a time of

Fun, crafts, celebration & food

All are invited - young & old alike, adults, children, teenagers, carers, grandparents, come as friends, families or partners, or come on your own, everyone is welcome.

If you are a child you will need to bring an adult with you.

Just come !

Entrance free

Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861

messychurch@benbinfro.org

Froyle Remembers



Those of you who are regular churchgoers will know that, for each of the 30 servicemen connected to Froyle and killed in the First World War, we read out a short feature commemorating his life at the church service falling closest to the 100th anniversary of his death. These commemorations are based on the extraordinary research carried out by the Booths (and their helpers in the village) and reflected in Annette's wonderful book 'Lest We Forget – Froyle in the Great War', and also on the research carried out by Andy Jeffs, whose idea these individual commemorations in church was and who prepares and gives the readings.

On 17 September we remembered the life of a young officer, whose family name still resonates in Froyle, and whose well documented bravery is a stark illustration of what all these young men went through, even if we know less about some of the others.

Wilfred Messenger was born at Bonhams, where his brother, Jack, continued to live until his death in the 1970s – I have a vague memory of Jack from my youth; Cherida Cannon and no doubt others remember him better. Wilfred arrived at the western front in February 1916 after serving in South Africa during the early part of the war. He was buried alive for three hours following the explosion of two mines under the British trenches on 6 June 1916, and survived. He was dug out and evacuated. Despite suffering from shell-shock, he returned to his unit on 5 July, before being evacuated again for a more substantial recovery period – 'substantial' being a relative term: he rejoined his battalion in the field after being declared fit again for duty on 22 September 1916. He then served on the western front for almost another year before being severely wounded in an attack on 16 August 1917; he died of his wounds a month later, on 26 September 1917. He was 26 years old.

These individual stories not only have a huge impact in themselves. By being told individually at irregular intervals throughout the four years of the hundredth anniversary of the War, they keep the bravery and horrors of which they speak very much in our minds over that period. It is well worth dipping in to Annette's book from time to time. Sadly, although we tend to think of 1916 and 1917 as being the peak of the horror, there were more Froyle men killed in 1918 than in any other year of the War. So we have many more commemorations in church to come before Armistice Day 2018.

William Knowles



HARVEST SUPPER

At Froyle Village Hall

Friday 6th October – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £10.00 Children £5.00

from Jenny Gove 23697 or Gill Bradley 520484

Harvest Festival - 8th October

We shall be decorating the Church on **Saturday 7th October** from 9.0 a.m. and we would welcome your help and your contributions of produce. The theme this year is trugs and baskets of fruit, flowers and vegetables.



Sarah 23294 or Gill 520484 for any queries.

Any suitable produce will be used for a Harvest Soup lunch on **Thursday 26th October at 12 noon** in the Village Hall.

Please note change of date!

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail admin@benbinfro.org



Churchwarden:

Mr. William Knowles

Park Edge, Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

wbk@wbknowles.com

Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23528)

Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

Sunday 1 st October	08.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	09.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th October	11.00am	Froyle	Harvest Communion
	09.30am	Bentley	Harvest Service
	03.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 15 th October	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	09.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd October	06.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
	09.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	08.00am	Binsted	BCP Communion
Sunday 29 th October	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service

Parish Administrator

For those who don't know, Alison, our church administrator, left at the end of August after several years in the role. Hannah, Yann's wife, has nobly taken on the administrator function on a temporary basis. Equally nobly, Steve Fice, who lives in Bentley, has volunteered at Yann's request to conduct a general review of how the administrative and support functions for the Benefice should best be organised. This review will be concluded before the end of the year, and may result in changes to the administration role in the New Year.

Please note that Hannah's working hours are slightly different to Alison's. Hannah's hours are Mondays 9am to 3pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am to 4pm (contact number remains 01420 23339, email address admin@benbinfro.org). Hannah is based in the church hall in Bentley. Let me know of course if you have any questions.

William Knowles - 23164

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

I'm an X Factor Masterchef Vicar - get me strictly out of here!

As I write, the latest series of Strictly has begun, one of the contestants being Reverend Richard Coles, formerly of the 1980's pop group, The Communards, and now a contestant on BBC1's Strictly Come Dancing. His website says, "With over two million listeners, the Reverend Richard Coles is presenter of BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live. He regularly appears as a celebrity panelist on shows such as Have I Got News For You and QI, and has made guest appearances on Pointless Celebrities, Celebrity Mastermind, Alan Davies As Yet Untitled and Songs of Praise. In 2016 Richard reached the semi finals of Celebrity Masterchef. Later in 2017, Richard will be presenting BBC One's The Big Painting Challenge, alongside Mariella Frostrup. Richard also writes regularly for newspapers and magazines and has an occasional column in Woman's Weekly."

But is Revd Richard Coles's engagement with the media a good thing or a bad thing? I have to admit I honestly don't know. On the one hand it's great that a Church of England priest can get airtime in a media dominated world marked by a growing ignorance on matters of faith and a worrying increase in hostility towards faith organisations generally and the church in particular. But on the other hand... well, on the other hand is this not just a bit of good old fashioned self-promotion rather at odds with Jesus' model of humble living? And while it is often said there is no such thing as bad publicity, can a dancing fine-dining Vicar convey the spirituality of the Church?

James Abbott, the Digital Manager for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales comments on all those involved in the world of media, "We need to pray for the media and those working in the industry. Arguably we need to pray for ourselves as consumers.

In this era of fast-paced consumption, we need to pray that media professionals refuse to sacrifice accuracy for speed – the need to be first – and to carry the message rather than market it.

Collectively we need to be relentless in the search for truth and objectivity. We need God in this. He's bigger than us – the ultimate influencer.

Lord, keep us steady; stop us relentlessly career-building and judging ourselves on followers, likes or the numbers in our networks. Help us see the truth and work for its promotion. Forgive us our human self-absorption. Keep at the forefront of our minds the need to understand and respect those we broadcast to and write for. Set us on a path to promote the common good and to help the poor and vulnerable in society. Amen."

***Blessings,
Yann***



CHRISTMAS 2017 LOVE IN A BOX APPEAL

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Port



Who doesn't like Port? With Autumn upon us, can there be anything more suitable to relax with in front of the fire, or to end a good meal?

We published a guide to the main fortified wines a year ago. But with Autumn around the corner, we thought it might be helpful to add some more detail to help navigate the variety of styles out there.

Port comes in basically three main styles – red, white and tawny – so let us divide things up that way.

Red Port. Red ports are made from black grapes whose ferment has been stopped by the addition of distilled grape spirit – effectively brandy that has not been matured. It raises the alcohol content to 20%, which is enough to stop the fermentation and preserve the remaining grape sugars. The first grade is called Ruby Port. It is matured for a short while in oak vats till stable, then bottled. It can be pretty rough, and it's worth spending the small amount extra for one carrying the Reserve designation. This requires the producer to keep the wine longer in vat before bottling, something he is only going to bother doing with better wines.

The next level up is called Late Bottled Vintage – wines of a single year which are bottled after 4-6 years in vat. This means they have usually thrown any deposit they are likely to produce and have matured even further, without losing the red port characteristic. At this same level is something called "Crusted Port". This is made with better wines, like late bottled vintage, but is bottled earlier and then allowed to mature in the producer's cellar until ready. It does contain a sediment "crust" and must be decanted. These ports are all somewhat different in style but don't cost a lot more than the basic article, so are well worth exploring.

Finally, at the top level is Vintage Port. This is made from the finest wines in only the finest years, and is always the product of a single year's vintage. Bottled after only a couple of years following the harvest, it matures very slowly in bottle. It too needs

decanting off the sediment. At its best, it is wonderfully fragrant and long on the palate. Expect to pay good money for it!

Tawny Port. These are also made from black grapes, but the wine, once fortified, is matured in smaller barrels of 600 litres. These allow the long, slow oxidation that gives tawnies their unique taste. It has a sort of nutty, dried fruits sort of aromatic flavour, rather than the fruitier notes of red ports. Basic tawny port has virtually none of this, and resembles a feebler version of a ruby port. Avoid cheap ones – they invariably disappoint. But like ruby port, the term “Reserve” means something here, and is a much safer place to start an exploration. The real fun, however, starts with tawnies carrying an aged classification. Allowable ones are 10, 20, 30 and 40-years old. Older tawnies than this exist but have to be described as “very old”. The older the tawny, the less red tints it has in it and the more brown ones, hence “tawny”. Each Port producer will blend wines of different vintages to give a consistent style, but the average age is likely to be older than declared on the label.

There is also a separate kind of tawny called a “Colheita” (which means harvest in Portuguese). These are wines of a single vintage, unblended, which are matured in barrel rather than in bottle. Unlike aged tawnies, they carry the stamp of the individual vintage, so can vary in style from year to year. They cannot be sold with less than 7 years of barrel-age on them, but are usually much older and more mature.

The older tawnies are as sensational as aged vintage ports. Because of the slow evaporation through the barrel (the “angel’s share”), they are also wonderfully concentrated. These older tawnies are very much the favourites of most Port shippers and in Portugal generally.

White Port. In short, the same as red port but made with white grapes. Young white port is typically drunk mixed with tonic over ice as a refreshing summer drink. Taylor’s “Chip Dry” is an example of this style but has only about half the usual sweetness. Rosé port is very similar, except for being pink of course.

However, of late, there have been some very interesting developments in this category. Good quality white ports can be matured in barrel like red ports, and they take on similar tones to tawnies as they do so. The allowed categories are the same as for tawny ports, i.e. 10, 20, 30, and 40 years, plus there are also white colheitas from single years. By about 40 years, a white aged port is the same colour as a 40 year tawny, and it is very similar to smell. On the palate, however, it is different as white wines do not have the tannin or the same fruit profile as red wines. These aged wines are really worth trying if you ever find one. They are hard to find as yet as few are imported, and as the stocks of matured whites are very low, they will hardly ever become common. But a connoisseur’s wine!



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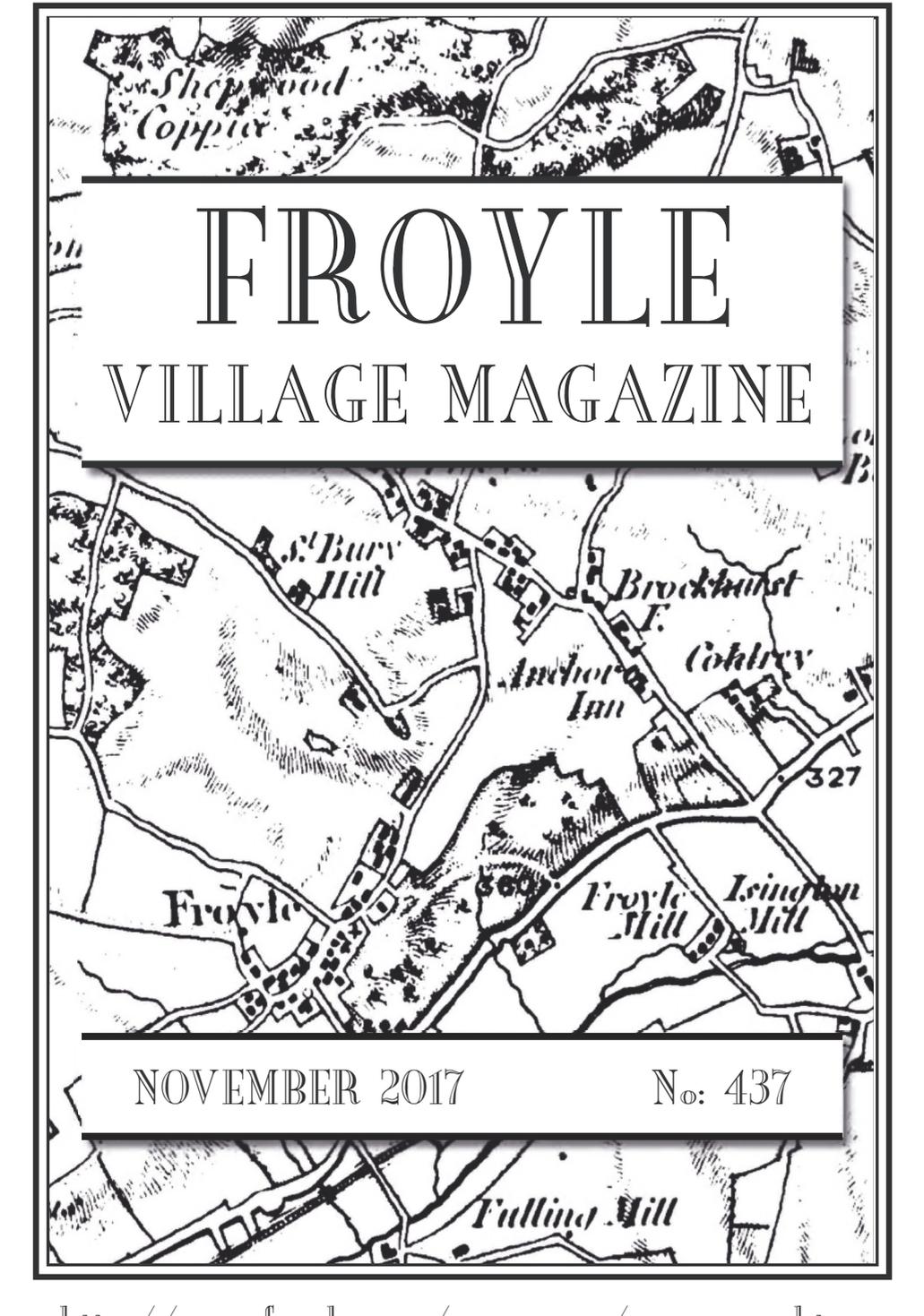
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & VIEWS

1. Froyle Parish Council

We welcome Mr Garth Heyworth as a new Parish Councillor.

The Council were sorry to receive the resignation of Jo Wallis who stood down from the Council on 17th September. Jo joined the Council on 6th July 2015 and we are grateful for all her hard work. There is therefore a further vacancy on the Parish Council. Again, if you are interested in being a parish councillor please write to The Clerk, Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle, GU34 4LR, or froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk before 6th November, 2017. Applications will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

2. Froyle House - the listed wall

EHDC has been forced to take action against the developer of Froyle House for not attending to the damaged wall. EHDC have issued an enforcement notice under section 215 (untidy site) to repair the wall. In the event the developer appeals against the requirement to effect a timely repair, the Parish Council has indicated to EHDC that it will support them in pressing the matter.

3. Road Signage

The Parish Council, together with the Speedwatch Group, have been looking into measures to reduce the size and speed of vehicles passing through the village, particularly Lower Froyle. This includes road signage, although we are keenly aware that this is a sensitive balance between providing adequate warnings/restrictions, with a desire not to over-clutter verges and harm the rural nature of our roads and lanes. After much discussion with EHDC Highways, they have agreed to put some additional signage up at the Golden Pot to direct lorries looking for the A31, through Alton. They will also add 'no footway' signs to the speed restriction signs at the village limits as a warning to motorists to reduce speed accordingly. We had hoped to get 'unsuitable for HGV' signs, but understand that these are not appropriate in our case, although EHDC Highways have promised to revisit this if the situation becomes worse.

We have also asked Linden Homes to review their temporary signage along Hen and Chicken Hill, now that the construction work is complete. The hope is that they can remove all the signs on the verges, leaving only site signage for marketing purposes..

4. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th November, 2017 at 7.45pm.

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The event starts in Farnborough at 0830, and finishes back there around 1500.



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Chair: Brenda Milam

Filling in for an advertised speaker in October, Geoff Hawkins gave us a comprehensive survey of “Undercover Gardening” from historical times to the present day. As usual, his talk was full of good tips and colourful suggestions for what we could grow in our greenhouses, cold frames or windowsills - or light positions indoors.

On October 18th, members and a number of visitors enjoyed a colourful flower arranging demonstration by Sue Aston. The group of Gardening Club flower arrangers will meet for their Christmas workshop on Wednesday 22nd, November. If anyone would like to join the group please contact Anne Blunt for details.

Anne Blunt - 22262

Don't forget! -

On 10 November we welcome Mrs. Patricia Letchi-Clarke, who will give us a talk on “Less Well-known Gardens Open to the Public”. As usual, the meeting will be held in Froyle Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The monthly competition will be for “A Vase of Dried Plant Material”.

Brenda Milam



A worldwide energy revolution? Come and see a film with a positive message – *A Breakthrough in Renewable Energy*. The costs of wind, solar, wave and tidal power are falling rapidly. More than half of the UK's electricity this summer came from low-carbon sources, up from 35 per cent four years ago, and other countries are ahead of us. Join us to find out more. Plenty of time for discussion. An **Energy Alton** event: **Wed 8 November, 7.30 pm, Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton GU34 1HN**. Free entry. Bar. All welcome. See www.energyalton.org.uk



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning **Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

November meetings in the village hall are every Thursday this month: on Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!



Please call Madeleine Black on 23371 if you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community.

*For ACH Information and Advice 10-3pm, Mon-Fri 0800 328 7154
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/>*

Bounce Back with Better Balance

2.30 pm Wednesday in the Village Hall

Dates: **November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.**

Please ring Sue 22603 if you would like to join the group.

Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for October were:

1st - Bill Stanford 2nd - Maisie Pritchard
3rd - Gillian Pickering 4th - Sarah Lovell

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and all the local gossip!

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

Cake Bakers for November

3 rd Anne Blunt	Sue Sharman	Caroline Findlay	Bea Sword
10 th Ann Roberts	Madeleine Black	Kim Blake	Lucia Lindblom
17 th Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sue Lelliott.
24 th June Trim	Anne Wetherall	Louise Marston	Charlotte Baikie

Kitchen Helpers for November

3 rd Lauraine Bourne	Caroline Findlay
10 th Kim Blake	Jane Macnabb
17 th Judith Leslie Smith	Jenny Topping
24 th Corinna Whines	Mary Wilde

If you need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

It is enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday it would be much appreciated. If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.

*Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com
Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfrayle@gmail.com*



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had a very successful cake sale, raffle and other entertainments on Friday October 13th. Despite the change of date, we raised £440 for this wonderful charity. The Meeting Place team would like to thank everybody, especially our wonderful regulars, who always dig deep in their pockets on our charity mornings.

It's not too late to make a donation yourself if you weren't able to join us.

RNLI Christmas Sale

The RNLI will conduct their usual Christmas Sale at the Froyle Meeting Place on Friday 3rd November 2017. The sale is particularly important this year because the RNLI's mail order system has been suspended and we are one of the few places where RNLI cards, calendars, diaries and other goods can be obtained. The RNLI will be prepared to take orders for any goods they don't have, to be delivered later. No postage will be charged on these items.



Lifeboats



Round and About in Froyle

with R. Ambling

Hi! I'm back - not from anything like hiking the Himalayas or the Aztec trail in South America - if the truth be known I just got lazy.

Regular readers of this column will be able to identify some of these walks from previous magazines but hopefully I have lengthened some, have combined others and hopefully they will be of interest to the many new residents who can enjoy our local countryside whilst staying on approved footpaths.

This walk will take approximately an hour and starts and finishes at the Village Hall.

(Contd.)

From the village hall walk towards Upper Froyle and after approximately 400 yards turn right into Bamber Lane, which is the second on the right from leaving the village hall.

Keep on Bamber Lane up the large incline and when you reach the top of the hill you will see a large house on your left which is Saintbury Hill.

Just after passing the house you will see a metal gate on your left, go through this and keep on the grass path through two further metal gates passing the tennis court on your left.

On exiting the third gate you will see the path going through the large field past the remains of a large tree and at the bottom continue along the path keeping the hedgerow on your left.

On reaching the lane, turn left and walk towards St Mary's Church. You are now in Upper Froyle. At the tee junction by the church turn left walking down hill keeping the church on your right.

Just prior to the thatched cottage on your right you will see a stile into a field which may contain sheep, climb over the stile and follow the path across the field to a gate, go through the gate, turn left and walk down the avenue of trees. Near the end of the avenue you will see the recently installed wildlife pond which is managed by the Froyle Wildlife Group.

At the end of the avenue, go through the gate, turn right onto the lane and very quickly turn left onto the footpath signposted St Swithun's Way, follow this path, there are often sheep in this field so beware if you have a dog.

Immediately on entering the next field you will see that the path goes right over a small bridge follow this path until you reach the Anchor Inn.

Turn left past the Anchor, walk along the lane, pass the pond on your right and take the next left into Park Lane.

Walk up Park Lane until you reach the gates to the White House, turn right into the short path that leads to the village recreation ground. You will see the Village Hall diagonally across from you so you can make your own way back to the start point.



The Froyle Archive

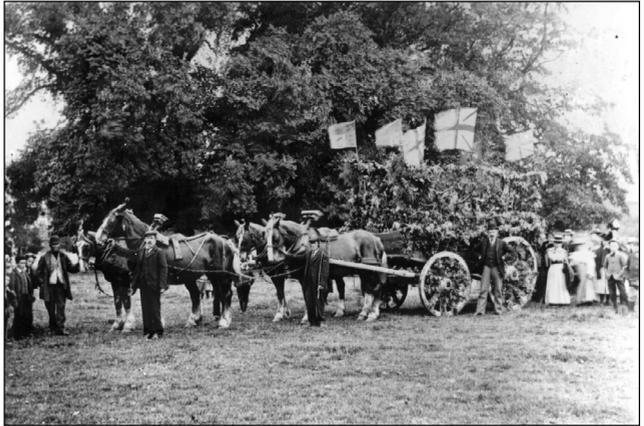
JOURNEY OF THE HORSE BELLS

About the year 1895 William Westbrook, a yeoman farmer, who farmed in Lower Froyle, decided it was time that a long outstanding debt was settled, so he took the law into his own hands. Very early one morning he harnessed two of his horses to a farm wagon and, accompanied by one of his carters, set forth. The distance was about 15 miles to a farm in a village of the neighbouring county. The money not being forthcoming, he thereupon collected goods to the value of the amount owing and commenced the long trek back home, and so the debt was satisfactorily settled.

When it grew dusk and he had not returned, his wife, then well over 70 years old, became uneasy. Lighting a hurricane lantern she and her son made their way to the main road. The Lower Froyle road was very narrow, very rough and below “The Anchor” trees met overhead and even in the day time it was dark and gloomy. At night the darkness was such that it could be felt and one could pass other travellers on the road without seeing them; only their footsteps could be heard.

The main road (*modern day A31*) was a turnpike, on which tollgates were established by law. There they waited and listened. They could hear the horses’ hooves upon the road and the rattle of the wagon. At the cross roads one can imagine the shouting and the “Wooa Wooa,” as the swinging of the lantern would be a sign that someone was waiting for them.

Among the goods William collected were four sets of horse bells. These were used on special occasions, like this one in 1900 at a “Harvest Home” in the village. His four horses and decorated wagon, complete with horse bells, won first prize. The bells were fixed to the horses’ collars and made sweet music as they walked, no doubt, contributed towards the gaining of the prize.



These bells were also used at night to give audible warning of approach as the farm wagons had no lights. William Westbrook’s method of settling a debt was quite unlawful no doubt, even in those far off days, but he avoided a County Court action and its costs.

*Prize winners at the “Harvest Home” in 1900
The bells are mounted so that they sit above each horse’s neck.
Holding the lead rein is Edwin Brownjohn, grandfather of Froyle resident Marj Robinson*

The years passed, William and his wife died and today there are no Westbrooks in Froyle, so what happened to those horse bells? Were they sold to a scrap metal dealer or do they lie in some dusty attic somewhere? No! In fact the family donated them to the Curtis Museum in Alton. One feels the bells are quite safe in their last resting place.

Chris & Annette Booth

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Hitting the Cold Spots has been funded by Hampshire County Council Adult Services and Public Health Departments, working with the local charity the Environment Centre (tEC). The carbon monoxide detectors have been donated by Southern Gas Networks.

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Froyle Wildlife
www.froylewildlife.co.uk



**A talk about the Seabirds of
Skokholm,**

**Thursday 9th November,
Froyle Village Hall.**

The island of Skokholm off the south west coast of Wales is of international importance for its breeding seabirds including Manx shearwater, storm petrel and puffin. Local enthusiast Alan Wynde will entertain us with a talk

entitled 'Skokholm: Men, Goats and Birds, but mainly Birds'. Starting at 7.30pm, doors open from 7pm, entrance fee £2 members £3 non members, all welcome. Do join us for this last talk of the season. For more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>

Froyle Park Pond

This year we have informally monitored the new habitat at the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow near Gid lane. The results have been quite astonishing:- 13 species of dragonfly/damselfly; 2 species of amphibian; 22 species of butterfly; 8 species of daytime moths; and 86 species of flowering plants. In addition a Great Crested Newt (a European protected species) was photographed at the pond area last year. The diversity of plants and large number of insects attracted to them demonstrates the increase in local biodiversity over the past year. Thanks to the volunteers that made this happen. See <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/>. Sheep are now grazing the meadow overwinter as part of ongoing habitat management. With all this effort, the wildflowers sown in September 2016 should continue to thrive.

Barry Clark

The View from the Woods

I think you are either an autumn person or you're not: some people just hate the shortening days and the damp, chillier weather and get depressed at the thought of the coming winter; for others, the autumn colours, swirling leaves and abundance of berries, nuts and fruit make autumn the most exhilarating time of the year.



For me, autumn is the culmination of my year's work. High summer is a time of concentrated work and little sleep as the breeding and rearing season takes its course. By now, if all has gone well, the pheasant and partridge have grown into healthy adulthood - without, I hope, wandering off the Estate or causing too much disruption on the roads. This is part of a general profusion of wildlife at this time of year. The last of this year's brood of swallows and house martins stayed with us until well into October. We await the arrival of our winter migrants such as the fieldfares.

For everyone involved in shooting, autumn is a time of great anticipation. We get into full swing in early October for a season that lasts until the end of January, during which we shoot once or twice a week. It is always great during the first few days to greet again all those involved in different ways in the shooting days, and to welcome new faces. Everyone, whatever their role, is there for a great - if sometimes arduous - day out in this wonderful countryside with which Froyle is blessed. Hopes will be high. Some may have a new dog with them whom they expect to perform brilliantly. Some of the Guns might hope that their shooting has been transformed over the summer.....

Actually, I can't be too rude about the Guns this year, because they somehow managed to defeat the beaters in the annual Guns v. Beaters clay pigeon competition which we hold in May each year. I think the beaters were just being kind...

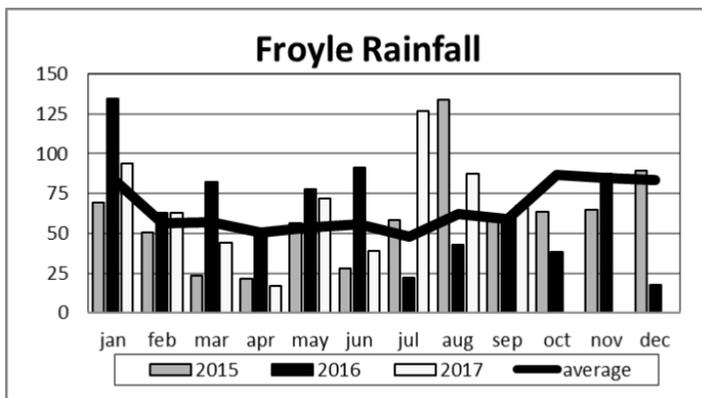
We also held again in May the rifle target competition for charity which I mentioned in my last article for the magazine, and which we organise with the help of Savills, who manage the Estate. This attracts competitors from far and wide, and was again very successful, raising £1,600 - more than last year's record - for charity. *(Contd.)*

That all seems a long time ago now, before the rearing season started. The intervening summer months have been hard work but have gone well – and I have been particularly grateful over that period to people in the village for sticking to the footpaths and keeping their dogs under control.

So our season has started well and high hopes remain – let’s hope they carry us through the winter.

Paul Edwards - Gamekeeper

Froyle Rainfall for September 2017		
This year	67.5 mm	2.7 ins
Last year	60.5 mm	2.4 ins
Wettest September (1995)	150 mm	5.9 ins
Driest September (2003)	7 mm	0.3 ins
Long-term average for September – the 6th wettest month	59.3 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	610.5 mm	24.0 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	529.6 mm	20.9 ins



I mentioned last month that, in the years we had more than 200mm of summer rain, generally the run-up to Christmas was lousy. September was a little above the average but the first couple of weeks of October have been well below it. However history shows that November and December are more key, so the ground should still get a pretty good soaking well before the yuletide log has got going...



“The Umbrella Man”

Harvest Thanks



Many thanks to all those who helped make the Harvest Supper as happy an occasion as ever and who decorated the church so magnificently for the Harvest Festival Service – particularly the members of the Community Group for their energy, enthusiasm and hard work in making it all happen. Special thanks to Jo for feeding us all so well at the Supper, and, among the many imaginative contributions to the church decorations, to Roz's remarkable knitting skills and to the Toddler Group and Sunday School 'team efforts'. At the time of going to press, the produce which adorned the church is about to be turned into soup for all at the Village Hall, continuing the Community Group's brilliant idea of a couple of years ago. Every year these events show what a remarkable village Froyle is.....

William Knowles

... and thanks to all who helped, it was hard work but very successful. We sold 84 tickets, over our original limit, and we had a waiting list – so next year get in early to reserve your place! We donated our profit of £862 to St. Mary's Church. Thanks to all who supported us.

Likewise, thank you to all those helped with decorating the church with an abundance of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

The Community Group

Future Dates for your diary

We shall be decorating the church for the Advent Carol Service on Saturday 2nd December - green arrangements and candles.

On Saturday 16th December we shall be decorating for the Carol Service the following day, starting at 9.0am. This year's theme is 'Christmas Carols' - more information will follow but if you would like to create a decoration to represent your favourite carol please get in touch with Sarah (23294) or Gill (520484).

The Community Group

Some special Church services in the coming weeks.....

Most of you will be familiar with these from past years, but for those who are not, and particularly if you are new to the village:

Remembrance Service – Sunday 12 November at 10:50 am



This service starts at the War Memorial at 10:50, where we honour those whose names are commemorated on the Memorial as having died in either of the two World Wars. Shortly after 11:00 am, we walk back to the church, for a morning service of Matins – so no Holy Communion, but plenty of singing. We shall also hear two short pieces about the lives of two of those from Froyle who died in WW1. All are welcome to stay for sherry afterwards.

Advent by Candlelight – Saturday 2 December at 6:30 pm



This candlelit service of Advent comprises a mix of anthems sung by the choir, hymns sung by everyone and readings given by various people. It is one of the most atmospheric and inspiring events in our church calendar. Do come along, particularly if you enjoy choral music – or just to get a special foretaste of the Christmas season to come.

...and talking of Christmas: save the date for the **Christmas Carol Service**, a mix of Christmas carols and readings to be held in the church on Sunday 17 December at 6:30 pm. If there are any young readers out there who would like to do a reading at this, or any not-so-young who would like to help with mince pies or mulled wine, please let Sarah Roberts (520041 or sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk) or me know.

William Knowles – 23164 wbk@wbknowles.com



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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

As I was preparing to write this piece for the November issue of the parish magazine, I decided to Google the origins of Remembrance Day, which, as we all know, occurs on the 11th day of this month and which will be marked in our churches with a service on Sunday the 12th of November. As a result of my 'surfing' I came across an account of the first time this day featured a Silence, which for us is an accepted and important part of this significant service and which has also become a way of marking our respect for other calamitous events. There was a public silence this summer in honour of the victims of Grenfell Tower and earlier there was also one for those killed in the dreadful Manchester bombing.

But in November 1919, there was great debate in the War Cabinet about whether there should be a public period of silence, although many advocated it as 'a national ritual which explained the significance of war and united people in their appreciation of those that died'. There was concern that 'a precedent would be established, which, in remote years, after the passing of the present generation, might conceivably prove inconvenient', so the Government of the day decided that the silence should only go ahead with the approval of the King.

Afterwards, on November 12th that year, a correspondent of The Times reported that he had been travelling on a bus with friends through London and in the minutes before the silence, they had been 'discussing with a forced cynicism of which each of us was secretly ashamed, some supposedly humorous sides of the proposed standstill'. Just before eleven o'clock the bus stopped outside a small factory. The correspondent saw, 'Ten or a dozen factory workers wearing their overalls but not their caps, standing rigidly at attention. ...It was then that we four cynics...realized that we too were on our feet with our heads uncovered'.

It seems odd now that such a simple thing as silence could be so hard to accept. But then when I think about the purity of silence, so rare now in our modern world with its 24/7 activity and ever intrusive technology, I think about how into that silence comes the 'still small voice of calm' as expressed in the well known hymn, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, after the words 'Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire'. Perhaps that is why there was concern in 1919 about offering the public the chance to be silent, for in that silence the voice of God and truth may be heard. In our Remembrance Service this month, there will of course be a Silence and we have a moment of silence in our regular services too, but perhaps we should also all find time in our busy lives for periods of silence in which we listen in the hope of hearing His voice.

*Blessings,
Yann*

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Nick Carter (472861)

Sunday 5th November	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
Sunday 12th November	10.50am	Froyle	Remembrance Service (at War Memorial)
	10.00am	Bentley	Remembrance Service
	10.50am	Binsted	Remembrance Service
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 19th November	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
Sunday 26th November	6.30pm	Froyle	Said Evensong
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	HC with Children's Groups



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Christmas Fare - cakes, mince pies, biscuits, home-made chutneys and marmalade and other Christmas goodies wanted for the stall please. **Jo Mills 22384**



***The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle
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2nd Bentley Scout Group

On the 16th of September, the sun shone all day for our second jumble sale of 2017. Sales of all sorts went very well - the queue at 1.50 was well past the school. We had very many new helpers and we raised £1650 for Scout funds.

See you all in 2018!

Yours - *The 2nd Bentley Scout Group*

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Alton U3A

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The Meeting is on 17th November at the Community Centre at 2 o'clock. Enjoy a cup of tea and meet other members. Further info can be found on the U3A website. This talk is open to all.



I was under the impression that since the demise of the Little Green Dragon bookshop, which stocked art materials as well as books, I had to go to Farnham for anything to do with painting; paper; brushes etc.

Today I discovered 'the Art Shop' which can be found in the industrial estate behind Waitrose and is part of 'Alternative Packaging'. It is a treasure trove, stocking everything a painter might need.

It is open 8.30 to 5.30 every day, and until 8 pm on Thursday, and there is a 10% discount for art students, children, groups such as WI, and others.

For those Jackson Pollocks among you trekking down the A31 for your paint to splash about, there is no need! Just go to 'the Art Shop'!

Jenny Gove



Froyle Ballet



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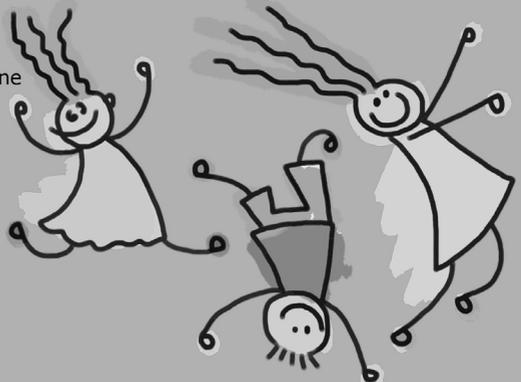
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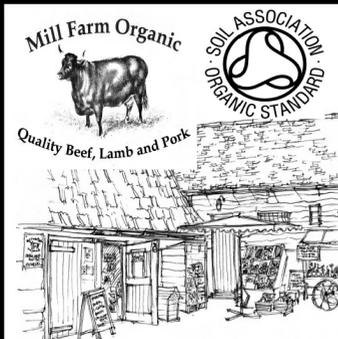
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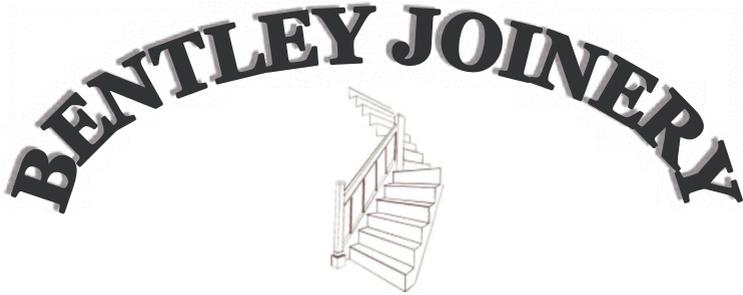
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12 10.50am Remem- brance service	13 Recycling 7.45pm PC meeting	14	15 2.30pm Better balance	16 9.45am Baby & toddlers	17 Meeting place	18
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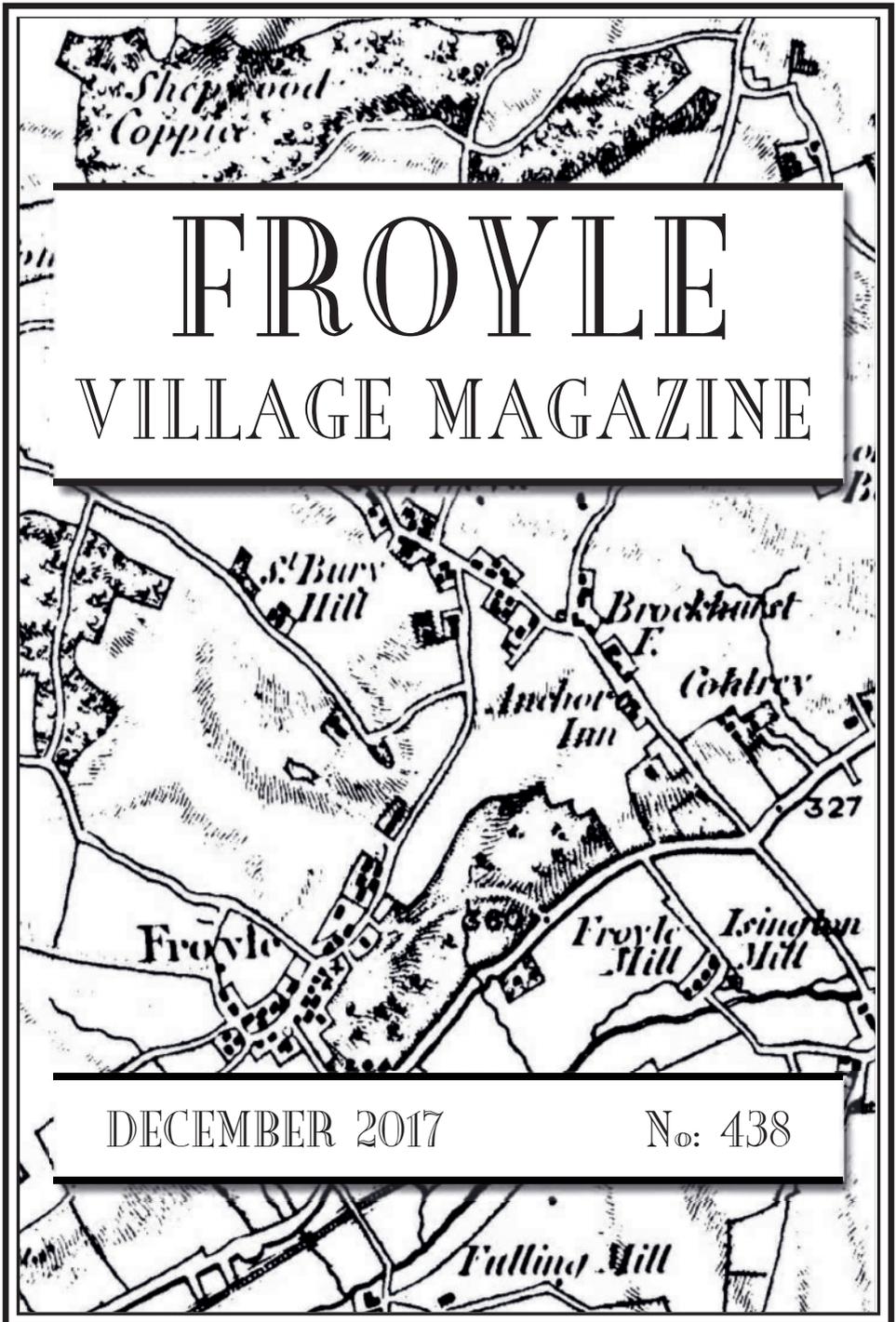
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Report from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Monday 13th November, 2017

1. Froyle Parish Council.

We were pleased to welcome Mr Garth Heyhurst to his first meeting as the new Parish Councillor.

As advised last month there remains a further vacancy on the FPC. If you are interested in being a parish councillor please write to The Clerk, Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle, GU344LR, or froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk before 7th December, 2017. Applications will be considered at the next FPC meeting.

2. Froyle Park

On 31st October FPC attended the Alton Community Forum and asked why no answer had been provided to the question posed by Cllr Alex Roberts at the June Community Forum concerning the enforcement investigation into activity at Froyle Park and the subsequent report. EHDC Councillors present said that they had done all they could on this matter and were unable to help any further. FPC believes this position to be wholly unsatisfactory and intend to raise the matter with the Leader of EHDC.

3. Parish Council Budget 2017/18

The budget for 2018 was reviewed in the meeting and will be further reviewed at the next meeting. The 2017 year to date figures include the cost of the new playground, whereas the 2018 budget will include the funds identified for the Football Hut part of that project.

4. Local Government Boundary Commission – EHDC recommendations on electoral arrangements.

In October earlier this year EHDC advised us of their draft recommendations for a new pattern of wards for East Hampshire, and that they were now seeking consultation with local people. Under these draft recommendations Froyle is to be linked with Bentworth. Further information and a map is available at [https://www.easthants.gov.uk/consultation-boundary-recommendations-east-](https://www.easthants.gov.uk/consultation-boundary-recommendations-east)

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Recently Bentley Parish Council have contacted the FPC proposing that, rather than Bentley being linked with Binsted alone, perhaps a better match would be a ward of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle for the following reasons:

- a) Froyle is another of the “villages to the North of the South Downs National Park” and has also suffered from the planning system protecting other villages in the National Park.
- b) The parishes share Bentley C of E primary School.
- c) Bentley, Binsted and Froyle are the members of the same C of E Benefice.
- d) Bentley station is in Binsted, and many residents of Station Road treat Bentley as their social centre.

The FPC’s initial reaction is to agree with Bentley PC, and will discuss this further. Meanwhile residents are encouraged to have their say. There is a ‘have your say’ link on the above EHDC web-site. Consultation ends on 11th December, 2017.

5. FPC donations to The Froyle Archive, and to Victim Care.

The FPC meeting was attended by Chris Booth who has provided a report on the activities he and Annette have undertaken to maintain the Froyle Archive. The FPC have again this year agreed to continue its support of the Froyle Archive with a grant of £600.

The FPC also agreed to continue its support this year of Victim Care Hampshire & Isle of Wight with a grant of £50.

6. War Memorial

We have had a positive response to our pre-application submission to the War Memorials Trust (“WMT”) for minor repair and enhancement work to the Froyle War Memorial. It has already received a light clean, but this has revealed that some of the inscriptions were wearing away and that the surrounding paving and brickwork is cracked and in need of repointing. We are now obtaining quotes for this work prior to making a full application to the WMT. Hopefully, we will be able to undertake the works in the New Year.

7. Permissive Footpath alongside Hen & Chicken Hill on Ryebidge Lane.

Discussions are underway for the implementation of the permissive footpath to run from Fiennes Lane down the hill to the A31, on the park side of the wall, using the small gate opposite the Hen & Chicken for access back to the road.

8. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th December, 2017, at 7.45pm.



Bookings: Gill Bradley

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Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Another Froyle **Film Night** took place in October and was well attended, although there was room for more. We shall be arranging Film Nights again next year. Suggestions for films are always very welcome.

Bonfire Night was a huge success. The weather was perfect. The Bonfire was immense. The fireworks were spectacular. The food was great. A bigger-than-ever crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves and donated generously. And it was good to see so many children enjoying the new playground. So we'll do it again next year. Thanks are particularly due to Tom Porter and his staff for help build the bonfire and to several dozen residents who worked hard to stage the event and clear up afterwards.



The bigger-than-ever crowd on Bonfire Night thoroughly enjoying themselves...!

Quiz Night had to be postponed this year but we are hopeful that it will be resurrected at the end of January. We should be able to give more details in next month's issue.

The Hall now has a new up-to-date heating control system which we are learning to use. So please bear with us if the hall isn't always up to temperature or is too hot. You will find there is now a wall-mounted thermostat in the main hall which displays the current temperature and which will allow you to increase the temperature if you are cold or turn it down if you are too hot. If you do make a change, at the end of the session please reset the temperature as you found it.

The Committee meets on the second Monday of each month and we have had to say goodbye to one of our number, namely Sarah Zorab who has a meeting clash. Also retiring from the Committee is Jo Mills, who for nearly ten years has acted as Booking Secretary, a role she has conducted with great efficiency and dedication and for which she deserves the thanks of the whole village. Happily Sarah and Jo have both emphasised that they want to continue to support the Hall in the future. So the residents of Froyle will continue to enjoy Jo's catering prowess.

We are therefore looking for a couple of new people to join the Committee - see the next page for details.

There is a great deal involved in running a community hall and keeping it bright and busy: fund-raising, cooking, maintenance, publicity and promotion, organising events, house-keeping, etc. We therefore are always looking out for a wide array of talents and interests. We would be particularly interested to hear from younger residents and those who have recently moved to Froyle. Do not be shy: the Village Hall Committee is a relaxed and open group.

With Christmas coming **we have purchased a new Christmas Tree** which will be much easier to put up. The old one is going free if you would like it, although it does require patience to assemble. As usual we shall illuminate the oak tree by the Hall although this year we shall eschew solar powered lights and revert to using the tried and tested products of Mr Ever & Mr Ready.

Finally, why get into the festive spirit by joining us at the Hall to **sing carols at 5pm on Thursday 21st December?** It's always immense fun, particularly as we keep plan to keep everybody's spirits and temperatures up by offering mince pies, mulled cider and of course jolly good company.

Nick Whines, Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall



...as **we have two vacancies** we are looking to fill.

They are not for any specific role, although it would be great if you would like to get involved with something that interests you, such as fund raising, catering, publicity etc.

More importantly, **we are also looking to fill the role of Booking Secretary** – ex officio on the Village Hall Committee - to maintain the Hall diary and collect booking fees, the most recent holder of which having just retired after 10 years' sterling service (although we are not expecting anyone to undertake it for that long). If you want to know what is really going on in Froyle, this is the role for you!

The Village Hall Committee meets for about 1½ hours on the second Monday of the month, the next one being on 11th December.

We have a lot of fun and are graced with some truly dynamic members who have great ideas for Village events, centred round what has been described as one of the best halls for hire in the district.

Aside from one-offs like the Queen's 90th birthday tea party last year, we organise many successful regular events, such as the Bonfire Night, Film Nights, and Racing and Bingo Nights besides hosting many other functions organised by local organisations, clubs and societies.

Please do let me know if you are interested in coming on board – I promise you will not regret it.

David Robertson, Chairman Froyle Village Hall Committee
01420 520820 DARinfoyle@aol.com

Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for November were:

1st - Bill Stanford 2nd - John Dobson

3rd - Mrs T Whelan 4th - Gordon Mitchell

Congratulations to all!

HOWEVER, the eagle-eyed among you will have spotted that Bill also won first prize last month - extraordinarily, this is the second time this year that the same person has won first prize two months in succession! So Bill and Margaret, like Caroline Findlay in January, have very kindly declined the prize, which means that **THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL "CHRISTMAS BONUS" FIRST PRIZE AWARDED IN THE DECEMBER DRAW...**

2018 FROYLE 100 CLUB REMINDER.....

There can never be too many members of the Froyle 100 Club – if you are not a member, December is the best time to join, since membership is renewed as from 1st January each year. The first 2018 draw is on Friday 5th January!

For anyone wondering what the 100 Club is, it is a club which any adult resident of Froyle can join – the more members we have, the more money we raise for Froyle Village Hall and the more cash we hand out in prize money at each monthly draw.

Upon joining, you pay a subscription of £12 a year; you are given a number and entered in the draw made at the Meeting Place in Froyle Village Hall on the first Friday of each month (no need to be present to win). We pay out half our takings in prize money - a pretty good bet - with the balance going to the village hall. Each month in 2017 there have been four prizes, with a top prize of £30. You can subscribe in cash or by annual standing order.

For existing members who subscribe in cash, please let me have your loot by the end of December – I will try to nag people, but I am not very systematic about it, as you will have noticed....

For existing members who subscribe by standing order, thank you! It makes my life easier. However, I do not help myself in that I have failed to set up standing orders for some of you who have asked to do so. I shall try to rectify this in December...

My contact details are: William Knowles, telephone numbers: 23164 or 07775 928933, email: wbk@wbknowles.com

William Knowles

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING PLACE



Friday 22nd December, 9.30 am - 12.00 noon

As well as the usual tea and coffee, we shall be serving mince pies, cakes and nibbles, washed down with something seasonal! Hopefully we shall not be too overcome to stop us from singing some carols, as well as holding our customary raffle and maybe even a visit from Father Christmas!

We would be very grateful for any offers of raffle prizes.

Cake Bakers for December

01 Dec	Nelle Pratt	Sarah Basey	Pat Gasson	Sarah Khan
08 Dec	Susie Robertson	Jo Mills	Mary Chaplin	Sarah English
15 Dec	Brenda Milam	Jenny Gove	Helen MacDonald	Ann Netherway
22 Dec	Caroline Findlay	Madeleine Black	Jenny Dundas	Jenny Matthews
29 Dec	(from the freezer!)			

Kitchen Helpers for December

01 Dec	Jan Elliott	Mollie Court
08 Dec	Sue Marriott	Maureen Fry
15 Dec	David Robertson	William Knowles
22 Dec	VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE!	
29 Dec	Lori Taylor	VOLUNTEER, PLEASE!

If you are baking it is a great help if you could let one of us know by Thursday, if possible, what you plan to make. Many thanks.

And if you need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall by around 10 am.

A NOTE FOR OUR HELPERS AND BAKERS.

Your 2018 rosters will be emailed to you during the first week of December (please check your junk/spam mailbox in case it has ended up in there). For those without internet access, a printed copy will be delivered to you. Should you not receive your rosters by 10th December, please contact me and I will make sure you receive your list as soon as possible.

Once again, a BIG Thank You to you all and have
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR
from Lori 22148 (lorijaylor@hotmail.com)

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Anchor Inn's Armistice Day Lunch

Now in it's tenth year the Anchor once again hosted 50 service personnel both past and present to an Armistice Day lunch.

The three course lunch was served by local volunteers and, whilst probably not to silver service standards, the meal and the day was enjoyed by everyone present.

This year, as well as veterans, such as "Pop" Chandler from Holybourne, who at 94, served for 35 years in the RAF including as an engineer on Lancaster Bombers, they were joined by a few Froyle veterans including Ron Figgins and David Bennett, as well as Jennifer Evans.

Thanks especially to Kiran and Daisy at the Anchor for organising the day and for their management of a keen bunch of locals, none of whom were subsequently offered further employment.



♪“There’ll be bluebirds over the white wines of the Anchor...”♪



www.froylewildlife.co.uk

Our first AGM of Froyle Wildlife since becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was held in October. Members received the Trustees' Report and Barry Clark reviewed the year's events. A highlight was the new wildlife pond and surrounding wildflower meadow near Gid Lane that has shown an astonishing increase in local biodiversity. After thanking the volunteers and members for their support, six trustees were elected unanimously by the members present.

Barry Clark

In October we welcomed zoologist Dr Francesca Pella for an enthusiastic talk about her work on '**Harvest Mice in Selborne**'. First recorded by Gilbert White in 1767, the good news is that 11 local farmers around Selborne covering 10,000 acres are now working to improve habitats for key species including the harvest mouse. The concern is that harvest mice numbers are declining nationally and the species is considered rare. Fortunately in the recent Selborne study over 400 nests were recorded in the two years 2014/5.

Their latin name is *micromys minutus*, or 'smallest mouse', which is apt as it is the smallest rodent in Europe, with a head and body length of 5-8cm and typically weighing 4-6gms. It is the only British mammal to have a prehensile tail able to grasp plant stems as they move through long vegetation. Nests of Harvest Mouse were also found in Froyle at two locations in 2016.

Alan Dyos

Local wildlife enthusiast Alan Wynde gave an informative talk in November about the '**Seabirds of Skokholm**'. The island lies off the south-west coast of Pembrokeshire and despite being only 240 acres it is an internationally important breeding site for many seabirds. It holds 52,000 pairs of Manx Shearwaters and 20% of Europe's population of Storm Petrels.

Some 40 years ago, Alan had helped to remove a herd of goats which were destroying shearwater burrows and stunting vegetation. The pioneering work of Ronald Lockley started the first bird observatory and ringing of shearwaters. It was explained that shearwaters use the position of the sun as a means of orientation and how their highly developed sense of smell enables them to have an olfactory map of the oceans. Various aspects of the biology of puffins, razorbills, guillemots and gannets were described. Gannets use Grassholm - another nearby island - as a breeding site, holding 35,000 pairs. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news/past-events/.

Unusual Gifts

Field Studies Council (FSC) offer great residential courses set in lovely locations around the British Isles covering natural history, arts and crafts and traditional skills. There are courses for individuals, families, further education students plus professional training for those working in the environment. For example Birds for Beginners, Wild Flower Identification, Identifying Bees, Watercolour: Tips Tricks & Techniques' www.field-studies-council.org/learn-with-us.aspx

The Kingcombe Centre offers similar courses to the FSC and is set amongst the fantastic 1,000 acre Dorset Wildlife Trust nature reserve www.kingcombe.org/courses.html

For wildlife-curious children, gift membership to a wildlife charity may be just the thing (for Christmas?). The RSPB offers junior membership to three age groups, each member receives a magazine 6 times a year tailored to their age group plus a starter pack, cost £22 per year. For more information call RSPB on 01767 693690. Activity ideas can be found here ww2.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/

The Wildlife Trusts also cater for younger members with 'Wildlife Watch'. Members receive 4 magazines a year and a starter pack, cost £18 per year: Call Hampshire Wildlife Trust for more information on 01489 774400, for activities see www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-watch

Sue Clark

♪ Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum... ♪

An everyday story of walking folk...

Hi, Me again...

Today was a marvellous autumn day, clear, crisp and sunny, so I managed to do the walk I introduced last month and I have to say the view from Saintbury Hill, with a slight early morning mist, the trees with spectacular colours, was stunning. Now for a much less hilly walk which will take you about an hour but, for those new to the village, it will give you a chance to explore more of their surroundings, so enjoy.

From the village hall, walk diagonally across the recreation field, the Rec, towards the houses you can see in the far corner; at these houses you will come to a narrow path to the east which takes you to Park Lane, turn left down the lane until you meet the main road.

Turn Right and walk past Husseys Lane on your left, continue along the road past the Anchor Inn and then when you reach houses on your left follow the unmade road keeping Coldrey cottages on your left, once past the houses continue through the gate directly in front of you, carry on down the path with Coldrey, a large house on your left.

Go straight on at the end of the garden, again following the path, enter the field continuing across the field and reaching the houses on your right, go across the stile and turn immediately left towards Pax Hill House.

As you near the end of the drive, you will see the path goes to the right along a narrow tree effectively walking around two and a half lengths of the same paddock; you will see a gap in the hedge, go through this and enter a large field with a copse in it, keeping the field on your right and Pax Hill on your left, follow the path firstly over a stile and then along now with the field on your right and a small copse of trees on your right.

Near the end of the field, the path goes left into another field, turn right and follow the path, now with the field on your left and a small copse on your right. Keep following the path through some trees with Coldrey lake, normally empty, on your left.

When you arrive at the end of the wooded area, the path goes to the right and after about 30 yards you will see a newly repaired bridge taking you over the ditch into the next field. Continue to follow the marked path along the left of the field and finally, having gone over two stiles and through a sheep field, you will arrive at Husseys Lane with a large house opposite.

Turn Left down Husseys Lane and when you reach the end you can turn right and then, returning to Park Lane on your left, you can follow your previous route back to the village hall.

R Ambling



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

It is very fortunate that we have good friends at our club as Geoff Hawkins filled in at very short notice when our October speaker was unable to attend .

We were treated to fabulous slides illustrating `Colour all the year round`. Superb. Geoff was also kind enough to donate his fee to Children in Need and, as the members also contributed, we were able to send an £86 donation.

It is our A.G.M. on December 8th 7.30 in the Village Hall. The A G M will be followed by a Gardeners Question time with Geoff Hawkins and John Negus. Annual subscriptions will be due and tickets for the New Year lunch will also be on sale.

Brenda Milam



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle 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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a dolls house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

December meetings in the Village Hall are on Thursday 7th and 14th only.

Bring a friend, do join us for some Christmas craft and a fun-filled morning!
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



The Better Balance class has celebrated 5 years! We are now having a rest until January (although there is homework!) Please call Sue 22603 if you would like to join in the New Year.

Please call Madeleine on 23371 if you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community, or if unavailable call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire

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BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE CARE GROUP

CAR SERVICE - CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Care Group - Car Service, that takes local residents from Binsted, Bentley & Froyle to health-related appointments, will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period. The closure will be from 5.00pm on Thursday 21st December 2017 until 9.00am on Thursday 4th January 2018. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS

Travel Vouchers, issued by East Hampshire County Council as an alternative to a bus pass for disabled or older people, are valid from 1st April each year until 31st March the following year, up to a value of £32.00. The Binsted, Bentley & Froyle Care Group are now in a position to accept these Travel Vouchers, should any resident wish to use them. They should be presented to the driver, as with cash, at the end of a journey.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017/18 Annual General Meeting of the Binsted, Bentley & Froyle Care Group (Hospital Car Service) will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2018, at 12.30pm, in the Wickham Institute Hall in Binsted. All are welcome.

A buffet lunch will be served after the meeting.

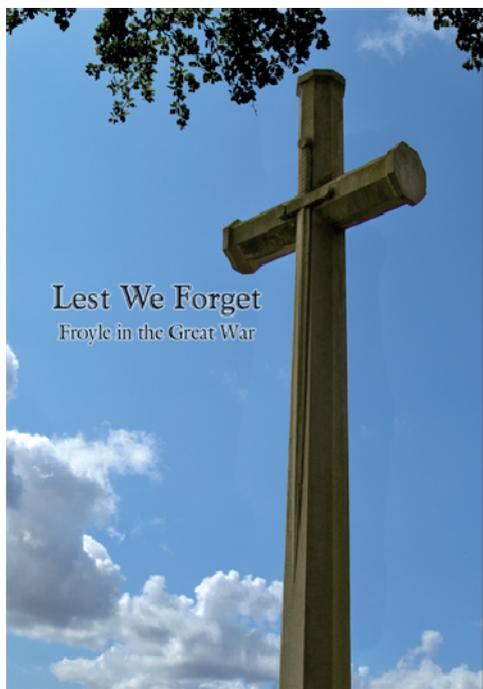
The Care Group booking number is 01420 23440.

Thank you.

Cathy Smith

Secretary, BB&F Care Group

Lest We Forget - Froyle in the Great War



If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift for someone, this year, why not buy them a copy of “Lest We Forget”, the story of the Froyle men who gave their lives in World War One. The hardback book was commissioned by Froyle Parish Council to commemorate the Centenary of the start of World War One.

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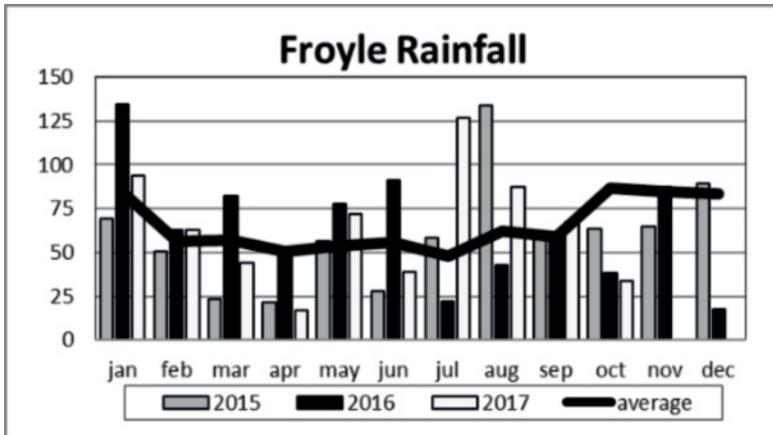
The Alton Branch of the U3A

There is no Monthly Meeting in December, instead why not start the Christmas Festivities at the Annual Christmas Party. This will be held on **Friday 15th December** from 2 till 5, at the Community Centre. There will be a quiz, a cuppa, a mince pie and a chance to catch up with other members. The charge will be £3.00 and all are most welcome.

Penelope Kennedy

Froyle Rainfall for October 2017

This year (the 2nd driest October in 40 years)	33.5 mm	1.3 ins
Last year	38 mm	1.5 ins
Wettest October (1987) – the wettest ever month	226 mm	8.9 ins
Driest October (1978)	7 mm	0.3 ins
October long-term average – the wettest month	86.6 mm	3.4 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	644 mm	25.4 ins
Long-term average for the year to end October	614.9 mm	24.2 ins



This time last year I wrote: “At 38mm, this was the driest October in Froyle since 1985...”, but after this year we now have to go back to 1978 for a drier one, indeed the driest for decades (see table). So does my above-average-for-the-year prophecy still hold water? Well, just about; but we will now need a couple of proper downpours for it to be so; not unprecedented – as in 2009, 2012 and 2013 for example – but the odds are lengthening.



“The Umbrella Man”

Bentley CE Primary December News

We had a wonderful time at our 'Big Build Opening Party' on Friday 20th October. It was a super event and we were so glad that so many families, neighbours and friends of the school could make it.

We asked each of the children to invite a special guest and have been delighted that so many lovely people took the time to reply to the well written letters of our pupils. Sadly we had quite a few apologies (Nick Sharratt, The Queen, Mary Berry, Greg Wallace, Phil Spencer, Prince George, Alan Titchmarsh, JK Rowling, Jonny Wilkinson, Alistair Stewart, the Bishop of Winchester, Supervet Noel, Alastair Cooke, Julia Donaldson, Mrs Staitte and Yaya Toure.)

We have still been receiving letters and emails back so perhaps Taylor Swift, Blue Peter and Stormzy may still be planning their replies...we will wait and see! We are however expecting a few VIPs still as they were so impressed with their invitations that they wanted to make a new date to visit when they could not make the party event. Max Pryde, Chief Executive of the Scout Association on 1st December and also Scott from Aldershot Town Football Club and Duncan from Bright Bricks would love to come and meet us. Big Build champions Amanda Sinclair and Suzie Honey came for a special showround before the party and were WOWed by what has been achieved.

BUT! We were delighted to welcome several of our nominated VIPs and they all seemed very pleased to attend. These included...Rev Yann Dubreuil, The Very Rev Catherine Ogle, Alton Mayor Dean Paul Phillips, Councillor Glynis Watts, Councillor Ken Carter, MP Damian Hinds, Georgie Hermitage, ANoah in Year 1's monkey and Matej in Year 1 (who kindly volunteered to step in if required).

Some of our former pupils - Rhona and Catherine, Georgina and Jess - came and served the drinks for us at the event, Millie Powell and Sarah Stanley organised all the bubbly and set up, Mrs Siers, Mrs Vogel and the super PTFA came and ran the refreshments and the PTFA organised magician Jelly Kelly to entertain everyone. Their help was much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who came along! It was a super evening and we are so proud of our lovely new classroom and toilets but were glad to hear that you agreed that the whole school is looking amazing!

Mrs Katy Pinchess
Headteacher



“The Big Build” Opening Party

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FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO NEXT MONTH’S MAGAZINE
WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

"Advent 1955" by John Betjeman

The Advent wind begins to stir
With sea-like sounds in our Scotch fir,
It's dark at breakfast, dark at tea,
And in between we only see
Clouds hurrying across the sky
And rain-wet roads the wind blows dry
And branches bending to the gale
Against great skies all silver pale
The world seems travelling into space,
And travelling at a faster pace
Than in the leisured summer weather
When we and it sit out together,
For now we feel the world spin round
On some momentous journey bound -
Journey to what? to whom? to where?
The Advent bells call out 'Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made Man for us on earth.'

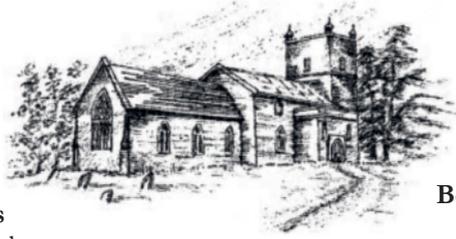
We raise the price of things in shops,
We give plain boxes fancy tops
And lines which traders cannot sell
Thus parcell'd go extremely well
We dole out bribes we call a present
To those to whom we must be pleasant
For business reasons. Our defence is
These bribes are charged against expenses
And bring relief in Income Tax
Enough of these unworthy cracks!
'The time draws near the birth of Christ'.
A present that cannot be priced
Given two thousand years ago
Yet if God had not given so
He still would be a distant stranger
And not the Baby in the manger.

And how, in fact, do we prepare
The great day that waits us there -
For the twenty-fifth day of December,
The birth of Christ? For some it means
An interchange of hunting scenes
On coloured cards, And I remember
Last year I sent out twenty yards,
Laid end to end, of Christmas cards
To people that I scarcely know -
They'd sent a card to me, and so
I had to send one back. Oh dear!
Is this a form of Christmas cheer?
Or is it, which is less surprising,
My pride gone in for advertising?
The only cards that really count
Are that extremely small amount
From real friends who keep in touch
And are not rich but love us much
Some ways indeed are very odd
By which we hail the birth of God.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Gill Thallon (23528)

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Nick Carter (472861)

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Saturday 2nd December	6.30pm	Froyle	Advent by Candlelight
Sunday 3rd December	08.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
	09.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th December	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	09.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship
	03.30am	Binsted	Messy Church
Friday 15th December	06.30pm	Binsted	The Real Nativity
Sunday 17th December	06.30pm	Froyle	Carol Service
	05.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
	09.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Thursday 21st December	06.30pm	Bentley	Road to the Stables
Christmas Eve	05.30pm	Froyle	Crib Service
	11.00pm	Froyle	Holy Communion
	04.00pm	Bentley	Christingle Service
	11.00pm	Bentley	Holy Communion
	09.30am	Binsted	Said Eucharist
	11.00pm	Binsted	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	11.00am	Froyle	Christmas Communion
	09.30am	Bentley	Christmas Communion
	09.30am	Binsted	Christmas Communion
Sunday 31st December	11.00am	Froyle	Benefice Service

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

As I write this during October half term, the supermarkets and garden centres are full of pumpkins and goodies for Hallowe'en, there are posters advertising public firework displays and displays of Christmas decorations and gifts are already stacked high in our shops. These annual events all seem to tumble into one another with such haste, I sometimes wonder if we have the time to stop and wonder what it all means.

And yet, in the commercial rush that speeds us all towards December 25th, in the midst of all the present buying, the card writing, the mince pie baking and the last minute gift wrapping, there are precious moments when we can stop, breathe and sense the true and wondrous meaning of Christmas. It might happen in the midst of one of our family events, such as the Road to the Stable in Bentley (December 21st) or it might be during the beauty of the Advent Carols in Froyle (December 2nd).

Thomas Hardy's poem, *The Oxen*, expresses such a sense of wonder that it might as well have been written with reference to Binsted's Real Nativity (December 15th) when we stand in the barn next to Holy Cross:

Yet, I feel,

If someone said on Christmas Eve,

'Come; see the oxen kneel...'

I should go with him in the gloom,

Hoping it might be so.

We want everyone to feel that sense of wonder and awe this Christmas and involve everyone in our celebrations of Christ's birth. And another way in which you can feel involved is by helping us to fill Holy Cross with angels. We want to see how many different angels the community can make and send flying into our church this year, so we will truly have 'angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold'.

I hope however you celebrate Christmas you will feel that sense of awe this year. And now I must get on – I need to find the glue and the glitter and get cracking with my angel!

***Blessings,
Yann***



St Mary's Church Christmas Decorations

This year's theme will be "Christmas Carols" and we would like as many as possible to

Do an arrangement representing a carol!

So far we have "the Holly and the Ivy" and "Ding, Dong Merrily on High". Please contact Sarah or Gill if you would like to contribute – and we do hope you will. The decorations will be put in place on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December in the morning, starting at 9.0 a.m each day, so that they will be ready for the Carol Service on Sunday 17th.

*Sarah Thursfield 23294
Gill Bradley 520484*



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Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861
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A Seasonal request, from one dog owner ...

In the past, we have had a couple of pleas from residents that dog-owners don't leave dog poo all over the village and bag it up and put it in a bin.

This dog-owner is delighted to have found over the last few months that the incidence of dirty shoes, for reasons other than mud and rain, seemed to have reduced markedly. But, and yes there always has to be a but...

On more than one occasion have I found dog poo very carefully and correctly put into a plastic bag.... and then the bag left on the ground, or, on two occasions, the bag hung up in a bush and on a fence!

My immediate reaction was, those dog-owners must be barking!

But, to state the rather obvious, is it asking too much to make a seasonal request to please take those offending bags home or put them in a bin and help prevent us other dog-owners from getting a bad name? You know it makes (doggy) sense...

David Robertson



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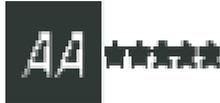
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