A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns. Labels include 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill'. The village name 'Froyle' is prominently displayed in the lower-left quadrant. A road with the number '327' is visible on the right side. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and hatching for shading.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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## **“...And so this is Christmas, and what have we done? Another year over, and a new one just begun...”**

As with all the world's major(!) publications, now is the time to look back over the previous year of the Magazine and to think about the forthcoming one.

Closest to home was the not small matter of Sarah and Phil Roberts deciding to hang up their editing boots after more than 4 years. We owe them much, in particular their dedication and efficiency, but at the same time their size 8's should be comfortably filled by Gillian and Jonathan Pickering and Sam Sayers. We welcome them all warmly.

This means that the role of editor is now being shared by 6 groups of people, doing a couple of months at a time. Whilst each of us has idiosyncrasies, we do share two common aims: first, supporting our editorially non-interfering sponsor, namely the Froyle Parish Council, to whom we remain indebted for continuing to cover the funding gap which our advertising receipts - of which more a bit later - leave a bit short. And secondly we have been endeavouring to steer away from being purely a “Thank you very much for supporting our widget fund-raising evening” and “Congratulations to Worzle Gummidge, the winner of the Ugliest Vegetable Competition”-type of publication. Necessary though such items are, we hope that some of our more original sections have garnered some interest and, at least momentarily, saved the odd copy from going to landfill.

2017 has seen a slight slippage in the number of pages of advertising we regularly carry but we are doing our best to reverse this now steadied decline, including contacting the Alton Chamber of Commerce to advise of the attractiveness to their members of our growing readership. Hopefully this will lead to some new advertisers in the new year. That said, if any of you know of any individual or enterprise who would like to advertise with us, then do please let us know: our rates are very competitive and of course our readership is most discerning and well-informed!. And don't forget the small ads; maybe not quite as widely seen as ebay, but one-offs are free for locals!

Editorially, the Bentley School contributions have been particularly strong this year, and one of the “I was there...” columns had us in stitches for days. Chris Booth's “The Froyle Archive” continues to fascinate, whilst our irregular columns about various drinks - including Mocktails this month - provide plenty of informed chat for that weekend dinner party. We have also included more photos even if you have to go to the online edition to get the full benefit. As ever, all comments, both for and against, and suggestions for new columns and ideas will continue to be gratefully received.

In the meantime, whilst sadly 2017 has seen us lose some very old and dear friends, Froyle continues to be a wonderful place to live which we believe is more than confirmed in the contributions on pages 7 and 16; this really is a unique community...

**A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.**

*The Editors*

# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

1. The Parish Council wish to express their concern and sympathy to the Ben-David's and the Mitchell's with the recent awful fire. We will help and support in whatever way we can. Meanwhile we are aware that a number of residents are offering help.

The Froyle Good Neighbours Group (chaired by John Sexton) is co-ordinating offers of help.

2. **Froyle Parish Council.**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Louise Marston as the new Parish Councillor.

3. **Parish Council Budget 2018/19**

The budget for 2018/19 was further reviewed in the meeting. The figures include a budget for a professional internal auditor to be appointed.

Our thanks again to Mr Phil Elliot for his many years' service as internal auditor.

4. **Hampshire Cultural Trust**

The Hampshire Cultural Trust have recently written to the FPC advising of a pilot project at the Allen Gallery in Alton to run a small gardening themed activity group working with older people. If there is interest, residents can contact Sophie McLean at [sophie.mclean@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sophie.mclean@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk) or at the Willis Museum & Sainsbury Gallery – phone 01256 465902.

5. **Football Hut project**

The PC has set up a joint Village Hall / Parish Council sub-committee to look once again at options for the football hut. The sub-committee will be advised by local architect Mark Penfold. The answer as to what to do with the hut isn't clear and as there are a diverse range of opinions we feel that it will be helpful to have some professional input to develop options.

6. **Advance notice of cycle event – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

UK Cycling Events have notified FPC that there will be a non-competitive cycling sportive on this day. Details can be found on [www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk](http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk). The routes include Lower Froyle (coming from Golden Pot and Bentley), and then up to Well.

7. **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, at 7.45pm.**

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## **HORSES AND FIREWORKS – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Horses, and in fact dogs, cats and sheep, are all frightened by fireworks and loud sudden noises. On bonfire night we stay with our horses, turn on the lights and play the radio to mask the noise and the occasion goes off without too much stress.

The problem arises when fireworks are let off in the village on other evenings. This year there were additional fireworks on 6<sup>th</sup>, somewhere in the middle of the village and of course there are the New Year celebrations.

**If you are planning fireworks *on any night other than 5<sup>th</sup> November*, please could you be kind enough to e-mail or telephone me**, with the date and approximate time, so that we can take adequate precautions. I will e-mail other horse owners if they could let me have their e-mail addresses.

Best wishes and many thanks  
*Susan Hill 01420 22187*  
([southdownsusana@btinternet.com](mailto:southdownsusana@btinternet.com))



## The next Froyle Film night

will be held on

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018**

Further details to follow in next month's magazine.

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## Froyle Charity Golf Day 2018

**Blackmoor Golf Club**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018**



Once again the trophy for the best team and individual golfer in Froyle is up for grabs.

Whether you wish to enter a team of four or enter as an individual all are welcome.

Further details in the February Magazine but in the meantime if you wish to participate please contact:

*Ian Whitmore on 22634*

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## LENT LUNCHES 2018

As our regulars will know, the Lent Lunches begin on Ash Wednesday, and continue every week until Easter. They consist of soup, bread & cheese, and the donations given are in aid of a charity chosen by the hostess.



Next year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th.

Further details in the February magazine.



Bookings: Gill Bradley

01420 520484

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## SONGS OF PRAISE St Mary's Church Sunday 28th January - 4.30pm

We shall be holding our popular service of Songs of Praise again in January. After Christmas there will be a list of suggested well known hymns in the Church and at the Meeting Place, please vote for your favourite.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*The Community Group*

**IT'S BACK**

# **THE FROYLE NEW YEAR QUIZ**

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL  
27 JANUARY 2018  
7PM**

**TABLES OF SIX MAXIMUM  
COME AS A TEAM  
OR JOIN FRIENDS AND MAKE UP  
A TEAM ON THE NIGHT  
£10 PER TICKET TO INCLUDE SUPPER**

**CASH BAR AND RAFFLE**

**PROCEEDS TO GO TO**



**TICKETS FROM KIM BLAKE  
KIM.BLAKE53@GMAIL.COM  
07768 273 858**



*We are delighted to include this most uplifting item from a Froyle Resident...*

## **The Kingsley Centre**

I moved to Froyle from Rowledge in 2013 as a 'newbe' – well actually that is not strictly true as I had visited Froyle on a almost daily basis from 1980 to 2003. My daughter attended Lord Mayor Treloars College from the age of 12 until 21 and then worked in the gardens at the lower school alongside Richard and George Ezzard as a gardener. I was always very grateful for the great work that went on at both the lower and upper school, so that when I managed to find a house for sale in Lower Froyle I felt I was coming home! I can honestly say that there is not one day that I have regretted my move. It is such a friendly, active village and suits an elderly person very well!

What you will not know is that, when Nicola was due to leave Treloars as a pupil, I, along with a number of her peers' parents, was extremely worried about what these 'leavers' were going to do. Life at Treloars had been action packed and their needs met wherever possible but we all knew that there was absolutely nothing in this area that would support them on an ongoing basis into the future. Our offspring had had their expectations raised unrealistically and there was nothing on the horizon other than an outdated long-term day centre in Guildford or Basingstoke. It really amazed me that no one had addressed this deficiency and Social Services simply could not understand our concerns. So I decided that, if no one was going to do anything, I had better do something for Nicola and her friends. All I wanted was somewhere where she would be in contact with the community and be able to follow HER interests rather than what 'professionals' thought she needed – A POSITIVE FUTURE.

Very luckily I met a person in Kingsley who had been looking for a relevant use for her village school that had been closed and was due to be demolished. We joined forces and then started two long years of getting planning permission and recognition from Social Services. We finally opened the doors at the Kingsley Centre in May 1987, providing post office services and a WRVS luncheon club plus one usable room for hire. Our young disabled people joined us the following year. Our twin aims were to provide services at the Centre for the people of Kingsley (these services to be provided by our participants, wherever possible) and secondly to offer them relevant training and support, so now each individual has their own personal program and goals and, with the support of their peers and staff and having gained confidence and training, they are able to take part in the operation and activities of a Community Centre.

We have now been operating for 30 years and a large number of people have moved on from Kingsley into the wider world, living independently, working in paid employment and offering their help on a voluntary basis. Numbers of them retain their friendships and pay return visits. At any one time we offer support to 70 disabled people. These are basically people who had no future after their education had finished and were not recognised by the authorities as needing ongoing support. Nicola actually

did not come to Kingsley until 2003 as she was employed at Treloars as a gardener for 13 years on a special work program. But her peers did come and have since moved on to be replaced by other young school leavers from our area.

We have fantastic staff and a lovely building, which we have greatly enhanced over the years and we now have regular bookings, which help towards our running costs. Our shop and post office is open every day, we also have a small café, garden area and offer IT facilities to members of the village. Villagers tell us we are the hub of the village - housing a Hampshire Information Point, a Montessori Nursery School; we provide a community lunch twice a month, local talks and work shops on various subjects, a parents' support group and leisure services for disabled people. Our participants and volunteers are involved in organizing all these facilities.

My reason for telling you all this is to try and raise the Organisation's profile in the neighbourhood and to answer the question - 'what is there for young people after Treloars'. It is surprising how many people I speak to know the name Kingsley Centre but do not know what goes on there. So if you are ever passing do pop in and see us. You would be very welcome.

Our web site address is [www.kingsleyorganisation.org.uk](http://www.kingsleyorganisation.org.uk) (website being updated at the moment) and if you go on to You Tube "Kingsley Organisation 30 years celebration" you will see why we do what we do!

*Judith Leslie-Smith*

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## **Froyle 100 Club Winners**

The winners for December were:

1st - David Robertson 2nd - Sue Marriott

3rd - Vicky Poulson 4th - Jeanette Cray

....and the bonus first prize, held over from November due to the generosity of the Stanfords, was won by Pat Cranford.

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

# 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 homemade 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.

## Cake bakers for January 2018

05-Jan.	Shirley Bellis.	Alex Roberts.	Jo Mills.	Sarah English.
12-Jan.	Gill Bradley.	Janet Dobson.	Chris Muddeman.	Sheila Cottington.
19-Jan.	Bea Sword.	Elizabeth Sealey.	Sue Lelliott.	Corinna Whines.
26-Jan.	Kay Pogson.	Alison Pincott.	Anne Blunt.	Maureen Fry.

It is enormously helpful 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 January 2018

05-Jan.	Elizabeth Sealey.	Jack Watts.
12-Jan.	Sheila Cottington.	Lori Taylor.
19-Jan.	Caroline Findlay.	Yvonne Irvine.
26-Jan.	Kay Pogson.	Jack Watts.

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

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



[www.froylewildlife.co.uk](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

### **Big Garden Birdwatch**

Joining in with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch **27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> January** is simple and enjoyable - and a great excuse to watch your garden birds. This annual count now has over half a million people regularly taking part and was started nearly 40 years ago. The data collected contributes to monitoring trends and helps to understand how birds are doing. While some changes in bird numbers can seem scary - we've lost more than half our house sparrows and some three-quarters of our starlings - it isn't all doom and gloom. Since Birdwatch began blue tit numbers have risen by 20% and the woodpigeon has increased 8-fold in gardens. See [www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch). Bird feeders containing sunflower hearts will mainly attract finches, tits and sparrows and increase their winter survival.



### **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, the next one is on **3rd Jan 2018**. So come and get involved with hands on nature conservation, see [www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php](http://www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php).



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

In December, we had a successful A.G.M. with an attendance of 35. The club has a membership of 65 and about 40 regularly attend. Unfortunately we have run at a manageable loss for 2 years, so next year-2019 subscriptions will rise to £10. It was also unanimously agreed not to have prize money for the shows excepting the children's classes. We are now functioning more successfully as good people have taken on jobs even if they don't wish to be full committee members .

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our New Years Party, 12.30 pm for 1.0 pm. Tasty food, a quiz and good company. Tickets at £7 are available from Molly Court (23131). We would still welcome contributions of food but feel free to claim for the cost of expensive ingredients.

A Happy New Year and Happy Gardening.

*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.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**January Meetings in the village hall are every Thursday**

**On the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Make a New Year's resolution, come and join us for a fun-filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



We wish a very Happy Christmas to all participants in the Better Balance class!

Sue will contact you in the New Year about the start of the next session.

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](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire)

*For ACH Information and Advice 10-3pm, Mon-Fri 0800 328 7154  
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/>*



## ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Registered Charity No: 1174502

# Do you actually NEED your Winter Fuel Payment?



We know of many local people who are in need of help to keep warm  
in winter

If you answered NO to the question above please consider donating your payment to Alton Lions Club in the certain knowledge that we will make sure that it goes directly to where it is needed. Through working with Citizens Advice Alton, we have targeted the real need.

**Help Alton Lions Club to support our community**

Please send your donation to

Alton Lions Club Sort Code 40-08-21 / A/c No 91002856 / Ref WFP

Or send your cheque payable to

'Alton Lions Club ', endorsed WFP on the reverse to  
Lion Treasurer, 1 Archery Rise, Alton, GU34 1PG

Sponsored by **the Herald**



## (Holiday Movie ) Medicine for the Soul



Identify 15 of the best Holiday Movies  
from which these lines are taken...

1. "I'm the king of the world!"
2. "Surely you can't be serious?" "...I am serious...and don't call me Shirley."
3. "Well, nobody's perfect."
4. "We'll always have Paris."
5. "If you build it, he will come."
6. "You can't handle the truth!"
7. "What we've got here is failure to communicate."
8. "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."
9. "Hasta la vista, baby."
10. "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist"
11. "Get busy livin', or get busy dyin'."
12. "Where we're going, we don't need roads."
13. "You're gonna need a bigger boat."
14. "Now you listen here. He's not the Messiah. He's a *very* naughty boy."
15. "In Italy for thirty years under the Borgias, they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed. They produced Michaelangelo, da Vinci, and the Renaissance. In Switzerland, they had brotherly love, five hundred years of democracy and peace, and what did they produce? The cuckoo clock."

(See page 15 for the answers)

## **An Important Message from PCSO David Nops of Alton Police Station**

### **FRAUD WARNING**

The Alton Neighbourhood Policing team together with our colleagues in East Hampshire would like to request your help in sharing the information that follows with your friends, neighbours and relatives particularly the older generation who may not have internet access.

Unfortunately there have been a number of crimes reported recently in the East Hampshire area where members of the public are being targeted by criminals attempting to trick them into handing over large sums of cash.

On many occasions these criminals are pretending to be police officers and appear to be seeking assistance in detecting crime. They often have some personal information such as your date of birth or even the name of your bank. The scams involved can vary but often involve a claim that the bank has substituted counterfeit money into a bank account. A request is then made to attend the bank and withdraw some money with clear instructions not to tell the bank staff.

If you have been contacted by any person stating they are a police officer (or other official) requesting you attend your bank we can advise you that this will be an attempt to steal your money.

On some occasions victims are contacted by telephone and asked to call back to verify the identity of the caller. The fraudster keeps the line open from their end to trick the victim into thinking they have dialled a new number to confirm the identity of the caller. If you are asked to call back to verify a caller telephone Hampshire police on 101 from a different telephone or mobile number if possible.

There are many other scams in circulation at the moment which involve withdrawing large sums of money or other financial transactions such as the purchase of I-tunes vouchers so please be aware. Victims are often over retirement age and are defrauded because of their trusting nature. This is generally down to the sophistication of the scam rather than the fact they may be vulnerable.

One victim of a recent fraud reported hearing the 'police sergeant' they were talking to on the telephone being asked if he would like a cup of tea by a 'constable' in the office he was calling from. It was this little detail that made them think the call was credible. It wasn't!

**No** Police Officer or other person acting in an official capacity would ever

contact you to ask you to withdraw money or provide details of your bank account or assist with an investigation in this way.

Please be cautious of any unsolicited call you receive from any person or company who asks you to provide any personal or financial information.

If you have been a victim of a crime of this nature please call Hampshire Police on 101.

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## Renewable energy – bringing it all together at local level

At **Energy Alton's next public meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**, ROGER MUNFORD will tell us all about smart grids, microgrids, community energy, solar, battery storage and how it all fits together in the home and in the national grid.

Roger is an engineer, a director of the West Solent Solar Co-operative and an electric vehicle driver. He has a passion for environmental technology and environmental education, and was one of the founding directors of the Southampton Environment Centre (now tEC).

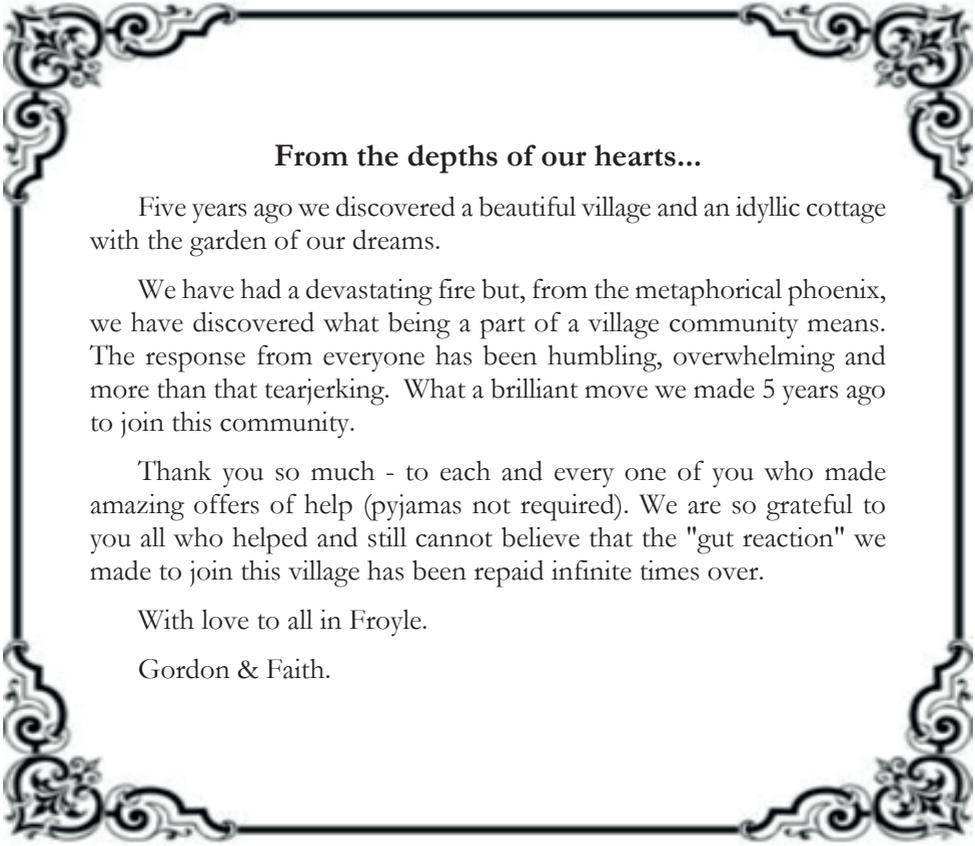
7.30 pm at Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN.

Free entry, bar, all are welcome. [www.energyalton.org.uk](http://www.energyalton.org.uk)

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### *Movie quotes answers from page 13*

1. Titanic
2. Airplane
3. Some like it Hot
4. Casablanca
5. Field of Dreams
6. A Few Good Men
7. Cool Hand Luke
8. Gone with the Wind
9. Terminator 2: Judgment Day.
10. The Usual Suspects
11. The Shawshank Redemption
12. Back to the Future
13. Jaws
14. Life of Brian
15. The Third Man



### From the depths of our hearts...

Five years ago we discovered a beautiful village and an idyllic cottage with the garden of our dreams.

We have had a devastating fire but, from the metaphorical phoenix, we have discovered what being a part of a village community means. The response from everyone has been humbling, overwhelming and more than that tearjerking. What a brilliant move we made 5 years ago to join this community.

Thank you so much - to each and every one of you who made amazing offers of help (pyjamas not required). We are so grateful to you all who helped and still cannot believe that the "gut reaction" we made to join this village has been repaid infinite times over.

With love to all in Froyle.

Gordon & Faith.

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## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to so many people: the exhibitors; all those who helped man the church stalls and those who provided items for sale; everyone who came; everyone who bought raffle tickets; the kitchen "staff"; and the Fundraising team that organised it all.

Wow! what a lot of people were involved but what a lovely event it was, full of joy in our community. Thank you all.

*Nigel Bulpitt*

## The Poppy Day Appeal 2017



The total raised was £1,416.16.

Thank you very much for your generosity which is an increase on the previous year.

I am very grateful to the following people who have directly helped in raising these funds:

Home collectors:- Linda Bulpit, Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Mark Cray and Ron Figgins;

The landlord and staff of the Anchor Inn and The Hen & Chicken Pub;

The manager and staff of the BP petrol station;

The manager and staff of Froyle Park.

I am looking for a person to cover the new housing in Upper Froyle which would involve a morning or afternoon going around house to house for donations.

Please let me know if you are interested.

2018 will be the 100th anniversary of the end of First World War and hopefully we can raise a record amount.

Do let me know if you have any ideas for a pub quiz or other such fund raising events.

Again many thanks for your generosity.

*Jamie Stewart-Smith*

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## The Alton Branch of the U3A

Monthly Meetings for 2018 start on **January 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Community Centre, at 2.00 pm, you are invited to hear Brian Freeland talk of his many years since 1959 working with drama and dance with many well-known theatre companies around the World.

His talk is entitled **Around the World in 80 Plays**, which promises to be informative and entertaining.

More information on the U3A web site.: <https://u3asites.org.uk/alton/home>

*Penelope Kennedy*

## A seasonal recipe:

# Paprika Pheasant Breasts with Mushroom Sauce

(from Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites)

### Will serve 6

and should take no more than

**half an hour to prepare -**

**Serve with mash or rice plus a seasonal green vegetable**

### You will need:

6 skinless pheasant breasts

50 gms butter

1 large onion, thickly sliced

1 tablespoon light muscovado sugar

2 tablespoons paprika

300 ml double cream

250 grams sliced chestnut mushrooms

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

S & P

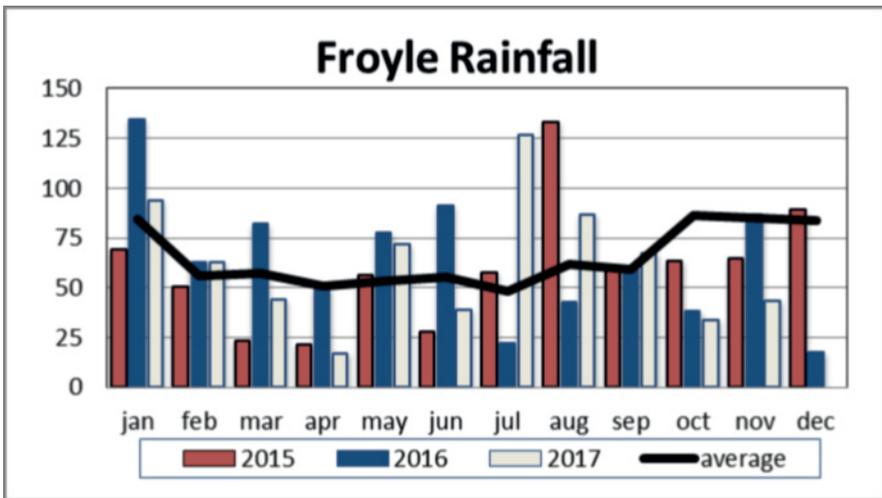
1. Season the pheasant breasts with S & P; heat a third of the butter in a deep frying pan, add the pheasant breasts, cook over a high heat for 3 minutes on one side, 2 minutes on the other, until golden brown and set aside.
2. Heat half of the remaining butter, add the onion and fry over a high heat for 1 minute. Lower the heat, cover and cook for a further 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until nearly soft.
3. Add the sugar and paprika and fry for 1 more minute. Pour in the cream, then return the pheasant breasts to the pan. Cover and simmer over a medium heat for about 10 minutes until the pheasant is tender.
4. While the pheasant is cooking, heat the remaining butter in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and fry for 2-3 minutes until golden and all the liquid has evaporated. Add the mushrooms and half the parsley to the pan with the pheasant breasts.
5. Serve one piece per person, with some of the sauce poured over and sprinkled with the remaining parsley.

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(... and **if anyone is looking for pheasant or partridge** for this recipe or to explore further the many possibilities for cooking with game, do **get in touch with either David Robertson (520820) or William Knowles (07775 92893)**, who have access to a plentiful supply between now and the end of January, when the game shooting season ends).

## Froyle Rainfall for November 2017

<b>This year</b>	43.5 mm	1.7 ins
<b>Last year</b>	87 mm	3.4 ins
<b>Wettest November (2009)</b>	198.5 mm	7.8 ins
<b>Driest November (1978)</b>	18 mm	0.7 ins
<b>November long-term average– the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest month</b>	84 mm	3.3 ins
<b>Total rainfall for the year so far</b>	687.5 mm	27.1 ins
<b>Long-term average for the year so far</b>	698.9 mm	27.5 ins



Another very low month, the lowest November since 2004 in fact (40 mm); and, at 77 mm, 2017's combined October/November rainfall has only been this low once in 40 years and that was way back in 1978 when a mere 25 mm was recorded. But, for those of you whose memory is a little rusty, NB in *December* 1978 we had an absolute deluge (147 mm) and the third wettest Christmas month in Umbrella Man's lifetime ... and that is a very long time...



**“The Umbrella Man”**

## Meanwhile in Froyle exactly 30 years ago...



The snow of January 1987 was very heavy causing Froyle to be cut off from the outside world for a couple of days or so. Here at Anchor plain (just to the south of the Anchor Public House) it took a snow blower quite a while to move the accumulated drifts. This photograph by Sue Clark shows the magnitude of the task!



...and this particular photograph was taken just below Sylvesters Farm where the drifts were several feet deep.



# *I was there...*



## The Concert for Bangladesh

Sunday night, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1971; Madison Square Garden in New York City. I have no recollection of how my friend scored four tickets—only that I got to go along. The Beatles! Two of them, anyway: George and Ringo. Bob Dylan! Also, Eric Clapton, Leon Russell, Billy Preston and a host of others, “Thinking about someone besides ourselves, for five minutes” (Clapton).

George Harrison organised it with classic sitar player, Ravi Shankar. The first set was Indian music. We listened politely but we were waiting for the stars: my first time seeing Dylan and Clapton, and I never got near a Beatle again. We still sing the songs from that night: *My Sweet Lord*, *A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall*...

This was the first rock benefit concert for humanitarian reasons, inspiring *Live Aid* and many other events over the years. The goal was to raise international awareness and relief funds for refugees and famine victims of the Bangladesh Liberation War. The two concerts (day and evening) and stunning three-record album made millions for the cause. Forty-six years later, George Harrison's Fund for UNICEF is still active in Bangladesh, sponsoring health, education and disaster relief projects.

*Mary Knowles*



**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](mailto:magazine@froyle.com)  
We'd all love to hear it...!**



# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

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<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Ch Groups
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Songs of Praise</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Ch Groups
	8.00am	Binsted	BCP Communion

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## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to so many people: the exhibitors; all those who helped man the church stalls and those who provided items for sale; everyone who came; everyone who bought raffle tickets; the kitchen "staff" and the Fundraising team that organised it all. Wow! what a lot of people were involved but what a lovely event it was, full of joy in our community. Thank you all.

*Nigel Bulpitt*

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

## ***Dear all,***

I'm writing this at the end of November, in the midst of one of the first cold snaps of the winter, forecast to last up and down the country for a few days. And although our winters have been getting milder in recent years, I'm wondering if, by the time this piece is read in the Froyle magazine, we shall be experiencing what Christina Rossetti's well known hymn describes:

'in the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone'.

Those opening words make winter sound so miserable, don't they? But although there are days when the skies are leaden, when the fierce wind is biting cold, when taking the dog for a walk is almost an act of penance, I find that, more often than not, there are sights to lift the heart on the dullest day. My dog, for a start, is ecstatic on every walk, snuffling in the fallen leaves, drinking from icy puddles. A dry and bright frosty day is the best of course, with sunlight picking out diamond jewelled cobwebs, spread across twigs and blades of grass edged with silver, making the bare countryside something special to behold. And in this part of the country we are blessed with a landscape of sweeping fields and hills, where the open skies offer majestic dawns of gold and pink and magnificent sunsets of crimson.

For some, winter can be a truly difficult time, but for most of us, even on the longest, darkest days, we may still find hope and joy, as Thomas Hardy did in his poem, *The Darkling Thrush*. As the poet leant upon the gate, when 'frost was spectre-grey, and winter's dregs made desolate the weakening eye of day,' he heard the song of a thrush, which he describes as 'there trembled through his happy good-night air, some blessed Hope whereof he knew, and I was unaware.' And I think that he hears the voice of God in that sweet song before dark descends.

So although I may still sometimes feel reluctant to leave the Vicarage on a cold wintry morning, as Scooby eagerly tugs me outside, I know I will soon feel cheered by his enthusiasm, by the bracing air and by the glory of God's creation all around us.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

♪ Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum... ♪

## An everyday story of walking folk...

### New Year Walk

Right, you've had a good Christmas and are determined to lose a few pounds, so here is a good walk that should help. Some is on the road and some on tracks and across fields so appropriate footwear is advised.

Starting again at the Village Hall, walk to Husseys Lane, either along Froyle Road, or across the recreation ground - the Rec - and down Park Lane. Walk all the way up Husseys Lane - it becomes a track after the last house - keep going for the best part of a mile until you come to the tarmac road, and then turn right.

Follow this road past Isnage Farm on your right and again keep on this road probably for approximately a mile until you come to a t-junction on a tight bend, turn left and follow the road and then the drive to Bury Court. Just before the gates of Bury Court Barn turn right and follow this path, which takes you through an avenue of trees up to Bentley Church.

When you get to the Church turn immediately right and follow the road past a cottage on the left and onto the t-junction by Jenkyn Place. (At this point if you go straight on you can go into Bentley and maybe have a drink at the Star, but surely this will negate your reasons for doing this walk!!). At the t-junction turn right and then immediately left, go through the parking area for the cottages on your left, through two gates and follow the edge of the field with the vineyard on your left, keep going and, when you get to the horses, follow the path as directed and then through a gate along a narrow path and then turn left onto Pax Hill Drive.

Just before the first house, take the stile into the field, follow the defined path across the field, then through the gate and onto Coldrey Drive, follow the drive up to the next gate, go through it and then, keeping Coldrey Cottages on your right, return to Froyle Road, turn right and then return to the village, again avoiding any thoughts of stopping at the Anchor which you pass on your left.

This walk will take an average walker about one and half hours, and I'm sure those with fitbits and the like will tell you how many calories you have burnt.

*R.Ambling*

## Village Events for January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Hello 2018</i>	2	3 <i>Refuse &amp; garden waste 9.00 Bentley SSSI Wildlife Gp</i>	4 <i>9.45 VH Toddlers</i>	5 <i>9.30 VH Meeting Pl</i>	6
7 <i>8.00 HC</i>	8	9 <i>Recycling</i>	10	11 <i>9.45 VH Toddlers</i>	12 <i>9.30 VH Meeting Pl</i>	13 <i>12.30 VH Gardening Club NY party</i>
14 <i>11.00 HC</i>	15 <i>Refuse &amp; garden waste</i>	16	17	18 <i>9.45 VH Toddlers</i>	19 <i>9.30 VH Meeting Pl  Magazine deadline</i>	20
21 <i>11.00 HC</i>	22 <i>Recycling &amp; bottles</i>	23 <i>7.30 VH PC meeting</i>	24	25 <i>9.45 VH Toddlers</i>	26 <i>9.30 VH Meeting Pl</i>	27 <i>7.00 VH Quiz Night Wildlife Gp Birdwatch begins</i>
28 <i>4.30 Songs of Praise</i>	29 <i>Refuse &amp; garden waste</i>	30	31			

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council .....	<i>Philippa Cullen Stephenson</i> -520102 <a href="http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk">www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman .....	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 <a href="http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/">www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Gardening Club .....	<i>Brenda Milam</i> - 22216
Froyle Vestment Group .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 <a href="http://www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/">www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/</a>
St. Mary's Flower Rota .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive .....	<i>Chris &amp; Annette Booth</i> - 22364 <a href="http://www.froyle.com">www.froyle.com</a>
The Meeting Place .....	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Good Neighbours .....	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern .....	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Froyle Friends ( <i>visiting friends in hospital</i> ) .....	<i>Annette Booth</i> - 22364
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group ( <i>transport to medical appointments</i> ) .....	- 23440
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<b>NHS non-emergency</b> .....	<b>111</b>
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	<a href="http://www.benbinfro.co.uk">www.benbinfro.co.uk</a>

## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the inside cover.

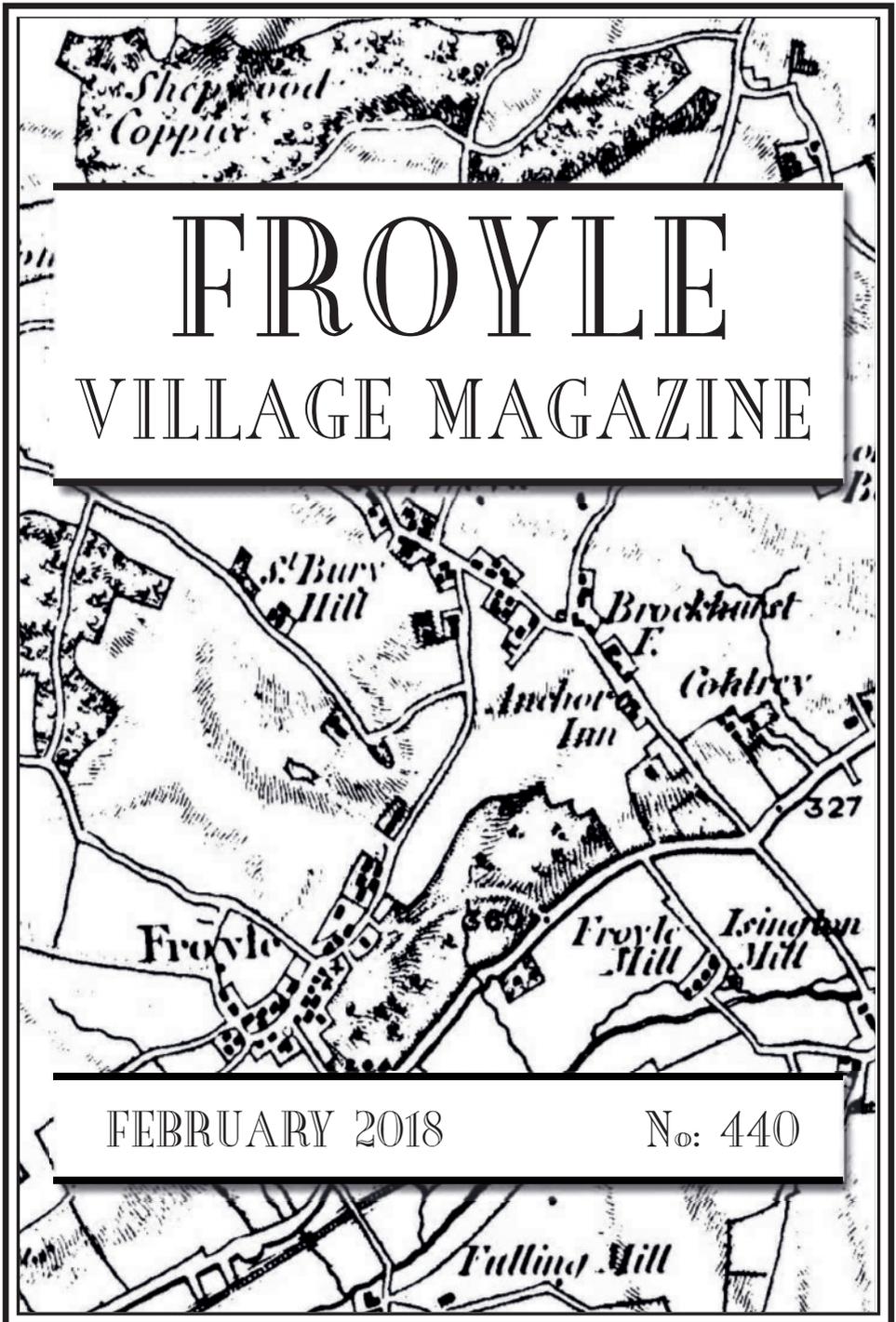
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[froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk) and copied to [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com).

All contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to  
[magazine@froyle.com](mailto: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, 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 framed by a double-line border.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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## Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018

1. Mrs Louise Marston is no longer available to join the FPC. A notice has been placed on the village notice boards stating there is a vacancy. Anyone interested is asked to advise The Clerk of the Froyle Parish Council.
2. **Transport Funds - a reminder that funds are available**  
The PC has funds available for Community Groups to use for subsidising the hire of a minibus. The fund is open to any Group that benefits Froyle Residents, maximum of £500 contribution per trip. Further details on how to apply are available from the Parish Clerk. So if you have plans for a trip in 2018, let us know.
3. **Football Hut project**  
The joint Village Hall/Parish Council sub-committee have recently met with a local architect, Mark Penfold, to discuss ideas and options for the football hut. Mark Penfold has been asked to develop the ideas discussed and report with costings for these options.
4. **Froyle Park**  
**There is continuing concern over the lack of adequate signage for Froyle Park. Froyle Green is still being driven into by guests seeking Froyle Park. FPC and Glynis Watts, the District Councillor, will pursue the matter so that traffic is better directed towards Froyle Park.**
5. **Cycle event – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**  
A further reminder for the non-competitive cycling event on this day. Details can be found on [www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk](http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk). The routes include Lower Froyle (coming from Golden Pot and Bentley) and then up to Well.
6. **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at 7.45pm.**

## LENT LUNCHES 2018

Starting on Ash Wednesday, these lunches are a simple soup, bread and cheese affair, in aid of a charity chosen by the host/hostess.

They take place between 12.30 and 2.00 pm, and all donations from attendees will be gratefully received. If anyone needs a lift, would like to offer a lift, or has any other queries, please call me on 23697.



**Ash Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at Warren Cottage**, in aid of Crohn's & Colitis UK  
(*Gillian Pickering 23209*)

**February 21<sup>st</sup> at Brecklands**, in aid of RNLI (*Jo Mills 22384*)

**February 28<sup>th</sup> at Yarnhams**, in aid of Kidney Research UK (*Ali Maude 01256 862291*)

Next month's Magazine will contain details of the remaining three Lent lunch venues.

*Jenny Gove (23697)*

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## Froyle Charity Golf Day 2018

### Blackmoor Golf Club

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018

There are still plenty of vacancies for this annual event - whether you wish to enter a team of four or enter as an individual, all are welcome - so anyone wishing to play should contact Ian Whitmore by email [ian.whitmore1@gmail.com](mailto:ian.whitmore1@gmail.com) or by telephone 22634.

We would also be grateful to anyone who wishes to donate prizes.

*Ian Whitmore (22634)*



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## FROYLE WILDLIFE

An entertaining talk

on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

'My family and 50 other animals'

by natural history writer Dominic Couzens.

See page 12 for more details.



*Barry Clark (23520)*

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## FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2018

Saturday & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June

See page 13 for more details

*Nick Whines (23130)*





# FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



## 'MY COUSIN RACHEL'

**Starring**  
**RACHEL WEISZ**  
**&**  
**SAM CLAFLIN**

**FRIDAY**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Froyle Village Hall**  
**Doors open 7 p.m.**  
**Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

**Rated 12A**

**Based on the Daphne du Maurier  
Novel**

A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms.

**Based on a Daphne du Maurier Novel.**

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

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

**Pay Bar available**

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:  
Karen Potter (01420 520294)**



Bookings: Susie  
Robertson  
01420 520820

## 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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

Froyle Village Hall is a Registered Charity (281141). It is managed by a committee who are elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Meetings are held once a month on the first Tuesday. At the most recent meeting Gordon Mitchell was invited to join the committee and Sarah Zorab to rejoin and we are delighted to report that both have accepted.

### Current Projects

Currently the Committee have two improvement projects under consideration. In response to user comments we are looking to replace the two hand dryers in the loos with more efficient models which we hope will actually dry your hands. We are also

getting quotes to replace the heavy wooden front doors with aluminium ones which should be more stable and less inclined to jam.

The Village Hall Committee is working with the Parish Council and the architect Mark Penfold to develop a new plan for the football hut.

## Hall Hire Charges

Hire charges have remained unchanged for a number of years. **From 1st April, 2018**, the Committee has agreed a modest increase to cover the cost of rising prices and, at the same time, simplifying the tariff as follows:

<u>By session:</u>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-resident</b>	<b>All Others</b>
Morning (8.30am - 12.30pm)	£25.00	£40.00	£70.00
Afternoon (1.30pm - 5.30pm)	£25.00	£40.00	£70.00
Evening (6.00pm – 11.30pm)	£30.00	£45.00	£80.00
<u>Special Hourly Rate:</u>			
(Wed afternoon and evening only)	£12.50	£20.50	£35.00
<i>For information purposes:</i>			
<i>Effective hourly rate per daytime session</i>	<i>£6.25</i>	<i>£10.00</i>	<i>£17.50</i>
<i>ie Session Rates/4 hours</i>			
<i>and for All Day + Evening bookings</i>	<i>£5.33</i>	<i>£8.33</i>	<i>£14.67</i>
<i>ie Session Rates/15 hours</i>			

**Resident:** Froyle residents hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

**Non-resident:** Other individuals hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

**Others:** All others.

If you would like to hire the Hall please have a look at our web site at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk) where you will find plenty of information. We are currently experimenting with a new online booking service which we will make available once we have mastered it! For the time being, to book the hall, please contact Susie Robertson on 01420 520820 or email [bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk).

## Other matters

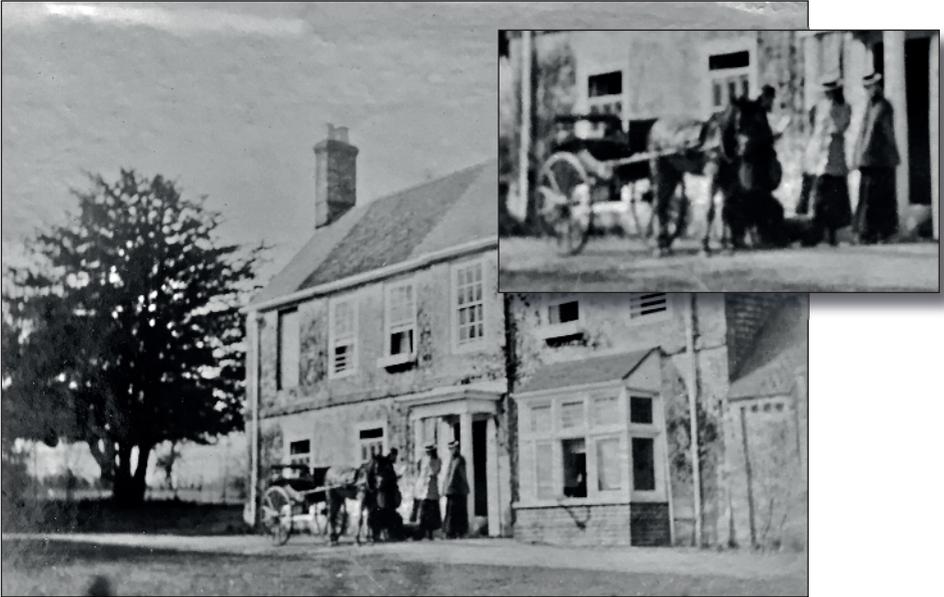
We were sorry to learn that the Quiz Night has again had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Quiz Night has always been a much loved (and sometimes very rowdy) event in the Froyle Calendar. We will do our best to ensure it returns in its traditional slot in October.

Finally if there are activities or events you would like to see happening in the Hall, the Committee always welcomes suggestions. And don't worry, you won't immediately be asked to organise it!

*Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle FVH  
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk (23130)*

## February News from The Froyle Archive

We recently received a couple of photographs that show life in Upper Froyle at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. They came from Lady Cynthia Floud who had been researching her family tree. We don't have a precise date, but they show "The Vicarage" and the vicar's wife, Mrs Annie Floud - she is the one gardening.



Henry Castle Floud had become vicar in 1876, moving from All Saints Church in Alton, and would stay in Froyle until 1897.



There are a couple of points to note about the larger picture - there is no statue of St Paul on the far corner of the house where a window has been blocked off, presumably to avoid the "Window Tax", and we imagine the pony & trap belongs to the postman who is delivering the mail. The back of the house had many additions before the pictures were taken, but there is a 1930s picture on the website

which shows little further change.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

*Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)*

## *Ode (Owed) to Froyle*

*Froyle has always been known for its good deeds  
for its caring and special touch  
but until you are on its receiving end  
you can't know how it means so much  
How can we say a thank you ?  
What can we do to repay  
the great support that's been given to us  
since the fire took hold that day.  
From the uplifting words  
to the helping hands  
For the warmth of clothes and hugs  
to the sorting out and the comfort stops  
to the food and hot tea mugs  
For the caring hearts  
and the gifts and smiles  
to the chats and open doors  
by all these things – we've been humbled  
and we give you our loudest applause.  
So thank you Froyle for all that you've done  
and all that you will do in days to come  
We know having lived here 39 years  
Froyle is there for the laughter  
and there for the tears.  
So as we rebuild and watch the house grow  
with each new brick we'll totally know  
That here is the place we want to be  
right in the heart of our Froyle family.*

*P.S. The wonderful Christmas hamper you gave to us was a  
lovely surprise and  
has been thoroughly enjoyed.*

*Lynda and Julian Ben-David (1 Highway Cottages)*

We have recently received this notification from the Patients Participation Group:

Please Note — any queries to be addressed to: [almitchinson@gmail.com](mailto:almitchinson@gmail.com)

## **Annual Health Fest 2018**

The Annual Health Fest will take place on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
10:00am — 3:00pm at the Assembly Rooms in Alton. Entry is Free.

**New for 2018: HEALTH CHECKS FOR 40 — 70 YEAR OLDS.**

Health Checks this year will be available from Rushmoor Healthy Living.

To be eligible for these you must be:

Aged 40 — 70 years, without certain pre-existing conditions or be on particular medications.

In addition to the health checks, there will also be free blood pressure, lung function and glucose tests fitness assessments available to all.

Stands will include Walking for Health, Breast Care, Aortic Screening, Bowel Screening.

Everyone Welcome regardless of which Practice you normally attend.

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## **The Alton Branch of the U3A**

Alton U3A invite you to February's Monthly Meeting to hear Phil Holt reveal the history of the **RED ARROWS**, the story of the creation of this magnificent display team, and some events from the behind scenes. **Date February 16<sup>th</sup> 2018, venue Alton Community Centre, time 2.00pm, all welcome.**

More information on the U3A web site.: <https://u3asites.org.uk/alton/home>

*Penelope Kennedy*

# The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place opens its doors every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am - 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious homemade 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.

## **Cake bakers for February 2018**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	June Trim.	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Barbara Starbuck.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Bellis	Kim Blake.	Louise Marston	Sarah Zorab.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Carr	Anne Wetherall.	Jenny Dundas	Jenny Matthews.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom.	Mary Chaplin	Pat Gasson.

It is enormously helpful 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 February 2018**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	David and Mary Perryman	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Carr	Marje Heyhurst.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Bulpitt	Brenda Milam.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	David Robertson	William Knowles.

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

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



[www.froylewildlife.co.uk](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

**In Spring 2018 we plan to enlarge the wildflower area on Froyle Recreation ground by sowing cornfield annuals.**

Now all we need are volunteers to make it happen! Can you help on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2-4pm** to roll up and remove turves? (The turf will have already have been cut by machine). If so please bring a garden spade and gloves, refreshments will be available. We will then cultivate the ground on Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm and again assistance would be appreciated.



The plan is to cultivate a new 5x10m area and sow with cornfield annuals only. Sown in April these should flower from July to September. This area would not be cut until the following year when the ground would again be cultivated in spring and sown with cornfield annuals. Volunteers from Froyle Wildlife would do this for the next 3 years with approval from Froyle Parish Council.

An advantage of spring sown cornfield annuals is that they should flower at a different time of year to the existing perennial wildflower meadow area, lengthening the season to autumn. There should be a colourful display of cornfield annuals each

year and more nectar for bees and other insects. For more information see [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/planned-extension-to-wildflower-area-2018-froyle/](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/planned-extension-to-wildflower-area-2018-froyle/).

**Date for your diary for an entertaining talk on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**  
‘My family and 50 other animals’ by natural history writer Dominic Couzens. This talk tells the story of a family mission – to see as many species of Britain’s mammals in a single year as possible. See [www.froylewildlife/news](http://www.froylewildlife/news).

*Barry Clark*



## Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

Once again we had a very happy New Year Lunch party. Thanks are very much due to the Gardening Club committee who all worked hard to ensure its success. Members brought delicious food and a large number of delicious desserts disappeared very quickly. I must thank Geoff Hawkins for preparing the 2 quizzes which proved quite difficult but also different. Maureen Hunter also read poems with a convincing Pam Ayres delivery. Thank you everyone.

On February 9th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Mr Graham Bowyer will speak about Japanese Gardens and on April 26th this will be followed up by a visit to his garden. The competition is a ‘Winter Posy’. Visitors as always are very welcome.

**Special Invitation:** Valerie and David Menzies have invited us to their new Winter Garden on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. There will be refreshments.

Finally this year’s Surrey Horticultural Federation talk will be on Sunday 4th March at Normandy Village Hall, Glaziers Lane. Tony Kirkham from Kew Gardens will give a talk, ‘Trees-A Cut Above The Rest’. Please ring Brenda on 22216 for tickets.

*Brenda Milam*

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### Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for January were:

1st - Margaret Stanford    2nd - Martin Wimshurst  
3rd - Caroline Bush    4th - Ann Blunt

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

## 2018 FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### First Call for Volunteers

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 looking out through the window. For a while it snowed and the garden was etched in white. Then the snow turn to rain. Puddles formed on the lawn. The water butts and gutters overflowed. The trees dripped. Gloom descended. Not a day for even the keenest gardener. Hard to believe that Froyle Open Gardens, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS), is only four months away. How, in such a short time, can this muddy and melancholy plot transform into something that visitors will travel miles to view. But of course it will. Close your eyes for a moment and imagine the roses and the clematis against a blue sky with fluffy clouds.

In fact the gardeners are already planning and preparing. Well I hope they are. They know that out there in the damp and the cold the gardens are stirring. Already the snowdrops and aconites are in flower. Other bulbs are pushing up through the leaf litter. In the greenhouse the autumn sown sweet peas need pinching out. As always there is a great deal to do.

### **Froyle Open Gardens will be held over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

Nine gardens, including three splendid new ones, will be opening to delight nearly a thousand visitors. The success of the event depends on a considerable amount of community effort. In addition to the gardening there are cakes to be made, sandwiches to be cut, teas to be poured, car parks to be managed, signs to be erected, plants stalls to manned, directions to be given, money to be counted, litter to be picked, and lots of washing up.

So **this is a first call for volunteers**. If you would like to help please make yourself known and put the dates in your diary. Last year Froyle raised over £5,000 for the various medical and other charities the NGS supports. In 2018 we will try to do even better.

*Nick Whines 23130 Email [nick@whines.co.uk](mailto:nick@whines.co.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.

**February Meetings in the village hall are every Thursday**

**On the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Finally a note of sadness...and a request...

After 9 years of being an active member of the Froyle toddler group, **I shall "retire" from my toddler group duties in July**, as my youngest child will start primary school in September.

It has been so much fun and a privilege to be part of this toddler group for so long and I have met lots of lovely parents, grandparents and child-minders along the way. It is such a great and important group for our local community.

**The group needs more than one volunteer and a group of new mums would be ideal** as it does get a bit much doing it weekly from start to finish single-handed. I shall be enjoying the next few months with the group but **would very much like to hear from any volunteers that may want to help run this group from now or September...**

*Sylvie Nonbebel (520779)*



More news about Better Balance next month.

In the meantime, 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](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire)

*For ACH Information and Advice 10-3pm, Mon-Fri 0800 328 7154  
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/>*



## ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Registered Charity No: 1174502

# Do you actually NEED your Winter Fuel Payment?

We know of many local people who are in need of help to keep warm  
in winter

If you answered NO to the question above please consider donating your payment to Alton Lions Club in the certain knowledge that we will make sure that it goes directly to where it is needed. Through working with Citizens Advice Alton, we have targeted the real need,

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## (Musical ) Medicine for the Soul



### The best team sport ... for the sportingly challenged

I was wondering recently why music has been such a huge part of my life, even my identity, and why I feel so passionately that it is such an important force for good in this troubled world.

I can't really remember life before music, although growing up there wasn't a huge amount in the household. My parents were keen supporters, but not musicians. When my mother found my first piano she was very proud that "every note played", which was certainly a good start. I think I was exceptionally lucky with having an inspiring class music teacher who made music in school, something that everyone wanted to do and join in with. To me, that inclusivity remains the magic of music.

When I was a little girl, I wanted to be an opera singer but I certainly didn't have the voice for that. I wasn't the right shape to become a ballerina or anything similarly exotic so I had to settle for a more traditional route through life. What I did do though was sing all the way through school, then through university and throughout my life since then. I am very lucky to have a long-suffering husband who counts the numbers of concerts he has loyally sat through in the hundreds.

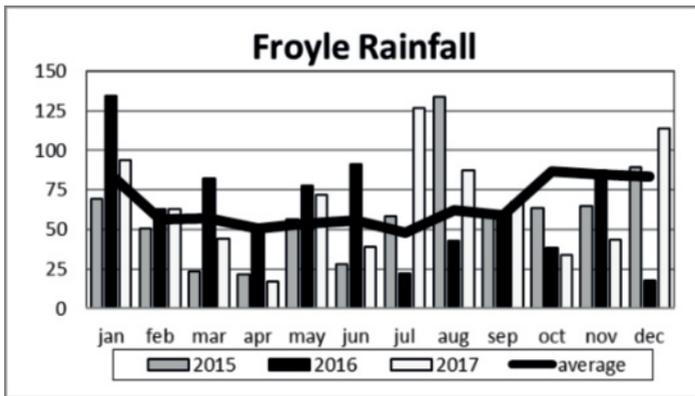
We are all born with a voice and it is the only instrument that is freely available to us anywhere almost any time. Music for the voice covers all genres and all times so you really can sing anything you like with anyone you like. What I love is the variety available even to us amateur singers. You can sing with your children and grandchildren, with friends in the village choir, in massed choral events and even on specially arranged musical holidays. It's handy to be able to read music but you can sing quite well without.

I have been asked by the Editor to say what is my favourite and although it sounds rather trite it is so often what I'm singing at the moment. It is really exciting to be in the chorus of a really big work like Messiah. The Rachmaninov Vespers were really special too. But I had never heard "O Radiant Daw"n before we sang it at the recent Froyle Advent Service and for a while it was definitely my number one, and Jonathan will tell you I was singing it all the time. This is why I am convinced that singing is quite the best team sport, is good for the body and restores the soul. I recommend it to everyone.

*Gillian Pickering*

## Froyle Rainfall for December 2017 and for the past year

This year	113.5 mm	4.5 ins
Last year	17.5 mm	0.7 ins
Wettest December (1989)	167 mm	6.6 ins
Driest December (1988)	17 mm	0.7 ins
December long-term average – the 4 <sup>th</sup> wettest month	84.2 mm	3.3 ins
Total rainfall for the whole of 2017	801 mm	31.5 ins
Long-term average for the year as a whole	783.1 mm	30.8 ins



School report on last year's predictions:

1. at end-2016:

Two-thirds of the time a dry final quarter is followed by a dry first quarter; **WRONG** (almost exactly the average)

2. in March:

Below average Q1 means below average H1; **RIGHT** (5% below average).

3. in August:

>200mm of summer rain means run up to Christmas lousy; **HALF-RIGHT** (Q4 was 25% below average but December was 35% above).

So overall **FAIR** (must try harder...)

And my prediction for 2018?

See 1 above... again... on the basis that I am hopeful that I will not be wrong two years on the trot. (*I'm not. Ed*)



**“The Umbrella Man”**

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



## Churchwarden:

**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge, Upper Froyle

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## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

Tel: 01420 520041

## FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	4.30 for 5pm	Bentley	Live@5
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday service</b>
	7.00pm	Binsted	Ash Wednesday service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	4.30 for 5pm	Bentley	Live@5
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with children's groups
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> (March)	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	4.30 for 5pm	Bentley	Live@5

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

As I began this letter for the February issue of the magazine, not long after the start of the year, thoughts of Lent and fasting were somewhat far from my mind. Having done my best to dutifully rid the house, let alone the Benefice, of stray mince pies, brandy butter and cream, I still found my hand straying to the lonely bumper box of Christmas chocolates left temptingly open in the study. Over-indulgence is so easy in Western society and the festive time of year offers us all so many opportunities to eat to excess. We make New Year resolutions to diet, study the advice offered so freely by all the newspapers and yet so often we fail to reform our habits.

Yet now, as February begins and those rashly made resolutions have been abandoned, there is truly the chance for renewal of purpose with the onset of Lent. This year it will commence on (Ash Wednesday) February 14<sup>th</sup> and end on (Holy or Maundy Thursday) March 29<sup>th</sup>, which is actually a period of 44 days. As there is no obligation to fast on Sundays, this is how we arrive at a total of 40 days, echoing the period Jesus spent fasting in the desert. I'd like to think if He could do it, I could do it, especially since the normal custom here is just to curb our consumption of sweet things or alcohol, rather than deny ourselves all nourishment.

But we are surrounded by so many temptations in our busy lives, including the very moreish Lemon Drizzle Cake our lovely parishioners provide after every Sunday morning service, that even a modest denial can prove difficult to sustain. And our period of Lent is traditionally preceded by one last fill-your-boots blast of feasting, whether it's Fasching in Germany, Carnevale in Italy or our more modest Shrove Tuesday (February 13<sup>th</sup>) with its traditional pancakes (make mine lemon and sugar please!).

Maybe if we described Lent as a 'detox' or 'mindful' eating, in keeping with the latest dieting trends, more people would subscribe to it. But Lent is not just an opportunity, welcome though it is, to lose a few inches from the waistline by eating more simply, it is also a window of time in which we can reflect and appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made for us and meditate on the true meaning of our lives. 'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.'(1 Corinthians ch.13, v.12)

So this year I pray you may all embrace this period of abstinence in the hope it will strengthen your resolve to keep your hastily made New Year resolutions, encourage you to see more clearly the purpose and future of our Church and maybe also whittle away a stubborn pound or two. And I'll be joining you all in 'mindful' eating, just as soon as I've demolished the last praline truffle in the box.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE  
CHURCHES  
INVITE THE SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH TO A  
PANCAKE LUNCH PARTY ON SHROVE TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY  
AT THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE, BINSTED 12PM -2PM



Enjoy savoury filled pancakes followed by sweet pancakes  
RSVP - Please let one of us know if you would like to come  
Jane Dalton tel 520278 or Helen MacDonald tel 474584



You are invited to join us on

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:messychurch@benbinfro.org)

## ♪ Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum... ♪

### An everyday story of walking folk...

Everyone I meet on various walks is fed up with walking through mud. Therefore a couple of suggestions for a couple of circular routes around the village that don't involve any fields.

1. Leave Lower Froyle to the north west, walking along the road towards the Golden Pot, go about a mile and a half (past the turning to the right to Long Sutton) and then turn left at the the sign for Yarnhams. Follow the drive past the barns (on your right), Yarnhams Farmhouse on your left and then the bungalows on your right and when you get to the lane turn left. Follow the road - taking in the panoramic view at the top of the hill of Upper Froyle - all the way back to Froyle Park. Turn left past the church and then follow the road back to Lower Froyle. This will take you about an hour and a half and can be walked **without Wellingtons** and if you are really fit maybe a good jogging route.
2. Similarly this walk, again about an hour and a half, can be walked in walking boots or again a decent jogging route. Leave Lower Froyle past the Anchor, turn into Coldrey Drive and follow this all the way to the cottage at the end of the drive, cross the road go under the A31 and follow the lane to Isington. Passing Isington Mill and over the River Wey, keep going up the hill until you reach the t-junction and turn left, follow the road all the way to the Bentley/Blacknest Road. Turn Left walk over the A31 to Bentley crossroads, turn left and follow the road back to Coldrey and then back to Lower Froyle.

Both walks are pleasant, involve no muddy fields and, as they involve a few hills, will get rid of a few calories.

Hopefully by March the fields will be less muddy and we can get back to some walks where those with dogs can let them off the lead.

*R Ambling*

## FROYLE SMALL ADS

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*Mike Starbuck (22180)*

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## Village Events for February, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9.45 FVH Toddlers	2 9.30 FVH Meeting Place	3 2.00 Gardening Club Garden visit
4 8.00 HC	5 Recycling	6	7	8 9.45 FVH Toddlers	9 9.30 FVH Meeting Place  7.30 FVH Gardening Club lecture	10
11 11.00 HC	12 Refuse & Garden Waste	13 12.00 (Binsted) Pancake Day 7.45 VH Parish Council	14 9.30 Ash Wed. Service 12.00 Warren Cott Lent Lunch	15 9.45 FVH Toddlers	16 9.30 FVH Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	17
18 11.00 HC	19 Recycling & bottles	20	21 12.00 Brecklands Lent Lunch	22 9.45 FVH Toddlers	23 9.30 FVH Meeting Place  7.00 FVH Film Night	24 2.00 The Red Wildlife Gp wildflower garden preparation
25 6.30 Evensong	26 Refuse & Garden Waste	27	28 12.00 Yarnhams Lent Lunch			

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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District Councillor .....	<i>Glynis Watts</i> - 07747 628333 <i>Glynis.Watts@easthants.gov.uk</i>
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Froyle Vestments Group .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 <a href="http://www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/">www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/</a>
St. Mary's Flower Rota .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive .....	<i>Chris &amp; Annette Booth</i> - 22364 <a href="http://www.froyle.com">www.froyle.com</a>
The Meeting Place .....	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Good Neighbours .....	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern .....	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Froyle Friends ( <i>visiting friends in hospital</i> ) .....	<i>Annette Booth</i> - 22364
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group ( <i>transport to medical appointments</i> ) .....	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team .....	<i>PCSO 14396 Jess Hornsby</i> - 07554 775556 Dial: <b>101</b> Ext: 771 243 or email: <i>jessica.hornsby@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
<b>NHS non-emergency</b> .....	<b>111</b>
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	<a href="http://www.benbinfro.co.uk">www.benbinfro.co.uk</a>

## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the front inside cover. All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

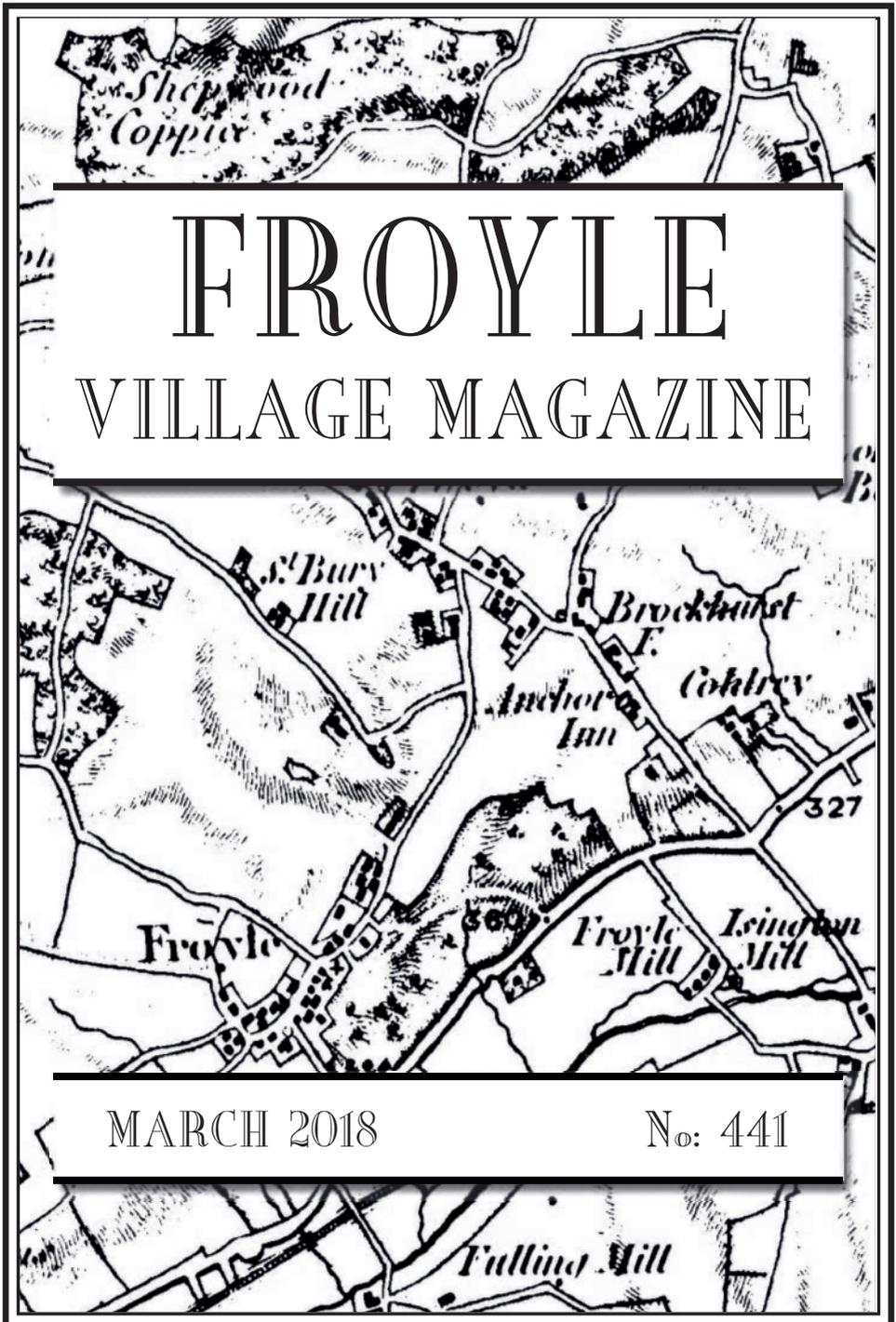
*magazine@froyle.com and copied to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*

All magazine contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to:

*magazine@froyle.com*

**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 framed by a double-line border.

# FROYLE

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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

## FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Froyle Parish Council did not meet in February. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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## MARCH EVENTS

### Lent lunches 2018

Running throughout Lent, these lunches are a simple soup, bread and cheese affair, in aid of a charity chosen by the host/hostess. They take place between 12.30 and 2.00 pm, and all donations from those attending will be gratefully received. If anyone needs a lift, would like to offer a lift, or has any other queries, please call me on 23697.

The venues for the Lent lunches in March are as follows:

**Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> (note change of day)** at The Old Malthouse, in aid of Canine Partners (Gill Bradley 520484)

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** at Beech Cottage, in aid of 'Thrive' (Caroline Findlay 22019)

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** at Copse Hill Farm, in aid of Canine Partners (Jane Macnabb 23195).

*Jenny Gove (23697)*

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## Froyle Wildlife

**An entertaining talk on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

‘My family and 50 other animals’ by natural history writer Dominic Couzens.

See page 10 for more details.

*Barry Clark (23520)*

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## Froyle Gardening Club

A talk by Graham Bowyer on “Japanese Gardens” on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

# FUTURE EVENTS



## Church Spring Jumble Sale

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm, Froyle Village Hall**

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** as would new ideas or offers of help. Contact stall holders below if you would like a house collection or bring your donations to the Meeting Place any Friday in March.

**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.

*Julie Southern (520620) & Sarah Roberts (520041)*

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## Froyle Open Gardens 2018

**Saturday & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Several gardens in the village will be open again this year, and as always there'll be opportunities for volunteers to help with running this very popular event. More details in future editions.



*Nick Whines (23130)*

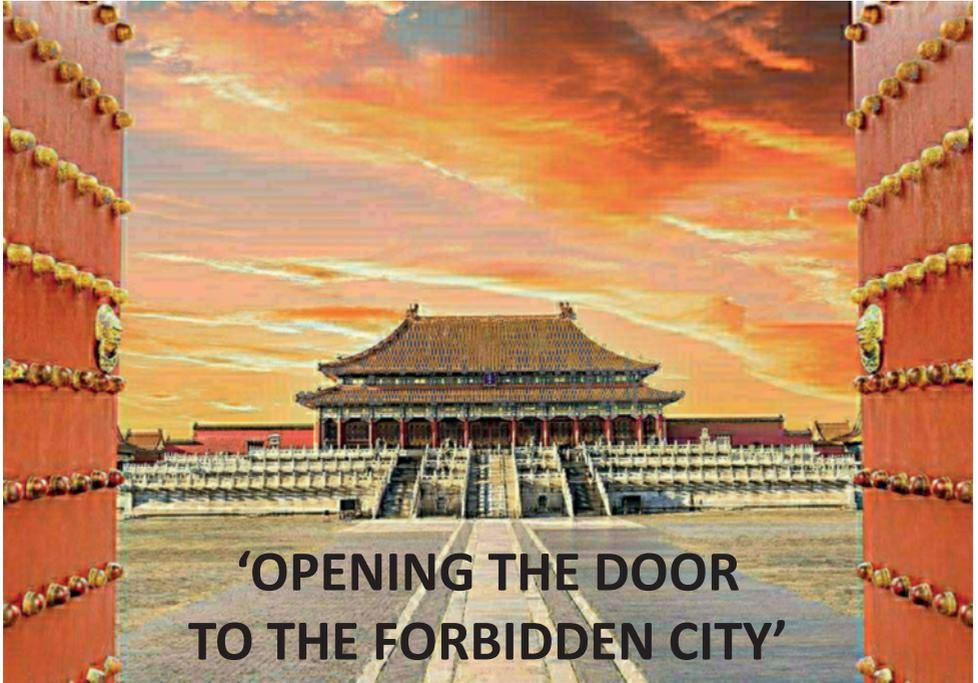


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## 72<sup>nd</sup> Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Village Recreation Ground**

Our traditional village fête will be on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July this year. More details in future editions.



# **‘OPENING THE DOOR TO THE FORBIDDEN CITY’**

**The rise, fall and rise again of China’s imperial capital**

**A TALK  
BY**

**MARY GINSBERG**

**Former Curator, British Museum**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**8 p.m.**

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH FROYLE**

**Wine & Nibbles will be served – Ticket price to be confirmed**

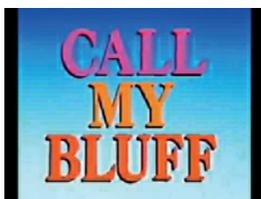
**FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE NEXT MAGAZINE**



# FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

## 'WINE - CALL MY BLUFF'

Based on the TV Quiz 'Call My Bluff'  
In aid of Froyle Village Hall



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**  
**7 FOR 7.30 P.M.**  
**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL**

Further information to follow in the  
next Froyle Magazine



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### Advance notice of The Village Quiz 2018

The (in)famous Village Quiz WILL return - on 27 October 2018. This is an important and fun part of the village's autumn activities. Please put it in your diaries now, and start thinking about your team!



Bookings: Susie  
Robertson  
01420 520820

## 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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

### Hall Hire Charges

Hire charges have remained unchanged for a number of years. **From 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018**, the Committee has agreed a modest increase to cover the cost of rising prices and, at the same time, simplifying the tariff as follows:

<u>By session:</u>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-resident</b>	<b>All Others</b>
Morning (8.30am - 12.30pm)	£25.00	£40.00	£70.00
Afternoon (1.30pm - 5.30pm)	£25.00	£40.00	£70.00
Evening (6.00pm – 11.30pm)	£30.00	£45.00	£80.00

Special Hourly Rate:

(Wed afternoon and evening only)    £12.50                      £20.50                      £35.00

*For information purposes:*

*Effective hourly rate per daytime session*    £6.25                      £10.00                      £17.50

*ie Session Rates/4 hours*

*and for All Day + Evening bookings*    £5.33                      £8.33                      £14.67

*ie Session Rates/15 hours*

**Resident:** Froyle residents hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

**Non-resident:** Other individuals hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

**Others:** All others.

If you would like to hire the Hall please have a look at our web site at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk) where you will find plenty of information. We are currently experimenting with a new online booking service which we will make available once we have mastered it! For the time being, to book the hall, please contact Susie Robertson on 01420 520820 or email [bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk).

*Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle FVH  
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk (23130)*

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## Thank You

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the caring people of Froyle for your expressions of kindness and sympathy. The flowers, soup and cakes, not to mention wonderful letters, cards and phone calls received following Peter's unexpected death have been very much appreciated. We have always felt part of the Village since we moved in almost 20 years ago, and your wonderful support over the last few weeks has been a great comfort and convinced me, if I needed convincing, that I want to remain in Froyle!

*Gill Bradley*

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## Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for February were:

1st - Gordon Mitchell    2nd - Roz Packett

3rd - Sarah Thursfield    4th - Pat Parrott

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

## March News from The Froyle Archive



With Easter just around the corner, it is rather appropriate to tell the story of Froyle's Easter Sepulchre.

You may have noticed it as an arched recess at floor level in the North wall of the Chancel by the Altar. It was built at the same time as this part of the Church and is therefore 14th Century. In fact it was definitely there in 1377, for we know that John Mott, of Froyle, died in this year, and left among other things in his will, discovered at Lambeth Palace in 1929, "Money for candles to burn in the Easter Sepulchre".

So what function did an Easter Sepulchre fulfil?

GH Cook, author of "The English Mediaeval Church" wrote:-

"Of the many rites and observances of the mediaeval church, the ceremony of the Easter

Sepulchre...was universal in parish churches. It was in the nature of a liturgical drama, symbolising the Entombment and the Resurrection of Our Lord. On Good Friday, amid solemn ceremonial, the Blessed Sacrament, placed in a small receptacle, was laid in the Easter Sepulchre, a tomb-like structure which was erected to the north of the high altar. Watched day and night, it remained there until the early hours of Easter Sunday when it was transferred to the high altar."

Although Froyle's was a fairly simple affair, many such sepulchres are adorned with carved panels depicting the closing scenes in the life of Our Lord, the Burial and the Resurrection.

Until 1995 the Church was also in possession of this striking, and very unusual, Portable Easter Sepulchre (*see photograph right - by NADFAS*). Italian in origin, this was most probably brought back to Froyle by Sir Hubert Miller as well as the vestments and statues for which the village is famed. Sadly in that year it was one of several items stolen from the Church and never recovered, so we are fortunate that a complete survey of the Church had been conducted by the Farnham branch of NADFAS (*The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies*) between 1991 and 1993.



*Chris & Annette Booth*

**Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)**

# The Meeting Place



The Easter Meeting Place will take place as usual on Good Friday, this year March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 a competition for the best decorated egg. This is judged by popular vote, and is for all ages, from 3 to 103, so please bring your hard boiled eggs to the hall by 11.00am for judging at 11.15am.

For those who are newcomers 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 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 there is a selection of books to borrow.

## Cake bakers for March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marj Robinson	Sue Sharman	Sarah Basey	Sarah Khan
9 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Milam	Jane Stewart-Smith	Sarah Roberts	Charlotte Baikie
16 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Shirley Bellis	Sarah English
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Mathews	Helen Macdonald
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bea Sword	Sarah Zorab	Sue Lelliott	Jo Mills

*Good Friday*

It is an 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

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lauraine Bourne	Philippa Cullen Stephenson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Corinna Whines	Judith Leslie Smith
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Macnabb	Jennie Topping
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Sealey	Margaret Stanford
30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Good Friday</i>	The Meeting Place Team

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

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

## GAMES AND PUZZLES

### SUDOKU

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### LINKING WORDS

Find the word that links these pairs of words, making each of them into a new word:

1. HORSE...shoe...LACE
2. TAIL.....CRASH
3. SWAN.....BIRD
4. CENTRE.....WORK

### NEW WORDS

Insert the same two letters into the exact centre of the words below to make four new longer words. What are the two letters and the four new words?

ME SHED BE RESTED

### MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

2, 3, 5, 16    5, 17, 40    3, 9, 2, 33    8, 3, 6, ??

Answers on page 19

## COMING SOON – “Inconsequential tales”

An occasional fictional serial for your entertainment and delight, with different writers for each episode. Look out for the first instalment in the April edition!

### We have received this notification from the Patients Participation Group:

Please Note — any queries to be addressed to: [almitchinson@gmail.com](mailto:almitchinson@gmail.com)

### Annual Health Fest 2018

The Annual Health Fest will take place on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 10:00am — 3:00pm at the Assembly Rooms in Alton. Entry is Free.

#### **New for 2018: HEALTH CHECKS FOR 40 — 70 YEAR OLDS.**

Health Checks this year will be available from Rushmoor Healthy Living.

To be eligible for these you must be aged 40 – 70 years, without certain pre-existing conditions or be on particular medications.

In addition to the health checks, there will also be free blood pressure, lung function and glucose tests fitness assessments available to all.

Stands will include Walking for Health, Breast Care, Aortic Screening, Bowel Screening. Everyone welcome regardless of which Practice you normally attend.



[www.froylewildlife.co.uk](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

Talks, Walks & other Events 2018  
Dates for the Diary

[www.froylewildlife.co.uk](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

**This month** we welcome Dominic Couzens, naturalist, trip leader and author of nearly 30 wildlife books. Dominic comes highly recommended and will tell us all about his family's unusual quest - to see as many species of British mammals as possible in a single year (no mean feat with a three and five year old in tow!). Where did they go? What did they see? Do come along and find out and bring your friends to what promises to be an amusing and informative night out. Light refreshments including wine; raffle.

### **This year's planned events**

#### **Thursday 8th March - "My Family and 50 Other Animals"**

Illustrated talk by Dominic Couzens – Village Hall - 7.30pm

#### **Thursday 19th April - "Hampshire's Amphibians and Reptiles"**

Illustrated talk by expert John Buckley – Village Hall - 7.30pm

#### **Tuesday 15th May - "Wild Orchids of Hampshire"**

Illustrated talk by top photographer Rosemary Webb – Village Hall - 7.30pm

#### **Wednesday 27th June\* - a leisurely walk at Broxhead Common**

Heathland to find Silver-studded Blue butterflies - 2-4pm

#### **Sunday 1st July - "Drop-in day at the Wildlife Pond"**

Discover what's flying and flowering 10-12am and 2-4pm near Gid Lane, Froyle

#### **Sunday 29th July - "Pond Dipping for families at the Wildlife Pond"**

Two sessions will be run at 1.30pm and 2.30pm, all equipment provided

#### **Wednesday 1st August\* - a walk at Magdalen Hill Down for flowers,**

Chalk Hill Blues and other summer butterflies - 2-4pm

#### **Thursday 25th October - AGM and 'Surrey Safari' - Village Hall**

Illustrated talk by Geoff Lunn - **AGM 7pm** - talk starts 7.30pm

**Talks** - Doors open 30 minutes before the start of talks

Entrance fees: Members £2, non member's £3, children under 16 free

Refreshments available.

**Outdoor Events** are free if led by a member of Froyle Wildlife and \*may be rearranged at short notice depending on the weather. Please check [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news) for any changes or phone Sue Clark on 23520.

*Sue Clark (23520)*

Froyle Wildlife welcomes your ideas on future activities and is keen to ensure they are of interest to adults and children. We also want to encourage participation from volunteers to help at our 'walks and talks' and/or our wildlife projects. Please contact us [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk) if you have any queries or ideas, or if you'd like to be more involved.

We have started to enlarge the wildflower area on Froyle recreation ground, by removing a 5x10m area of turf, and plan to sow cornfield annuals in April. We will cultivate the bare ground on **Saturdays 17th March and 7th April 2-4pm**, and assistance would be appreciated.

The wildlife pond and surrounding wildflower meadow near Gid Lane have been grazed by sheep this winter as part of the maintenance plan. The meadow area sown in 2016 has established well but will still benefit from light weeding to avoid thistles, nettles and docks taking hold. **Join us if you can help on Saturdays 31st Mar, 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th June 10am-12.** For more information see [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/).

*Barry Clark (23520)*

### **Invasive Species Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Invasive Non-native Species (INNS) are a huge problem worldwide. Apparently ecological and environmental damage caused by INNS match those caused by other global problems such as climate change. In Britain alone it costs about £2 billion annually to try to counteract the threats to our native species and habitats.

Non-native flora and fauna are causing damage in our water ways, oceans, ponds and terrestrially. The problems are many and varied: for example, a single plant of Hottentot-fig can spread 50 metres across on sunny cliffs, smothering native species. The water plant Parrot's Feather increases rapidly choking waterways and causing flooding as well as displacing native species. The Signal Crayfish introduced from America is responsible for the near extinction of our native smaller crayfish through spreading disease and direct competition. The above species are all listed under Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. More information about these and other invasive non-native species, and the above act, can be found at [www.nonnativespecies.org](http://www.nonnativespecies.org) – search species information, ID sheets.

Unfortunately it is us *Homo sapiens* who are the main culprits by introducing alien life to the wild - unwittingly, deliberately or carelessly. As gardeners we can help by finding out the facts and disposing of unwanted invasive species responsibly. The Charity Plantlife and the RHS also have useful information on their websites.

*Sue Clark (23520)*

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## **Welcome to Froyle**

A few years ago we produced a 'Welcome to Froyle' booklet, giving information about Froyle, its History, Clubs, Activities, Essential Services and other similar topics. We did this knowing that we would have a number of new houses appearing on the old Treloar site, but it was obviously also designed for any newcomer to the village. Although we try to keep a look out for any new residents near us, I believe we may have missed a few. If you have a new neighbour or hear of anyone who has moved into the Village, please let me know and I will pop a Booklet round to them. We are on our second run of 100 so hopefully most people have been caught in the net.



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

For the first talk of the year we welcomed our great friend John Negus (Graham Bowyer is coming next month). John gave a lively informative and highly entertaining talk on gardens of the Caribbean. As usual the slides were of a high standard illustrating the stunning, unusual plants to be seen on various islands. He finished with an amusing quiz, distributing free gifts to the audience. John judged the competition, "A Spring Posy" and the results were as follows: 1st Anne Blunt and Maureen Hunter, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.

Fifteen of us also enjoyed Valerie and David Menzies' beautiful new Winter garden on a particularly unpleasant afternoon. When we were really cold we enjoyed tea and cakes. Thank you very much Valerie and David for your invitation, the refreshments and your hard work in getting the garden so beautiful in spite of the weather. £50 was sent to Naomi House.

This month Graham Bowyer will tell us about Japanese gardens on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The competition will be 'A Specimen Flower'. Visitors are very welcome.



## Dates for the Diary

- 13<sup>th</sup> April evening** Spring Show - Schedules available at the March meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> April afternoon** Visit to Japanese Garden
- 12<sup>th</sup> June all day** Visit to Kiftsgate, the home of the famous climbing rose, followed by scenic tour of the Cotswolds
- 27<sup>th</sup> July 7 pm** Whispers at Dogmersfield
- 10<sup>th</sup> August 6 pm** Wheatley House

*Brenda Milam (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 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.

**March meetings in the village hall are every Thursday  
On the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

### **Thank you!**

In the February magazine, there was a message from Sylvie Nonhebel informing everyone that she would be retiring from the Toddler Group, because her youngest child is due to start at Bentley in September.

She describes herself as 'an active member' of the group. What she does not say, is that she has, over the last 4 years, been running it single handed; getting there early to set everything up, and leaving long after everyone else has gone, because she has to put everything away, and tidy the hall.

Sylvie has provided a wonderful service to the village, ensuring that there is a warm, friendly environment for little people to play in, and their mothers to chat. She has done this week in, week out during term times regardless of how many, or how few participants there are.

It would be a great pity if the Toddler group was to disappear, purely because nobody is willing to take responsibility for it, but whatever happens, Sylvie deserves praise and thanks for her selfless service to the village littlies and their owners.

*Jenny Gove (23697)*





## Better Balance

After our 3 month break, Better Balance will once again open its doors in the Village Hall on Wednesdays March 7th and 14th at 2.30 for a couple of sessions to get us back into the swing. We will then begin again after Easter on April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

If anyone is wondering what Better Balance is all about, you are very welcome to come and give it a try any Wednesday at 2.30pm. We have fun doing some sitting, some standing exercises to music which are aimed at strengthening and mobilising our bodies, not only to prevent falls but to maintain our mental as well as physical health. All of this is rounded off by coffee or tea and biscuits, even sometimes cake! It's a great way to make and meet up with old and new friends. Go on - give it a try!

Call Sue Sharman on 22603 or Madeleine on 23371 if you would like some more information.

### Did you know?

There's a Handy Van run by the Royal British Legion for their beneficiaries (this includes ex-service people, their dependants, their carers). A trusted and trained handy person will carry out low-level maintenance in your home including changing light bulbs, putting up shelves, fitting smoke alarms and door locks, and installing care phones. Call 0808 802 8080. They will help if they can.

Alton Day Care Centre offers friendship and care at The Limes, next to Alton Community Hospital in Chawton Park Road. There are spaces on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the moment. For £37 (+ £5 for lunch) per day, they offer activities, care, dementia support, foot care, counselling, and access to free Information and Advice. Local transport may be provided. Call 01420 84257 to discuss this or arrange a free introductory session.

If you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community please call Madeleine on 23371 or if unavailable call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email [villageagent@ageconcernhampshire](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire).

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## FANFARE! Music for Choir and Brass

### Waverley Singers with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama Brass Ensemble

St Andrew's Church Farnham

Saturday 24th March at 7.30 pm

Tickets £15, from Gillian Pickering (23209),

on the door or [ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers](http://ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers)



## One hundred years ago....

On 3 March 1918 the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk was signed between the new Bolshevik government of Soviet Russia and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire), ending Russia's participation in World War I. The treaty was signed at Brest-Litovsk in Poland after two months of negotiations. The Bolshevik government agreed the treaty to stop further advances by German and Austro-Hungarian forces. According to the treaty, Soviet Russia defaulted on all of Imperial Russia's commitments to the Triple Entente alliance.

In the treaty, Bolshevik Russia ceded the Baltic States to Germany; they were meant to become German vassal states under German princelings. Russia also ceded its province of Kars Oblast in the South Caucasus to the Ottoman Empire and recognised the independence of Ukraine. According to Spencer Tucker, a historian of World War I, "The German General Staff had formulated extraordinarily harsh terms that shocked even the German negotiator." Congress Poland was not mentioned in the treaty, as Germany refused to recognize the existence of any Polish representatives, which in turn led to Polish protests. When Germans later complained that the Treaty of Versailles of 1919 was too harsh on them, the Allies (and historians favourable to the Allies) responded that it was more benign than Brest-Litovsk.

The treaty was effectively terminated in November 1918, when Germany surrendered to the Allies. However, in the meantime, it did provide some relief to the Bolsheviks, already fighting the Russian Civil War, by the renunciation of Russia's claims on modern-day Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Ukraine and Lithuania.

Troubled times followed: but now, 100 years later, how much has really changed?

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## Let Diet Put A Spring In Your Step

**25 April 2018 11.30am – 1.30pm**

**Frøyle Village Hall GU34 4LG**

Sarah Zorab has very generously offered to share her expertise on nutrition and health in aid of Treloar's. Discover how to raise your energy levels, avoid the afternoon slump and find the foods that help to keep your gut healthy.

After Sarah's talk, we will produce a light lunch using some of the foods Sarah has discussed.



**Talk and lunch £20.**

**Please apply to Jo Mills ([joannamills@yahoo.com](mailto:joannamills@yahoo.com)) for tickets.**



# **A Message from PCSO David Nops of Alton Police Station**

## **BURGLARY ALERT**

### **Update regarding burglaries in the area from the local police team**

There have been at least 12 burglaries in the Alresford and Medstead area. They all occurred on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 during the day. We believe the suspects come from out of our area, and the police have made one arrest so far.

The suspects targeted houses which were detached properties with high hedges or fences at the front of the property so they would not be seen. They also appeared to focus on houses that were not alarmed and had no CCTV. In all cases they searched the master bedroom for jewellery, which is mainly what was stolen.

Luckily a business premises which has recently installed a new CCTV system has captured images of the possible suspects. CCTV images have become a crucial part of the evidence for these offences. Many towns and cities have good CCTV systems but they are less commonly found in rural communities.

CCTV has become a much more affordable option for many homeowners now and we would encourage people to consider installing cameras to help prevent crime and protect their property. For £29.99 a small camera can be purchased for indoor use which can monitor sound and movement. You can also log in from your smart device to see what is happening within your house. We would also encourage people to keep their jewellery in a safe place, and not in the master bedroom.

Technology is improving everyday with driveway alarms and house alarms that link to devices to allow you to monitor your property from anywhere in the world. Dashcam footage is also now regularly viewed by the police and can be the difference between one person's word against another.

As shown with the latest burglaries your camera could help capture vital information which may lead to a prosecution. It may also help prevent a crime by just putting in some low level crime prevention.

If you want any further advice please visit the Hampshire Constabulary webpage or e-mail [david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)



I was there...



My parents met and married in Nigeria, where, like many young British people after World War II, they had gone to find jobs, if not make their fortunes – which would have been unlikely as an agricultural officer and a teacher. After a few years in different postings around Northern Nigeria, during which they'd seen the country gain its independence, they landed up in Kaduna, the capital of Northern Nigeria, in 1963.

I remember their house there, which was in a part of town largely inhabited by ex-colonial service men and women. It was I suppose a fairly comfortable existence: the climate wasn't unbearable; my father's work was quite interesting, for him at least; we had a cook, a small-boy, a gardener and a night-watchman, all of whom probably made life easier for my mother, and entertained my sister and me. The night-watchman had a "langa-langa", a fearsome machete-cutlass weapon made from a sharpened leafspring from a lorry, which you wouldn't have wanted to be on the wrong side of. It certainly wasn't good for the scorpions or snakes he hit with it. There was a bougainvillea hedge at the bottom of the garden which provided a swathe of colour between the garden and the "bush" beyond. The River Kaduna was about 400 yards away and occasionally we were escorted down to its banks to see the local fishermen floating on their calabashes and once, memorably, moving a dead crocodile.

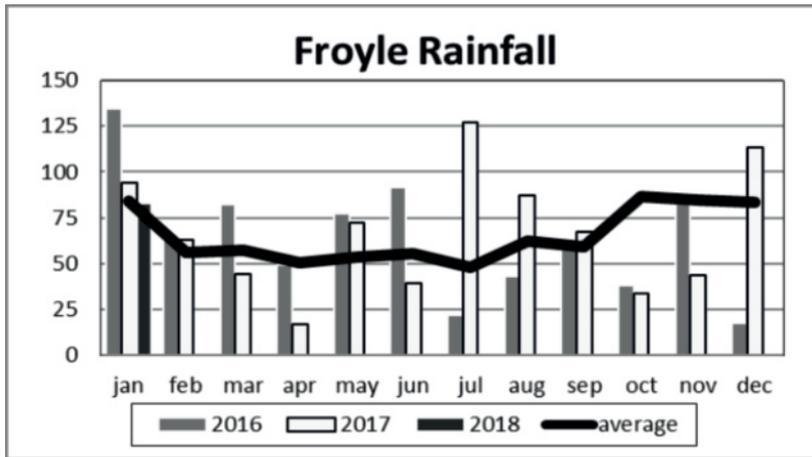


It was in Kaduna that I first came across the Beatles. One Sunday the peace of the afternoon was shattered by the most incredible noise of sticks beating rhythmically on tin dustbin lids, chants and ululations, gradually coming closer and closer. Initially there was nothing to be seen: but then, the other side of the hedge, there appeared a rather rag-tag procession of some of the indigenous Fulani, brightly dressed and singing and drumming. Fearing the worst, and that maybe this was the beginnings of an uprising against the white invaders, the parents decided it would be best to scare them away. But how? There were many more of them than us, and no one else seemed that bothered. We had a gramophone, and a very few records, one of which was a recently acquired single, Twist & Shout. I rather think it wasn't to the parents' taste. After some thought my father moved the gramophone onto the verandah and put on the record, at maximum volume. The effect was amazing – the procession rapidly dispersed amid some confusion, and possibly envy at the greater noise. It later transpired that it had been the beginning of Eid-al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, known as the Sallah in Nigeria, and deeply significant for the largely Muslim Fulani – and so our sending them away had in fact been rather insensitive. I can't hear Twist & Shout now without recalling its effect.

*Jonathan Pickering*

## Froye Rainfall for January, 2018

This year	83 mm	3.3 ins
Last year	94 mm	3.7 ins
Wettest January (2014)	191.5 mm	7.6 ins
Driest January (1997)	13 mm	0.5 ins
January long-term average – the 3 <sup>rd</sup> wettest month	84.1 mm	3.3 ins



January's average continued to show it to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest month of the year after December...but only just: 84.1 mm vs 84.2 mm.

But if we take the 4 wettest months of the year (October–January) together, historically - and not unsurprisingly - in 70% of the time, if in total they are below average, then the year has been below average. October 2017 to January 2018 produced 290 mm of rain compared with the long-term average of 337.6 mm.

So, coupled with what I said last month, don't be too surprised if we get a decent spring...



“The Umbrella Man”

# An everyday story of walking folk...walking in Hampshire

Hi! You know when it's too muddy to walk in the fields when you lose your welly, which happened to me this week. Therefore I started to think about the spring and maybe some walks further afield. So this month I'm recommending a few websites from which you can download free walks in and around Surrey and Hampshire.

**www.fancyfreewalks.org**

A really great website for walks across the South East of England, I've even used it for a couple of the walks in the Chilterns. As well as a good description and whether it is suitable for children and the length of the walk there are decent maps and suggestions about pubs on route.

**www.walkinginhampshire.co.uk**

Again all walks are free to download: you can choose the area; many of the Alton walks are towards Selborne; there is a Well walk which includes Froyle. The Basingstoke walks have a couple of walks around Bentley, and a large number of walks around Odiham ranging from 1.5 to 10 miles, as well as Hook, Upton Grey and Greywell. Some of the walks on this website are actually copied from fancyfreewalks. It also tells you whether they are pushchair-friendly.

**www.thomashallett.com**

Thomas is more of a blogger but a very interesting one if you like real ale, good food, walking and taking your dog to the pub. Life can't get much better!! Anyway whilst some of his recommendations are a little further afield there are some interesting winter walks and most are based around good pubs, including a very nice walk around Hinton Ampner which includes a visit to the Pots at Cheriton. Away from walking it has some quite interesting ideas for food, drink and merriment.

*R Ambling*

## GAMES AND PUZZLES – SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU

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### Linking Words

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 swanSONGbird  
 centrePIECEwork

### New Words

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 SHORED BORE RESORTED

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 [yann@benbinfro.org](mailto:yann@benbinfro.org)

Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



## Churchwarden:

**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge, Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

[wbk@wbknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbknowles.com)

## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## MARCH & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	11.00am	Froyle	Mother's Day Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Mother's Day Morning Worship with Children's Groups
	9.30am 3.30pm	Binsted Binsted	Mother's Day Service Messy Church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	11.00am	Froyle	Palm Sunday Service
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with Children's Groups
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday	6.00pm	Froyle	Choral Evensong
	7.30pm	Binsted	Passover Meal
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday	11.00am	Binsted	Good Friday Meditation
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday	11.00am	Froyle	Easter Communion
	6.00am	Bentley	Sunrise Service w/breakfast
	9.30am	Bentley	Easter Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Easter Communion

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

As this issue of the magazine appears during Lent, I thought I'd try to explain the concept of following a Rule of Life, which is a feature of this year's Winchester Diocesan Lent Course (<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/lent-course/>). Hah, I hear you say, I don't need any more rules in my life. What with 20mph through the centre of Alton, catching the 7.15 train to London, sorting out the recycling and completing my tax return on time, I've had enough rules so far this year, thanks, and I daresay there'll be many more before long.

But listen, this is not about the daily strictures we all have to observe to keep normal life running smoothly, this is about improving our lives. Bishop Tim's wife Sally Dakin says a Rule of Life offers 'freedom and fruitfulness' and I think that at this time of year, when all things in the garden are stirring, it can also be described as the creation of a framework for growth.

So how does all this apply to us, I hear you say. Well, in the diocesan Lent course, a Rule of Life is defined by three areas – Loving, Living and Serving. Loving (God, others, myself) might mean committing to phoning a lonely relative once a week; Living (a rooted, open, generous, sharing life) might mean using your gift of hospitality and welcoming a new neighbour to the area; Serving (the community, stewarding creation, acting against injustice, working at home and work for the common good) might simply mean delivering this magazine to a part of your village. You might also wish to add reading a verse from the Bible each day, committing to a regular period of contemplation and prayer, or volunteering to assist at Messy Church in Binsted School.

And I know that the cynics among you out there will be thinking, but how is this any different to the New Year resolutions we made not so very long ago and have already forgotten? I could say, it's not so very different and I know that we all find it hard to keep our well-intentioned resolutions. But the fundamental difference is that a Rule of Life is a strong structure of promises, principally promises to God, to commit to making this change in our lives for the long term. It's not just for a month, not just for this year, but for as long as that commitment will improve our lives and the lives of others. Think about it. Just one small commitment under each of those headings, two if you feel up to it.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## St Mary's Church Community Group

**Songs of Praise** - A successful occasion, enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all those who organised this event, chose hymns and prepared and served the food and wine.

**Kneelers** - We are making great strides in the stitching of the kneelers and are on the home straight. We have had a lot of fun, chatter and laughter at our working sessions which we have all enjoyed. If there is anyone who has not yet added a stitch or two but would like to do so please come and join us, before it's too late!

**Easter** - The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31st March starting at 9.30 am. The theme this year is chicken, rabbits and lambs., as well as baskets of Spring flowers. Please come and join us, we look forward to seeing you.

*Gill Bradley (520484)*

## The Anna Chaplaincy

I started as the "Anna Chaplain" in the Benefice in June last year. Here's a reminder of what the Anna Chaplaincy is all about.

The Anna Chaplaincy takes its name from the story in St Luke's Gospel of Anna and Simeon, 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 had been waiting in hope and expectancy for Jesus to arrive. Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and, with joy, announced that a light for all the world had arrived. Wise old man. And Anna, an 84 year old widow, joined in. She praised God for Jesus' arrival and she was so overjoyed that she started telling everyone the good news. Older people matter. They have always had a valuable part to play. 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.

*Jonathan Rooke, Anna Chaplain and Licensed Lay Minister (07519 046593)*

[annachaplain@benbinfro.org](mailto:annachaplain@benbinfro.org)



You are invited to join us on  
**Sunday 11th March**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**3.30 – 5.30pm**

**In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village**  
**for a time of**  
**Fun crafts, celebration & food**

**Everyone is 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**

**Do come along and join us!**  
**Entrance free: Donations welcome**

**Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861**  
**[messychurch@benbinfro.org](mailto:messychurch@benbinfro.org)**



**The churches in the  
Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle  
invite you to join them for a**

## **PASSOVER MEAL**

**on**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**29th March 2018**

**In the Wickham Institute, Binsted**  
**- Starting at 7.30pm**

This meal is held to remember the exodus of the Jewish nation, Israel, from Egypt. After the plagues, Pharaoh finally allowed them to leave and Moses led them out into the desert and onto Canaan. It celebrates their "passing over" from slavery to freedom. Jesus took part in this ceremony and the last meal he ate with his friends was in the setting of a Passover.

Our Passover reflects the Christian lens through which we view it.

The meal is a mixture of formality and informality; it is an all age, family occasion and although a service - it is a homely one, not a churchy one!

Please book your place at the table by **getting in touch with Kathy Ogilvie Thompson** (tel no 23125 or [kathyot1984@gmail.com](mailto:kathyot1984@gmail.com)) or putting your name on the 'sign up' sheets that will be available in all the churches.

There is no charge for this event but donations towards costs gratefully received.



## Bentley CE Primary March News



### PENNIES FOR CHANGE!

Exciting news! We can now purchase our first 'twinned toilet'!

Now that the Big Build work has been completed, Bentley Church of England Primary School have some fabulous new toilets; the School Council decided that they would like to raise money to help children in a developing country so that they could have a new toilet too. The children were incredibly inspired by a fantastic assembly from Linda representing WaterAid. She told us all about the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene.

Since then, and for the rest of this school year, we are collecting **small** change to make a **big** difference for two projects. The children decided that they would count the pennies and change and then it will be split between the 'Toilet Twining' charity and raising funds to replace our old minibus.



By donating £60 to twin our toilet, we can help those in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine,

clean water and the information they need to be healthy. For each £60 we raise, our smallest room becomes the proud owner of a certificate, complete with a colour photo of its twin and GPS coordinates so the children can look up our twin on Google Maps!

The children were asked to bring in some small change to add into the class collection jars. Our Year 6 pupils collect it and count it on Wednesdays each week. The concept is very much around children and families donating a little and certainly not about making big donations on a regular basis. In a world of credit cards and creeping inflation our children do not always understand the worth of pennies and small change and we all know that they can misinterpret plastic cards as an 'everlasting' source of funds. We hope that this project might help children to appreciate 'watching the pennies' more and empower them to develop lifelong habits towards helping others.

Four weeks into the initiative and we are very excited to buy our first 'twinned toilet' having raised £60.01 so far! We hope that we can match the seven we received through the Big Build for people living without any toilet at all over this school year.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, Head Teacher

## Village Events for March, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9.45 Toddlers Gp	2 9.30 Meeting Place	3
4 8.00 HC	5 Recycling	6	7 2.30 Better Balance	8 9.45 Toddlers Gp 12.30 Old Malthouse, Lent Lunch 7.30 Wildlife	9 9.30 Meeting Place  7.30 Gardening Club	10
11 11.00 Mother's Day HC	12 Refuse & garden	13  7.45 PC Meeting	14 12.30 Beech Cottage, Lent Lunch 2.30 Better Balance	15 9.45 Toddlers Gp	16 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	17
18 11.00 HC	19 Recycling & glass	20	21 12.30 Copse Hill Farm, Lent Lunch	22 9.45 Toddlers Gp	23 9.30 Meeting Place	24
25 11.00 Palm Sunday	26 Refuse & garden	27	28	29  6.00 Choral Evensong	30 9.30 Good Friday Meeting Place	31 9.30 Easter Church decoration

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council .....	<i>Philippa Cullen Stephenson</i> - 520102 <a href="http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk">www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
District Councillor .....	<i>Glynis Watts</i> - 07747 628333 <i>Glynis.Watts@easthants.gov.uk</i>
Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman .....	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 <a href="http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/">www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Gardening Club .....	<i>Brenda Milam</i> - 22216
Froyle Vestments Group .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 <a href="http://www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/">www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/</a>
St. Mary's Flower Rota .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive .....	<i>Chris &amp; Annette Booth</i> - 22364 <a href="http://www.froyle.com">www.froyle.com</a>
The Meeting Place .....	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Good Neighbours .....	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern .....	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Froyle Friends ( <i>visiting friends in hospital</i> ) .....	<i>Annette Booth</i> - 22364
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group ( <i>transport to medical appointments</i> ) .....	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team .....	<i>PCSO 14396 Jess Hornsby</i> - 07554 775556 Dial: <b>101</b> Ext: 771 243 or email: <i>jessica.hornsby@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
<b>NHS non-emergency</b> .....	<b>111</b>
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	<a href="http://www.benbinfro.co.uk">www.benbinfro.co.uk</a>

## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the front inside cover. All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

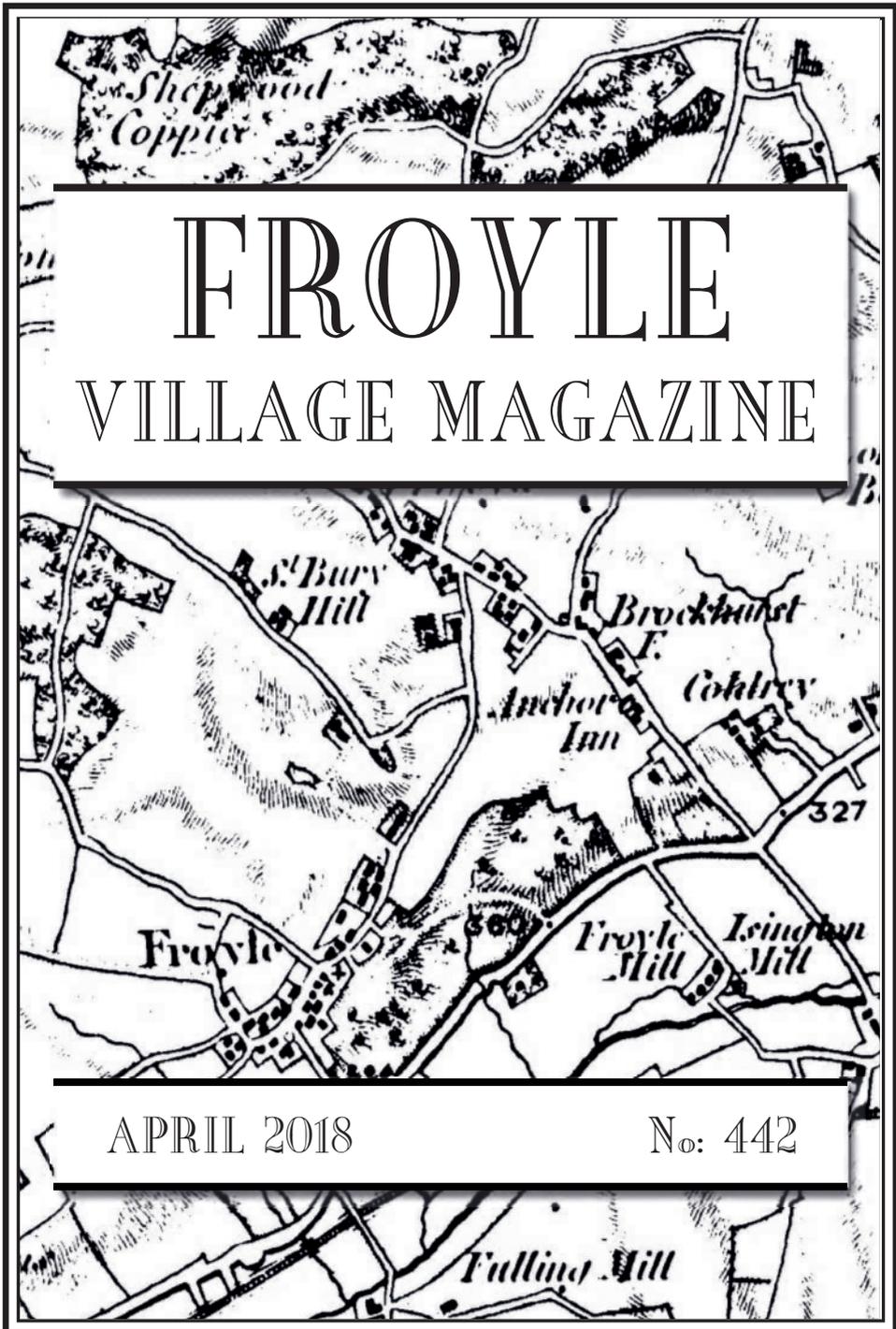
*magazine@froyle.com and copied to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*

All magazine contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to:

*magazine@froyle.com*

**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 village, with several mills and inns marked. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is overlaid on a white rectangular box in the upper center. Below the title, the date 'APRIL 2018' and issue number 'No: 442' are also overlaid on white boxes. 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.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

APRIL 2018

No: 442

# 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*

## REPORT FROM FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Froyle Parish Council met on Tuesday 13 March 2018. No members of the public were present.

Applications from three residents were considered for the casual councillor vacancy. Mr Simon Maher was selected. Cllr Julie Southern thanked the unsuccessful applicants and hoped they would apply again in the future. The council is now at full strength. Froyle Parish Council consists of eight members who are elected every four years. The next election for the Parish Council will be in May 2019.

There was a discussion on the village ditches and it was agreed that work should be conducted on the ditch next to the recreation ground to prevent it flooding over the footpath. Radian would be asked to clear their section of the ditch and trim back trees where it approaches Park Lane. A programme of work on the trees surrounding the recreation ground would be put in place.

It was agreed that a quarterly professional inspection of the playground equipment should be arranged. Residents are encouraged to report any issues with the playground or equipment to the Parish Clerk.

Vehicles driving on the recreation ground have been reported and it was proposed to construct a fence to prevent access from Ryebridge Lane across the newly planted hedge.

A grant of £200 was agreed for Home-Start WeyWater as there are residents who work for the charity as volunteers and families who receive support.

The Council made no comment on several planning applications for tree work. The Council continues to seek information about repairs to the wall outside Froyle House/the White House.

The Council will ask East Hants District Council to replace the all-purpose litter bin at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill with a less obtrusive bin. Hampshire County Council have been asked to replace damaged salt bins.

A meeting with Richard Millard the leader of EHDC and Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive to discuss outstanding issues relating to the Froyle Park venue was cancelled at short notice. An attempt is being made to rearrange the meeting.

Visitors to the Froyle Park venue are still getting lost. EHDC have been asked to help rationalise the use of post codes so that sat navs work more effectively.

The joint Parish Council-Village Hall Football Hut sub-committee reported that in its view the most cost effective approach would be to renovate the hut so that it could be used as a village storage facility. This might leave further funding available for improvements to the village hall including the installation of an acoustic wall to replace the existing partitions. A more detailed proposal would be prepared for consideration at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 8.15 on Tuesday 17 April. This is an informal open meeting at which residents are invited to hear reports from the Parish Council, the District and County Councillors, the Police, the Church and representatives of all the village groups and associations. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any village matter as well as the work of the Parish Council. It is hoped that as many residents as possible will attend.

The meeting will be preceded at 7.30 by the Village Hall Annual General Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm.

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## APRIL EVENTS

### Church Spring Jumble Sale

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm, Froyle Village Hall

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** as would new ideas or offers of help. Contact stall holders below if you would like a house collection, or bring your donations to the Village Hall from 11.00am on The Day.

**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.

*Julie Southern (520620) & Sarah Roberts (520041)*

*St Mary's Supporting the Community*

Saturday April 7th

Open at 2.00pm.

Entrance 20p

# JUMBLE SALE



Froyle Village Hall

Lots of good quality  
clothing, bric a brac,  
books, home produce stall,  
raffle and teas.

In aid of St Mary's Church, Froyle.

**ALL WELCOME**

## APRIL EVENTS (continued)

### Froyle Gardening Club

The Annual Spring Show will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Staging 6.00pm-6.45pm; entry from 7.00pm. Plant stall, refreshments, raffle. Further details from Brenda Milam and on page 18.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

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### Froyle Village Hall

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, for: report on 2017's activities; approval of accounts; re-election of committee; opportunity for questions; and discussions of future plans. Do please make every effort to attend. Followed at 8.15 by

### Froyle Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm, also on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. An informal open meeting to receive reports, from: the Parish Council; the District and County Councillors; the Police; the Church; representatives of all the village groups and associations; and, to ask questions and discuss any village matter as well as the work of the Parish Council. Again, please make every effort to attend.

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### Froyle Wildlife

John Buckley will give an illustrated talk in the Village Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm on "Hampshire's Amphibians and Reptiles". See page 16 for further details.

*Barry Clark (23520)*

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### Froyle Open Gardens 2018

**Saturday & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Several gardens in the village will be open again this year, and as always there'll be opportunities for volunteers to help with running this very popular event. More details in future editions.

*Nick Whines (23130)*

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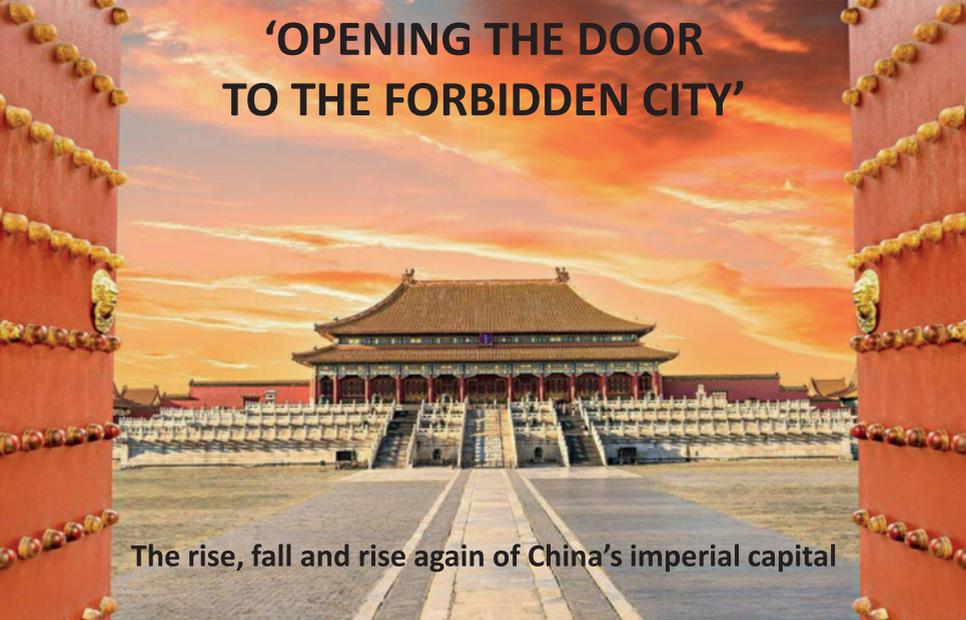
### 72<sup>nd</sup> Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Village Recreation Ground**

Our traditional village fête will be on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July this year. More details in future editions.

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**‘OPENING THE DOOR  
TO THE FORBIDDEN CITY’**

**The rise, fall and rise again of China’s imperial capital**

**A TALK  
BY**

**MARY GINSBERG**

**Former Curator, British Museum**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Drinks 7.00 p.m., Talk commences 7.30 p.m.**

**Followed by refreshments**

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH, FROYLE**

**TICKETS £10.00**

**Please call Karen Potter (01420) 520294 for tickets**

# FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

## 'CALL MY WINE BLUFF'

Based on the TV Quiz 'Call My Bluff'



Come and join us on  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**7 p.m.**

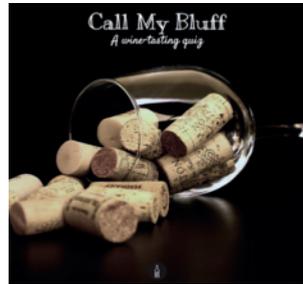
at which the Village Hall will be hosting a  
fun-filled evening of wine and bluffing .....

**Tickets - £20.00 per head**  
to include supper

As if wine tasting isn't confusing enough, the evening will involve a panel of 3 or 4 well known local wine experts giving descriptions of 6 different bottles which you will taste before deciding which experts are talking utter rubbish!

### **WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH??**

The table who guesses the most correctly wins the prize.



We would encourage you to get together with friends and take tables of up to 6 people (but we will make up tables as required).  
All proceeds go to the Village Hall

We expect this event to be very popular so .....

please call Karen Potter (01420) 520294 or David Robertson 520820  
to register your team/your attendance

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## Advance notice of The Village Quiz 2018

The (in)famous Village Quiz WILL return - on 27 October 2018. This is an important and fun part of the village's autumn activities. Please put it in your diaries now, and start thinking about your team!



Bookings:  
Susie Robertson  
01420 520820

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

Froyle Film Night's presentation of "My Cousin Rachel" went well with a good attendance and thanks to enthusiastic use of the bar returned a small surplus. The next film night will be in the autumn and suggestions for the film are more than welcome.

Plans for "Wine - Call my Bluff" to be staged on 9<sup>th</sup> June are advancing rapidly and promise to be truly bibulous.

Somewhat more soberly, the committee has decided to replace the heavy wooden front doors with new aluminium ones. The existing doors have never been satisfactory, sometimes binding making the doors difficult to open, while at the same time being less than draught-proof. The new doors should look better, be more secure and will not be influenced by the weather. The cost is approximately £4,600. We are grateful to our county and district councillors

for substantial contributions: Mark Kemp Gee (£750) and Glynis Watts (£1,000). The balance will be funded from village hall reserves.

The village hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30. We will present our accounts for approval and report on our activities in 2017. As usual the committee will stand down and seek re-election. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss future plans. Do please make every effort to attend. The meeting will be followed at 8.15 by the Annual Parish Meeting (APM).

In recent years the village hall has operated with a larger committee and this seems to work well with plenty of different opinions expressed and a wide variety of expertise available. Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday and are usually convivial affairs. If you would like to join the committee do please make yourself known particularly if you are a new resident. At our most recent meeting we welcomed Gordon Mitchell as a member.

At the APM we will be discussing the future of the football hut. The committee is supportive of the proposal that this should be renovated as an additional village storage facility.

The One Hundred Club continues to make a useful contribution to our running costs. For an annual outlay of £12 your chances of a modest win are twenty times greater than if you hold the equivalent number of premium bonds. Half the subscriptions are returned as prizes and half to the village hall. If you fancy a flutter contact William Knowles on 23164 or [wbk@wbknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbknowles.com).

### **Froyle 100 Club Winners for April**

1st - Miranda Bulpitt 2nd - Maisie Pritchard  
3rd - Ted Crowhurst 4th - Barry Clark  
Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

Another way you can help support the village hall financially at no cost to yourself is to log on to 'The Giving Machine' and nominate the hall as your chosen charity. Thereafter a small proportion of each online purchase you make will be sent to the hall. All it involves is a couple more key presses. More details at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk).

As previously announced the hire charges for the hall went up on 1 April 2018 and the tariff was simplified. Details can be found on the website at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk) and on the notice board outside the hall.

On 1 April our new online booking system went live. We are still learning how best to use this but we hope eventually it will reduce the amount of work involved in managing the hire of the hall and allow the work to be spread round the committee more easily. If you visit the website you will find a link to the village hall diary which should indicate which times and dates are free, which are provisionally booked and which have confirmed bookings. This should be helpful to anybody arranging an event in the village whether or not it involves the hall and should mean that clashes are easier to avoid. From the diary page you can book the hall electronically. Not everyone uses a computer so bookings by telephone or email will continue and we won't be abandoning the well-thumbed paper diary any time soon.

However do please try to use the new system if you can because the more people use it, the quicker we will learn how it all works.

A reminder to all hall users: please ensure that you leave the hall in a clean and tidy condition. We have had several instances recently where this has not happened. This causes expense, nuisance and embarrassment when we have to retain deposits. The system will only work if hirers leave the hall as they would expect to find it. We simply do not have the resources to clean the hall between bookings unless we increase hire charges substantially which we would be very reluctant to do.

It is great to see the hall being used and enjoyed by every age group from the youngest resident to the oldest. It shouldn't be necessary to say this, but please do not put nappies down the lavatory: you will block the drains and fishing them out is not much fun! Please double wrap them and place them in the green bin at the rear of the hall. Bags are provided. Or better still take them with you when you leave.

Finally we would like to draw your attention to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) serving Binsted, Bentley and Froyle. It's a kind of electronic notice board on which you can sell your sofa, appeal for a baby sitter or just keep in touch. The sign up procedure is quick and efficient, and it's free. The more residents who join the better it will be. Do have a look (see the ad on the next page) and let us know what you think.

*Nick Whines (23130) - [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.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 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.

**The April meetings will only be on Thursdays 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> because of Easter.**

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

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Babysitter  
needed tonight!

Anyone missing  
a dog?

Free kids  
bike!

Come to  
our party!

Stolen parcel!  
See anything?



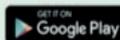
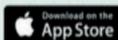
## Please join your Bentley Binsted Froyle neighbours on Nextdoor

Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for Bentley Binsted Froyle neighbours. On our new neighbourhood site and app, we can share recommendations for traders, plan neighbourhood events, discuss safety, post things for sale and much more.

**Live in Bentley, Binsted or Froyle?**  
**Download the free to use Nextdoor app to connect with your neighbours, view local events and classifieds and keep our community safe!**

**Ryan France-Moore, Isington Road**

Sign up for Nextdoor today.



<https://nextdoor.co.uk>

Invite code: WLHXYP



# The Meeting Place



We hope all those who were there enjoyed the Easter Meeting Place.

For those who are newcomers to the Village, the Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning from 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall and all are invited to drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, delicious homemade cake and a chat. You will be made most welcome. We sell the local newspaper and postage stamps and home produce as and when available. We collect used postage stamps and milk bottle tops for charity and there is a selection of books to borrow.

## Cake bakers for April

6 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Roberts	Barbara Starbuck	Chris Muddeman	Janet Dobson
13 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Anne Blunt
20 <sup>th</sup>	June Trim	Sarah Basey	Janet Dobson	Corinna Whines
27 <sup>th</sup>	Marj Robinson	Licia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	Sarah Khan

**If you could let us know in advance what you are baking it would be a great help.**  
If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.

## Kitchen Helpers for April

6 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Lovell	Gillian Pickering
13 <sup>th</sup>	Yvonne Irvine	Judith Leslie Smith
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Roberts	Linda Cooper
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Mackenzie	Maureen Fry

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

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

## The Meeting Place at its best.....

We are all rightly proud of the Meeting Place. Lovingly formed and nurtured over many years by the Booths and now run by an energetic and dedicated committee, it is emblematic of all that is good about Froyle.

I know what to expect on my monthly visits to the Meeting Place – the warm welcome, the banter, the familiar faces, the comforting predictability....

As I write this, though, in early March, I have, unusually, been there on each of the last three Fridays – and each of those three has been particularly special, I thought, each in a different way, and not necessarily so predictable.....

The first of those already seems a long time ago. It was school half term. It was a mild, sunny, early spring day. In addition to the ‘regulars’, there were young families spilling out of the Hall, onto the patio, down the slope and across the rec, with kids and dogs frolicking across the broad expanse of grass and swarming over the playground.

The second Friday was a day for the young of heart more than the young...The feature of the day was Anne Wetherall’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – four other nonagenarians looked on as Anne cut into



a cake which Jo Mills had prepared with such skill and attention to detail that it seemed a shame to eat it. But it was not just Anne’s birthday



that packed out the Hall that day. Among others, a group of cyclists descended on the Hall and added greatly to the atmosphere - all arriving at once, thereby testing the skills of the two novice (if not young...) men serving the coffee and cakes....

Finally, last Friday was different again. It was the snowiest, most difficult day of the ‘big freeze’. Congratulations to the Meeting Place for opening in spite of that! There was a carefree, pioneering spirit among those who braved the elements, including, again, lots of children and dogs – no school, lots of tobogganing – but not necessarily the same families who had been there at half term. The Meeting Place has a wider reach than I sometimes realise.

A few days ago Yann, the vicar, asked a group of us at a meeting to imagine what we hoped Froyle would be like in ten years’ time. He was looking for a simple, instinctive picture, not a thought through plan (as he explained while we struggled to think of something clever to say...). When asked later about his own answer to his question, Yann recalled the image he had retained of the first of those three Fridays: the atmosphere, the early spring optimism,

the happy mix of people and generations – that was what he wanted Froyle to be like in ten years’ time. I couldn’t argue with that.

## Joan Ezzard

This article was written before the sad news of Joan Ezzard’s death - she died on Friday 9th March. Joan was at the heart of the group of ‘regulars’ who have always made the atmosphere at the Meeting Place so warm and entertaining, and she and the Ezzard family have been part of village life in Froyle for a very long time. She will be greatly missed. There will be a Cremation Service, at Aldershot Crematorium at 10:45 am on Monday, 9th April. All who knew Joan are welcome to this, and afterwards at Froyle Village Hall.

*William Knowles*

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## Better Balance

We meet on Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 3.30 pm. Despite the name, these exercises are not only to help to improve balance but to strengthen muscles, mobilise joints and improve stamina. Everybody works at their own level; there are sitting and standing exercises, sometimes using wrist and ankle weights, and we also use resistance bands for strengthening exercises. Our exercises are done to music, basically as this helps us to keep going in an enjoyable way, no musical expertise is required! This is a good opportunity to meet up with old friends or to make new ones as we enjoy coffee or tea and biscuits afterwards.

The dates for April are Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to give us a try, ring either Sue Sharman on 22603 or Madeleine Black on 23371: you will be made more than welcome.

*Sue Sharman (22603)*

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## Let Diet Put A Spring In Your Step

**25 April 2018** 11.30am – 1.30pm

**Froyle Village Hall GU34 4LG**

Sarah Zorab has very generously offered to share her expertise on nutrition and health in aid of Treloar’s. Discover how to raise your energy levels, avoid the afternoon slump and find the foods that help to keep your gut healthy.

After Sarah’s talk, we will produce a light lunch using some of the foods Sarah has discussed.

**Talk and lunch £20.**

**Please apply to Jo Mills ([joannamills@yahoo.com](mailto:joannamills@yahoo.com)) for tickets.**



## April News from The Froyle Archive



With all the varieties of weather at the moment, we could not resist this picture.

In April 2012 while reading Sir Hubert Miller's personal scrapbook, we discovered that St. Joseph's Church in Lower Froyle was actually built in 1879/80 on this small plot of land on the corner of Well Lane. The "Mission Church of St Joseph" was dedicated at a special service on Thursday, March 18th, 1880. The picture above was taken round 1910 and is one of very few 'snowy' photographs in the Archive.

Sir Hubert had been concerned that all should be encouraged to attend church and the idea was to save the villagers of Lower Froyle the walk of a mile or two to St. Mary's in Upper Froyle. It was supposed to be a temporary church until a permanent one could be built on other land in the village. However the Great War of 1914 delayed this and the land allocated for the permanent church was requisitioned to build council houses (*Nedfield Terrace*), so Lower Froyle never did get its new church.

During the month of August, parishioners would have to travel to Upper Froyle to worship, as St. Joseph's would be closed. Being almost entirely constructed of corrugated iron - and, originally, painted red - it became unbearable in hot weather. Another problem with its construction was that, when it rained on the corrugated roof, no-one could hear themselves think, let alone hear what the minister was saying. During the autumn the children would sit and stifle giggles as berries from the trees which overhung the church dropped and bounced down the roof. The building was finally demolished in 1967, and the site is now part of the garden of the appropriately named "Church Cottage".

*Chris & Annette Booth*

**Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)**

## GAMES AND PUZZLES

### SUDOKU

6	8	5	1					4
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	2					1	9	7
9					1	5	8	2

### NEW WORDS

A three letter word can be attached to the beginning of each of the words below to form six longer words.

What is the word?

DRY

TRAP

SET

BLOCK

LIGHT

SPOT

### WORDS

In each word that follows, substitute the second letter with another letter. The five new letters will form a word for a type of gemstone. What is it?

AMPLE, JOLLY, FORCE, CHEST, SHEET

### MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

2, 3, 7    3, 4, 13    4, 5, 21,    5, 6, ??

Answers on page 26

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**We have received this notification from the Patients Participation Group:**

Please Note — any queries to be addressed to: [almitchinson@gmail.com](mailto:almitchinson@gmail.com)

### Annual Health Fest 2018

The Annual Health Fest will take place on **Saturday April 21st, 2018 10:00am — 3:00pm** at the Assembly Rooms in Alton. Entry is Free.

**New for 2018: HEALTH CHECKS FOR 40 — 70 YEAR OLDS.**

Health Checks this year will be available from Rushmoor Healthy Living.

To be eligible for these you must be aged 40 – 70 years, without certain pre-existing conditions or be on particular medications.

In addition to the health checks, there will also be free blood pressure, lung function and glucose tests fitness assessments available to all.

Stands will include Walking for Health, Breast Care, Aortic Screening, Bowel Screening.

Everyone welcome regardless of which Practice you normally attend.



## Talk - “Hampshire’s Amphibians and Reptiles”

Thursday 19th April 7.30pm, all welcome.

This month we welcome John Buckley, a dedicated conservationist of our native amphibians and reptiles. We’ll find out how to identify and record frogs, toads, newts, lizards and snakes plus information on different habitats.

John is collating records for an Atlas on the distribution of Hampshire’s amphibians and reptiles which is due for publication in two years’ time. John would really like us to help by sending in records of all species from those seen in our own gardens to those we encounter whilst out and about. Every record counts from the lone frog to a pond full! Do join us.



All welcome, entrance £2 members of Froyle Wildlife, £3 non members. For more information visit [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news).

*Sue Clark (23520)*

At March’s talk, wildlife author Dominic Couzens took us on an entertaining journey through the year he spent trying to show his children 50 British mammals. He wasn’t at all sure his little 3 and 5 year olds would make it! They travelled to the Ardnamurchan peninsula which holds the daily record mammal count (26 if you want to know): the children were asleep in the back of the car when a wildcat crossed their path, so that could not be counted! Another time the family went to Brownsea Island to see red squirrels – and eventually found one in the café. He was full of anecdotes about his year of creating memories for his family.

*Madeleine Black*

We have started to enlarge the wildflower area on Froyle recreation ground by removing a 5x10m area of turf and plan to sow cornfield annuals in April. Our third session to cultivate the bare ground is on **Saturday 7th April 2.00-4.00pm** and assistance would be appreciated.



The sheep have finished winter grazing in the wildflower meadow that surrounds the wildlife pond near Gid Lane. The meadow area sown in 2016 has established well but will still benefit from light weeding to avoid thistles, nettles and docks taking hold. **Join us if you can help on Saturdays 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th June 10am-12 noon.** For more information see [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/).

*Barry Clark (23520)*

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## Froyle Golf Day

Unfortunately due to a lady called Emma from Portugal we had to cancel the day as the golf course was covered with up to 10cm of snow.

The day has now been re-arranged for Monday 8th October 2018.

More information in future months.

*Ian Whitmore (22634)*

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## No walking in Hampshire

Having continued to walk a few of routes around the village they are still very muddy, so let's wait until next month, when hopefully the weather is better, the ground is drier, and the bluebells are out. So more then, maybe the gym for those in need of their monthly exercise.

*R Ambling*



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

Last month we were treated to an excellent talk on Japanese Gardens by Mr Graham Bowyer. We learnt about the history and meaning of these beautiful gardens and discovered that they are constructed to represent Japanese landscapes. The traditional gardens were constructed round ponds with rocks and were planted with Acers and other plants often with topiary. Later the gardens were very formal with gravel raked into patterns with a few rocks. The club will be visiting Graham's garden in Fleet on 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30. (Directions will be sent by email.) If you would like to come please ring Brenda on 01420 22216. Numbers are required for refreshments. Please pay by donation.

Brenda is also taking bookings with payment of £25 for our trip to Kiftsgate gardens in the Cotswolds followed by a scenic drive on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Times to be confirmed.

**SPRING SHOW**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**7.00pm**  
**(staging 6.00-6.45)**  
**PLANT STALL**  
**RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS**



## Dates for the Diary

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| <b>26<sup>th</sup> April afternoon</b> | Visit to Japanese Garden   |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> June all day</b>    | Visit to Kiftsgate, the home of the famous climbing rose, followed by scenic tour of the Cotswolds |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> July 7 pm</b>       | Whispers at Dogmersfield   |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> August 6 pm</b>     | Wheatley House   |

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

## (IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

*Authors' note: these stories are fiction. Any possible identification of any character with any person living or dead is unintentional and coincidental, except in relation to any known historical characters, whose appearance, along with any historical events, locations and periods, is to give the stories context and meaning, and possibly relevance.*

### 1 After the plague

As Adam tugged on the traces to stop the oxen and the plough rose out of the soil, a cloud of rooks gently settled on the freshly-turned earth behind him. Joshua, his ten-year old son, went to hold the oxen's heads as Adam drank some water from the flask slung round his neck. He turned and looked back at the untidy furrows they had made in their strip of land: two more passes should finish the strip off and with luck they might be home before dark. The extra land he had acquired when Alan and his sons had died the previous year was all very well, but it had nearly doubled his workload, without making such a difference to his income, and while he continued to be grateful, not to say surprised, that Joshua and he had survived as their neighbours had succumbed, life had got harder. The Black Death, some called it, appearing from nowhere and random in who it struck down. Now perhaps it had left the village – no one had died for about three weeks, though with nearly half the population gone there weren't that many left. He went and looked down the hill to where he could see a wisp of smoke rising from the hut near the stream and hoped that there would be something half-decent to eat when they got there. As he returned to the plough to turn the oxen round before heading back up the field to start another strip, something caught his eye above the treeline on the horizon to the southwest.

"Hey Joshua, did you see something on the hilltop over there? You can see better than me," he asked his son.

"No – what was it?"

"A flash of light just above the trees, I thought, but perhaps I dreamt it."

He stared at the hilltop but there was nothing. Suddenly the sky above it was full of rooks circling up in the air – so maybe there was something after all.

"Joshua – look! There, below the birds. What can you see?"

Joshua gazed towards the horizon below the circling birds. There was a track over that way: had a traveller making his way towards the town put them up? Then he saw a glint of light, followed by another – was it the sun reflecting off metal?

"Pa, I see some lights on the track. Is that what you saw?"

"Could have been."

"What does that mean?"

"I don't know, son: but I've never liked lights twinkling in sunshine. They mean someone carrying metal, like spears, which is what soldiers carry. Stand still, keep watching and tell me what you see."

*To be continued. What have Adam and Joshua seen? What will it mean for them?*

## MOCKTAILS FOR SPRING

Maybe you want a booze-free week or month; or just a night or two every week to recover and refresh. The evening routine of arrive-drink-relax is pretty ingrained, but you don't have



to give up your welcome ritual—just find a non-alcoholic drink to look forward to. There are a lot of complicated mocktail recipes out there, but the following are very simple and need no special ingredients.

**1. No-jito:** Truly satisfying -- will lift your spirit, without the spirits.

Recipe: about 10 ice cubes (better crushed); juice of half a lime; handful fresh mint leaves; dash of sugar syrup; 150 ml can of soda water. Put crushed ice in tall glass; add lime juice, mint leaves, sugar syrup and soda water. Stir and garnish with lime slice.

*Note: Simple sugar syrup is equal parts sugar and water, heated till the sugar dissolves. Don't boil. You can add rosemary or other flavourings, then mix with any number of juices and ice for fast mocktails.*

**2. Virgin Mary:** Make it flavourful/spicy and you won't miss the vodka.

Recipe: Handful of ice cubes; 200 ml tomato juice; black pepper to taste; pinch of salt or celery salt; squeeze of fresh lemon; dash of Worcestershire; a few drops of Tabasco. Lemon slice and/or celery stick to garnish. Pour in the ice and add the other ingredients; stir to mix. Or mix all ingredients in a blender (except the ice); pour ice into glass and add mixture.



**3. Tonic and ice** with just about anything (besides gin or vodka): lemon, lime, ginger, elderflower, or bitter orange. Tonic's gotten pretty fashionable, especially Jungle Fever, which offers some with flavours. For sugarless, try Schweppes.

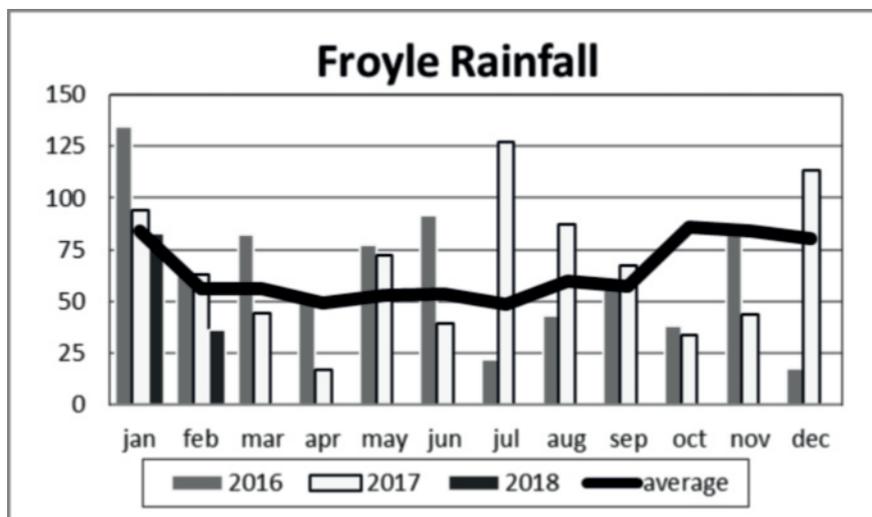
**4. Chocolate Mocktini** for Easter -- Fun for kids, too.

Recipe: spicy cocoa powder; ½ cup chocolate sauce; 1 cup whole milk; crushed ice; chocolate shavings (for garnish). Chill two martini glasses; dampen rims and invert into cocoa powder. In a large cocktail shaker, add chocolate sauce and milk, then fill with ice. Shake well for about 30 seconds. Pour into martini glasses and garnish with chocolate shavings.

*Mary Knowles*

## Froyle Rainfall for February, 2018

This year	36 mm	1.4 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 <sup>th</sup> driest month	55.8 mm	2.2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	119.0 mm	4.7 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	141.3 mm	5.6 ins



A low month for rainfall, in fact only 4 times in the last 25 years have we had a drier February. So my suggestion last month that 2018 was quite likely to be below average has been reinforced.

That said, Candlemas Day (the 2<sup>nd</sup>), where the occurrence of good or bad weather traditionally predicts the opposite for the next couple of months, was bone dry; maybe I should hold that prediction for a while yet...



**“The Umbrella Man”**

# EASTER EVENTS IN THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY BINSTED AND FROYLE



## Maundy Thursday – 29<sup>th</sup> March

6:00 pm: Choral Communion at Froyle church - a glorious choral event in contemplation of Christ's death and resurrection

7:30 pm: Passover Supper at Wickham Institute in Binsted - an entertaining meal at which we explore the Jewish traditions which underlie Christianity - tickets from Nick Carter ([ncarter@talktalk.net](mailto:ncarter@talktalk.net)) or Kathy Ogilvie Thompson ([kathyot1984@gmail.com](mailto:kathyot1984@gmail.com))

## Good Friday – 30<sup>th</sup> March

11.00 am: Good Friday meditation at Binsted church – a service of quiet reflection

## Easter Saturday – 31<sup>st</sup> March

10:00 am: Easter garden making and Easter egg hunt at Froyle church - for the young and the young at heart: come and help us make an Easter garden and hunt for Easter eggs

## Easter Day – 1<sup>st</sup> April

6:00 am: Sunrise service at Bentley church – come and celebrate the sunrise and Christ's resurrection!

9:30 am: Communion services at Bentley and Binsted

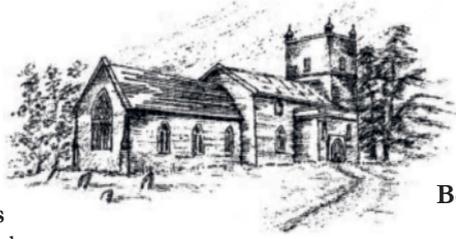
11:00 am: Communion service at Froyle



# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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## Churchwarden:

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## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## APRIL SERVICES

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	6.00am	Bentley	Sunrise service with breakfast
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Bentley	Easter Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Easter Communion
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Bentley	Morning worship with Children's groups
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship followed by APCM
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live @ 5 (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>APCM</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with Children's groups, followed by APCM
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Bentley	Benefice Service

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

### ***Dear all,***

When I settle down to write these monthly letters, three or four weeks before they appear in the parish magazine, I sometimes wonder if the thoughts currently in my mind will seem relevant when they are finally read. Today I've been noticing how the shops are full of reminders that Mothers' Day is imminent. Shelves of pastel coloured ornaments are cheerfully displayed as ideal gifts and fresh flowers are suddenly unusually expensive.

Now I'm not against celebrating Mothering Sunday, as we used to call it, in fact I have remembered to post a card and am encouraging my own children to make their tributes. But I am conscious that when this column is finally read, we shall be celebrating Easter, the most important date in the Christian calendar, a time when we remember that this was a time of great sadness for one particular mother. We can only try to imagine Mary's pain, because no parent expects to see their child predecease them.

And did she have happy memories she could recall of His childhood and His adult years? Were there mementoes, small gifts or cards she could treasure? It's not very likely, is it? But she would have remembered the daily gestures, those little acts of kindness, the small things through which love and affection are shown on a regular basis.

Mothering Sunday was originally the day people returned to their 'mother church' and gradually this also became a day when domestic servants could return to their families. I like to think that those homecomings were full of joy, celebrating their special relationship and creating memories to sustain them until the next time of meeting. But I think too, for those of us who can see our parents more frequently, that it is the commonplace daily love that really matters. Of course some people will still want to make the big gestures once a year, whether it's the largest bunch of flowers in the shop or the biggest box of chocolates, but those aren't the things that will be remembered as clearly as a frequent helping hand and a sympathetic ear.

I'm sure that Mary had some good, simple memories of her extraordinary Son. I'm sure that she could remember the love that had existed between them, mother and Child. And as I wrote this, a well known hymn came into my mind, which I thought with the substitution of Mother for Father, sums up a good mother child relationship and vice versa. So with apologies to both the composer and our Father, I give you:

Mother, I place into your hands my friends and family.

Mother, I place into your hands the things that trouble me.

Mother I place into your hands the person I would be,

For I know I always can trust you.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## Froyle Church Annual Meeting (APM/APCM)

Come to 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 1<sup>st</sup> April. **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00pm** for a glass of wine before formal proceedings.



### The Froyle Card Games Club

Do you play any of these Card Games?



BRIDGE  
WHIST  
CANASTA  
CRIBBAGE



If so, would you and any friends like to join a group of us hoping to meet on a monthly basis in the Village Hall for a very friendly couple of hours of cards - say on a Monday afternoon?

We would expect to charge a modest amount per head initially (to cover the cost of the Hall) so probably a minimum of a dozen would be required to make it worthwhile.

At the moment we are just trying to gauge levels of interest. So if you could let either **Caroline Findlay (22019)** or **David Robertson (520820)** know if you would like to join us, then we can start to think about that all-important first hand...!



## Great Holidays for Young People

Every year for more than 20 years, my wife and I have spent a week of our Summer on the New Wine family holiday conference in Somerset. If we are honest, the main reason we go these days, other than meeting with so many friends, is to support our family using the resources of our caravan. The reason they go each year is because our grandchildren would not miss the week of fun activity they enjoy there.

From the time when babies spent time in crèche activities, giving their parents some free time to enter into activities of their own, to the time now when our older granddaughter enjoys helping on a team running groups for children, they have never wanted to miss a year. And year by year, they have had the opportunity to grow in Christian faith in a positive environment where thousands of others share the same life and values.

In a recent service at Bentley, I looked back 64 years to the time I cemented my Christian faith on a Christian holiday for boys. It was on another such holiday that I met my wife when we were both helping on a similar activity on the Norfolk Broads. Since then, our own children and now grandchildren have joined a variety of such holidays in this country and abroad – all enjoyed and all contributing to Christian growth.

At that same Bentley service, I asked for a show of hands and found a great number of other adults and young people who had shared similar experiences. As well as New Wine, there continues to be a great range of Christian camps and house-parties to choose from. If you are a young person, or you have young people in your family, I really recommend that you investigate the possibilities. Below are just 3 possible websites to have a look at. Check it out, I guarantee you will not be disappointed. (If you are a young person wanting to go to New Wine, there will be a group going from the benefice that you could join.)

<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/739.id>

*David Perryman*

<https://www.ventures.org.uk/>

<https://united.new-wine.org/week-1>

### GAMES AND PUZZLES – SOLUTIONS

#### SUDOKU

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7	5	1	2	9	8	4	6	3
8	2	4	5	6	3	1	9	7
9	3	6	4	7	1	5	8	2

#### NEW WORDS

A three letter word can be attached to the beginning of each of the words below to form six longer words. What is the word? SUN, giving;

SUNdry                      SUNtrap  
 SUNset                     SUNblock  
 SUNlight                  SUNspot

#### WORDS

The new words (with the replacement letter highlighted, are: aPple, jElly, fArce, cRest, sLeet, giving PEARL.

#### MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

2, 3, 7    3, 4, 13    4, 5, 21,    5, 6, 31 – square the first number, and add the second to it.

## Bentley CE Primary School April News

Following the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) two weeks ago, I am pleased to report we were awarded a 'Good' outcome.

The Inspector, Mrs Sally Jenkins, noted:

"Bentley Church of England Primary School is a good school where staff, led by a dedicated headteacher, and governors work together, as a Christian community, for the benefit of every pupil. They have worked tirelessly in improving the school's distinctive Christian character whilst maintaining high pupil achievement and a broad and rich curriculum."

"Pupils support each other and have a strong interest in helping charities both nationally and internationally"



"Since the last inspection three Christian values, faith, love and courage, have been established at the heart of the school and these are clearly expressed by all members of the community"

"The vision statement 'Together we're Aiming High', can be explained by pupils, staff, governors and parents and all are clearly proud of their school and the importance of each person achieving their best in all areas of their lives"

"Behaviour in lessons, around the school and on the playground is very good"

"Parents speak passionately about the school and the impact it has on the lives of the children and wider family. They appreciate the school's Christian distinctiveness and the support and care their children receive alongside the academic achievements"



The full report is available on the school website [www.bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk).

This additional inspection gives an important perspective through our being a Church of England school as it is focused upon the Christian aspect of this school.

Governors and staff will discuss next steps as a Church school into the strategic planning of the school and we will be seeking the views of pupils, parents and carers in order to hear their opinions and ideas within this process.

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

## Village Events for April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11.00 Easter HC	2	3 Recycling	4 2.30 Better Balance	5	6 9.30 Meeting Place	7 2.00 FVH Church Jumble Sale
8 11.00 HC	9 Refuse & garden	10	11 2.30 Better Balance	12	13 9.30 Meeting Place  7.00 Gardening Club Spring show	14
15 11.00 HC	16 Recycling & glass	17 7.30 FVH Meeting 8.15 Annual Parish Meeting	18 2.30 Better Balance	19 9.45 Toddlers 7.00 <b>Church</b> APCM 7.30 Wildlife Talk	20 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	21
22  6.30 Choral Evensong	23 Refuse & garden	24	25 2.30 Better Balance	26 9.45 Toddlers	27 9.30 Meeting Place	28
29 11.00 Bentley Benefice Service	30 Recycling					

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council .....	<i>Philippa Cullen Stephenson</i> - 520102 <a href="http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk">www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman .....	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 <a href="http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/">www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Gardening Club .....	<i>Brenda Milam</i> - 22216
Froyle Vestments Group .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 <a href="http://www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/">www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/</a>
St. Mary's Flower Rota .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive .....	<i>Chris &amp; Annette Booth</i> - 22364 <a href="http://www.froyle.com">www.froyle.com</a>
The Meeting Place .....	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Good Neighbours .....	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern .....	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Froyle Friends ( <i>visiting friends in hospital</i> ) .....	<i>Annette Booth</i> - 22364
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group ( <i>transport to medical appointments</i> ) .....	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team .....	<i>PCSO 14396 Jess Hornsby</i> - 07554 775556 Dial: <b>101</b> Ext: 771 243 or email: <i>jessica.hornsby@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
<b>NHS non-emergency</b> .....	<b>111</b>
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	<a href="http://www.benbinfro.co.uk">www.benbinfro.co.uk</a>

## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the front inside cover. All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

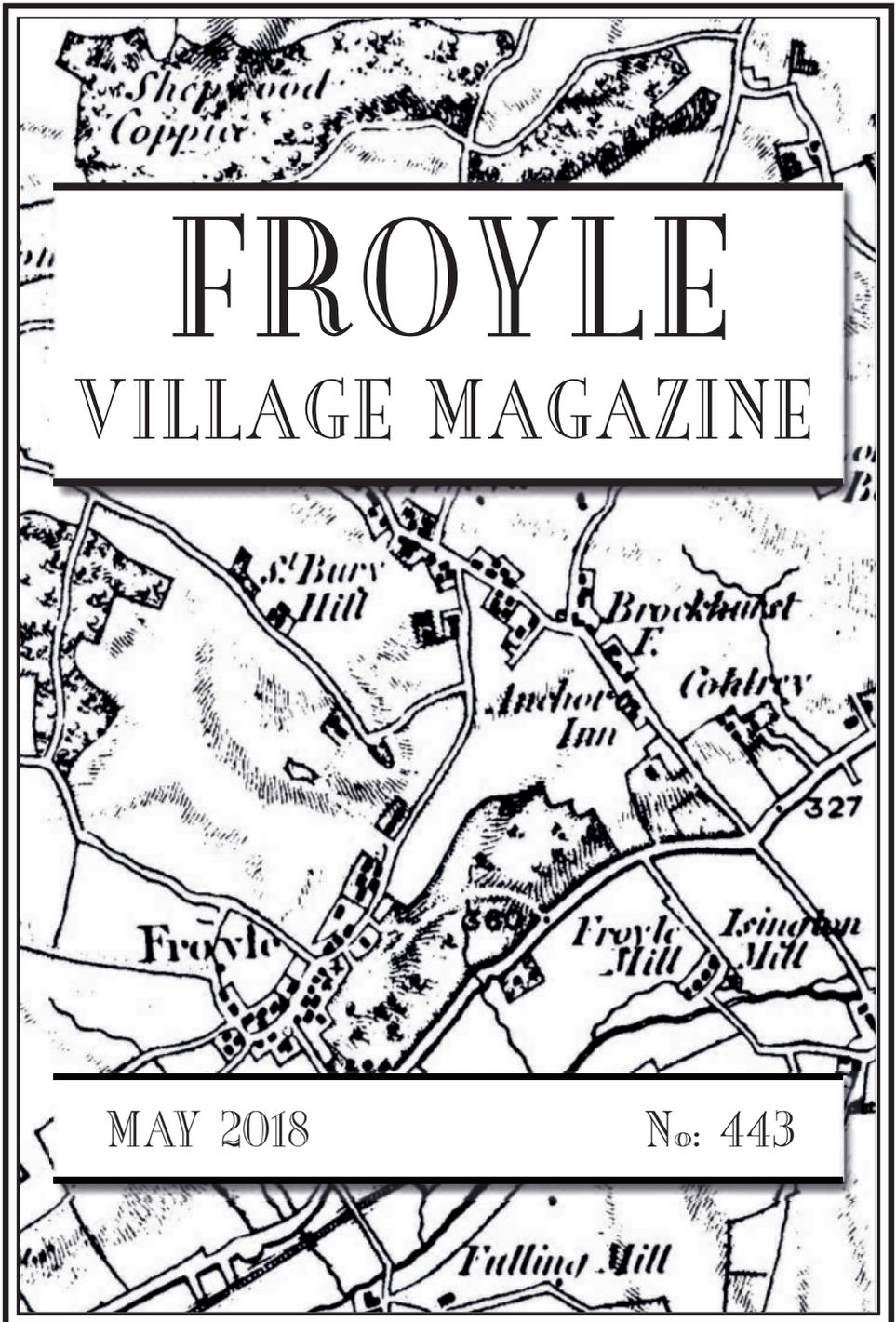
*magazine@froyle.com and copied to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*

All magazine contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to:

*magazine@froyle.com*

**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 village, with several mills and inns. 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 framed by a double-line border.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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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*

## REPORT FROM FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Froyle Parish Council has not met this month but there is still plenty to report including matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14 May at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. All residents of Froyle are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend but wish to raise an issue or concern, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above or any member of the council. A list of names and contact details can be found at the end of this report.

Further meetings have been arranged for Monday 11 June, Monday 9 July, Monday 13 August, Monday 24 September, Monday 22 October, Monday 12 November, Monday 10 December.

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Work has been undertaken to clear the ditch by the recreation ground and to fence in a section where a new hedge has been planted.

The zip wire will be put back into operation as soon as a new wire can be sourced and installed. The playground passed its quarterly inspection.

The Chair of the Parish Council will be meeting the East Hants District Council (EHDC) Conservation Officer at the beginning of May to discuss various issues affecting the village.

The planned meeting with the Chief Executive of EHDC to discuss activity at Froyle Park has been put back to June. There have been further reports by residents of disturbance at the venue. It would be very helpful if all instances of nuisance or inconvenience arising from functions at Froyle Park including any action taken are reported to the Parish Clerk. We can then raise matters on behalf of residents with the owners and with the District Council.

The Parish Council understands that in future the Froyle Park venue is going to use the same postcode as the Church (GU34 4JY). This should help ensure that fewer visitors get lost or drive into the Linden Homes Estate. Currently the post code for the Hen and Chicken is used (GU34 4JH). Linden Homes have agreed to stop using

the post code for the Froyle Park Apartments (GU34 4LA) and use the post code for their marketing suite (GU34 4FD).

The Parish Council also understands that the Froyle Park venue will be hosting fewer weddings this summer and more conferences which if it proves to be the case should result in a less disturbance for residents who live nearby.

Following a difficult winter the state of local roads is poor and potentially dangerous. Our Hampshire County Councillor admits that funds for repairs are restricted but recommends that issues are reported by going to: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Complaints about the litter on the A31 near the recycling centre continue. Our District and County Councillors have agreed to have yet another go at tackling this problem.

Details of proposals for refurbishing the football hut and the war memorial can be found below.

### **The War Memorial**

This year is the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day and to mark this important historical event we felt it would be fitting to give the War Memorial a face lift.

It is now seven years or so since it last had any attention, and the weather has taken its toll. Some of the names on the inscriptions have almost worn away, particularly on the southern face that takes all the weather, and all need re-painting.

It is a 'listed monument' and any work requires the approval of the relevant authorities. We have had meetings on site with both the War Memorials Trust and East Hants Conservation Officers who have given advice on the technical aspects of the work. This will comprise the steam cleaning of the memorial to remove dirt and lichen, followed by a 'deepening and sharpening' of faded lettering with a repainting of all lettering to give a consistent appearance.

Tenders have been sent out to two stonemasons, and we are awaiting their return with a view to getting the work done over the summer.

We would also like to improve the setting of the memorial. Currently it is surrounded by a concrete slab that is breaking up and becoming uneven. We are looking into suitable materials for its replacement, including a consolidated gravel or grey pavements. This will require Listed Building approval which has to be submitted before the work can commence.

We are looking for funding to assist in the cost. We have had a positive response from a pre-application submission to the WMT, and Glynis Watts has indicated that she will be able to provide some money from her EHDC Councillor Grant Fund.

Hopefully, all of this work will be completed by the autumn and the memorial will be looking at its best on 11 November.

## The Football Hut Project (again)

It is more than 10 years since the last football team hung up its boots leaving the Parish Council with the problem of what to do with the hut.

Last year the Parish Council proposed to demolish the football hut and construct a new oak frame building to provide some storage and a large covered shelter. The cost was around £50k. Plans went into the Mag and we received very mixed reactions from residents. Some supportive. Some less so.

Unsure how to proceed the Parish Council set up a joint Village Hall /Parish Council sub-committee consisting of Ian Deans, Ian Macnabb, David Robertson, Charlie Findlay and Nick Whines. The architect Mark Penfold who has significant experience of community building projects was invited to join. The sub-committee has met four or five times in various combinations.

The sub-committee looked at FIVE options for the hut and which would offer best value for the village based on £50k being available. Half from the PC and half from external funding.

1 - **Do nothing:** but sooner or later something would have to be done because the building would continue to decay and might become dangerous and will continue to be an eye sore. We might also lose up to £10k of the Cabinet Grant we received from EHDC for the original joint Playground Hut project.

2 - **Demolish and landscape:** The cost of doing this would be around £10k and the village wouldn't have much to show for the expenditure beyond a couple of parking spaces or a bit more grass. Again we might lose £10k of the cabinet grant.

3 - **Demolish and rebuild as a small meeting room:** the cost of this went well beyond the available funds because it would require the duplication of facilities (loos kitchen etc).

4 - **Demolish and create an oak framed shelter** and store as per previous proposal for which funding was awarded by EHDC: potentially this would be much more attractive visually and not as expensive as Option 3 but significant doubts were expressed about how it would be used and whether it was needed.

5 - **Refurbish the hut** with new roof, new cladding and insulation to provide a secure village store and a covered sitting area on the front at a cost of around £24k.

Option 5 was the sub-committee's clear preference and is supported by the Village Hall Committee for whom storage is always an issue. Having more storage may allow the hall to be used by people who also need space to keep their equipment which is currently not possible.

It is worth noting that residents are already beginning to use the hut for storage in preparation for the recent jumble sale. What was not sold has been re-stored for the fete.

It has been suggested that if we proceed with option 5 we may then be able to remove one or both of the containers but we know the Fete Committee want to retain theirs because access is easier for moving the heavy tables in and out.

To progress the hut project, we now need to nail things down in much more detail. For example what do we need to include in the refurbishment that will allow us to repurpose the building at some future date? Is it worth spending for example another £10-15k now in order to get more flexibility in the future. Or are we looking to do the minimum at lowest cost?

The PC will be making some decisions at its next meeting on 14 May. We would be pleased to have any thoughts or ideas you may have before then.

Please email: [froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or discuss with a member of the council.

### **Your Parish Councillors**

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Mr N Whines	Day Cottage, Lower Froyle, GU34 4LL, (23130) <a href="mailto:nick.whines@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk">nick.whines@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>

Mrs. J. Southern is Chairman, and Mr. I. Deans is Vice Chairman.

## Joan Ezzard

### Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you for the flowers and cards of sympathy after Joan passed away on the 9th March and to everyone who came to her funeral and to the reception to celebrate her life in the Village Hall. It was nice to see her friends and relatives to express their condolences and support, and a big thank you to Susie Robertson and the team for preparing the hall and the lovely spread of food and drink. Joan will be missed by all but always in our memory.

- the Ezzard Family

## Advance Notice

### Aircraft Activity

RAF Odiham have informed us that they will hold their annual Families Day on **Wednesday 29 August 2018**.

*'As with other years, this day is an opportunity for the Station to thank those who stand so steadfastly behind the Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Airwomen from RAF Odiham when their loved ones are deployed on combat operations overseas. On this day, you will notice a significant upsurge in aircraft activity, with Chinook helicopters flying all morning and aircraft displaying in the afternoon; I would particularly ask those with horses and livestock to note that this will include fast jet activity'.*





Bookings:  
Susie Robertson  
01420 520820

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

**The Froyle Village Hall held its Annual General Meeting on 17 April.**

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman David Robertson reported that during 2017 the committee had organised three film nights, a Safari Supper, a Race Night, teas for the Garden openings, the Bonfire Night Party and Christmas Carols all of which had been well supported and much enjoyed.

Regular events at the hall had included Monday and Tuesday art classes, Better Balance, the Toddler Groups, the Gardening and Wildlife Clubs, Flower arranging and the Meeting Place.

There had been a solid stream of bookings, both from within and outside the Village, including two elections, which was excellent news for the hall finances. Income was down slightly over the year but this was largely explained by the fact that the hall was closed for three weeks in January/February, a normally busy period, to allow work on the hall to proceed.

Major expenditure during the year had included refurbishing the floor, redecorating the hall and a deep clean for the kitchen. The automatic flushing mechanism in the gents loo was replaced. A new control system for the heating system was installed. Outside, the gutters and down pipes had been replaced and the windows restained and the latches mended. The Committee was grateful to the Parish Council for repointing the patio, to Cllrs Mark Kemp Gee and Glynis Watts for grants towards the cost of the redecoration and to the Fete Committee for their contribution to the cost of the floor.

The Committee had contributed towards the cost of the playground renewal which had greatly enhanced the facilities available to hirers of the hall.

The Committee had been working closely with the PC over plans for the future of the football hut.

Looking to the future a contract had been signed to replace the front doors with aluminium ones at a cost of approximately £5000. Cllr Watts was thanked for her grant of £1000.

David Robertson concluded by thanking Cindy Dennis for her hard work keeping the hall clean and welcoming. He also thanked Sylvie Nonhebel for her work running the Mothers and Toddler Group which now sadly was closing, and the officers and members of the Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Charlie Findlay spoke to his Treasurer's report. He thanked Ian Macnabb for inspecting the accounts and for his comments which had all been incorporated. He explained that because the Hall is a charity key financial information had to be provided to the Charity Commission. The Hall operates on a 'cash' basis. Receipts and payments are only logged at the time they happen. There is no petty cash.

Use of the Hall remained strong but as it was closed for two weeks in January and a week in February, takings from hiring charges fell to £10,569 from £12,244 in 2016.

Operating costs rose slightly from £8,384 2016 to £8,460. The solar panels on the roof continue to generate electricity and revenue - £633 in 2017 – which off-sets the costs of electricity.

A galloping Race Night, a Safari Supper and the perennial 100 Club raised £2,621 in total. The 100 Club actually had 112 monthly tickets at £12 per ticket. It paid out 50% of its receipts as monthly prizes, leaving £672 in surplus for the Hall.

The Bonfire and Fireworks more than covered its costs with a surplus of £595.

Film Nights, in January, June and October made surpluses respectively of £150, £32 and £4, with 55, 40 and 38 attendees. It's clear from these figures that our 'breakeven' is around 40 and as long as we continue to get attendance thereabouts the Committee will continue to run them.

A donation from the 2016 Fete of £2,000 helped pay for the floor refurbishment.

New gutters, floor refurbishment, redecoration and window fixing/redecoration cost £5,436. With grants from EHDC and HCC of £1,550 and the Fete contribution, the net cost for all this work was £1,386.

An unbudgeted contribution of £2,500 was made to the playground project.

A new central heating controller cost £1,331. This was more than expected but the hall now also has more intelligent radiator controllers and a new adjustable thermostat.

### **The two reports were approved by the meeting.**

The Chairman then opened the meeting for questions and comments.

The Bonfire Party was discussed. It was suggested that given the numbers who now attend more bucket shakers were needed particularly in the lower part of the recreation ground. Parking on the road had been 'chaotic' in 2017 and it was suggested that visitors be allowed to park on the recreation ground. It was pointed out that this might be more dangerous given the darkness and the numbers of people. In 2018 the party would no longer coincide with the weekend and this might reduce the numbers attending. The committee agreed to take all these points into consideration when planning the next bonfire night party.

It was suggested that the deposit for hiring the hall be increased to £100 to cover situations when clearing up was inadequate. The committee agreed to discuss this.

A question was asked about whether awnings could be purchased to replace the gazebos which were difficult to erect and easily blown over when installed on the patio. The Committee had investigated awnings but had found that the low eaves of the hall made installation problematic. Awnings were expensive and did not work well in the wind and rain being mainly designed to provide protection from the sun. It was hoped that the refurbishment of the hut might include a permanently covered outdoor area.

A plea was made for a wide broom. The committee agreed to purchase one if a suitable broom could be identified. The suggestion that a broom sub-committee was set up was rejected.

### **The committee having stood down were unanimously re-elected by the meeting.**

From the floor William Knowles thanked the officers of the village hall for their work on behalf of the community.

*Nick Whines, Hon. Sec. Froyle Village Hall*

## EVENTS IN FROYLE DURING MAY

Remember to check the calendar at the back of the magazine to ensure you do not miss everything going on in Froyle this month. You will usually find further details in the articles and advertisements.

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### FUTURE EVENTS IN FROYLE

#### Froyle Fête & Flower Show

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018



The well oiled (in more ways than one) machine that is the Fete Committee has already met this year. Your correspondent is fortunate to have a “mole” who, for the price of a couple of halves of Alton’s Pride can be persuaded to provide a few insights into this year’s event. History has shown him not to be 100% reliable, but what he reveals is generally accurate.

This year’s fete will again be “traditional”. Health and safety concerns preclude bygone favourites such as “bowling for a pig” and “how many munglewurzels can you eat in a minute”, but after reassuring the RSPCA that no animals are harmed, “hook a duck” goes ahead. There’ll be the usual family attractions including bouncy castle (height restrictions apply), childrens’ farm, classic cars and welly whanging. According to local legend, the latter event allowed the Who’s Pete Townshend to hone his distinctive windmill arm guitar technique one afternoon in the early sixties, when the then unknown group called at Froyle Fete on their way to a gig in the back room at the Baker’s Arms in Alton.

As usual, flowers and fruit and vegetables will be on display in the Village Hall, but those who remember “hilarious” misformed items on “That’s Life” may be disappointed. There’ll be live music throughout the afternoon too. I’m also pleased to report that the Committee has persuaded the Dog Show Master of Ceremonies to turn down a frankly rather clumsy attempt at head-hunting by Cruft’s, so that annual highlight goes ahead. The beer tent celebrated record takings last year, but there’s no need to hold back this July as they’ll be getting in adequate supplies. The bbq will be conveniently positioned close to the beer tent to provide award winning cuisine.

Nearer the event, we’ll be on the look-out for books, bric-a-brac, bottles and things not beginning with b, but more of that in future magazines. In the meantime, if you’d like to find out how you can join the happy team of helpers or even run a stall, please call Fete Committee Chairman Ian Whitmore on 22634.

*Your Special Correspondent, “Jethro J.”*

# Froyle Vestments Group

2nd & 3rd June 2018



The Vestments Group of St. Mary's Church will again be holding an exhibition of the church's unique and historic vestments, to coincide with the NGS Gardens Group Open Weekend. We shall also display vintage christening robes loaned by some Froyle families.

*Madeleine Black (23371)*

## Froyle Open Gardens

2nd & 3rd June 2018



Several gardens in the village will again be open this year, and as always there will be opportunities for volunteers to help with running this very popular event.

*Nick Whines. (23130)*





**The Froyle Card Games Club**

Do you play any of these Card Games?



BRIDGE  
WHIST  
CANASTA  
CRIBBAGE



**STOP PRESS**  
**First Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm**  
**in the Village Hall**

We would expect to charge a modest amount per head initially (to cover the cost of the Hall) and are delighted that we have had some keen interest. But even if you don't have a regular partner or team but you love playing cards, do drop by and we should be able to fit you in with a game.



*Caroline Findlay (22019)*  
*David Robertson (520820)*





## FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

### 'CALL MY WINE BLUFF'

Based on the TV Quiz 'Call My Bluff'



Come and join us on

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**7 p.m.**

at which the Village Hall will be hosting a fun-filled evening of wine and bluffing .....

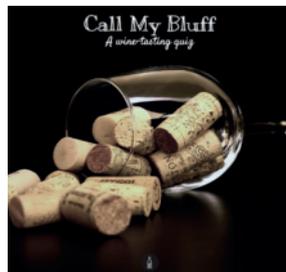
**Tickets - £20.00 per head**

to include supper

As if wine tasting isn't confusing enough, the evening will involve a panel of 3 or 4 well known local wine experts giving descriptions of 6 different bottles which you will taste before deciding which experts are talking utter rubbish!

### **WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH??**

The table who guesses the most correctly wins the prize.



We would encourage you to get together with friends and take tables of up to 6 people (but we will make up tables as required). All proceeds go to the Village Hall

We expect this event to be very popular so .....

please call Karen Potter (01420) 520294 or David Robertson 520820 to register your team/your attendance

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## Better Balance

Better Balance continues on **Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May (not May 2nd).**

Usual time: 2.30pm

Usual place: Froyle Village Hall

Do come and exercise to music followed by tea and chat! Speak to Sue Sharman 22603 if you would like to join the class.

*Madeleine Black (23371)*

# 'OPENING THE DOOR TO THE FORBIDDEN CITY'

The rise, fall and rise again of China's imperial capital

Between 1520 and 1912, Beijing's Forbidden City was the seat of China's government and home to 24 Ming and Qing dynasty emperors and their families, concubines and eunuchs. This talk will examine formal and domestic life in the court, illustrating the 9000-room palace, pleasure gardens, workshops and one of the world's most spectacular art collections. Following the mid-19th to mid-20th "Century of Humiliation", post-revolutionary China has again made the Forbidden City a symbol of political and cultural power.



**A TALK  
BY  
MARY GINSBERG**

Former Curator, British Museum

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Cost - £10.00**

Please call Karen Potter  
(01420) 520294

to register your attendance  
(for catering purposes)

**Drinks 7.00 p.m.**

**Talk commences 7.30 p.m.**  
followed by refreshments

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FROYLE**

# The Meeting Place



9.30 – 12 noon every Friday in the Village Hall.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for Tea or Coffee, homemade cake and a chat. We sell the local paper and often there are fresh eggs and other produce for sale as well as postage stamps, and a selection of books and magazines to borrow. We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity.

## Cake bakers for May

4 <sup>th</sup>	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	Sarah Khan
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Carr	Sue Sharman	Sheila Walker	Shirley Bellis
18 <sup>th</sup>	Madeleine Black	Jane Stewart Smith	Elizabeth Sealey	Alison Pincot
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Roberts	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam	Kay Pogson

It is an 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.

## Kitchen Helpers for May

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Carr	Sue Marriott
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Elliott	Philippa Cullen-Stephenson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Walker	Jenny Dundas
25 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Pogson	Barbara Starbuck

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

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



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

Our Spring Show was held on April 13th and it proved to be very disappointing with very few people entering and very few coming to view. John Cresswell won both classes in the photography judged by popular choice and Brenda Milam won the posie, also judged by popular vote. Brian Porter won the award for Best Daffodils.

On May 11th we welcome back Mr John Baker to speak about Lovely Lilies. His talks are always of the highest calibre so we should be in for a treat. The competition will be a spray of Spring foliage.

## Outing to Kiftsgate

This is due to take place on June 12<sup>th</sup> - however we have 14 vacancies so it may not take place.

*Brenda Milam*



## Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning \*\* News from the Toddler Group \*\*

Sadly the number of people attending the toddler group has been very low these last few months so there are no more group meetings scheduled for now. Should anyone be keen to start the group again, please **contact Sylvie on 01420 520779**.

*Sylvie Nonhebel*

## Froyle 100 Club Winners for April

1<sup>st</sup> - Mary Knowles      2<sup>nd</sup> - Anthea McRiley

3<sup>rd</sup> - Constance Barter      4<sup>th</sup> - Faith Richards

*Congratulations to all! - William Knowles*



## Froyle Wildlife

Talk - "Wild Orchids of Hampshire"  
Tuesday 15th May 7.30pm, all welcome

This month we are delighted to welcome Rosemary Webb wild orchid expert and top photographer as our speaker. We'll find out about some of the 30+ species of orchid found in Hampshire over a variety of habitats that include chalk grassland, heathland, marshland and woodland. Come along and be enthused to seek out some of these beauties for yourself. All welcome - £2 Froyle Wildlife members, £3 non members. Further information at [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news)



In April we had an enjoyable and informal evening when John Buckley enlightened us with tips on how to identify our native species concentrating on the Smooth, Palmate and Great Crested Newts, Common Frog, Common Toad, Common Lizard, Slow-worm, Grass Snake and Adder – all found locally. We also learnt something of their habitats, enjoyed a picture quiz and had the opportunity to examine live newts closely. We were encouraged to record sightings of these creatures (in our gardens or elsewhere in Hampshire) on 'Living Record' [www.livingrecord.net/](http://www.livingrecord.net/) Alternatively records can be sent to Hampshire Wildlife Trust, <http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/species-groups-and-records/submitted-records> thereby contributing towards an Atlas of Hampshire's amphibians and reptiles to be published in 2020. Data collected from such surveys inform conservationists which species are doing well and which are in decline and prompt further investigations.

*Sue Clark*

## May News from The Froyle Archive



Continuing the story of the “Mission Church of St Joseph”, let us take a look inside. Although perhaps not the most attractive building outside, St. Joseph’s was every bit a place of worship inside. Statues, for which Froyle is famous, abounded, as can be seen in the photograph above, which was taken around 1911. Talking to us in 1981 Lilian Smither (*who wrote about her life as a child in the village in the 1900s*), remembered how she and her sister were responsible for setting out the vestments for communion. “They were kept in a chest of drawers in the vestry - it was never locked!”

Joyce Kemp remembers helping her Aunties, Miss Grace and Miss Ena Westbrook, decorate St. Joseph’s at Easter. One time, “Auntie Ena wasn’t very pleased with Hubert and I when we were playing the little organ. It just so happened I was playing ‘The Blue Bells of Scotland’ as a rather important gentlemen walked in to see how the decorations were going!”

Sadly by the 1960s the little church had fallen into disrepair and in 1965 was sold. It was purchased by Mr & Mrs Tom Hughes, who seven years earlier, had bought the pretty cottage adjoining the church, calling it appropriately at the time, Church Cottage. Although it was a great talking point for the Hughes - after all, how many people have their own church at the bottom of the garden - by the end of 1967 the church had been demolished.

But that wasn’t the last Froyle residents saw of the little tin church. In 1983 portions of its 90 year old stained glass windows were sold to help raise money for the restoration and preservation of St. Mary’s in Upper Froyle.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

**Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)**



## SPEEDWATCH

A small group of volunteers, man/woman four sessions a month around our village. At present that means each person doing an average of two sessions a month.

Traffic flow through the village is increasing, an annual increase last year of 10%, with more speeding vehicles. Of interest, analysis of our data by Hampshire Police shows that 61% of speedsters derive from local postcodes, that is, within a five mile radius.

It is our village, our residents, young, mature and (dare it be said) old, who are affected by speeding vehicles. We as villagers can all make a difference by being conscious of our speed.

If speeding is of concern to you, then volunteer to join the Speedwatch Group. Without more help, our vigilance will be reduced or even discontinued.

As an alternative to, or to go alongside, Speedwatch we have to consider other devices.

Your Speedwatch group is proposing to the Parish Council:

Unmanned, electronic speed indicator signs, which can be moved around predetermined locations on a periodic basis.

Additional measures are under consideration, for example; 'speed bumps', roadside gates/fences at the various portals to the village (as seen in Long Sutton), calming devices, for example road narrowing with pinch points(as seen in Selborne).

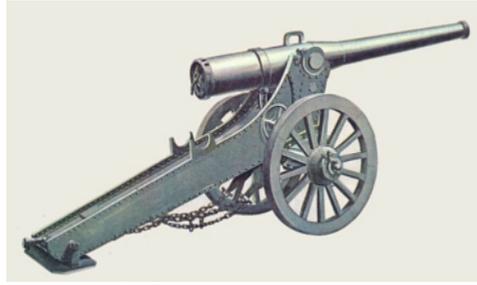
There are also suggestions that application could be made for a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of the village of Froyle.

Villagers' views would be welcomed. This can be done by contacting Gordon Mitchell on 01420 89728 or at [champersg@hotmail.com](mailto:champersg@hotmail.com) to offer your views and even better, to tell of your desire to join our band of volunteers.



**Any comments before the end of May please.**

*Gordon Mitchell, (89728)*



## STORIES FROM THE FRONT

My grandfather joined up in 1914 and was commissioned into the Black Watch, which for reasons I can't quite understand was then part of the Indian army and got extra pay.

He was wounded at the Battle of Loos in 1915, by British gas which blew back into their trench (he wore a monocle as a result of this gas attack). After his recovery he was sent to the Mesopotamian campaign to try to break the siege of Kut. In his letters home he mentioned it was a thousand times worse than the Western front and contracted various diseases and illnesses.

Sent to India to recover he returned to the Western Front in early 1917, but was given non front line jobs as his regiment thought that he had 'done his bit'. This was much to his annoyance and he returned to front line work in 1918, when he was again badly wounded and captured in the German offensive on the 18th April. He spent the rest of the war as a POW, where he learned to speak French, German and Russian.

We know quite a bit about this war as he wrote to his mother nearly every day and he kept a diary as a POW. Between my brother and myself, we have typed up all the letters and the diary which makes fascinating reading.

He returned to India as a solicitor and magistrate. In 1939 he drove back to the UK from Ceylon in a Morris van which he proudly showed off in St James Square on his return - his family went by ship.

During the Second World War he was part of the judge advocate's office all through France in 1940, North Africa, Italy, France again and Germany, finally taking part in the Nuremburg trials.

Tragically he died quite young at 60 and before I was born so I never got to meet him.

My father mentioned he never talked about the war although my Grandmother said he was very moved when he went back to see the graves of his fallen comrades in 1940 when he was stationed in France before Dunkirk.

*Jamie Stewart-Smith*

## (Stories from the Front)

As we approach the centenary of the end of World War One, there must be many of us who remember the stories of relatives who fought in this war.

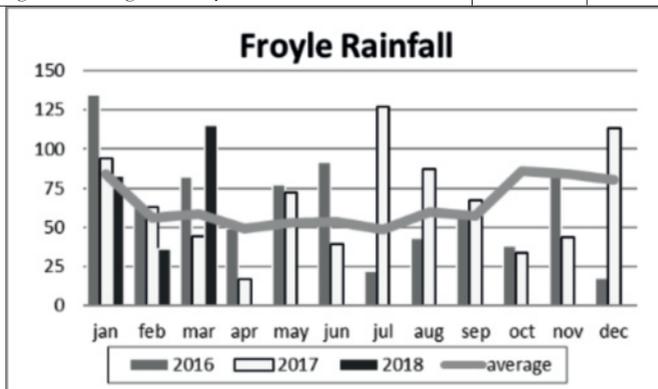
We would like to encourage anybody who can remember what was said about these times. For example, where they were, what did they do and if it affected their lives. We are very grateful to Jamie for starting us off with his recollections of his grandfather.

Simply send your stories to us at [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com). Written copy can be dropped off for us at The Meeting Place on Fridays.

*The Editors*

### Froyle Rainfall for March 2018

This year	115.5 mm	4.5 ins
Last year	44 mm	1.7 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 <sup>th</sup> wettest month	58.7 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	234.5 mm	9.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	198.6mm	7.8 ins



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

I make no apology for mentioning this again this year as believe it or not it happened again in 2017 making it now 4 years on the trot!

Could we therefore be in line for a real soaking mid-year this year? Well maybe, but as this was the fourth wettest March in 40 years better keep those sou'westers handy for the Gardens opening...!



“The Umbrella Man”

## Bentley CE Primary School May News

Engaging the children in the joy of reading has always been a goal at Bentley and we were delighted to welcome author Sam Gayton into school in April. His books 'The Snow Merchant', 'Hercufleas,' 'His Royal Whiskers' and 'Lilliput' are very popular and the children were very excited to meet him.

We enjoyed a fun assembly when Sam had the whole school perform tongue twisters and enthralled us all with an excerpt from The Snow Merchant, cleverly leaving the story on a cliff-hanger! He ran workshops with the Juniors during the day who all loved writing 'nano-stories' (a story in six words) with him.

Amongst the favourites from Year 4 were...

- Camping trip. Bear Kingdom. Empty tent. By Oliver
- Zombie apocalypse. Everyone dies. Except Bob. By Maddison
- One ship... one iceberg... one tragedy. By Max
- Grey hair. Dyed it. Went well. By Holly

Lots of children and parents came along at the end of the day to meet Sam and have him sign a book for them – although one child did ask if that was his actual signature or just a scribble! It was lovely to see the children so engaged!

Sam's visit began a week of reading at school which culminated in a very special opening ceremony for our lovely library which was relocated at the beginning of the school year.

An amazing story teller chair and some money to buy new books was very kindly gifted to the school from the Stanley family and super artist Anna MacInnes created a wonderful mural from the whole school's favourite book characters. The children love the new school library and we hope that Sam's visit, along with the Summer Term Reading Challenge, will inspire some great reading and perhaps one or two published authors of the future!

*Katy Pinchess - Headteacher*



# **C**18<sup>th</sup> **VESTMENT DISPLAY**

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



**1pm - 6pm Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June 2018**  
**at St Mary's Church,**  
**Upper Froyle, GU34 4LB**

*Our unique vestment display coincides with the  
NGS Froyle Gardens Group open weekend.  
Delicious home-made teas will be served in the Village Hall,  
all excellent reasons to visit Froyle this summer.*

## Lent Lunches

We enjoyed our last lunch on March 21st at Copse Hill Farm, courtesy of Jane Macnabb and as usual, it was a wonderfully chatty occasion! The total taken after all 6 lunches was £1077.05p which is a magnificent effort.

I am so grateful to all the hostesses this year, who have continued the tradition of generous hospitality and delicious soups, and to all of you who have partaken of them.

Different venues next year, but I am sure, equally sublime culinary experiences!!

*Jenny Gove*

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## St. Mary's Froyle - Church Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed to the decorations for Easter, as always I think we excelled ourselves! Special thanks to the Toddler Group and the Sunday School for their imaginative contributions.

A special thank you to Bella Butler for inviting us to gather armfuls of beautiful daffodils and tulips from West End Farm for the Church.

Next date: Vestment Weekend will soon be upon us, and Tony Riley will be decorating the church with lots of greenery for the occasion, on Tuesday 29th May. He would like baskets of green foliage and plenty of anything green from your garden! Please deliver to the Church on or before the 29th.

*Gill Bradley (520484)*



## Fundraising Quiz & BBQ

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - 7:30 for 8pm Start- Bentley School Hall**

**Teams of 8 people - BBQ included -Licenced Bar- Pudding Auction- Raffle**

**Please contact Darren Paine to book your place: 07950 418282**

[painesdecorating@btconnect.com](mailto:painesdecorating@btconnect.com)

**A team of 6 are travelling out to Tanzania in July to provide practical support to the remote village of Mikindani near Mtwara. Funds from this event will be used to provide an improved water supply, mosquito nets and health education resources.**

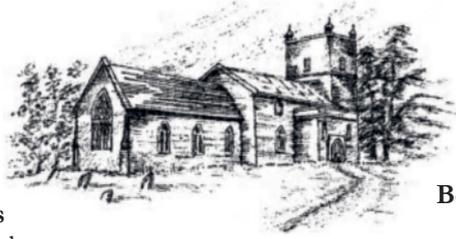
Registered Charity Number 1128990

**£10 per person**

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 [yann@benbinfro.org](mailto:yann@benbinfro.org)

Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



## Churchwarden:

**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge, Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

[wbk@wbknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbknowles.com)

## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## MAY SERVICES

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	<a href="#">Live@Five</a> (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	<a href="#">Live@Five</a> (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with children's groups

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## Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering

**Froyle Church, Sunday 10th June at 3:00 pm**

This a short, simple service of prayers and hymns (referred to in the current services rota, for those of you who have seen this, as a 'Commemorative Service') is for anyone wishing to remember and give thanks for the life of a person they have known and loved who has died. Many of you will remember we held such a service in September 2016, and there has been lots of interest in holding it again.

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Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome, whether or not your loved one had any connection with Froyle, and whenever he or she died.

If you would like to know more about it, do get in touch either with **Sarah (520041, Sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk)** or with me.

*William Knowles (23164)*

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### “Thank You” from the Church

In addition to those expressed elsewhere in the magazine:

Firstly, to the many people who helped make **Easter** such a success: to Sarah T and Gill and all those talented people who helped decorate the church – and a particular thank you to Peter Wonson for letting us have his remarkable cross ‘edifice’....; to Jane and the choir for Maundy Thursday service, as lovely as ever; to Jan, Jenny, Ali and Jane Harrap (not to mention Yann) for making the Easter garden making and egg hunting frolic for kids so entertaining on Easter Saturday;

Secondly, to Julie Southern and Sarah R and their formidable team who extracted more money from fewer people at the **Church Jumble** on 7 April;

Thirdly, to all who came to the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on 19 April – if anyone who doesn’t have a copy of the Church’s Annual Report and Accounts for 2017 would like one, let me know; particular thanks to Linda for her nearly 20 years’ service on the PCC, from which she stepped down at that meeting – she assures us she will continue to be her formidably active self in the various other aspects of church life for which she does so much.

*William Knowles*

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### Scones in Summer!



Remember, remember Scones in June - every Tuesday afternoon...in the church! More details in the June magazine.

*Jane Macnabb*

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

I've been thinking a little of late about the miracle contained in a tiny seed. As a child I annoyed my parents by snapping off the ripe seed heads of the purple opium poppies in our neighbour's garden and scattering the dust-like seed everywhere. Those minuscule seeds, almost as fine as ground pepper and contained in a pod so like a pepper pot, produced masses of tall poppies with silky gossamer petals. I always marvelled at the ability of such a tiny thing to generate such a large number of plants and I've wondered too at the larger seeds of nasturtium and sunflowers, capable of going on to produce many flowers and many more seeds.

The Bible also has a lot to say about seeds. There is the very practical verse about seeds being sown and some falling by the wayside (Matthew ch.13, v.3), which ends 'Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown'. When seeds are planted we don't know precisely how many will grow to full size and some may not even germinate, but we do know that, given the right conditions, there is a good chance of success. We aim for warmth, moisture, the right kind of soil and light, knowing these factors will encourage germination and growth.

And Matthew also wrote about the mustard seed, saying, 'It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.' In the Middle East, mustard is a shrub and can indeed grow into a sizeable tree, because the climate is conducive to substantial growth, whereas in this country it is more like the bright yellow rape seed crop we see grown so often in our fields in this area in summer.

I think both these verses tell us something about the human condition and God's hopes for us. We each have within us, the capacity to grow in faith and spirit, but we must nurture that seed with prayer and devotion to ensure it will flourish. And if the individual seed within each of us can grow to fruition, then we can help more seeds to germinate by spreading the message of Jesus and sharing our faith with others.

So I hope and pray, that, just as gardeners and farmers are praying for a fruitful crop this year, despite the cold Beasts from the East that delayed our Spring, we in the parishes of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle will see our churches flourishing and the faithful multiplying.

***Blessings,  
Yann***



You are invited to join us on

**Sunday 13 May**

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](mailto:messychurch@benbinfro.org)

# GAMES & PUZZLES

## Easier

8	+		x		36
+		x		x	
	-	3	+		8
-		-		+	
	x		-		5
12		-4		29	

## Maths Puzzles

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

## Harder

	x		-		21
x		x		-	
	-		÷		-2
x		+		-	
	-	5	+		10
144		17		-2	

## Brain Teasers

ð Insert the missing vowels to give five sweet dishes. What are they?

SND

TPC

MSS

SMLN

GT

ð Car A and Car B set off from the same point, at the same time, to travel the same 70 mile journey. Car A travels at 50 mph and Car B travels at 35 mph. How many minutes will there be between the arrival times of the two cars?

Answers on page 29



## Talk by Gary Wilburn, MD of HPW Architecture: How do we deliver affordable low-energy buildings as the norm?

At Energy Alton's next public talk on Wednesday 16 May at 7.30 pm, Gary Wilburn, Managing Director of HPW Architecture (based in Romsey) will describe how it is possible to build affordable highly energy-efficient buildings, using prefabricated building technologies and integrated renewable energy generation. HPW Architects are finalists in the Edie Sustainability Awards 2018 for the Sustainable Building of the Year. The building regulation standards for energy efficiency were reduced in 2015, as the large housing developers convinced the Government that highly energy-efficient homes cost too much. We would like to prove them wrong! The event is at Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN. Free entry, bar, all are welcome. [www.energyalton.org.uk](http://www.energyalton.org.uk)

## (IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

*Authors' note: these stories are fiction. Any possible identification of any character with any person living or dead is unintentional and coincidental, except in relation to any known historical characters, whose appearance, along with any historical events, locations and periods, is to give the stories context and meaning, and possibly relevance.*

### 2 Travellers on the road

The track wound through the woods, indistinct and muddy, but visible and easy to follow, with a combination of hoof marks and footprints. The party made quite a noise, the wheels of the carriage squeaking, leather of the harness creaking and the escorts' weapons and armour jingling and clanking, as it made its way along the ridge, accompanied by the angry squawking of the rooks which rose and settled in front of and behind it. Alfred Boyes felt a little uneasy: this was his first trip from Farnham to Winchester and he didn't really know the route. He knew that the plague had wreaked havoc among the peasant population. There had been rumours of unrest, even hostility to the lords and nobles, in some of the villages, and he didn't relish having to explain himself to his superiors if anything untoward befell his party.

"Keep your eyes peeled, men" he called out. "We don't know what the people round here are like, and I don't want any nasty surprises."

They came to the edge of the woods, to see a great swathe of land laid out before them, mainly fields with clumps of woodland in between. He could see some people across the valley to the left, some way away, who appeared to be working on the land.

"Hey you, Fletcher! Look down that way – can you see those folk by the oxen over there?" he asked. "Ride over and see what this place is called, if it is a place at all, how many people live here and what they're like. We'll wait for you to come back." The man headed off the track down the hill, spraying mud up behind him.

"Boyes! Why have we stopped? What's going on?" came a voice from inside the carriage.

"There are some peasants across the valley. I've sent someone to see where we are, and what the people are like. Maybe we can take some with us – we'll need all the men we can get if Wykeham has his way." There was no answer from the carriage, which Boyes took as approval of his decision.

Across the valley Adam and Joshua watched as a figure on horseback emerged from behind the trees and came down the hill towards them. He appeared to be armed.

"I don't like the look of this, son," said Adam, "but we can't run away without appearing suspicious: and I don't want to risk losing the oxen. We'd better stand fast. Act normal and let me do the talking. Let's hope we can get rid of him."

*To be continued. Who is in the carriage? Why is it going to Winchester? What does it mean for Adam and Joshua?*

## BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

### PART-TIME DISPENSER

**Bentley** is a small rural village on the Hampshire/Surrey border. We have an exciting opportunity for an experienced **DISPENSER** to join our small and friendly team.

Applicants will ideally have experience of working in a general practice dispensary or community pharmacy, qualified to a minimum of NVQ level 2. If you have experience of working in a similar environment but do not have the NVQ qualification we would be able to provide access to the relevant training.

The successful applicant will be self-motivated, organised, with excellent interpersonal skills. You must be able to demonstrate good attention to detail and effective IT skills. Some flexibility to cover for holidays and sickness will be required.

For more information regarding hours and attractive rates of pay please contact **Donna Mant**.

***Closing date for this vacancy is 31st May***

#### Written applications including CV to:

Mrs Donna Mant  
Practice Manager  
Bentley Village Surgery  
Hole Lane  
Bentley  
Farnham  
GU10 5LP

**Email:** [NHCCG.bentleyvillagesurgery@nhs.net](mailto:NHCCG.bentleyvillagesurgery@nhs.net)

## Games & Puzzles - Solutions

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### Sweet Dishes

Sundae  
Tapioca  
Mousse  
Semolina  
Gateau

### Car Race

Car A arrives 36 minutes before Car B.

## Village Events for May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	5
6 <i>8.00 HC</i>	7	8 <i>Refuse &amp; garden</i>	9  <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	10	11 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>  <i>7.30pm Gardening Club</i>	12
13 <i>11.00 HC</i>	14 <i>Recycling &amp; glass</i>  <i>7.45pm PC meeting</i>	15  <i>7.30pm Wildlife talk</i>	16  <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	17	18 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>  <i>7.00pm Talk in Church</i>  <i>Magazine deadline</i>	19
20 <i>11.00 HC</i>	21 <i>Refuse &amp; garden</i>	22	23  <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	24	25 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	26
27  <i>6.30pm Choral Evensong</i>	28	29 <i>Recycling</i>  <i>Decorate church</i>	30  <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	31		

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

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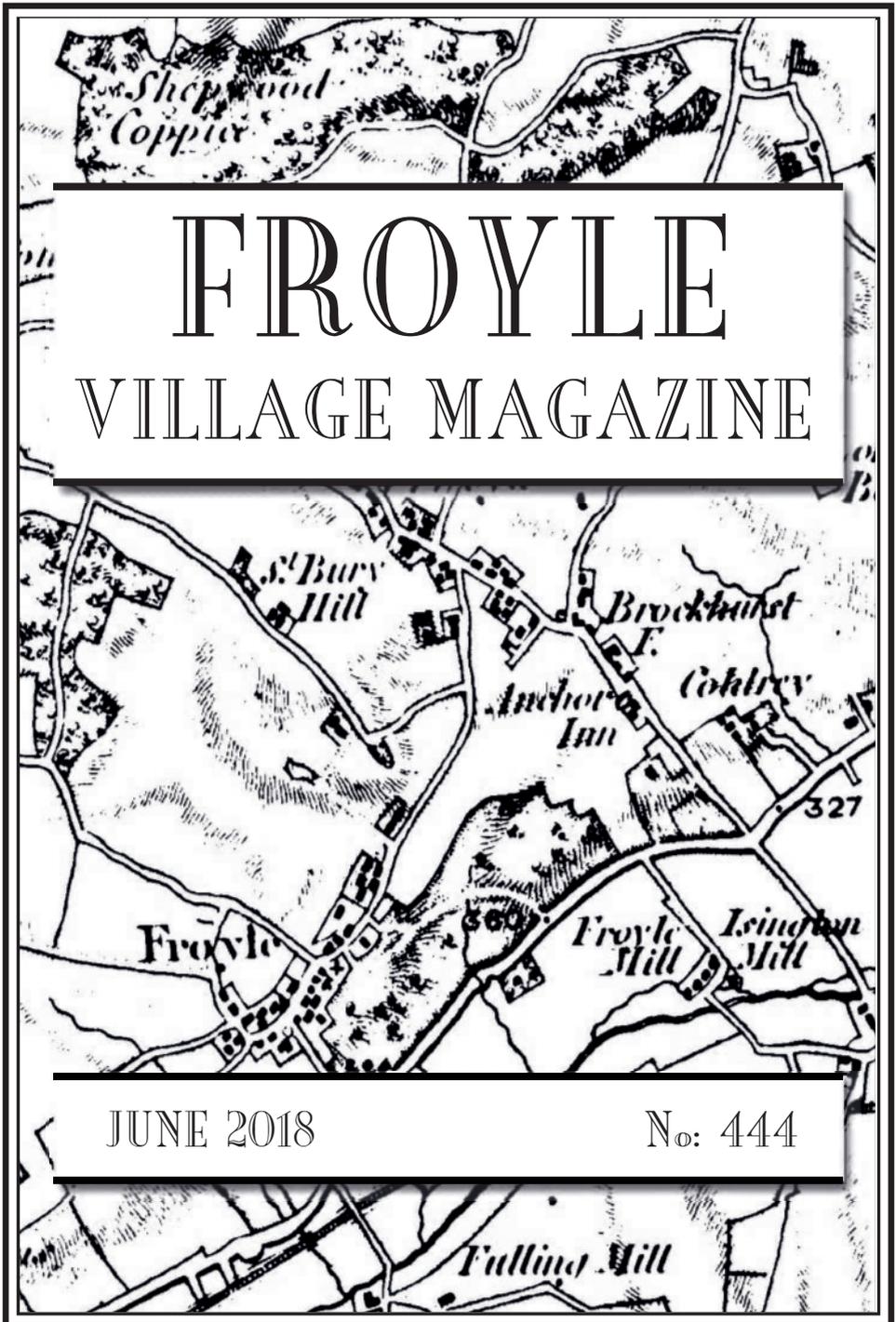
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A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill'. The village name 'Froyle' is prominently displayed in the lower-left quadrant. A road with the number '327' is visible on the right side. The map uses hatching and solid black areas to represent terrain and buildings respectively.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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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*

The Annual Meeting of Froyle Parish Council (FPC) was held on Monday 14 May 2018. All members of the Council attended and three members of the public.

Julie Southern was re-elected as Chair and Ian Deans as Deputy Chair.

The meeting tackled a full agenda including a number of compliance, finance and risk assessment issues. The Council's accounts have been internally audited and the recommendations acted upon.

Cllr Southern reported that she had met the East Hants District Council (EHDC) Conservation Officer to discuss the quality of repairs to the wall of Froyle House (The White House) and the fact that the condition of the house itself is deteriorating. The house is to be placed on the Heritage at Risk Register.

Estimates have been sought for renovations to the war memorial and are being sought for repairing the football hut for use as storage.

The multi-use litter bin at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill will be replaced shortly with a smaller pole mounted bin set further back on the verge. A similar bin may be relocated in Spollycoombe Lane.

The Council has objected to a planning application by the Nicolas James Group (NJG) to convert the proposed shop in Froyle Green to a small flat on the grounds of sustainability and overdevelopment given that permission has been granted for three more houses in Froyle Green which have yet to be built. The Council resists the suggestion by the developer in the application that it was ever offered the shop at a peppercorn rent but declined.

The Council is considering a planning application from the owners of Froyle House to convert the existing garage into a three-to-four bed house and is seeking clarification on a number of points from the Planning Department.

## **Report From Parish Council (Cont)**

Concerns have been raised with the Council over parking outside the Anchor which at busy times obstructs the road, the speed of tractors through the village, and the failure to cut the grass at the Hen and Chicken junction with the A31 which blocks the view of oncoming, east-bound traffic. County Councillor Mark Kemp Gee will be asked if he can help.

Steps will be taken to mend the safety rail on the footpath 11a which connects the recreation ground with Froyle Road.

The zip wire has been mended and is back in use.

Both Linden Homes and Froyle Park have agreed to change their published postcodes in an attempt to ensure that visitors reach their correct destination efficiently. Linden Homes will also be asked to augment the sign at the main entrance to the estate indicating that there is no access to the Froyle Park venue. They will also be asked to remove redundant posts and signs on the verges of Hen and Chicken Hill and to consider installing a safety rail at the end of the alley way which links Froyle Green with the playground to prevent children on bikes crossing the road way without looking.

NJG will be asked when they plan to construct the proposed footpath from the Linden Homes estate to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill.

Members of the FPC will meet the Chief Executive of East Hants District Council (EHDC) on 6 June in Froyle to discuss ongoing concerns about the Froyle Park Wedding Venue.

District Councillor Glynis Watts has been asked to report if any potential building plots have been identified in Froyle as part of the recent EHDC 'Call for Sites', a process to identify sources of land for future development.

All residents are respectfully asked to remove wheelie bins from pavements and road sides as soon as possible after they have been emptied as they can cause obstructions and detract from the appearance of the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11 June at 7.45 pm. If you have matters you wish to raise or if you want to comment on this report please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above.



Bookings:  
Susie Robertson  
01420 520820

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

By the time the time you read this I very much hope our new front doors will have been installed. They lock open without the need for cabin hooks: a slight tug will release them so they can be closed. They will be fitted with a code lock which should make the hall more secure. As they are made from aluminium we shouldn't have any more problem with them jamming and residents getting trapped inside. We plan to reinstate the hall logo in due course. Please refrain from sticking notices to the glass. We plan to install another notice board to the immediate left of the front doors so everybody will see adverts for forthcoming events.

The saga of the oven hob is we hope coming to an end. We have finally sourced a suitable component and it should be fixed very soon.

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL (Cont)

We are currently investigating our responsibilities under the new General Data Protection Regulations which I am sure you are becoming aware of. In the past we have maintained an informal email list to alert residents to events like Film Night. We want to continue to do this but now you must opt in if you want to hear from us. If you do, please send an email to [fvhmailinglist@gmail.com](mailto:fvhmailinglist@gmail.com) confirming that you wish to receive email from Froyle Village Hall and we will start rebuilding the list. The list will not be used for any other purpose and will not be passed to third parties. Emails will be sent blind and your email will not be visible to others. If you have already responded to David Robertson no further action is needed.

Finally don't forget Call My Wine Buff on Saturday 9th June. It promises to be a very merry evening.

*Nick Whines  
Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall*

### Froyle 100 Club Winners for April

1st - Beverley Morgan      2nd - Margaret Robinson

3rd - Pat Cranford      4th - Ann Blunt

*Congratulations to all! - William Knowles*

## UK CYCLING EVENTS

### Event Plan – Brewin Dolphin Surrey Gran Fondo Sportive Introduction

UK Cycling Events organise amateur **non competitive** cycling events in the UK. These events support amateur cyclists by selecting low traffic, interesting and scenic routes which can be cycled at various lengths to suit all abilities.

**Date:** Saturday 4th August 2018

This will involve over 400 cyclists travelling through Upper Froyle into Lower Froyle and out towards Golden Pot



Collected on the road to the Golden Pot in April

Join the **Big Spring Clean** on 2 and 3 June and help make Froyle look at its best for Gardens Open

– contact Charlie Findlay 22019 or Mark Carr 23116

<http://www.countryside-alliance.org/events/bigspringclean/>



**The Froyle Card Games Club**

Do you play any of these Card Games?

BRIDGE  
WHIST  
CANASTA  
CRIBBAGE



**STOP PRESS**  
**First Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm**  
**in the Village Hall**

We would expect to charge a modest amount per head initially (to cover the cost of the Hall) and are delighted that we have had some keen interest. But even if you don't have a regular partner or team but you love playing cards, do drop by and we should be able to fit you in with a game.



*Caroline Findlay (22019)*  
*David Robertson (520820)*

## Froyle Fete & Flower Show

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July



Now that the Royal Wedding is out of the way, we can concentrate on the highlight of the summer season, the Froyle Fete. As always, it's on the second Saturday of July, and those of you of a mathematical inclination will note that this year's renewal is as late as it can be. Tradition dictates that the event is opened by a well-known local resident, and this year is no exception although his or her identity is a closely guarded secret.

This year, we are pleased to welcome back the ever popular music group El Mondo Combo. My daughter Jessie tells me that the reason they couldn't be with us last year is because they were on a major tour of Continental Europe, but this year the boys are back in town. No doubt they'll be dressed for the kill down at Froyle Recreation Ground. Rumour has it that they're being touted as a support act for Dua Lipa. I thought this was a cattle disorder, but apparently she's a sultry chanteuse of global renown and Albanian ancestry.

The 18<sup>th</sup> century philosopher and economist Adam Smith wrote of the “invisible hand” operating in markets. Well, the hands operating at the fete certainly aren't invisible and we are ever grateful to all the stall holders, tea helpers cake bakers and general “doers” who make the event possible. If you'd like to get involved in some way, just ring Fete Chairman and Secretary of the Froyle Aston Villa Supporters Club Ian Whitmore on 22634. Alternatively, just wander up to the rec on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to help with the putting up and taking down.

Now, to whet your appetite, here are a few details about some of the regular stalls and features -

**Bric-a-brac** Why not have an early summer clear-out and “upcycle” some unwanted bits and bobs to the bric-a-brac stall? Crockery, ornaments, toys, sports equipment, pictures, miscellaneous knick-knacks and anything else in decent condition are all welcome. Who knows, that “Present from Ilfracombe” that has been in the cupboard under the stairs since you cleared out your late granny's flat could become someone's treasured possession on July 14<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Nick Whines and his experienced team will be there on the day to advise. If you have any larger items requiring collection in the week before the fete, just give Nick a call on 23130. Of course you can always bring items to the stall on the morning of the fete.

**Books/DVDs** Last year's stock of 50 Shades of Grey was exhausted so should you have the DVD then place it in a brown paper bag and either deliver it with any other books or DVDs you wish to donate to the Meeting Place or on the day or call Ian Whitmore and he will kindly collect.

## Froyle Fete & Flower Show (Cont)

**Cakes** Froyle has for many years been a market leader in the provision of cakes and refreshments..Whether it's a sponge, fruit cake, flapjack or plate of sandwiches all comestibles will be gratefully received and consumed. Put on that pinny, roll out that rolling pin and conjure up a culinary sensation! Please deliver to the Hall or the day or drop off at the Meeting Place the day before. As usual, help with serving on the afternoon is needed, so if you fancy joining the tea team for an hour or so, please call Mary Chaplin on 22574. You needn't do all afternoon and it's a great way to meet people from far and wide.

**Dog Show** This annual arena highlight gets better year after year. TV's Crufts presenter Peter Purves would give up his autographed photo of Valerie Singleton to be compere but he's got no chance! Full details of the classes and how to enter will be in next month's magazine.

**Tombola** We would love to have your unwanted gifts, new toiletries, new (as new) children's toys, jewellery, fashion accessories, knick-knacks.....in fact anything you think would make a nice prize for any age group on our Tombola Stall. So please have a rummage and root around your cupboards, drawers and wardrobes. There will be a box at the Meeting Place for donations, or contact us to arrange delivery or collection of your gifts. Many thanks in anticipation. Lori 22148 Sue S. 22603

**Bottles** Yes we will be collecting bottles in the fortnight before the day and again this year we will hear those same old words, "I have plenty of empties you can have" Maybe in the future when a deposit scheme is introduced we will take them but not yet.  
Well, that's it from me for the moment. I'll be back next month with some final details.

*Jethro J*

*Special Correspondent*

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### Paul Le Feuvre

Sadly Paul who has supported the Froyle fete as MC for 30 years has passed away after a long illness aged 76.

As well as the fete Paul was a familiar voice at many Alton events and was a stalwart of hospital and community radio. He donated all his fees from Froyle fete to hospital radio.

# 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 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 and flowers.

## Cake bakers for June

1st	Gill Bradley	Maureen Fry	Mary Perryman	Caroline Findlay
8th	Sue Lelliott	Bea Sword	Sarah Zorab	Charlotte Baikie
15th	Ann Roberts	Barbara Starbuck	Jo Mills	Pat Gasson
22nd	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine	Jane Stewart-S	Sue Carr
29th	Susie Robertson	Louise Marston	Anne Blunt	

It is an 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.

## Kitchen Helpers for June

1st	Linda Bulpitt	Lori Taylor
8th	David and Mary Perryman	
15th	Chris Muddiman	Mary Knowles
22nd	Corinna Whines	Lauraine Bourne
29th	Linda Cooper	Caroline Findlay

If you need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this.

**Please be at the Village Hall around 10.00am.**

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



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

Froyle gardens are open for the National Gardens scheme on Saturday and Sunday June 2nd and 3rd.

Teas are available both days in the village hall, and we rely entirely on donated cakes, bakes, scones etc to feed our hungry visitors. The teas are EXTREMELY popular and busy, so please bake us something delicious and deliver to the hall on Saturday morning June 2nd.

Many thanks in advance.

Susie Robertson and FOG team.

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## Froyle Good Neighbours

We regret to announce that Froyle Good Neighbours is to be disbanded. We are simply too small an organisation for Hampshire to continue to fund. Whilst the actual cash funding has been modest, £250 on our formation, the cost to Hampshire of the administration, the renewal of the Disclosure and Barring Service approvals for the volunteers and the provision of the public liability insurance appears to be too high for the size of the organisation. Without the latter two provisions we cannot continue to operate.

I have spoken at length with the Hampshire Good Neighbours Advisor to examine how we might expand the role of Good Neighbours but, in a village with already much care provision, it is not obvious how to do this without completely changing the role.

Obviously, there will remain many good neighbours in Froyle as there have always been, so we can reassure villagers that their need for help will always be met but on an informal basis. Please free to telephone John Sexton (01420 520098) should you need any assistance or the recommendation of a local tradesperson.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who have provided such good assistance over the past 5 years.

*The Committee*

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## JUNE SERVICES

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	<u>Live@Five</u> (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Service of Thanksgiving and remembering</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	<u>Live@Five</u> (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with children's groups



## GRAVE TALK

Saturday Afternoon 1st September, Froyle Village Hall

A little way off but pop the date in your diaries. A repeat of an interesting and successful afternoon we had two years ago, talking about our next stage in life. It may surprise you but it was good fun too! As always, tea and cake will be in abundance. More info in the July magazines.

**Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering  
Froyle Church, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3:00 pm**

A reminder of the announcement made in the May magazine about this.....

This is a short, simple service of prayers and hymns for anyone wishing to remember and give thanks for the life of a person they have known and loved who has died.

Many of you will remember we held such a service in September 2016, and there has been lots of interest in holding it again.

Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome, whether or not your loved one had any connection with Froyle, and whenever he or she died.

If you would like to know more about it, do get in touch either with Sarah (520041, [Sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk](mailto:Sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk)) or with me.

*William*

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**Annual Parish Picnic at Green Farm, Bentley GU10 5JX  
Sunday 8th July, 2018 from 12 noon onwards**

Chris, Glenda and Annabelle Powell warmly invite EVERYONE from the Congregations of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Churches to their annual Parish Picnic on Sunday 8th July from 12 noon onwards.

There will be tennis; swimming in the outdoor heated swimming-pool; tree house; trampolining; rounders and lots more games including rides on Chris's quad bike (Parents - please bring helmets for their children if so desired)

Please bring picnic rugs; chairs; tables; picnic lunch and drinks; all swimwear; towels and goggles; plus tennis raquets and trainers for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

*THIS YEAR WE SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST DONATIONS OF APPROXIMATELY £10 PER FAMILY OR £3 PER EXTRA PERSON OR CHILD, TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN BENTLEY.*

Please come and support us and have fun with Family and Friends on what we hope will be a warm, sunny afternoon.

This year, we should appreciate it if you can give us an indication of your attendance and numbers in your party, so that we can ensure the afternoon will be viable as it is such a busy time of year.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 8th July.

For further information, please contact:

Chris and Glenda Powell on 01420 23246 or

Glenda on 07711981614

or Chris on 07711981618 or send an email to:

[glenda.powell@btopenworld.com](mailto:glenda.powell@btopenworld.com)

**THANK YOU**

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

A conversation with a parishioner has set me thinking. No, this time I wasn't being challenged about removing church pews, changing the organ or whether we can please have more well known hymns, it was a discussion about reading the Bible and the relative merits of trying to consume it chapter and verse, as opposed to studying and, therefore, hopefully really understanding a small portion. Compare it to visiting a foreign city, say Venice, and choosing whether to rush around all the top tourist destinations or to take time to pause and wander the back streets, over little bridges past stuccoed palazzos, experiencing the true atmosphere of the place.

Now I'm not opposed to studying the complete Bible - I wish more did - but sometimes it can be more rewarding to consider the meaning of a few selected words, rather than pages and pages - to be alert to the details. And then I thought about the words that make up our regular services, some of which are so familiar to regular members of the congregation that they hardly have to refer to the service sheets to utter their responses. Being so well known, they become comforting, like a soothing, warm blanket, assuring us that everything will always be the same. And being so familiar, we can find ourselves saying the words by rote, without really thinking about their meaning.

Those who sometimes attend other church services, away from their hometown, often find themselves suddenly alerted to the meaning of the liturgy when it is presented in a different form. Some people find this unsettling, because it is unfamiliar, but I actually think it can open our eyes to the true meaning of the words we regularly use and underline their significance.

I also recently had a discussion with the member of another church, whose study group was meeting to discuss the Lord's Prayer, line by line. Yes, at each meeting, they were spending the whole evening talking about the meaning of one single line.

Just think about that. Choose one line, any line. Let's take a line from the middle – And forgive us our trespasses. The modern version is – Forgive us our sins. Most of us learnt this prayer early in our lives at school and have been saying it in one form or other ever since. But do we stop to really think about what these words mean and is it more or less meaningful to rewrite words which have been in use for centuries? Do we really mean what we're saying - we have done wrong?

So this month, I'm making an effort to be there in the moment, alert, paying attention to the details - something that I can do not only in my Bible study times, and in the midst of services but even as I walk around the villages we live in - sometimes it is by carefully observing the small that we see what is writ large. As a clever man once said:

“Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.” C.S. Lewis

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## **Altar Rail Kneelers**

The end is in sight! Having started the stitching work on the new kneelers for the altar rail on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, we are now in the process of putting them together. A core group, with help from many in the village, have met on Mondays & Thursdays 2-4 pm, every week, with the occasional break for Christmas and other busy periods. We have had a lot of fun and laughter, with the odd rude word and grumpiness when we realised we had made a mistake!

The kneelers will be dedicated and placed in position for humble knees at the 11 am service at St Mary's on June 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a celebratory glass of fizz for the congregation thereafter.

*The Community Group*



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## **Village welcomes new Chaplain**

It's been good to get to know people in Froyle during the last few months at the church, at the Meeting Place on Friday morning and sometimes in the excellent Hen and Chicken pub. I am a chaplain for older people but I am pleased to meet with anyone in the village. As a chaplain in the Church of England, I am available to every person living in Froyle. Please do contact me if you would like to talk, have a cup of tea or if you know someone who might want to meet with me. You can email me at [annachaplain@benbinfro.org](mailto:annachaplain@benbinfro.org) or ring/text me at 07519046593.



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 10 June

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

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*The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle*

*Invite Senior Residents to*

*a Summer Tea Party at Mill Court*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 3pm-5pm*

RSVP: Gill Thallon Tel: 23538 Email: [gill.thallon@btopenworld.com](mailto:gill.thallon@btopenworld.com)

Lifts can be arranged

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH,  
FROYLE  
WELCOMES EVERYONE TO.....**



**TEA & SCONES**

served every  
**Tuesday afternoon in June**  
(starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June)

No charge, donations welcome

**2.30 - 4.30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's Church,**  
**Upper Froyle**

**All are welcome, young, old  
and everyone in between.**

**COME AND ENJOY A SUMMER  
AFTERNOON IN FROYLE**

**Come and see what is flying around the churchyard on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Wildlife Group are going to be there to help explore and record the wild flowers, bees and other insects that are flourishing in hidden corners of the churchyard.**

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**EVENTS IN FROYLE DURING JUNE**

Remember to check the calendar at the back of the magazine to ensure you do not miss everything going on in Froyle this month. You will usually find further details in the articles and advertisements.



## Froyle Wildlife

### Wild Orchids of Hampshire

In May we were treated to an inspiring talk and amazing photos by Rosemary Webb from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. She told us she has been an “orchid freak” since first seeing a Bee Orchid over 60 years ago. We discovered that Hampshire is the best county for orchids, having 35 of the 52 species in the British Isles. After hearing that if you haven’t been to Noar Hill, the jewel of Hampshire for orchids, you haven’t lived I’m sure we will all be there in this summer. Whether we will manage to get a photo of a flower self pollinating on the breeze caused by a passing horse remains to be seen!

*Gillian Pickering*

### Heathland walk

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – Froyle Wildlife walk at **Broxhead Common**; a leisurely stroll over this SSSI heathland to see Silver-studded Blue butterflies which breed on the heather. The walk needs favourable weather so the date will be confirmed a few days beforehand. For more information please see [www.froylewildlife/news](http://www.froylewildlife/news).



## Froyle Wildlife (Cont)

**30<sup>th</sup> June, Hampshire Swift Day**, Crosfield Hall, Romsey, 11am -6pm, free event to celebrate Swifts. <https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk/> A range of exhibits and activities for children and adults. Make or buy Swift nest boxes and talk to Swift experts about how we can help these birds. The Inspirational Edward Mayer of 'Swift Conservation', who gave a talk in Froyle Village Hall in 2016, will be a guest speaker, so now's your chance if you missed him earlier.

### **Drop-in day at the wildlife pond and meadow, Gid Lane**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10-12am & 2-4pm - They'll be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day, so do come along and see what's flying and flowering. Members of Froyle Wildlife will be on hand to assist with identification of dragonflies' butterflies and wildflowers. On 15<sup>th</sup> May Broad-bodied Chaser and Four-Spotted Chaser Dragonflies along with Azure, Blue-tailed and Large Red Damselflies were zipping around. Ragged Robin and meadow buttercup were flowering with masses of Ox-eye Daisies about to burst open.

### **Wanted! Amphibian and Reptile Records - Can you help?**

A reminder that John Buckley, our speaker in April, would like us to look out for and record sightings of frogs, toads, newts, slow-worms, lizards and snakes that we see in our gardens and elsewhere in Hampshire. Records will contribute to an Atlas of Hampshire's Amphibians and reptiles to be published in 2020. For more information plus a simple downloadable recording form see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/hampshires-amphibians-and-reptiles-19th-april-2018/> or call Sue on 23520

**Recreation Ground wildflower areas** - Native wild flower annuals sown in the spring have germinated in the new plot, whilst Lady's-Smock (Cuckoo Flower) *Cardamine pratensis*) have flowered well in the perennial plot with 76 flower heads counted. Look out for Ox-eye Daisy, Common Knapweed, Common Sorrel, Lady's Bedstraw, Yarrow, Ribwort Plantain and others during the summer. The extra roped off plot of original turf was an experiment to see what would come up naturally if left to grow (after seeing what looked like lady's smock leaves earlier in the year). The chance paid off and fifty plus flower heads were spotted. Many thanks to Froyle Parish Council who agreed to cease cutting till flowering is over. Thanks also to the FW volunteers who help in so many ways. If you would like to be involved do get in touch we're a friendly bunch and welcome newcomers.

*Sue Clark*



## NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Gardens Open for Charity

### **FROYLE GARDENS**

Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 June

2 - 6pm

Combined entry £7.50 Children free

A warm welcome awaits you as nine Froyle Gardens open their gates again this year, enabling visitors to enjoy a wide variety of gardens. We have three new gardens this year all of which are looking splendid the result of a huge amount of hard work.

All the Froyle gardens harmonise well with the surrounding landscape and some have spectacular views. The gardens themselves are diverse with rich planting often incorporating unusual plants. You will also see greenhouses, water features, vegetables, roses, clematis and wild flower meadows as well as a gem of a courtyard garden. If you are lucky you may meet a pair of robot lawn mowers silently cutting the grass. And of course plenty of seats for tired legs.

Lots of ideas to take away with you along with plants for sale. The delicious teas served in the village hall are famous and close by there is a new children's playground with a zip wire and climbing frame where younger visitors can let off steam. The main parking area is at the recreation ground, close to the village hall, and additional signed parking is available elsewhere.

In the Magazine you will also find a selection of photographs of what to expect. The challenge is can you match the picture to the garden. The editor is offering two free tickets to the reader who can correctly identify them. Email [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com) by 1 June.

People come to Froyle to see the gardens from far and wide but the people we most hope to see are our friends and neighbours.

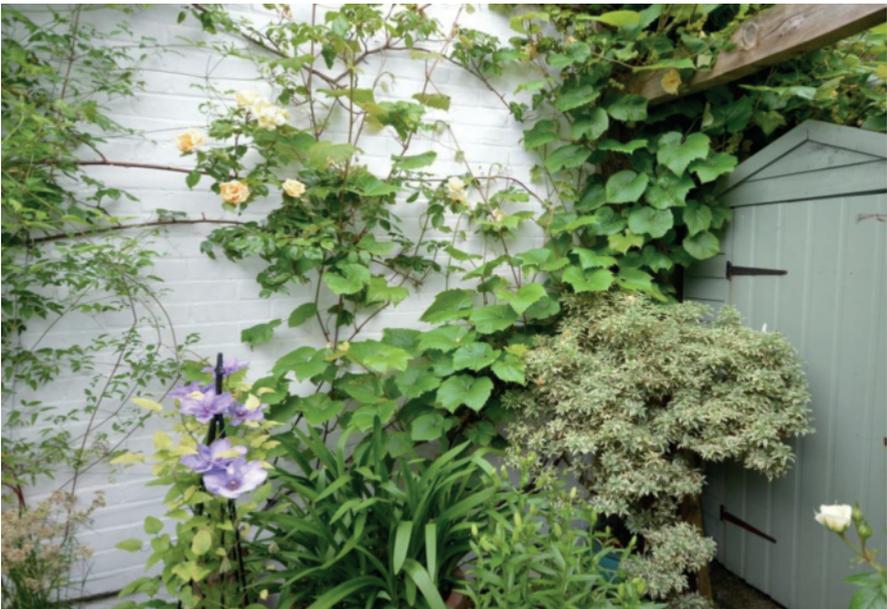
## FROYLE OPEN GARDENS

Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 June 2018 14.00-18.00

Last year Froyle raised just over £6000 for the various NGS Charities. Can we do even better this year? We hope you will help us by visiting.



1 and 2



There are nine gardens opening this year. Three new ones and six old favourites. Can you match the garden to the property?  
Eight are in Lower Froyle and just one in Upper Froyle.



3 and 4



The view is the clue!

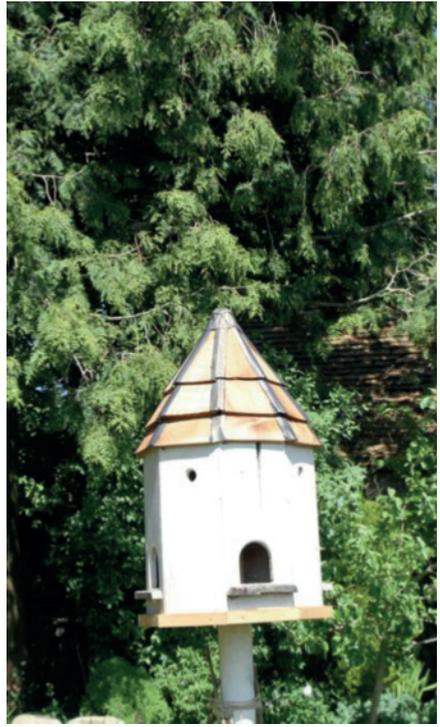
The gardens belong to Aldersey House, Bramlins, 6 Coldrey Cottages, Day Cottage, Glebe Cottage, Manor Cottage, Old Brewery House, Warren Cottage, and Well Lane Corner. But which is which?



5 and 6



Another clue: the gardens opening for the first time are all on the next page.



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A bit too difficult! Come along and find out the answers but wear comfortable shoes. There is a lot to see, plants to buy and ideas to take away. And afterwards..... a delicious tea in the village hall.

## Norman Cottington

I would like to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards and offers of help when my husband Norman sadly passed away so suddenly while on holiday in Spain.

It is only a short while since we came to Lower Froyle and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support that I have received. Norman and I felt welcome from our first day here and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. The family would like to thank all those who attended his funeral and those who came back to Farnham Golf Club after the service.

*Sheila*

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## Marjorie Robinson

We have been very humbled by the love and respect shown to Mum at her farewell on 15 May. So many faces that we were unable to put names to and not enough time to speak to everyone. A special thank you to Sarah Thursfield and ladies for organising the church and hall flowers which were charming and to Susie Robertson for organising the ladies of the village to provide such a wonderful spread. A heartfelt thanks to you all. And, of course, to Yann for conducting Mum's service and for his support and care shown to us all.

On 17 May we took Mum's ashes by bicycle, ably ridden by her grandson, from the church gate to the cemetery. Yann gave a final blessing and prayer and The Ship by Bishop Brent was read. Mum was lowered into her grave by two of her granddaughters and we toasted our dear Mum, Gran, Nan and Supergran with sherry and whiskey and enjoyed a piece of her final Lemon Drizzle cake. Hopefully a fitting end - back with her darling again. Thanks to everyone.

*Kindest regards*

*Marlene Bowen*

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## Better Balance

Better Balance continues on **Wednesdaay June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

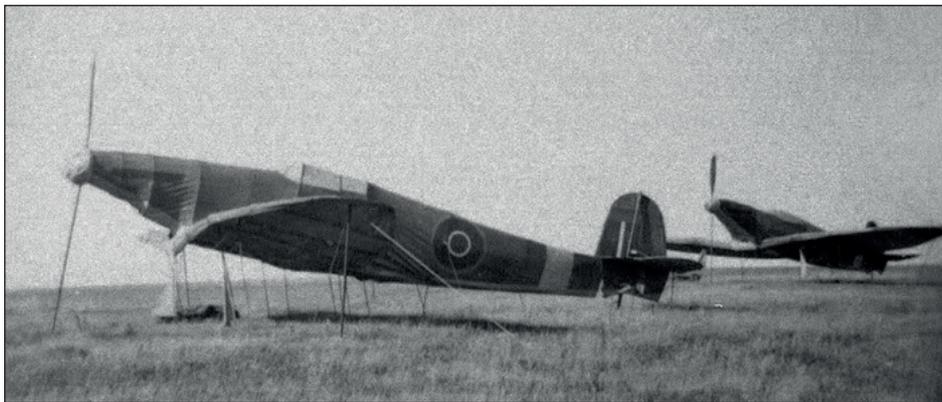
Usual time: 2.30pm

Usual place: Froyle Village Hall

Do come and exercise to music followed by tea and chat! Speak to Sue Sharman 22603 if you would like to join the class.

*Madeleine Black (23371)*

## June News from The Froyle Archive



A few years ago, at an Archive Open Day, we were chatting to a couple of residents who were 'young lads' during the Second World War, about life during those 'exciting' times (*for a young lad, anyway*). During this chat we got round to the day that a couple of Spitfires seemingly landed in one of the fields up on Holybourne Down. They both swore that they had seen them with their own eyes! We tried to find out more about this, even purchasing some aerial photographs taken at the end of the war from English Heritage. These were part of the aerial survey of the United Kingdom shot by the RAF to assess the damage done to the country during the war.

Sadly when we reached the area we were looking for (*there might have been some trace left there of any kind of airfield*) we found that the cameras had been turned off at this point in the run!

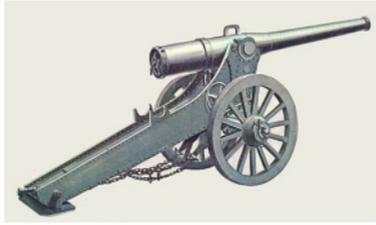
We eventually discovered that what the lads had seen was part of a decoy, like the one shown above. A "Starfish" site originally created during the Blitz to simulate burning targets with the intention of diverting German night bombers from their intended targets, so that they would drop their bombs in open countryside.

Holybourne Down was one such site built to protect Odiham, which was the first airfield in the South East to receive a concrete runway, and the new airfield at Lasham. The sites were constructed around 4 miles from their protection target, and at least 1 mile from any other settlement. They consisted of elaborate light arrays and fires, controlled from a nearby bunker and laid out to simulate a fire-bombed town or airfield. By the end of the war there were 237 decoys protecting 81 towns and cities around the country.

Linda Habberfield, who looks after the Holybourne Archive, has given us permission to add some of her research, which includes photographs of the Control Bunker, to our pages at [froyle.com/dummy.htm](http://froyle.com/dummy.htm) as part of our June update.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

*Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)*



## Stories from the Front

As we approach the centenary of the end of World War One, there must be many of us who remember the stories of relatives who fought in this war.

We would like to encourage anybody who can remember what was said about these times. For example, where they were, what did they do and if it affected their lives.

Simply send your stories to us at [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com). Written copy can be dropped off for us at The Meeting Place on Fridays.

*The Editors*

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### **YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! DO YOU HAVE JUST A FEW HOURS TO SPARE? BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP**

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group provides a Car Service that takes local residents to GPs, hospitals, dentists & opticians appointments. The service operates from Monday to Friday and can be for local appointments to Alton, Bentley & Farnham, or further afield, Basingstoke & Guildford etc.

The service relies entirely on volunteers and we really need more volunteers!!

The volunteers act either as coordinators - who take calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements; or as drivers who take the clients to their appointments. There is no regular commitment required, when asked you simply offer to help when you can, even if this is only two or three times a year. You can choose to do either the short or the longer journeys.

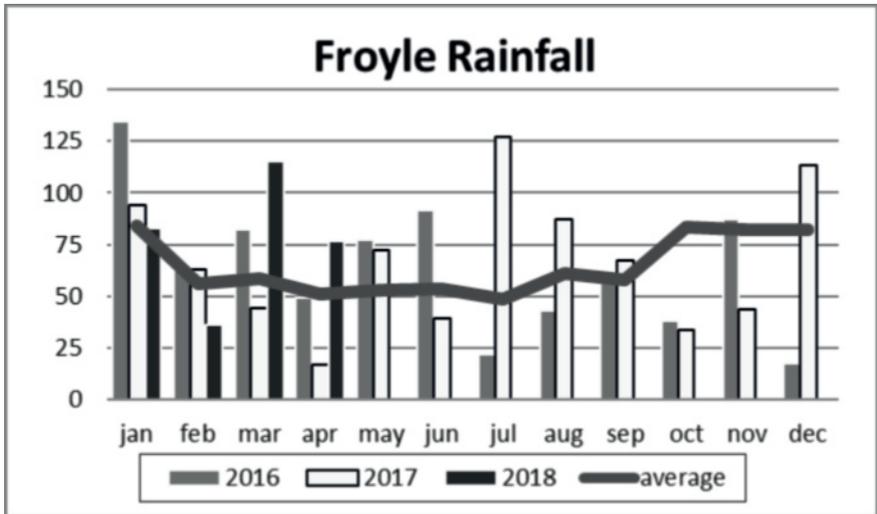
Expenses are paid to all volunteers - telephone expenses for coordinators and mileage expenses for drivers.

The help the car service gives to those in need is greatly appreciated, so if you feel able to volunteer, in any capacity, no matter how little time you have available, it is a great way of supporting your community.

Please contact Cathy Smith on 01410 520169 if you can help.

## Froyle Rainfall for April 2018

This year	76.5 mm	3 ins
Last year	17 mm	0.7 ins
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins
Long-term average for April – the 2 <sup>nd</sup> driest month of the year (after July)	51.2 mm	2.0 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	311 mm	12.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	249.7 mm	9.8 ins



### STOP PRESS Forecast change...

At this stage last year we had had almost 100 mm less rain for the first four months than this, but still ended up with an above average year; a rarity indeed. But with 20% *above* average rainfall so far this year – and NB the Candlemas prediction came true with the subsequent 2 months (March and April) giving us quite a drenching - it now looks a **distinct possibility that 2018 will unlikely be below the average.**



“The Umbrella Man”

## (IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

*Authors' note: these stories are fiction. Any possible identification of any character with any person living or dead is unintentional and coincidental, except in relation to any known historical characters, whose appearance, along with any historical events, locations and periods, is to give the stories context and meaning, and possibly relevance.*

### 3. A puzzling meeting.

Fletcher – the armed escort – trotted towards Adam and Joshua. Stopping a few feet short, he held up his right hand, though it was not immediately clear to the two men whether this was in greeting, or was a command to stay where they were.

“Whose men are you?” he shouted.

“No man’s” replied Adam. “We are free men.” Fletcher appeared nonplussed. “We gained our freedom from the sisters of Nunnaminster in Winchester” Adam explained. “The black death has stood all on its head – we gained our freedom from the sisters in return for two day’s labour every week for ten years.”

Fletcher turned and beckoned to the party on the hill. Boyes peeled away and rode down to join Fletcher. They conferred for a moment, then Boyes spoke.

“You are freemen I understand? We wish to have words with you. I am Alfred Boyes, esquire to Sir Nicholas Udall”

“Sir Nicholas Udall”?

“Yes – you know him”?

“By name only. I imagine those who have difficulty with the law know Sir Nicholas more closely. He is the Constable of Winchester Castle, is he not”?

A brief smile played over Boyes’ face. “He is. But speaking of those who have difficulty with the law, are there many such around here”?

“There are many who now struggle” replied Adam, “especially craftsmen and labourers. At least we have our land. But as to breaking of the law “ - he paused - “that I couldn’t say”.

Boyes stared at Adam intently. “Good!” he said suddenly. “Wait here and I will fetch my master”. He rode back and conferred with whoever was in the carriage. The door opened and a man emerged, wearing a similar colourful surcoat to Boyes, though the coat of arms was a shade brighter and larger. He set out towards Adam, but momentarily turned back to speak with the other occupant of the carriage. Adam could not fully hear the exchange, but he fancied it was not in English.

Adam turned to Joshua, and whispered “take great care – the Udalls are the King’s gaolers in all of Hampshire”.

*Why is the King’s gaoler so intent on meeting those “who have difficulty with the law”? What is being planned or plotted here? And who is the stranger in the carriage?*

# FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

## 'CALL MY WINE BLUFF'

Based on the TV Quiz 'Call My Bluff'



Come and join us on  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**7 p.m.**

at which the Village Hall will be hosting a  
fun-filled evening of wine and bluffing .....

**Tickets - £20.00 per head**  
**to include supper**

As if wine tasting isn't confusing enough, the evening will involve a panel of 3 or 4 well known local wine experts giving descriptions of 6 different bottles which you will taste before deciding which experts are talking utter rubbish!

### **WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH??**

The table who guesses the most correctly wins the prize.



We would encourage you to get together with friends and take tables of up to 6 people (but we will make up tables as required).  
All proceeds to go to the Village Hall

We expect this event to be very popular so .....

please call Karen Potter (01420) 520294 or David Robertson 520820  
to register your team/your attendance

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(Don't forget - Small ads are *free* to all Froyle residents (one per month) - so why not advertise items you no longer need, right here? Or indeed services you can offer? Just e-mail your text - and a photo if you have one - to [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com))

## Village Events for June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9.30 Meeting Place	2 2.00pm Gardens Open
3 8.00 HC  2.00pm Gardens Open	4 Refuse & garden  2.00pm Card Games VH	5  2.30 Tea and Scones	6  2.30pm Better balance	7	8 9.30 Meeting Place	9  7.00pm Call my Bluff
10 11.00 HC  3.00pm Service	11 Recycling & glass  7.45pm PC meeting	12  2.30 Tea and Scones	13  2.30pm Better balance	14	15 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	16
17 11.00 HC	18 Refuse & garden	19  2.30 Tea and Scones	20  2.30pm Better balance	21	22 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	23
24  6.30pm Choral Evensong	25 Recycling	26  2.30 Tea and Scones	27 2.00pm Walk  2.30pm Better balance	28	29 9.30 Meeting Place	30

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council .....	<i>Philippa Cullen Stephenson</i> - 520102 <a href="http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk">www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
District Councillor .....	<i>Glynis Watts</i> - 07747 628333 <i>Glynis.Watts@easthants.gov.uk</i>
Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman .....	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 <a href="http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/">www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Gardening Club .....	<i>Brenda Milam</i> - 22216
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St. Mary's Flower Rota .....	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive .....	<i>Chris &amp; Annette Booth</i> - 22364 <a href="http://www.froyle.com">www.froyle.com</a>
The Meeting Place .....	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Good Neighbours .....	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern .....	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Froyle Friends ( <i>visiting friends in hospital</i> ) .....	<i>Annette Booth</i> - 22364
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group ( <i>transport to medical appointments</i> ) .....	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team .....	<i>PCSO 14396 Jess Hornsby</i> - 07554 775556 Dial: <b>101</b> Ext: 771 243 or email: <i>jessica.hornsby@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
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The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	<a href="http://www.benbinfro.co.uk">www.benbinfro.co.uk</a>

## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 22nd May, 2018**

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the front inside cover. All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

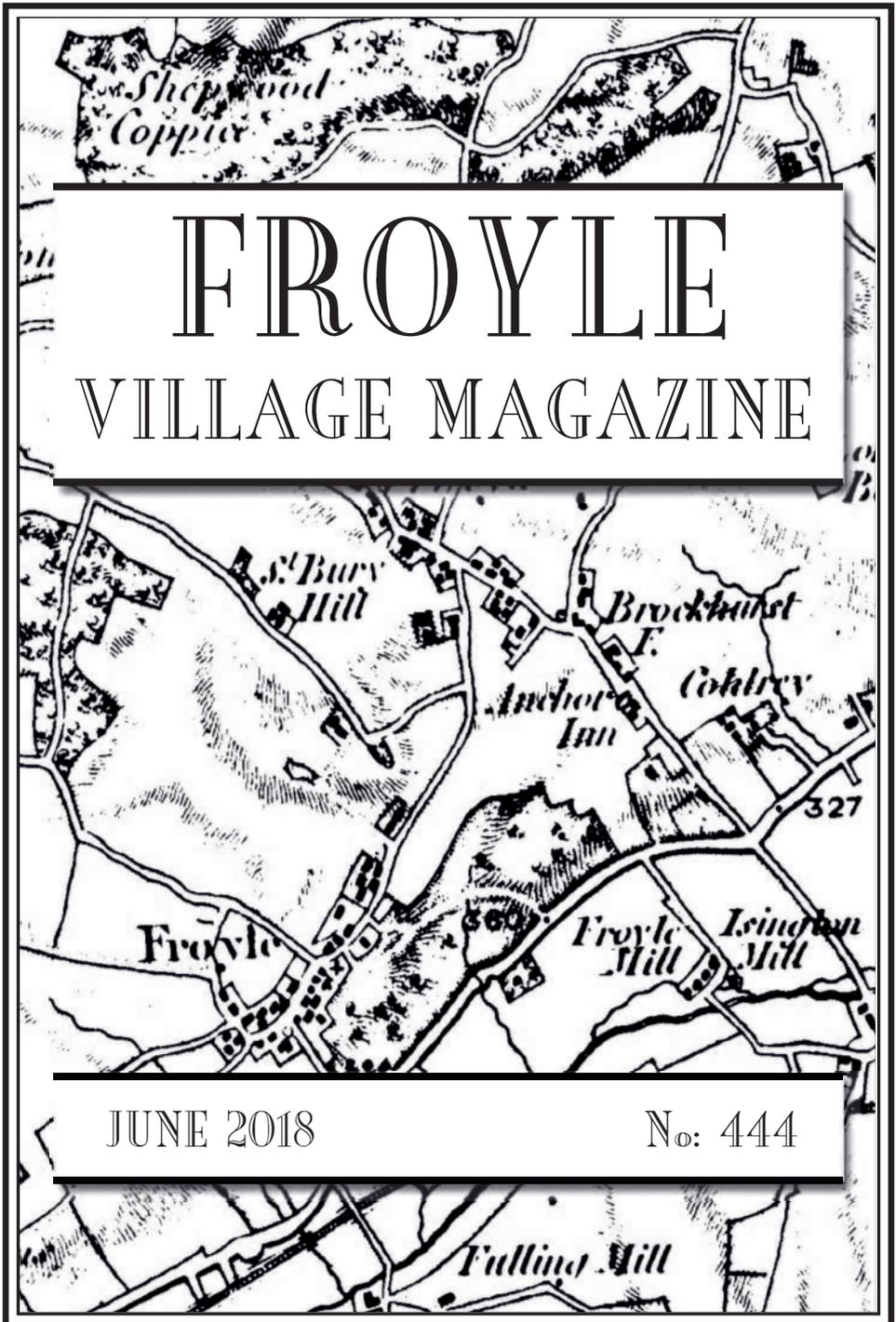
*magazine@froyle.com and copied to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*

All magazine contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to:

*magazine@froyle.com*

**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 rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and hatching for shading.

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## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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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*

The Annual Meeting of Froyle Parish Council (FPC) was held on Monday 14 May 2018. All members of the Council attended and three members of the public.

Julie Southern was re-elected as Chair and Ian Deans as Deputy Chair.

The meeting tackled a full agenda including a number of compliance, finance and risk assessment issues. The Council's accounts have been internally audited and the recommendations acted upon.

Cllr Southern reported that she had met the East Hants District Council (EHDC) Conservation Officer to discuss the quality of repairs to the wall of Froyle House (The White House) and the fact that the condition of the house itself is deteriorating. The house is to be placed on the Heritage at Risk Register.

Estimates have been sought for renovations to the war memorial and are being sought for repairing the football hut for use as storage.

The multi-use litter bin at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill will be replaced shortly with a smaller pole mounted bin set further back on the verge. A similar bin may be relocated in Spollycoombe Lane.

The Council has objected to a planning application by the Nicolas James Group (NJG) to convert the proposed shop in Froyle Green to a small flat on the grounds of sustainability and overdevelopment given that permission has been granted for three more houses in Froyle Green which have yet to be built. The Council resists the suggestion by the developer in the application that it was ever offered the shop at a peppercorn rent but declined.

The Council is considering a planning application from the owners of Froyle House to convert the existing garage into a three-to-four bed house and is seeking clarification on a number of points from the Planning Department.

## Report From Parish Council (Cont)

Concerns have been raised with the Council over parking outside the Anchor which at busy times obstructs the road, the speed of tractors through the village, and the failure to cut the grass at the Hen and Chicken junction with the A31 which blocks the view of oncoming, east-bound traffic. County Councillor Mark Kemp Gee will be asked if he can help.

Steps will be taken to mend the safety rail on the footpath 11a which connects the recreation ground with Froyle Road.

The zip wire has been mended and is back in use.

Both Linden Homes and Froyle Park have agreed to change their published postcodes in an attempt to ensure that visitors reach their correct destination efficiently. Linden Homes will also be asked to augment the sign at the main entrance to the estate indicating that there is no access to the Froyle Park venue. They will also be asked to remove redundant posts and signs on the verges of Hen and Chicken Hill and to consider installing a safety rail at the end of the alley way which links Froyle Green with the playground to prevent children on bikes crossing the road way without looking.

NJG will be asked when they plan to construct the proposed footpath from the Linden Homes estate to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill.

Members of the FPC will meet the Chief Executive of East Hants District Council (EHDC) on 6 June in Froyle to discuss ongoing concerns about the Froyle Park Wedding Venue.

District Councillor Glynis Watts has been asked to report if any potential building plots have been identified in Froyle as part of the recent EHDC 'Call for Sites', a process to identify sources of land for future development.

All residents are respectfully asked to remove wheelie bins from pavements and road sides as soon as possible after they have been emptied as they can cause obstructions and detract from the appearance of the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11 June at 7.45 pm. If you have matters you wish to raise or if you want to comment on this report please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above.



Bookings:  
Susie Robertson  
01420 520820

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

By the time the time you read this I very much hope our new front doors will have been installed. They lock open without the need for cabin hooks: a slight tug will release them so they can be closed. They will be fitted with a code lock which should make the hall more secure. As they are made from aluminium we shouldn't have any more problem with them jamming and residents getting trapped inside. We plan to reinstate the hall logo in due course. Please refrain from sticking notices to the glass. We plan to install another notice board to the immediate left of the front doors so everybody will see adverts for forthcoming events.

The saga of the oven hob is we hope coming to an end. We have finally sourced a suitable component and it should be fixed very soon.

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL (Cont)

We are currently investigating our responsibilities under the new General Data Protection Regulations which I am sure you are becoming aware of. In the past we have maintained an informal email list to alert residents to events like Film Night. We want to continue to do this but now you must opt in if you want to hear from us. If you do, please send an email to [fvhmailinglist@gmail.com](mailto:fvhmailinglist@gmail.com) confirming that you wish to receive email from Froyle Village Hall and we will start rebuilding the list. The list will not be used for any other purpose and will not be passed to third parties. Emails will be sent blind and your email will not be visible to others. If you have already responded to David Robertson no further action is needed.

Finally don't forget Call My Wine Buff on Saturday 9th June. It promises to be a very merry evening.

*Nick Whines  
Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall*

### Froyle 100 Club Winners for April

1st - Beverley Morgan      2nd - Margaret Robinson

3rd - Pat Cranford      4th - Ann Blunt

*Congratulations to all! - William Knowles*

## UK CYCLING EVENTS

### Event Plan – Brewin Dolphin Surrey Gran Fondo Sportive Introduction

UK Cycling Events organise amateur **non competitive** cycling events in the UK. These events support amateur cyclists by selecting low traffic, interesting and scenic routes which can be cycled at various lengths to suit all abilities.

**Date:** Saturday 4th August 2018

This will involve over 400 cyclists travelling through Upper Froyle into Lower Froyle and out towards Golden Pot



Collected on the road to the Golden Pot in April

Join the **Big Spring Clean** on 2 and 3 June and help make Froyle look at its best for Gardens Open  
– contact Charlie Findlay 22019 or Mark Carr 23116  
<http://www.countryside-alliance.org/events/bigspringclean/>



**The Froyle Card Games Club**

Do you play any of these Card Games?

 BRIDGE  
WHIST  
CANASTA  
CRIBBAGE 

**STOP PRESS**  
**First Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm**  
**in the Village Hall**

We would expect to charge a modest amount per head initially (to cover the cost of the Hall) and are delighted that we have had some keen interest. But even if you don't have a regular partner or team but you love playing cards, do drop by and we should be able to fit you in with a game.

 *Caroline Findlay (22019)*  
*David Robertson (520820)* 

## Froyle Fete & Flower Show

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July



Now that the Royal Wedding is out of the way, we can concentrate on the highlight of the summer season, the Froyle Fete. As always, it's on the second Saturday of July, and those of you of a mathematical inclination will note that this year's renewal is as late as it can be. Tradition dictates that the event is opened by a well-known local resident, and this year is no exception although his or her identity is a closely guarded secret.

This year, we are pleased to welcome back the ever popular music group El Mondo Combo. My daughter Jessie tells me that the reason they couldn't be with us last year is because they were on a major tour of Continental Europe, but this year the boys are back in town. No doubt they'll be dressed for the kill down at Froyle Recreation Ground. Rumour has it that they're being touted as a support act for Dua Lipa. I thought this was a cattle disorder, but apparently she's a sultry chanteuse of global renown and Albanian ancestry.

The 18<sup>th</sup> century philosopher and economist Adam Smith wrote of the “invisible hand” operating in markets. Well, the hands operating at the fete certainly aren't invisible and we are ever grateful to all the stall holders, tea helpers cake bakers and general “doers” who make the event possible. If you'd like to get involved in some way, just ring Fete Chairman and Secretary of the Froyle Aston Villa Supporters Club Ian Whitmore on 22634. Alternatively, just wander up to the rec on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to help with the putting up and taking down.

Now, to whet your appetite, here are a few details about some of the regular stalls and features -

**Bric-a-brac** Why not have an early summer clear-out and “upcycle” some unwanted bits and bobs to the bric-a-brac stall? Crockery, ornaments, toys, sports equipment, pictures, miscellaneous knick-knacks and anything else in decent condition are all welcome. Who knows, that “Present from Ilfracombe” that has been in the cupboard under the stairs since you cleared out your late granny's flat could become someone's treasured possession on July 14<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Nick Whines and his experienced team will be there on the day to advise. If you have any larger items requiring collection in the week before the fete, just give Nick a call on 23130. Of course you can always bring items to the stall on the morning of the fete.

**Books/DVDs** Last year's stock of 50 Shades of Grey was exhausted so should you have the DVD then place it in a brown paper bag and either deliver it with any other books or DVDs you wish to donate to the Meeting Place or on the day or call Ian Whitmore and he will kindly collect.

## Froyle Fete & Flower Show (Cont)

**Cakes** Froyle has for many years been a market leader in the provision of cakes and refreshments..Whether it's a sponge, fruit cake, flapjack or plate of sandwiches all comestibles will be gratefully received and consumed. Put on that pinny, roll out that rolling pin and conjure up a culinary sensation! Please deliver to the Hall or the day or drop off at the Meeting Place the day before. As usual, help with serving on the afternoon is needed, so if you fancy joining the tea team for an hour or so, please call Mary Chaplin on 22574. You needn't do all afternoon and it's a great way to meet people from far and wide.

**Dog Show** This annual arena highlight gets better year after year. TV's Crufts presenter Peter Purves would give up his autographed photo of Valerie Singleton to be compere but he's got no chance! Full details of the classes and how to enter will be in next month's magazine.

**Tombola** We would love to have your unwanted gifts, new toiletries, new (as new) children's toys, jewellery, fashion accessories, knick-knacks.....in fact anything you think would make a nice prize for any age group on our Tombola Stall. So please have a rummage and root around your cupboards, drawers and wardrobes. There will be a box at the Meeting Place for donations, or contact us to arrange delivery or collection of your gifts. Many thanks in anticipation. Lori 22148 Sue S. 22603

**Bottles** Yes we will be collecting bottles in the fortnight before the day and again this year we will hear those same old words, "I have plenty of empties you can have" Maybe in the future when a deposit scheme is introduced we will take them but not yet.  
Well, that's it from me for the moment. I'll be back next month with some final details.

*Jethro J*

*Special Correspondent*

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### Paul Le Feuvre

Sadly Paul who has supported the Froyle fete as MC for 30 years has passed away after a long illness aged 76.

As well as the fete Paul was a familiar voice at many Alton events and was a stalwart of hospital and community radio. He donated all his fees from Froyle fete to hospital radio.

# 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 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 and flowers.

## Cake bakers for June

1st	Gill Bradley	Maureen Fry	Mary Perryman	Caroline Findlay
8th	Sue Lelliott	Bea Sword	Sarah Zorab	Charlotte Baikie
15th	Ann Roberts	Barbara Starbuck	Jo Mills	Pat Gasson
22nd	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine	Jane Stewart-S	Sue Carr
29th	Susie Robertson	Louise Marston	Anne Blunt	

It is an 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.

## Kitchen Helpers for June

1st	Linda Bulpitt	Lori Taylor
8th	David and Mary Perryman	
15th	Chris Muddiman	Mary Knowles
22nd	Corinna Whines	Lauraine Bourne
29th	Linda Cooper	Caroline Findlay

If you need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this.

**Please be at the Village Hall around 10.00am.**

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



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

Froyle gardens are open for the National Gardens scheme on Saturday and Sunday June 2nd and 3rd.

Teas are available both days in the village hall, and we rely entirely on donated cakes, bakes, scones etc to feed our hungry visitors. The teas are EXTREMELY popular and busy, so please bake us something delicious and deliver to the hall on Saturday morning June 2nd.

Many thanks in advance.

Susie Robertson and FOG team.

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## Froyle Good Neighbours

We regret to announce that Froyle Good Neighbours is to be disbanded. We are simply too small an organisation for Hampshire to continue to fund. Whilst the actual cash funding has been modest, £250 on our formation, the cost to Hampshire of the administration, the renewal of the Disclosure and Barring Service approvals for the volunteers and the provision of the public liability insurance appears to be too high for the size of the organisation. Without the latter two provisions we cannot continue to operate.

I have spoken at length with the Hampshire Good Neighbours Advisor to examine how we might expand the role of Good Neighbours but, in a village with already much care provision, it is not obvious how to do this without completely changing the role.

Obviously, there will remain many good neighbours in Froyle as there have always been, so we can reassure villagers that their need for help will always be met but on an informal basis. Please free to telephone John Sexton (01420 520098) should you need any assistance or the recommendation of a local tradesperson.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who have provided such good assistance over the past 5 years.

*The Committee*

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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## Churchwarden:

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Park Edge, Upper Froyle

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[wbk@wbknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbknowles.com)

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Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## JUNE SERVICES

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	<u>Live@Five</u> (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Service of Thanksgiving and remembering</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	<u>Live@Five</u> (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with children's groups



## GRAVE TALK

Saturday Afternoon 1st September, Froyle Village Hall

A little way off but pop the date in your diaries. A repeat of an interesting and successful afternoon we had two years ago, talking about our next stage in life. It may surprise you but it was good fun too! As always, tea and cake will be in abundance. More info in the July magazines.

**Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering  
Froyle Church, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3:00 pm**

A reminder of the announcement made in the May magazine about this.....

This is a short, simple service of prayers and hymns for anyone wishing to remember and give thanks for the life of a person they have known and loved who has died.

Many of you will remember we held such a service in September 2016, and there has been lots of interest in holding it again.

Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome, whether or not your loved one had any connection with Froyle, and whenever he or she died.

If you would like to know more about it, do get in touch either with Sarah (520041, [Sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk](mailto:Sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk)) or with me.

*William*

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**Annual Parish Picnic at Green Farm, Bentley GU10 5JX  
Sunday 8th July, 2018 from 12 noon onwards**

Chris, Glenda and Annabelle Powell warmly invite EVERYONE from the Congregations of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Churches to their annual Parish Picnic on Sunday 8th July from 12 noon onwards.

There will be tennis; swimming in the outdoor heated swimming-pool; tree house; trampolining; rounders and lots more games including rides on Chris's quad bike (Parents - please bring helmets for their children if so desired)

Please bring picnic rugs; chairs; tables; picnic lunch and drinks; all swimwear; towels and goggles; plus tennis raquets and trainers for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

*THIS YEAR WE SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST DONATIONS OF APPROXIMATELY £10 PER FAMILY OR £3 PER EXTRA PERSON OR CHILD, TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN BENTLEY.*

Please come and support us and have fun with Family and Friends on what we hope will be a warm, sunny afternoon.

This year, we should appreciate it if you can give us an indication of your attendance and numbers in your party, so that we can ensure the afternoon will be viable as it is such a busy time of year.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 8th July.

For further information, please contact:

Chris and Glenda Powell on 01420 23246 or

Glenda on 07711981614

or Chris on 07711981618 or send an email to:

[glenda.powell@btopenworld.com](mailto:glenda.powell@btopenworld.com)

**THANK YOU**

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

A conversation with a parishioner has set me thinking. No, this time I wasn't being challenged about removing church pews, changing the organ or whether we can please have more well known hymns, it was a discussion about reading the Bible and the relative merits of trying to consume it chapter and verse, as opposed to studying and, therefore, hopefully really understanding a small portion. Compare it to visiting a foreign city, say Venice, and choosing whether to rush around all the top tourist destinations or to take time to pause and wander the back streets, over little bridges past stuccoed palazzos, experiencing the true atmosphere of the place.

Now I'm not opposed to studying the complete Bible - I wish more did - but sometimes it can be more rewarding to consider the meaning of a few selected words, rather than pages and pages - to be alert to the details. And then I thought about the words that make up our regular services, some of which are so familiar to regular members of the congregation that they hardly have to refer to the service sheets to utter their responses. Being so well known, they become comforting, like a soothing, warm blanket, assuring us that everything will always be the same. And being so familiar, we can find ourselves saying the words by rote, without really thinking about their meaning.

Those who sometimes attend other church services, away from their hometown, often find themselves suddenly alerted to the meaning of the liturgy when it is presented in a different form. Some people find this unsettling, because it is unfamiliar, but I actually think it can open our eyes to the true meaning of the words we regularly use and underline their significance.

I also recently had a discussion with the member of another church, whose study group was meeting to discuss the Lord's Prayer, line by line. Yes, at each meeting, they were spending the whole evening talking about the meaning of one single line.

Just think about that. Choose one line, any line. Let's take a line from the middle – And forgive us our trespasses. The modern version is – Forgive us our sins. Most of us learnt this prayer early in our lives at school and have been saying it in one form or other ever since. But do we stop to really think about what these words mean and is it more or less meaningful to rewrite words which have been in use for centuries? Do we really mean what we're saying - we have done wrong?

So this month, I'm making an effort to be there in the moment, alert, paying attention to the details - something that I can do not only in my Bible study times, and in the midst of services but even as I walk around the villages we live in - sometimes it is by carefully observing the small that we see what is writ large. As a clever man once said:

“Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.” C.S. Lewis

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## **Altar Rail Kneelers**

The end is in sight! Having started the stitching work on the new kneelers for the altar rail on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, we are now in the process of putting them together. A core group, with help from many in the village, have met on Mondays & Thursdays 2-4 pm, every week, with the occasional break for Christmas and other busy periods. We have had a lot of fun and laughter, with the odd rude word and grumpiness when we realised we had made a mistake!

The kneelers will be dedicated and placed in position for humble knees at the 11 am service at St Mary's on June 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a celebratory glass of fizz for the congregation thereafter.

*The Community Group*



## **Village welcomes new Chaplain**

It's been good to get to know people in Froyle during the last few months at the church, at the Meeting Place on Friday morning and sometimes in the excellent Hen and Chicken pub. I am a chaplain for older people but I am pleased to meet with anyone in the village. As a chaplain in the Church of England, I am available to every person living in Froyle. Please do contact me if you would like to talk, have a cup of tea or if you know someone who might want to meet with me. You can email me at [annachaplain@benbinfro.org](mailto:annachaplain@benbinfro.org) or ring/text me at 07519046593.



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 10 June

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](mailto:messychurch@benbinfro.org)**

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*The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle*

*Invite Senior Residents to*

*a Summer Tea Party at Mill Court*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 3pm-5pm*

RSVP: Gill Thallon Tel: 23538 Email: [gill.thallon@btopenworld.com](mailto:gill.thallon@btopenworld.com)

Lifts can be arranged

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH,  
FROYLE  
WELCOMES EVERYONE TO.....**



**TEA & SCONES**

served every  
**Tuesday afternoon in June**  
(starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June)

No charge, donations welcome

**2.30 - 4.30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's Church,**  
**Upper Froyle**

**All are welcome, young, old  
and everyone in between.**

**COME AND ENJOY A SUMMER  
AFTERNOON IN FROYLE**

**Come and see what is flying around the churchyard on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Wildlife Group are going to be there to help explore and record the wild flowers, bees and other insects that are flourishing in hidden corners of the churchyard.**

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**EVENTS IN FROYLE DURING JUNE**

Remember to check the calendar at the back of the magazine to ensure you do not miss everything going on in Froyle this month. You will usually find further details in the articles and advertisements.



## Froyle Wildlife

### Wild Orchids of Hampshire

In May we were treated to an inspiring talk and amazing photos by Rosemary Webb from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. She told us she has been an “orchid freak” since first seeing a Bee Orchid over 60 years ago. We discovered that Hampshire is the best county for orchids, having 35 of the 52 species in the British Isles. After hearing that if you haven’t been to Noar Hill, the jewel of Hampshire for orchids, you haven’t lived I’m sure we will all be there in this summer. Whether we will manage to get a photo of a flower self pollinating on the breeze caused by a passing horse remains to be seen!

*Gillian Pickering*

### Heathland walk

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – Froyle Wildlife walk at **Broxhead Common**; a leisurely stroll over this SSSI heathland to see Silver-studded Blue butterflies which breed on the heather. The walk needs favourable weather so the date will be confirmed a few days beforehand. For more information please see [www.froylewildlife/news](http://www.froylewildlife/news).



## Froyle Wildlife (Cont)

**30<sup>th</sup> June, Hampshire Swift Day**, Crosfield Hall, Romsey, 11am -6pm, free event to celebrate Swifts. <https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk/> A range of exhibits and activities for children and adults. Make or buy Swift nest boxes and talk to Swift experts about how we can help these birds. The Inspirational Edward Mayer of 'Swift Conservation', who gave a talk in Froyle Village Hall in 2016, will be a guest speaker, so now's your chance if you missed him earlier.

### **Drop-in day at the wildlife pond and meadow, Gid Lane**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10-12am & 2-4pm - They'll be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day, so do come along and see what's flying and flowering. Members of Froyle Wildlife will be on hand to assist with identification of dragonflies' butterflies and wildflowers. On 15<sup>th</sup> May Broad-bodied Chaser and Four-Spotted Chaser Dragonflies along with Azure, Blue-tailed and Large Red Damselflies were zipping around. Ragged Robin and meadow buttercup were flowering with masses of Ox-eye Daisies about to burst open.

### **Wanted! Amphibian and Reptile Records - Can you help?**

A reminder that John Buckley, our speaker in April, would like us to look out for and record sightings of frogs, toads, newts, slow-worms, lizards and snakes that we see in our gardens and elsewhere in Hampshire. Records will contribute to an Atlas of Hampshire's Amphibians and reptiles to be published in 2020. For more information plus a simple downloadable recording form see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/hampshires-amphibians-and-reptiles-19th-april-2018/> or call Sue on 23520

**Recreation Ground wildflower areas** - Native wild flower annuals sown in the spring have germinated in the new plot, whilst Lady's-Smock (Cuckoo Flower) *Cardamine pratensis*) have flowered well in the perennial plot with 76 flower heads counted. Look out for Ox-eye Daisy, Common Knapweed, Common Sorrel, Lady's Bedstraw, Yarrow, Ribwort Plantain and others during the summer. The extra roped off plot of original turf was an experiment to see what would come up naturally if left to grow (after seeing what looked like lady's smock leaves earlier in the year). The chance paid off and fifty plus flower heads were spotted. Many thanks to Froyle Parish Council who agreed to cease cutting till flowering is over. Thanks also to the FW volunteers who help in so many ways. If you would like to be involved do get in touch we're a friendly bunch and welcome newcomers.

*Sue Clark*



## NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Gardens Open for Charity

### **FROYLE GARDENS**

Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 June

2 - 6pm

Combined entry £7.50 Children free

A warm welcome awaits you as nine Froyle Gardens open their gates again this year, enabling visitors to enjoy a wide variety of gardens. We have three new gardens this year all of which are looking splendid the result of a huge amount of hard work.

All the Froyle gardens harmonise well with the surrounding landscape and some have spectacular views. The gardens themselves are diverse with rich planting often incorporating unusual plants. You will also see greenhouses, water features, vegetables, roses, clematis and wild flower meadows as well as a gem of a courtyard garden. If you are lucky you may meet a pair of robot lawn mowers silently cutting the grass. And of course plenty of seats for tired legs.

Lots of ideas to take away with you along with plants for sale. The delicious teas served in the village hall are famous and close by there is a new children's playground with a zip wire and climbing frame where younger visitors can let off steam. The main parking area is at the recreation ground, close to the village hall, and additional signed parking is available elsewhere.

In the Magazine you will also find a selection of photographs of what to expect. The challenge is can you match the picture to the garden. The editor is offering two free tickets to the reader who can correctly identify them. Email [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com) by 1 June.

People come to Froyle to see the gardens from far and wide but the people we most hope to see are our friends and neighbours.

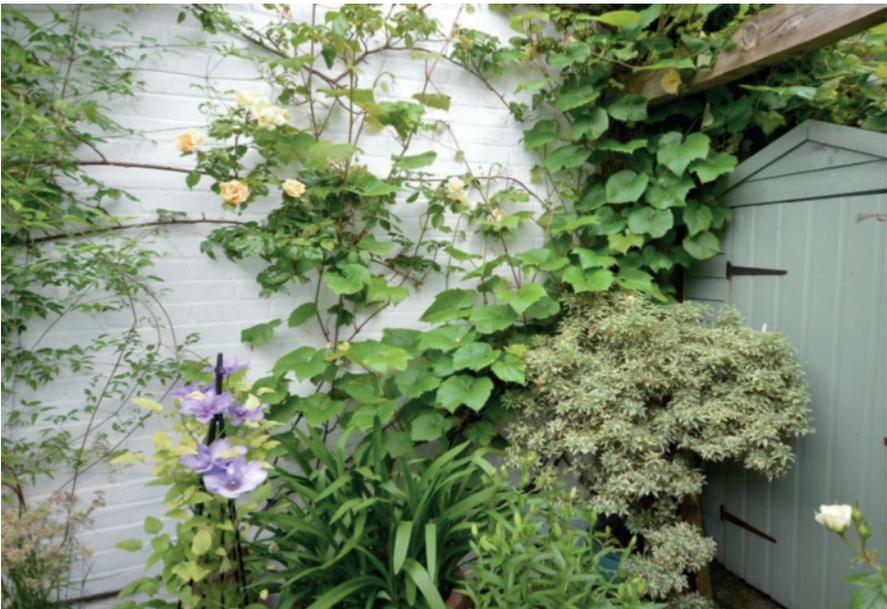
## FROYLE OPEN GARDENS

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 June 2018 14.00-18.00**

Last year Froyle raised just over £6000 for the various NGS Charities. Can we do even better this year? We hope you will help us by visiting.



**1 and 2**



There are nine gardens opening this year. Three new ones and six old favourites. Can you match the garden to the property?  
Eight are in Lower Froyle and just one in Upper Froyle.



3 and 4



The view is the clue!

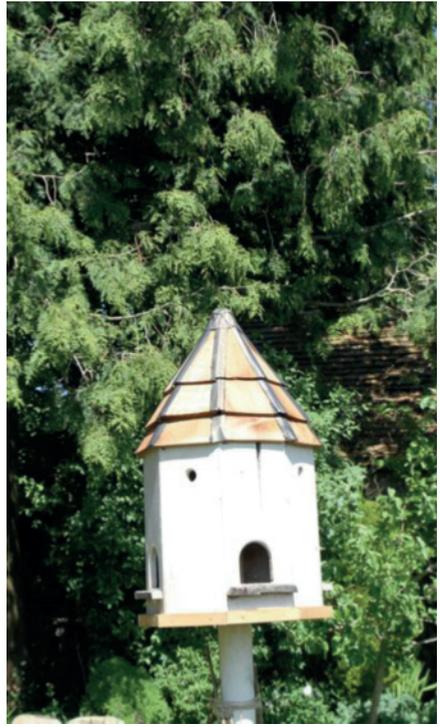
The gardens belong to Aldersey House, Bramlins, 6 Coldrey Cottages, Day Cottage, Glebe Cottage, Manor Cottage, Old Brewery House, Warren Cottage, and Well Lane Corner. But which is which?



5 and 6



Another clue: the gardens opening for the first time are all on the next page.



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A bit too difficult! Come along and find out the answers but wear comfortable shoes. There is a lot to see, plants to buy and ideas to take away. And afterwards..... a delicious tea in the village hall.

## Norman Cottington

I would like to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards and offers of help when my husband Norman sadly passed away so suddenly while on holiday in Spain.

It is only a short while since we came to Lower Froyle and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support that I have received. Norman and I felt welcome from our first day here and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. The family would like to thank all those who attended his funeral and those who came back to Farnham Golf Club after the service.

*Sheila*

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## Marjorie Robinson

We have been very humbled by the love and respect shown to Mum at her farewell on 15 May. So many faces that we were unable to put names to and not enough time to speak to everyone. A special thank you to Sarah Thursfield and ladies for organising the church and hall flowers which were charming and to Susie Robertson for organising the ladies of the village to provide such a wonderful spread. A heartfelt thanks to you all. And, of course, to Yann for conducting Mum's service and for his support and care shown to us all.

On 17 May we took Mum's ashes by bicycle, ably ridden by her grandson, from the church gate to the cemetery. Yann gave a final blessing and prayer and The Ship by Bishop Brent was read. Mum was lowered into her grave by two of her granddaughters and we toasted our dear Mum, Gran, Nan and Supergran with sherry and whiskey and enjoyed a piece of her final Lemon Drizzle cake. Hopefully a fitting end - back with her darling again. Thanks to everyone.

*Kindest regards*

*Marlene Bowen*

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## Better Balance

Better Balance continues on **Wednesdaay June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

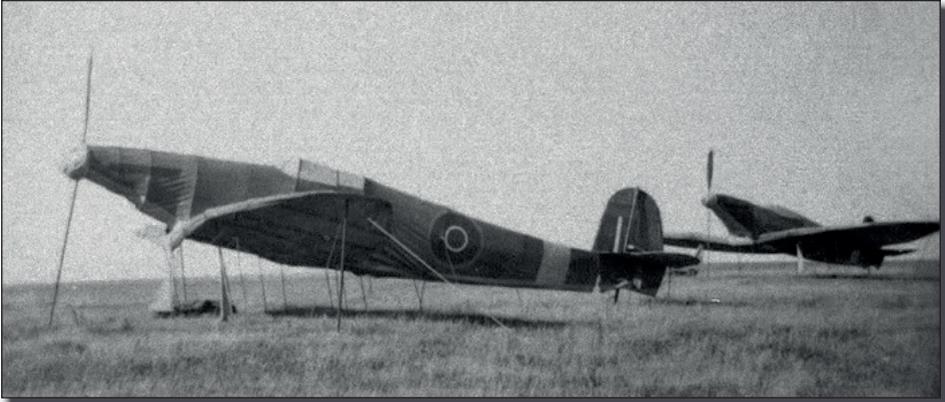
Usual time: 2.30pm

Usual place: Froyle Village Hall

Do come and exercise to music followed by tea and chat! Speak to Sue Sharman 22603 if you would like to join the class.

*Madeleine Black (23371)*

## June News from The Froyle Archive



A few years ago, at an Archive Open Day, we were chatting to a couple of residents who were 'young lads' during the Second World War, about life during those 'exciting' times (*for a young lad, anyway*). During this chat we got round to the day that a couple of Spitfires seemingly landed in one of the fields up on Holybourne Down. They both swore that they had seen them with their own eyes! We tried to find out more about this, even purchasing some aerial photographs taken at the end of the war from English Heritage. These were part of the aerial survey of the United Kingdom shot by the RAF to assess the damage done to the country during the war.

Sadly when we reached the area we were looking for (*there might have been some trace left there of any kind of airfield*) we found that the cameras had been turned off at this point in the run!

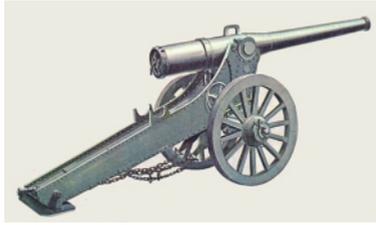
We eventually discovered that what the lads had seen was part of a decoy, like the one shown above. A "Starfish" site originally created during the Blitz to simulate burning targets with the intention of diverting German night bombers from their intended targets, so that they would drop their bombs in open countryside.

Holybourne Down was one such site built to protect Odiham, which was the first airfield in the South East to receive a concrete runway, and the new airfield at Lasham. The sites were constructed around 4 miles from their protection target, and at least 1 mile from any other settlement. They consisted of elaborate light arrays and fires, controlled from a nearby bunker and laid out to simulate a fire-bombed town or airfield. By the end of the war there were 237 decoys protecting 81 towns and cities around the country.

Linda Habberfield, who looks after the Holybourne Archive, has given us permission to add some of her research, which includes photographs of the Control Bunker, to our pages at [froyle.com/dummy.htm](http://froyle.com/dummy.htm) as part of our June update.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

*Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)*



## Stories from the Front

As we approach the centenary of the end of World War One, there must be many of us who remember the stories of relatives who fought in this war.

We would like to encourage anybody who can remember what was said about these times. For example, where they were, what did they do and if it affected their lives.

Simply send your stories to us at [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com). Written copy can be dropped off for us at The Meeting Place on Fridays.

*The Editors*

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## **YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! DO YOU HAVE JUST A FEW HOURS TO SPARE? BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP**

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group provides a Car Service that takes local residents to GPs, hospitals, dentists & opticians appointments. The service operates from Monday to Friday and can be for local appointments to Alton, Bentley & Farnham, or further afield, Basingstoke & Guildford etc.

The service relies entirely on volunteers and we really need more volunteers!!

The volunteers act either as coordinators - who take calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements; or as drivers who take the clients to their appointments. There is no regular commitment required, when asked you simply offer to help when you can, even if this is only two or three times a year. You can choose to do either the short or the longer journeys.

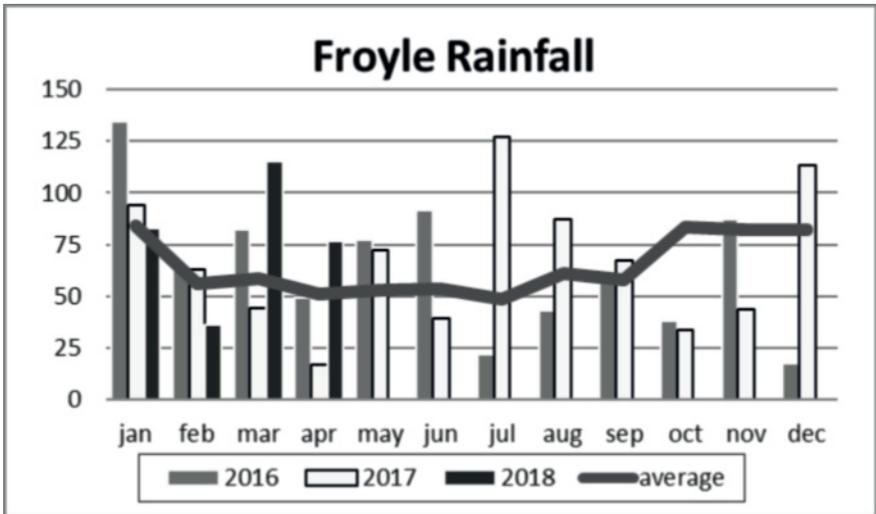
Expenses are paid to all volunteers - telephone expenses for coordinators and mileage expenses for drivers.

The help the car service gives to those in need is greatly appreciated, so if you feel able to volunteer, in any capacity, no matter how little time you have available, it is a great way of supporting your community.

Please contact Cathy Smith on 01410 520169 if you can help.

## Froyle Rainfall for April 2018

This year	76.5 mm	3 ins
Last year	17 mm	0.7 ins
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins
Long-term average for April – the 2 <sup>nd</sup> driest month of the year (after July)	51.2 mm	2.0 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	311 mm	12.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	249.7 mm	9.8 ins



**STOP PRESS Forecast change...**  
 At this stage last year we had had almost 100 mm less rain for the first four months than this, but still ended up with an above average year; a rarity indeed. But with 20% *above* average rainfall so far this year – and NB the Candlemas prediction came true with the subsequent 2 months (March and April) giving us quite a drenching - it now looks a **distinct possibility that 2018 will unlikely be below the average.**



“The Umbrella Man”

## (IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

*Authors' note: these stories are fiction. Any possible identification of any character with any person living or dead is unintentional and coincidental, except in relation to any known historical characters, whose appearance, along with any historical events, locations and periods, is to give the stories context and meaning, and possibly relevance.*

### 3. A puzzling meeting.

Fletcher – the armed escort – trotted towards Adam and Joshua. Stopping a few feet short, he held up his right hand, though it was not immediately clear to the two men whether this was in greeting, or was a command to stay where they were.

“Whose men are you?” he shouted.

“No man’s” replied Adam. “We are free men.” Fletcher appeared nonplussed. “We gained our freedom from the sisters of Nunnaminster in Winchester” Adam explained. “The black death has stood all on its head – we gained our freedom from the sisters in return for two day’s labour every week for ten years.”

Fletcher turned and beckoned to the party on the hill. Boyes peeled away and rode down to join Fletcher. They conferred for a moment, then Boyes spoke.

“You are freemen I understand? We wish to have words with you. I am Alfred Boyes, esquire to Sir Nicholas Udall”

“Sir Nicholas Udall”?

“Yes – you know him”?

“By name only. I imagine those who have difficulty with the law know Sir Nicholas more closely. He is the Constable of Winchester Castle, is he not”?

A brief smile played over Boyes’ face. “He is. But speaking of those who have difficulty with the law, are there many such around here”?

“There are many who now struggle” replied Adam, “especially craftsmen and labourers. At least we have our land. But as to breaking of the law “ - he paused - “that I couldn’t say”.

Boyes stared at Adam intently. “Good!” he said suddenly. “Wait here and I will fetch my master”. He rode back and conferred with whoever was in the carriage. The door opened and a man emerged, wearing a similar colourful surcoat to Boyes, though the coat of arms was a shade brighter and larger. He set out towards Adam, but momentarily turned back to speak with the other occupant of the carriage. Adam could not fully hear the exchange, but he fancied it was not in English.

Adam turned to Joshua, and whispered “take great care – the Udalls are the King’s gaolers in all of Hampshire”.

*Why is the King’s gaoler so intent on meeting those “who have difficulty with the law”? What is being planned or plotted here? And who is the stranger in the carriage?*

# FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

## 'CALL MY WINE BLUFF'

Based on the TV Quiz 'Call My Bluff'



Come and join us on  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**7 p.m.**

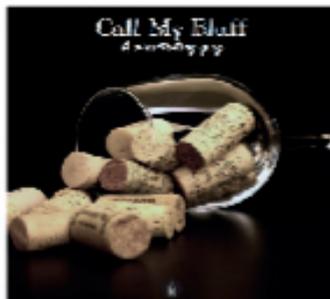
at which the Village Hall will be hosting a  
fun-filled evening of wine and bluffing .....

**Tickets - £20.00 per head**  
**to include supper**

As if wine tasting isn't confusing enough, the evening will involve a panel of 3 or 4 well known local wine experts giving descriptions of 6 different bottles which you will taste before deciding which experts are talking utter rubbish!

### **WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH??**

The table who guesses the most correctly wins the prize.



We would encourage you to get together with friends and take tables of up to 6 people (but we will make up tables as required).  
All proceeds to go to the Village Hall

We expect this event to be very popular so .....

please call Karen Potter (01420) 520294 or David Robertson 520820  
to register your team/your attendance

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(Don't forget - Small ads are *free* to all Froyle residents (one per month) - so why not advertise items you no longer need, right here? Or indeed services you can offer? Just e-mail your text - and a photo if you have one - to [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com))

## Village Events for June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9.30 Meeting Place	2 2.00pm Gardens Open
3 8.00 HC  2.00pm Gardens Open	4 Refuse & garden  2.00pm Card Games VH	5  2.30 Tea and Scones	6  2.30pm Better balance	7	8 9.30 Meeting Place	9  7.00pm Call my Bluff
10 11.00 HC  3.00pm Service	11 Recycling & glass  7.45pm PC meeting	12  2.30 Tea and Scones	13  2.30pm Better balance	14	15 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	16
17 11.00 HC	18 Refuse & garden	19  2.30 Tea and Scones	20  2.30pm Better balance	21	22 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	23
24  6.30pm Choral Evensong	25 Recycling	26  2.30 Tea and Scones	27 2.00pm Walk  2.30pm Better balance	28	29 9.30 Meeting Place	30

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
Froyle Good Neighbours .....	<i>Linda Hagan-Wilkie</i> - 520292
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern .....	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Froyle Friends ( <i>visiting friends in hospital</i> ) .....	<i>Annette Booth</i> - 22364
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group ( <i>transport to medical appointments</i> ) .....	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team .....	<i>PCSO 14396 Jess Hornsby</i> - 07554 775556 Dial: <b>101</b> Ext: 771 243 or email: <i>jessica.hornsby@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
<b>NHS non-emergency</b> .....	<b>111</b>
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	<a href="http://www.benbinfro.co.uk">www.benbinfro.co.uk</a>

## NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

**Friday 22nd May, 2018**

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on the front inside cover. All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

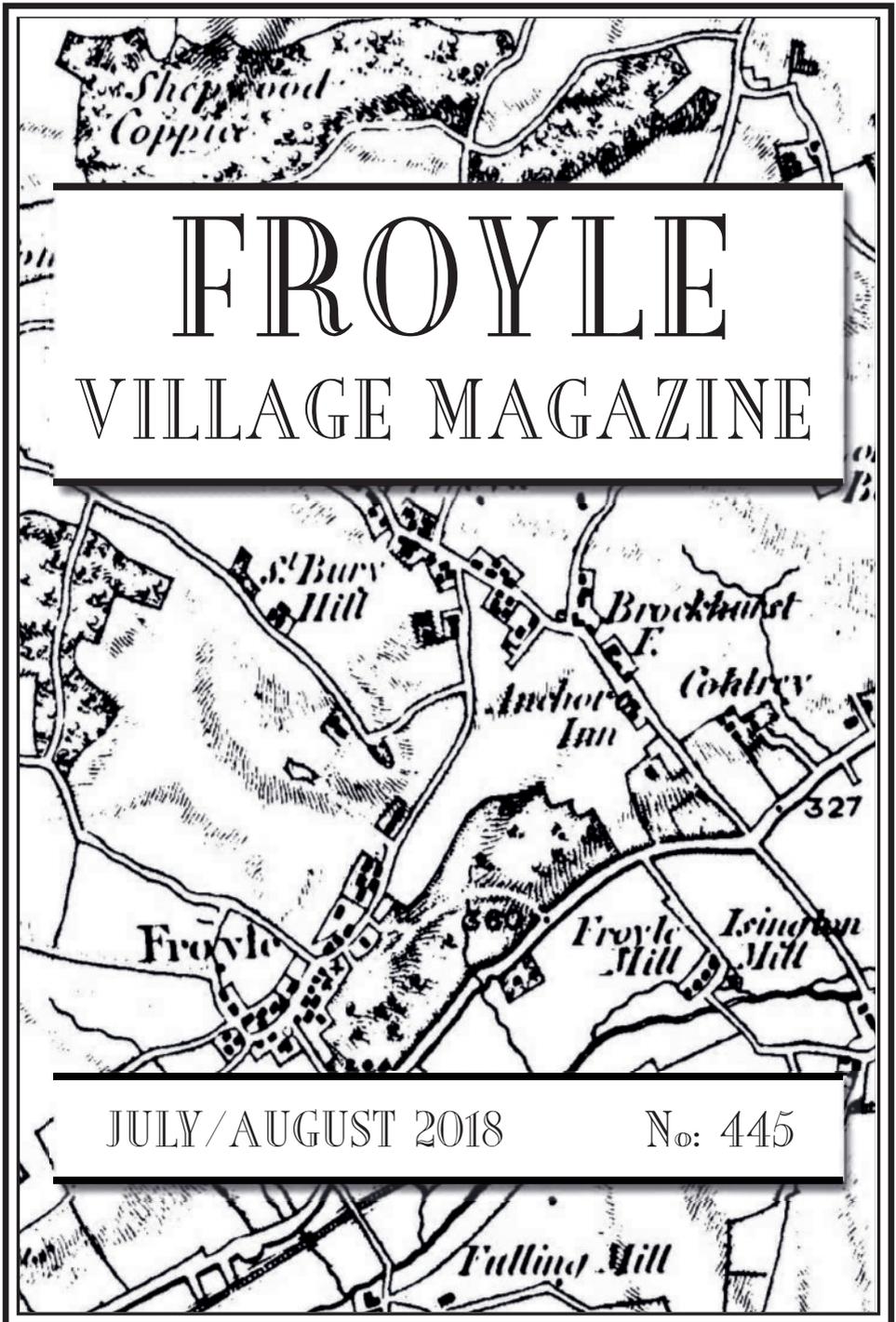
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All magazine contributions should be submitted by the above deadline to:

*magazine@froyle.com*

**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. 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 framed by a double-line border.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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## Report from the Parish Council

### Meeting with Sandy Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer of EHDC

On 5 June 2018 members of Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met with Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive Officer of East Hants District Council (EHDC) and her number two, James Hassett, Executive Director (Operations and Place Shaping) to discuss the issue of Froyle Park. FPC reported that they remained unable to explain to residents how the village came to have a busy wedding venue in the centre of the Upper Froyle Conservation Area right next door to the grade 1 listed parish church in apparent conflict with the planning permission that EHDC had granted in 2013. FPC had written detailed letters to Ms Hopkins on five occasions since 2014 concerning the operation at Froyle Park.

Mr Hassett confirmed that following the enforcement investigation into Froyle Park conducted in autumn 2016, no written report had been produced. He had however given the information gathered plus FPC's own evidence and legal advice to a barrister who had determined that there was no breach of planning control. The existing C1 permission for hotels allowed for weddings and events to be the primary use despite the absence of D2 permission. Mr Hassett has previously declined to share this advice with FPC. Ms Hopkins confirmed that she had not seen the legal advice regarding the use of Froyle Park. Mr Hassett confirmed that he had not shared the advice with the Leader of EHDC. FPC reported that they had twice in 2017 raised the matter of Froyle Park at the local Community Forum but had been told by EHDC Councillors that they were unable to comment on the matter. Both Ms Hopkins and Mr Hassett denied that officers had placed any 'gag' on EHDC members.

FPC pointed out that the existing planning conditions which related to a hotel rather than a wedding venue were wholly inadequate to protect residents. Were the venue to be sold on to a less sympathetic owner residents would be exposed to even greater disruption and nuisance. The way forward had to involve a reduction in the intensity of use of the venue to something which more closely resembled the original planning permission.

Ms Hopkins agreed that she would consider the points made by FPC and would investigate what options remained open to help deal with the situation and would discuss these with the Chairman of FPC.

## **Report from the Parish Council (cont)**

### **Extraordinary Meeting 11 June 2018**

FPC met on 11 June. Six councillors were present and two members of the public.

The financial regulations which govern the management of the council's finances and ensure they are adequate were discussed and adopted.

FPC is investigating a savings account for their reserve funds which will provide a better return than the current one.

There has been no response to date from the Nicolas James Group (NJG) about when the permissive footpath linking the Linden Homes estate to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill will be constructed.

Despite repeated requests to Linden Homes the redundant posts and signage on Hen and Chicken Hill have not yet been removed. FPC will continue to pursue both issues.

Tall grass continues to obstruct the view of oncoming traffic in both directions when turning onto the A31 at the Hen and Chicken junction. The matter has been raised as a matter of urgency with Highways and both District and County Councillors. Residents should take great care when using this junction.

East Hants District Council have agreed an application from NJG to convert the proposed shop in Froyle Green to a one bed apartment. FPC had previously objected.

FPC have objected to an application to convert the garages at Froyle House (the White House) to a three-to-four bed dwelling because of issues with the Design Statement and the failure to provide information about landscaping, bins and parking. Concern has also been expressed about the safety of the single access given the number of flats and houses it now serves. These matters have been raised with Cllr Watts.

FPC continues to seek advice about the cost of renovating the football hut.

FPC has put in a bid to War Memorial Trust to part-fund the renovation of the war memorial. It has been decided for technical reasons to mend rather than replace the concrete area round the memorial.

The safety rail at the steps linking footpath 11a to Froyle Road has been repaired. The pirate ship on the playground will be repainted in jollier colours.

## Report from the Parish Council (cont)

Traffic signs warning of pedestrians in the road have been installed at either end of Froyle Road in Lower Froyle. Local farmers have been contacted with regard to the speed of tractors and farm machinery through the village. Residents are encouraged to report to the police or the Parish Clerk, with registration numbers, instances of tractors travelling too quickly.

FPC have been told that when the Southampton to Heathrow fuel pipeline is replaced the preferred option as far as Froyle is concerned is to retain the current route. Work on this is scheduled for 2021. Further information and an interactive map can be found at [www.slpproject.co.uk](http://www.slpproject.co.uk)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 July 2018. If you have matters you wish to raise or you want to comment on this report, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above.



### " News from the toddler group"

**Thursday 26th July AM - 10am - 1pm**

Calling all parents, carers, grandparents, children, toddlers and babies. Please do come and join us on July 26th. There will be an opportunity to play with our great toys and have a drink and chat. The event is opened to past, present and future carers followed by a picnic.

Please do put the date in your diaries if you are interested. The village hall committee will unfortunately have to make a decision and redistribute the toys if there is no interest for future meetings. Any questions, please call Sylvie on 520779.



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The next Froyle Film Night

will be held

on

FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018

Film to be announced nearer the time



Bookings:  
Susie Robertson  
01420 520820

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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.

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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

Quite a few 'achievements' to report this month. The new doors have been installed and the colour is a good match to the windows. There is a bit of snagging to do then we will invite our district and county councillors to officially 'open the doors' in recognition of their help funding the project. The doors include a key code which we will need to change regularly when we have learnt how to do this! In due course we intend to restore the 'Froyle Village Hall' sign across the window above the doors.

Next to the doors you will find a new lockable notice board. The intention is that this should be used to display adverts for forthcoming events in the village. Please use the notice board and do not stick posters to the new doors. A key for the board will be available from myself, Karen Potter and the current Bookings Secretary.

## News from the Village Hall (cont)

The cooker hood has finally been repaired.

Recently one of the picnic tables collapsed under the weight of a large number of children posing for a photograph. Fortunately no one was hurt. The surviving tables have done fine service and we have decided to pension them off. They have been found good homes in the village where they can live out the rest of their lives quietly without fear of being squashed. Four new tables have been purchased and positioned on the patio. If you must move them, please lift with a friend. Do not drag them by yourself because this weakens their legs and then guess what happens.

Many thanks to all the residents who have signed up to receive emails promoting events at the Village Hall. We are asking you to do this in order to comply with the new Data Protection Regulations. If you haven't yet done so and would like to be included, please email [fvhmailinglist@gmail.com](mailto:fvhmailinglist@gmail.com) confirming your wish to join. Emails will be sent out blind and your email will not be visible to others. Nor will the list be passed on or used for any other purpose.

The Hall continues to be well used. Early in June it served tea to well over a thousand visitors who had come to admire the Froyle Gardens. A week later the Hall hosted 'Call my wine bluff'. Both events were a great success and are reported elsewhere in the Magazine.

The Hall relies on a huge amount of voluntary effort for which the Committee is very grateful.

*Nick Whines  
Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall*

### **Stop Press**

For reasons too complex to explain here William Knowles will henceforth be known as 'Brian'.

Mary will be known as 'Wife of Brian'!

### **Froyle 100 Club Winners for April**

1<sup>st</sup> - Barry Clark      2<sup>nd</sup> - Diana Snow

3<sup>rd</sup> - Phil Roberts    4<sup>th</sup> - Anthea McRiley

*Congratulations to all! - William Knowles*

## **‘CALL MY WINE BLUFF’ held in the Village Hall on 9 June...**

An array of teams, made up of Froyle’s most able wine lovers and identifiers of bullshit, gathered in Froyle Village Hall on Saturday evening, 9 June. Their task was to decide, for each of eight different label-less bottles of wine that they were asked to sample in turn, which member of the panel of three “well known local wine experts” (as they were rather generously described in last month’s magazine) was telling the truth in his or her description and identification of the wine in question.

Actually, there were six wines (including a fizz and a port), one cider and a bottle of, err.... Water. It is sad but true – if not entirely fair – to say that the teams turned out to be rather better at spotting the correct make of water than the correct wine/cider..... They weren’t helped by the fact that one of the “local wine experts” (Nigel Bulpitt) really was an expert, and always sounded most convincing. Ever since the Brexit referendum, we have all had difficulty working out when we should trust the experts and when we shouldn’t - this evening was no exception. And as with experts, so also the voices of authority - even magistrates can no longer be trusted it seems.....

Our host and organiser of the evening, David Robertson, is also no slouch when it comes to understanding wine. Between him and Nigel, they cleverly put together for each wine (including the cider) three sets of tasting notes which made it almost impossible to tell from the description alone which was the correct wine; instead (and increasingly as the evening progressed and the wine flowed in perhaps larger than normal tasting measures), people started to judge less by what was said and more by how it was said and by whom – which of their good friends on the panel was lying to them? Oh dear....

The only outlandish description came with the water. Sadly, no one was fooled by the “expert’s” explanation of how he had brought the water back from the River Itchen on one of his many and usually unproductive fishing expeditions – no wonder the fish aren’t fooled either....

We were wonderfully fed by Susie, so it was a great husband-and-wife effort involving much more work than they let on. No one knew quite what to expect, but whatever our expectations were, they were certainly exceeded – it was a really entertaining evening, which raised £590 for the Village Hall.

And since there was only one collective vote for each team of five or six people, there was plenty of scope for individuals to convince themselves that they would have got all the answers right, if only the rest of the team had listened to them. So we ended the evening with far more wine experts than we had at the outset....

*William Knowles*

# CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

## (IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

I'm sure you have all enjoyed reading the previous three episodes of this fast moving story. Unfortunately due to a lack of space in this month's magazine the next exciting instalment will be in the autumn. Will this be written by you?

Similarly the editors have introduced a number of columns which allow our readers to contribute their own stories, so as we approach autumn wouldn't it be nice to have reviews of your favourite book or film in **MEDICINE OF THE SOUL** or tell everyone of your exciting and often unique experiences in **I WAS THERE** and certainly as we move towards the 100 anniversary of the end of the First World War stories **FROM THE FRONT** will surely be popular.

All contributions should be sent to [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com)

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### The Froyle Card Games Club STOP PRESS



### Second Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

After a successful first meeting In June, we have decided to **reconvene on a regular basis on the first Monday of the month at 2.30pm.**

The charge will be £2 per head to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

**So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards – *or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again* - do drop by and we will fit you in with a game.**



*Caroline Findlay (22019)*  
*David Robertson (520820)*



# 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 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 and flowers.

## Cake bakers for July

6th	Janet Dobson	Jenny Dundas	Ann Netherway	
13th	Sarah Roberts	Alison Pincott	Chris Mudderman	Corinna Whines
20th	June Trimm	Sue Sharman	Helen MacDonald	Sarah English
27th	Madeleine Black	Jenny Mathews	Kim Blake	Sarah Basey

## Cake bakers for August

3rd	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealey	Lucinda Lindblom	Charlotte Baikie
10th	Gill Bradley	Jane Stewart-S	Brenda Milam	Jenny Mathews
17th	AnnRoberts	Jenny Gove	Caroline Findlay	Shirley Bellis
24th	Sue Lelliott	Pat Gasson	Mary Chaplin	Louise Marston
31st	Madeleine Black	Barbara Starbuck	Chris Mudderman	Anne Blunt

It is an 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.

## Kitchen Helpers for July

6th	Sarah Lovell	Jenny Dundas
13th	Jane McNabb	Marje Heyhurst
20th	Brenda Milam	Sarah Roberts
27th	Kim Blake	Lori Taylor

# The Meeting Place (Cont)

## Kitchen Helpers for August

3rd	Sue Marriott	Jenny Topping
10th	Chris Mudderman	Marje Heyhurst
17th	Barbara Starbuck	Judith Leslie Smith
24th	David Robertson	William Knowles aka Brian
31st	Sue Carr	Linda Cooper

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

*Gill Bradley (520484) p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com*

*Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*



## Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

Sadly the trip to Kiftsgate was cancelled. The next outing is on 27th July at 7.0pm at Whispers, Chatter Alley, Dogmersfield RG27 8SS. 3 miles west of Fleet turn North to Dockmersfield off A287 Odiham to Farnham Rd. Turn left by Queens Head Pub. On August 10th we meet at Wheatley house at 6.0pm GU35 9PA. Take A 31 to Bentley, follow sign for Bordon. After 2 miles turn right at Jolly Farmer PH towards Binsted. After 1 mile turn left and follow signs to Wheatley

### JULY 14th Fete and Flower Show

Dont forget to enter on Wednesday 11th July between 7.0pm and 8.0pm at Frole Village Hall. Schedules available at the Meeting Place or in the box on the side wall at Walbury.

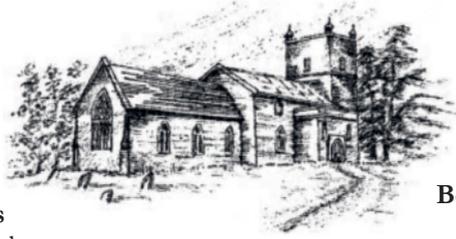
### Autumn Show 8th September

Now going ahead. Please enter on Wed 5th September

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



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**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge, Upper Froyle

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Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## JULY SERVICES

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	3.30pm	Binsted	Marquee and Pet Service on recreation ground
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Pet Service at Village Hall</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Marquee service on recreation ground
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service

## AUGUST SERVICES (Summer Pattern)

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion



## Remembrance Concert Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, Froyle Church

What we hope will be a very moving concert of choral singing, music and readings (both religious and secular), to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary three weeks later of the end of the First World War, will be held in **Froyle Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, early evening (exact time tbc). It will be led by Winchester Consort, a Winchester based choir of invited singers who have performed a number of Remembrance-themed concerts over the last four years, mostly in the Quire of Winchester Cathedral. Further details will appear in September's magazine.

*William Knowles*

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### Church Altar Rail Kneelers

As anticipated in last month's magazine, the new altar rail kneelers are now in place in the church and were dedicated at a lovely brief ceremony on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Well done to all the twenty people who contributed to putting the kneelers together. They look very striking with their simple design which is very much in keeping with the church as a whole.

### **Pet Service at Froyle Village Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00 am:**

If you haven't been to this before, the focal point of this short, entertaining service in the Village Hall (or on the patio outside) is the vicar making a spectacle of himself blessing all sorts of usually rather bewildered or distracted looking and occasionally rambunctious pets (Yann explains it slightly differently – see “View from the Vicarage” on the next page). You don't need a pet to come along! There are some short prayers and readings done by children. Tea and cake are served afterwards. Donations go to Canine Partners, a member of which will give a short talk on the work they do with their amazing dogs. And if anyone would like to play the village hall piano to accompany the two or three well-known hymns we sing at the service, do let Jenny Gove or me know!!

*Community Group and William Knowles*

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

All creatures great and small will be in the congregation on Sunday, July 8 at Binsted and Sunday, July 15 in Froyle when we hold the first Binsted Pet Service in the fete marquee on the recreation ground and our annual Pet Service at the Froyle Village Hall, respectively. I'm already thinking about appropriate hymns that our unusual congregation might enjoy hearing... Bark the Herald Angels, maybe?

From my experience of Froyle's pet services, the pets are always remarkably well behaved on these occasions, (the owners are usually quite good too) with various breeds of dog sitting happily side by side, for much of the time. Hamsters, rabbits, ducks, chickens and ponies have also been known to attend, and we've even had cats - though they are usually confined - the temptation to chase other smaller animals is often too much for them!

So why am I subjecting myself ( and the pets and their owners) to this, you may well ask. In Genesis we find God "created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth." (The Message) - what a tremendous responsibility and obligation to respect other forms of life! I don't believe that is the primary justification for this service, but I do see it as a way of honouring the creatures we have asked to share our lives, to be our friends, to be part of our families.

I know many people for whom the loss of a much loved pet can cause almost as much distress as the loss of a relative. Animals with a long life span will share much of a family's achievements as well as its low points. They will comfort us when we are sad, amuse us when we are tired and take us for bracing walks in all weathers, showing us how to face each day with eagerness and optimism. They can teach little children responsibility and tenderness and can give the elderly love and affection with a wet nose and the caress of a soft coat. Sentimental? I think not. I've seen how animal visitors in care homes can bring a smile to an aged face and how taking care of animals in school and in the home can educate and encourage respect for the animal kingdom. So on Sunday, July 8, at 11am, I'll take my own pet, Scooby (my family quite wisely prevented me from calling him Welby...) along to the marquee in Binsted and then on to the Village Hall in Froyle the following week, same time. I'll sit him down, tell him to 'stay' and hope that many others will join us. Then we shall sing joyful songs for our furry and feathered friends, bless them for their loyalty and companionship and thank God for giving us responsibility over such a variety of creatures. Bring Hammy, Fido and whoever else is your reliable companion along and if your favourite cat, rabbit or guinea pig is too shy to join us, a picture or soft toy can act as a substitute. We shall ask God to bless them all and give thanks.

***Blessings,***

***Yann***

## Froyle Vestments Group

Vestments group had a successful weekend on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June with around three hundred visitors over two days. We could not have done this without help with foliage arrangements (mainly Tony Riley's and Gill Bradley's deft touch), and all of you who helped with setting up, welcoming visitors, and taking down the exhibition. The christening robes loaned by local families were beautiful. Thank you all so much.

*Madeleine Black 23371*

Thank you to all the lovely ladies and gentlemen (I will not name them for fear of leaving anyone out) who have again brightened our Tuesday afternoons in June by bringing us "Cream Teas at the Church". The church and churchyard (on the fine days), were full of happy chat and laughter. The scones were wonderful, the fresh strawberries sweet, and the 'service' exemplary. Many thanks to everyone who organised, baked, and served.



*Lori (Taylor)*

## **Annual Parish Picnic at Green Farm, Bentley GU10 5JX Sunday 8th July, 2018 from 12 noon onwards**

Chris, Glenda and Annabelle Powell warmly invite EVERYONE from the Congregations of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Churches to their annual Parish Picnic on Sunday 8th July from 12 noon onwards.

There will be tennis; swimming in the outdoor heated swimming-pool; tree house; trampolining; rounders and lots more games including rides on Chris's quad bike (Parents - please bring helmets for their children if so desired)

Please bring picnic rugs; chairs; tables; picnic lunch and drinks; all swimwear; towels and goggles; plus tennis raquets and trainers for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

*THIS YEAR WE SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST DONATIONS OF APPROXIMATELY £10 PER FAMILY OR £3 PER EXTRA PERSON OR CHILD, TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN BENTLEY.*  
Please come and support us and have fun with Family and Friends on what we hope will be a warm, sunny afternoon.

This year, we should appreciate it if you can give us an indication of your attendance and numbers in your party, so that we can ensure the afternoon will be viable as it is such a busy time of year.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 8th July.

For further information, please contact:

Chris and Glenda Powell on 01420 23246 or

Glenda on 07711981614

or Chris on 07711981618 or send an email to:

[glenda.powell@btopenworld.com](mailto:glenda.powell@btopenworld.com)

**THANK YOU**



*The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle  
Invite Senior Residents to  
a Summer Tea Party at Mill Court  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 3pm-5pm*

RSVP: Gill Thallon Tel: 23538 Email: [gill.thallon@bopenworld.com](mailto:gill.thallon@bopenworld.com)  
Lifts can be arranged

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**GRAVE TALK**

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL  
Saturday 1 September 3.30pm**

We held a GraveTalk session a couple of years ago and, amazingly, it was a lot of fun and very helpful to those who came.

Talking about death, dying and funerals raises big questions that we will all need to face at some time but it can be hard to talk to family and friends about it. Yet we should think about the practical and emotional aspects of death and dying at some point in our lives.

GraveTalk is appropriate for people of all ages who wants to talk and share their thoughts with others.

The format is simple. Along with tea and cake, we will be providing some GraveTalk cards that pose simple questions so that you can air your thoughts and swap ideas. These questions might be simple but the answers are very individual (and often produce a lot of laughter).

If you would like to know more, need transport or just want to contribute a cake please call Nigel or Linda Bulpitt on 22725.



## Froyle Wildlife

### 'Drop-in' day at wildlife pond, Sunday 1st July

Call in between 10-12am or 2-4pm to visit the wildlife pond and meadow, near Gid Lane. They'll be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day, so do come along and see what's flying and flowering. For more information please see [www.froylewildlife/news](http://www.froylewildlife/news).



Members of Froyle Wildlife will be on hand to assist with identification of wildflowers, dragonflies' and butterflies. Species to look out for include; knapweed, lady's bedstraw, rough hawkbit, self heal, purple loosestrife, water figwort, bird's-foot trefoil, emperor dragonfly, four-spotted chaser, azure damselfly, meadow brown.

**Pond dipping Sunday 29th July.** Family fun –join us for a 1h dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in Froyle Park Pond, near Gid Lane. 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](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk), stating preference for 1.30pm or 2.30pm session.

**Saturday 28th July** 2-4pm is the annual cut and rake-up of the wildflower area on the recreation ground. We welcome volunteers to help remove the cuttings.

*Barry Clark*

## 72nd Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show

Saturday 14th 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

14.00 Children's Races

15.00 Dog Show

16.00 Garden Prizes

16:15 Grand Raffle

There will be plenty of food and drink, choose from the beer tent, the bbq, ice creams or tea on the patio. This will be accompanied by live music with the return of our favourite band.

In the arena there will be the annual attempt by a group of well meaning adults to finally win the tug of war against an army of children. This is followed by the ever popular and often hilarious dog show which could be re-titled "Dogs v Humans" There is normally only one winner.

For the more active there will be traditional games: welly wanging, coconut shy, beat the goalie and crockery smashing.

Throughout the afternoon there will be plenty of other attractions and stalls for adults and children alike including a farm and giant slide.

Tea and Cakes is a must at any traditional fete and Froyle takes the biscuit when it comes to tea and cake. That said we are always grateful for all those cake bakers who supply us on the day, again this year any donations would be extremely well received. All surplus will be sold on the day so all donations will help to raise money for the village. Deliver to the Meeting Place on the 13<sup>th</sup> July or to the Tea stall on the day.

### **Splat the Rat needs a rat**

There will be a prize for the best rat delivered to the chief rat splaterer who will test each entry for speed and agility. The rat should be able to go down a drainpipe at speed so weight is important. It should look like a rat the scarier the better. One tip a football sock could be a good starting point. Splat the Rat will be near hooky ducky and all entries should be with the chief splaterer by 1.00pm.

**Children only, terms and conditions apply**

## Fete Tombola

And we are still collecting for the fantastic Lori and Sue's Tombola so:

"We would love to have your unwanted gifts, new toiletries, new (as new) children's toys, jewellery, fashion accessories, knick-knacks.....in fact anything you think would make a nice prize for any age group on our Tombola Stall. So please have a rummage and root around your cupboards, drawers and wardrobes. There will be a box at the Meeting Place for donations, or contact us to arrange delivery or collection of your gifts. Many thanks in anticipation". *Lori 22148 Sue S. 22603*

### **DON'T FORGET THE DOG SHOW, SAYS BERTIE..... .....and who is Bertie?**



Well, Bertie is a very important dog whose photo appeared in *'The Times'* on **3<sup>rd</sup> June**. The Times told us in the caption to the photo that Bertie had been trained to be a master rabbit catcher at **Jenkyn Place vineyards**. Indeed, here you see him standing guard over a young Pinot Noir grape vine in his 'high-vis' rabbit catcher jacket and looking very smart, alert and in control of the situation.

But don't be fooled - Bertie is none of these things. Bertie is totally charming, entertaining, occasionally known to create quite a lot of noise and havoc, but (not to put too fine a point on it) he is completely useless.... Which makes him the most excellent role model for.... Wait for it.....

## TOP DOG AT FROYLE FETE.....



Bertie and his owner, Simon Bladon of Jenkyn Place vineyards, sadly can't be with us at the fete this year. However, Simon has very generously agreed to donate a bottle of the first rate ***Jenkyn Place fizz*** to the winner of the Top Dog award this year (as he has kindly done for the last couple of years). Soooo.... if you have a woofier who you think is charming and wonderful but who is not much good at anything – not the fastest or the most obedient, or even the scruffiest or most badly behaved - do not despair! This could be your dog's year to be recognised for his or her true greatness and to *win* you a bottle of *top class English sparkling wine from just down the road at Jenkyn Place in Bentley.*

In other respects, the Dog Show will be much the same combination of controlled chaos and unforced errors as in the last few years: the usual classes of competition with winners and runners up in each class – dogs are encouraged to enter all classes, which makes it much more fun. Entries can be made on the day at the fete, at any time before the start of the Dog Show at 3:00 pm (the earlier the better), either at the arena or from Sarah English or Polly Marshall, who will be wandering around the arena accosting dog owners during the early part of the fete, so there will be no escape....

The exact format depends somewhat on the weather - there will be lots of water bowls around the arena to ensure, along with the beer tent, that neither dogs nor their owners overheat.

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### “Froyle Park Residents Facebook Group

“For all residents, this group has been created as a forum for chit-chat, ideas, discussions and social events, with the aim of further developing the community within the Froyle Park development.”

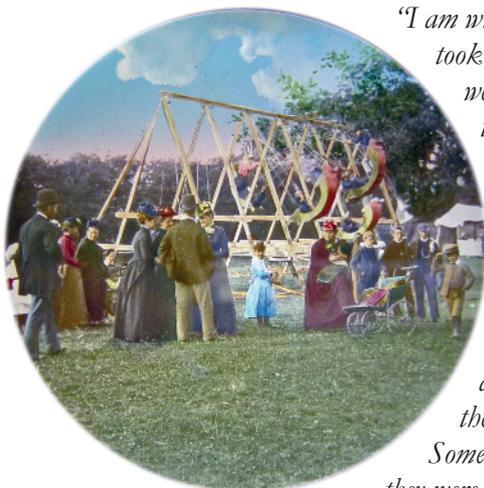
Users should search Facebook for “Froyle Park Residents”. From here they will be able to join the group.

*Simon Watmore*

# July News from The Froyle Archive

## Fêtes and Flower Shows

Fêtes have for ever been very much part of village life and Froyle's annual event is always looked forward to with anticipation. Before the turn of the previous century it was more of a 'club' than a Fête and, apparently, took place on Whit Monday, when the village would hold a cricket match, at which there would be a few stalls, a band and swing boats similar to those below in the 1880s in Binsted. Sir Hubert Miller, Lord of the Manor of Froyle, was responsible for starting an Annual Flower Show and, since that time, the Fête has been run in conjunction with this. At those first shows, the exhibits were displayed in the schools and... No, let Nellie Smith tell you about them. She was 13 years old in 1904 and wrote this imaginary letter as an exercise at Froyle School in Upper Froyle.



*"I am writing to tell you about our Flower Show which took place on August 3rd, 1904. All the people were glad because it was a nice fine day. All the things that were brought to the school were very nice. The wild flowers also looked very nice. The prizes were given out by Lady Lindsay. After she had given them out we went into the meadow which was kindly lent by Mrs. and Mr. Simpson. Dancing and other amusements were held in the meadow. We also had a band. Swinging boats were placed in the meadow and a lot of people had some swings. Some of them went up so high that you would think they were going to fall out. After the dancing and sports,*

*a grand display of fireworks took place. They were let off by Mr. Curtis."*

*Froyle School Plans  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1905*

*Diary*

*Dear Diary*

*I think you owe me a letter, but perhaps you have left school if so I should like to receive an answer if you enjoyed my Summer holidays and I hope you*

*did too. With kind respects from  
Nellie Smith.*

Nellie Smith lived in Lower Froyle near the village pond, possibly in one of Highway Cottages. Her father, William, was a carter and she had two sisters and two brothers (1901 Census). On the left is a page from the exercise book she used in 1905. Letter writing was a feature of English teaching in those days. The original was lent to the School Closure Exhibition in 1986 by Mrs. D. King of Farnham, Surrey.

**Chris & Annette Booth**

**Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)**

## News From the School

Another great year for residential trips!

At Bentley CE Primary School we believe that each child is entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum accessed through active learning opportunities with appropriate chances for enrichment; school visits and residential trips are an essential and integral part of doing this. They provide an essential resource for the teaching of the National Curriculum but even more crucially, an opportunity to extend our children's understanding and knowledge of the world and a fabulous opportunity to improve social skills through working as part of a team on collaborative work.

Each year our Year 3 and 4 children go to The Gordon Brown Centre – a 25 acre environmental education centre in Rotherwick, just outside of Hook – where they stay for two or three nights respectively. Each child that goes to the centre is made to feel safe and comfortable whilst having a huge amount of fun! Staff who live and work at the centre share the space with a large number of well-loved animals, including goats, donkeys, rabbits, chickens and pigs. This year their visit took place during a sunny week in May and the activities included shelter building, pond dipping, mini beast hunting, river study, canoeing, archery and environmental art.

Our Year 5 children spent five days on the shores of the Solent at the **Calshot** Activities Centre - one of the largest outdoor adventure centres in Britain - in mid-May this year where they enjoyed a packed itinerary of climbing, dry slope skiing, river and coastal study, abseiling and other team building activities. Year 6 are looking forward to their visit to Calshot in late June. Their programme will be more water based and include kayaking, windsurfing and sailing and they too will enjoy the climbing and skiing facilities. The top class facilities at Calshot, excellent equipment and experienced staff combine to make the children's stay a truly memorable experience. With a superb programme of activities throughout the day and into the evening, these trips really do help to build confidence and skills.



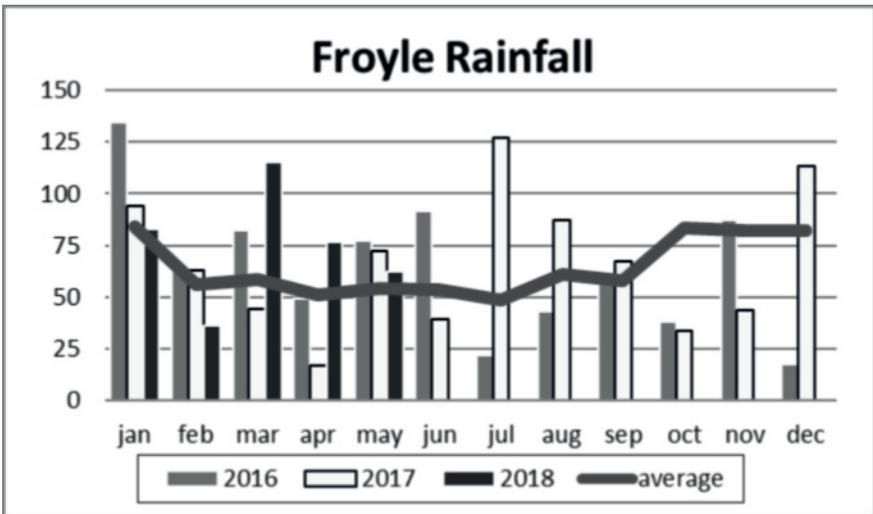
*Rebecca Miffing, Deputy Headteacher and Year 3 Teacher  
Paul Goddard, Year 4 Teacher  
Jo Rushin, Year 5 Teacher*

## EVENTS IN FROYLE DURING JULY AND AUGUST

Remember to check the calendar at the back of the magazine to ensure you do not miss everything going on in Froyle this month. You will usually find further details in the articles and advertisements.

## Froyle Rainfall for May 2018

This year	62 mm	2.4 ins
Last year	72 mm	2.8 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for May – the 4 <sup>th</sup> driest month	54.3 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	373 mm	14.7 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	304 mm	12 ins



Looking at the chart it can be seen that there hasn't been much change in this month's rainfall for the last 3 years; in fact May has comfortably the lowest standard deviation of the entire year, that is to say the variance from the mean is the least, 2007 being the last year when there was a significant (upward) divergence from the norm.

In other words, apart from half the month's rainfall coming in the last week, a rather unremarkable month.



“The Umbrella Man”



## **Anne Wetherall**

Cindy, Charlie, Richard and all of Anne Wetherall's family want to thank her many friends in Froyle for everything they did to make Anne's Thanksgiving Service so memorable. A huge thank you to you all for making her beloved church ready, arranging the beautiful flowers and then afterwards at the hall, helping with the delicious food and looking after everyone so well. How lucky she was to have such good friends. You are all amazing! We are so grateful. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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## **From Margaret Robinson**

To all my lovely friends and neighbours in this wonderful village of Froyle, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the cards, flowers, help, support and well wishes you've given me during my recent illness and treatment, not to mention all the lifts to hospital for my radiotherapy sessions. I have been privy to some very interesting chit chat en route (my lips are sealed!) and never knew there were so many ways to get to Basingstoke Hospital! It really made the world of difference during a difficult time and I am incredibly grateful to all of you.

*Love Margaret*

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## **Better Balance**

Better Balance finishes on Wednesday 4 July, 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

This really will be the final session as Sue is stepping back from leading the class after nearly six years. We have been so lucky to have her encouragement and skill, as well as laughter for all this time. The Full Monty won't be the same again. Neither will Wednesday afternoons!

*Madeleine Black 23371*

This has been a difficult decision for me as we have been meeting regularly since November 2012. We have had fun, laughter, good companionship whilst keeping ourselves active. I would like to thank Madeleine for all her organisation and encouragement and Cindy for preparing the hall so beautifully and helping us to enjoy our tea and biscuits, I couldn't have done it without both of you.

*Sue Sharman*

## FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2018

Froyle Open Gardens, now affectionately known as FOG, took place on the weekend of 2 and 3 June in aid of the National Garden Scheme. It is difficult to imagine weather more perfect for such an occasion. The sun shone. A cooling breeze stirred the vegetation. Just the right amount of fluffy white clouds drifted across an otherwise azure sky. After a cold wet Spring and a hot dry May a miracle happened. The gardens and the countryside beyond all looked splendid. The roses, peonies, poppies and (some) sweet peas were all in flower. The first visitors arrived at 10 am. Queues were forming well before 2pm when the gates opened. Then in they poured. Some local but many from much further afield. Sniffing, pointing, gazing, questioning, informing, trying out the seating as legs grew weary, snoozing. The last visitors were gently eased out just after 7pm.

Opening your garden is a curious business. Your garden always reflects something of your character and putting it on public view inevitably exposes you to scrutiny. It is also a journey. As you prepare you ask yourself 'Why am I doing this?'. Later when the bind weed is binding and you're getting exhausted you tell yourself 'Never again'. But then on the day all that is forgotten when you see the smiles and hear the murmurs of approval and observe the pure pleasure your garden is giving. I suppose the overwhelming feeling I get when I take down the signs and close the gate for another year is just how lucky I am to live as I do and where I do.

2018 will go on record as the most successful FOG to date. Despite bumping up the price of admission by 50%, we counted over a thousand visitors to our garden and teas were served to at least eleven hundred. After expenses, ticket, teas and plant sales raised £10,166 for the various NGS charities. We received congratulatory messages from the Chair and Chief Executive of NGS who recognised this was a whole-village achievement. So can I thank my fellow gardeners and the friends and family who helped them. Thanks to Maureen Fry who yet again sold the bulk of the tickets. Thanks to Susie Robertson who masterminded the refreshments with wonderful calm and all those who put in long hours at the counter and sink. Thanks to all the cake bakers whose efforts ensure that Froyle teas are famous. The Hall did not run out of cake although I am told that like the Battle of Waterloo it was a 'close-run thing'. Thanks to Charlie Findlay and a large team who toiled under a blazing sun administering the parking with National Trust precision. Although it is widely believed that traffic cones appear by magic, Charlie will attest that this is not the case. And thanks to everybody for putting up with the invasion and being so supportive. Finally can I thank the resident who has already offered to bake for next year. That is the spirit!

If you think you might like to open your garden do get in touch. One of the things which brings visitors back to Froyle is that we usually have one or more new gardens. And that's what visitors are always keenest to see.

*Nick Whines*

## Village Events for July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>8.00 HC</p> <p><i>Drop in Day</i></p> <p><i>Wildlife</i></p> <p><i>Pond</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p><i>Refuse &amp; garden</i></p> <p>2.00pm</p> <p><i>Card Games</i></p> <p>VH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>2.30pm</p> <p><i>Better balance</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>9.30 Meeting</p> <p><i>Place</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>11.00 HC</p> <p>12.00</p> <p><i>Parish Picnic</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p><i>Recycling &amp; glass</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>3.00pm</p> <p><i>Tea Party</i></p> <p><i>Mill Court</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>9.30 Meeting</p> <p><i>Place</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><i>Froyle Fete &amp; Flower Show</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>11.00</p> <p><i>Pets Service</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p><i>Refuse &amp; garden</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>9.30 Meeting</p> <p><i>Place</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>6.30pm</p> <p><i>Evensong</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p><i>Recycling</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>11.00</p> <p><i>Toddler Group</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>9.30 Meeting</p> <p><i>Place</i></p> <p>7.00pm</p> <p><i>Gardening Club</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>11.30</p> <p><i>Binsted Pond Dipping</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p><i>Refuse &amp; garden</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p>				

## Village Events for August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	4
5 <i>8.00 HC</i>	6 <i>Recycling &amp; glass</i>	7  <i>s</i>	8	9	10 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	11
12 <i>11.00 HC</i>	13 <i>Refuse &amp; garden</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>  <i>Magazine deadline</i>	18
19 <i>11.00 HC</i>	27 <i>Recycling</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	25
26  <i>6.30pm Evensong</i>	27	28 <i>Refuse &amp; garden</i>	29	30	31 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Froyle Gardening Club .....	<i>Brenda Milam</i> - 22216
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Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 <a href="http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/">www.froylewildlife.co.uk/</a>
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**Friday 17th August 2018**

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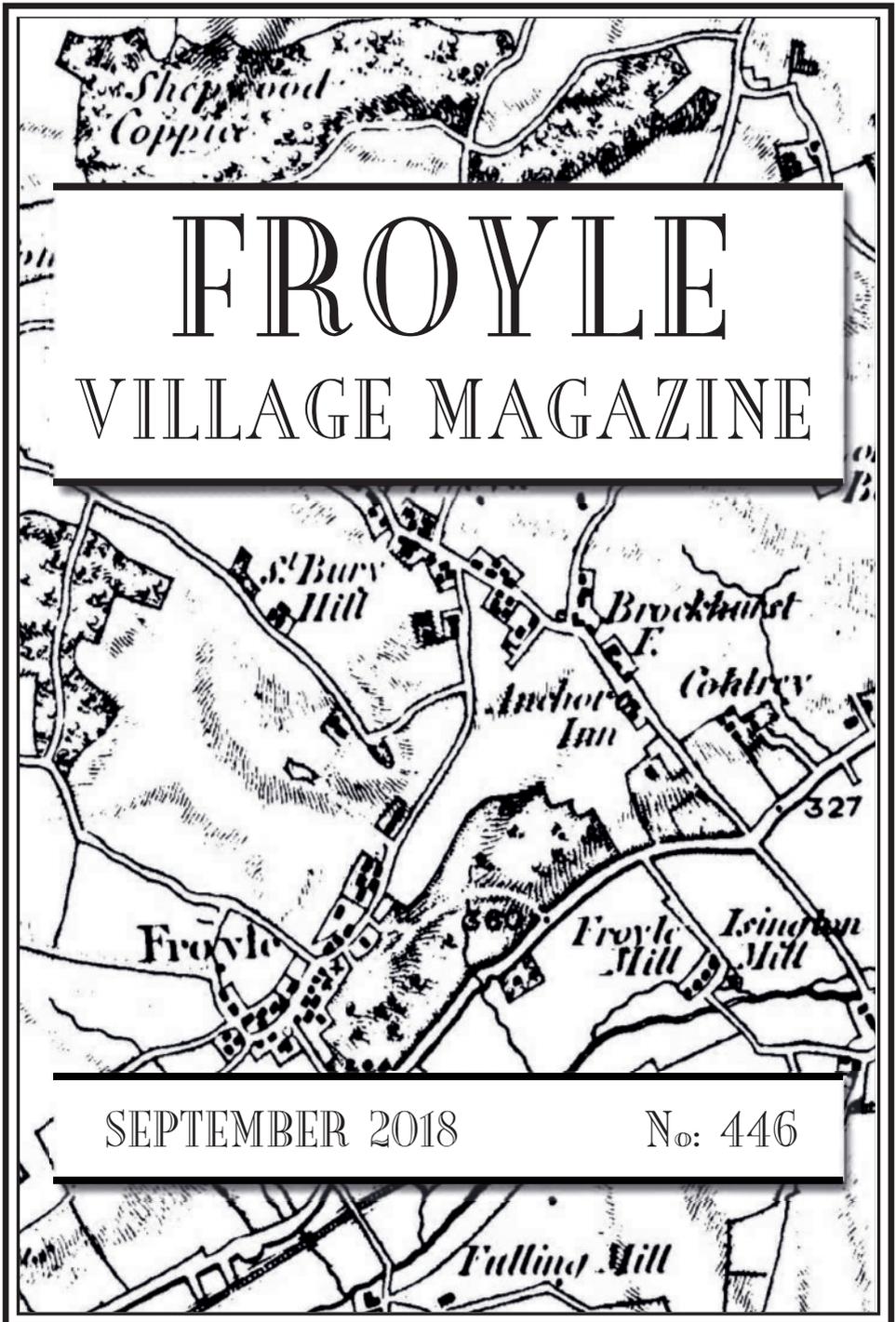
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A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is overlaid on a white rectangular box in the upper half of the map. 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.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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## Report from the Parish Council meeting on 13 August 2018

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on 13 August. Five councillors attended and three members of the public. Apologies were received from three councillors and District Councillor Glynis Watts. Cllr Ian Deans took the chair. Residents raised a number of issues concerning traffic and pedestrian safety.

Work has started on the refurbishment of the war memorial which will be funded by the parish council with help from East Hants District Council (EHDC). The stone has been cleaned and the next stage will be to sharpen and deepen the inscriptions before repainting. It is hoped that the work will be completed in time for Remembrance Day in November.

It was agreed to make an annual grant of £400 to the Froyle Wildlife Group starting in 2019.

EHDC has given permission for the conversion of the garages at Froyle House to a single house despite FPC's objection. FPC had no comment to make on the current planning applications. Details of these can be found on the EHDC Planning web site.

Lack of adequate signage continues to cause problems with Froyle Park guests and caterers continuing to drive into the Linden Homes estate. Representations continue to be made to Linden Homes and the owners of Froyle Park, the Nicolas James Group (NJG) to improve signage. Action has now been promised.

Following complaints about the speed of traffic, Hampshire County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee has been approached with regard to extending the 30 mph speed limit down Hen and Chicken Hill beyond Gate A, the entrance into the Linden Homes estate. Hampshire Highways refused on the grounds of cost and the lack of any accident/injury record.

FPC continues to press for information about the proposed footpath linking the Linden Homes estate with the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill. No response has been received from NJG.

It was reported that the Civil Aviation Authority had agreed the Farnborough Air-space Change proposal, but it remains unclear how they intend to use the additional

## Report from the Parish Council (cont)

airspace over the village. Lasham Gliding club is considering a challenge to the decision as it severely affects their operation.

During the recent prolonged hot weather, FPC has continued to receive complaints about the wedding venue at Froyle Park, involving noise, odour, traffic, litter and drone activity, all of which have been reported to EHDC. Cllr Watts has arranged to meet with Mike Warren MD of Harbour Hotels (part of NJG) and members of FPC to discuss how some of these practical issues can be resolved.

Following the meeting with Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive Officer of EHDC in June to discuss concerns about the use of Froyle Park, a further meeting was proposed by EHDC with the owner of Froyle Park, Nicolas Roach, Sandy Hopkins and the Chair of FPC. We understand that Mr Roach has declined the invitation.

FPC remains convinced that the use of Froyle Park as a wedding and events venue breaches the planning permission that was granted in 2013 for a country club hotel and is supported in this view by leading planning barrister James Findlay.

EHDC claim they have conducted a full enforcement investigation which found no breach. EHDC have confirmed that no written report of this exists and nothing was found following a Freedom of Information request by FPC.

EHDC now argue that they have taken their own legal advice which concluded that there is no breach but refuse to reveal the content of that advice on the grounds that it is privileged.

FPC intend to meet yet again on 6 September to discuss the issues arising from the current use of Froyle Park and the problems which flows from this. In the interim all residents are encouraged to write to the Parish Clerk with their comments about the situation (*froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*).

Similarly if you have complaints about Froyle Park please send these to the environmental health officer at EHDC (*ehealth@easthants.gov.uk*) with a copy to the Parish Clerk.

Regrettably Froyle Park has dominated the work of FPC for the last five years. While some residents who are not directly affected may feel we should be directing our energy elsewhere, it remains a fact that the lives of other residents are being made miserable by the use of the venue for weddings and events. This was not why they moved to Froyle.

The longer the situation has continued unresolved the more questions of openness, transparency and public interest emerge in the way the local authority has handled the planning process.

## Report from the Parish Council (cont)

The position of FPC is quite clear: we seek a reduction in the intensity of use of Froyle Park to a level that approximates to that envisaged in the original planning permission.

If this is not possible then we invite EHDC to explain to residents how we come to have a busy wedding and events venue in the heart of a designated conservation area next door to our grade 1 listed church and the memorial garden to the children who died at Treloar School, in apparent contradiction of both national and local planning policies which seek to preserve the historic environment and the quality of life of residents.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 18 September starting at 7.45pm. The meeting is open to all residents. If you have matters you wish to raise or if you want to comment on this report, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address on page 1.

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### Froyle 100 Club Winners for July and August

The 100 Club winners since the last edition of the magazine were:

	July	August
1st	Jane Macnabb	Ian Macnabb
2nd	Margaret Robinson	Gordon Mitchell
3rd	Jennifer Evans	Teresa Ogden
4th	Anthea McRiley	Jane Macnabb

Congratulations to all winners!

You will see that the Macnabbs seem to have been on a bit of a roll over the summer. They have very generously offered to hand back one of their first prizes as a bonus prize for the next draw. This has happened before when an individual has won first prize two months running (which, extraordinarily, has happened twice in the last two years), but it is particularly noble for a husband and wife to treat their winnings as one 'pot'— not likely to happen in the Knowles household... many thanks to them both!

So in September there will be FIVE prizes drawn, including TWO FIRST PRIZES OF £30 EACH!

Those Froylies out there who are not members of this most distinguished Club - which you can all join - do get in touch with me if you would like to take part. Although membership renews on a calendar year basis, anyone can join at any time - £12 per year and proportionately for part of a year.

*William Knowles*  
(23164)  
[wbk@wbknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbknowles.com)



Bookings:  
Sarah Zorab  
01420 520361

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

Thanks to Sarah Zorab who has taken on the role of Booking Secretary and thanks to David and Susie Robertson for holding the fort in recent months. The new online booking system is up and running so please make use of it. Please go to our web site at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk) and click on the link. If you get stuck give Sarah a ring.

Thanks also to Anthea McRiley who has decided to step down from the committee. Anthea has been our Child Protection Officer for a number of years and was a great help developing our first Child Protection Policy. We are now on the lookout for a new committee member and in particular someone with young children. We are also keen to recruit new residents. Meetings are held once a month on the first Tuesday. If you are interested please make contact.

## News from the Village Hall (cont)

We are very pleased to learn that in September the Mothers and Toddlers group will be relaunched. We hope all mums (and dads) with toddlers will support this venture and make it a success. More information can be found elsewhere in the Magazine.

The front doors although very smart still require more work to make them fully weather proof. The key code is also not proving quite as useful as we hoped. Nothing is easy is it.

Preparations for the Quiz on Saturday 27 October are going ahead. The chosen charity we understand supports sufferers of cystic fibrosis. A very important cause. Please put the date in your diary.

The next Froyle Film Night is on Friday 16 November when we will be showing 'Journey's End' to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

If you would like to receive reminders of events at the Village Hall, send an email to [fjbmailinglist@gmail.com](mailto:fjbmailinglist@gmail.com) and you will be added to the circulation list.

Nick Whines  
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk  
01420 23130



### The Froyle Card Games Club

**Third Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall**

After a summer break, the FCGC is back in its now regular slot, namely **the first Monday of the month at 2.30pm.**

The charge will be £2 per head to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

***So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards – or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again - do drop by and we will fit you in with a game.***



Caroline Findlay (22019)  
David Robertson (520820)



# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place continues to meet every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am - 12 noon. Everyone is welcome and we especially welcome newcomers to the Village. We serve coffee, tea, soft drinks and delicious **homemade cake**.



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

## Cake bakers for September

7th	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sarah English
14th	June Trim	Sarah Khan	Charlotte Baikie	
21st	Sue Sharman	Jenny Dundas	Sarah Pogson	
28th	Susie Robertson	Sheila Walker	Lucia Lindblom	Sarah Roberts

It is an 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.

## Kitchen Helpers for September

7th	Jan Elliott	Mary Knowles
14th	Elizabeth Sealey	Margaret Stanford
21st	Kay Pogson	Linda Bulpitt
28th	David and Mary Perryman	

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

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

## Would you like to join our MP volunteers? We would love to have you

If you can bake a cake 3 or 4 times a year or help in the kitchen about 3 times a year or even both, we are looking for new recruits for next year. It's a great way to meet new people, get all the latest gossip, and give something back to the community. If you want more information please contact any of the committee or me. We really do appreciate our great band of volunteers without whom we could not have this lovely weekly coffee morning which means so much to so many.

*Best wishes to all*  
*Lori (Taylor)*

*(01420 22148) lorijitaylor@hotmail.com*



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

The Summer Show proved to be rather a disappointing affair with half the normal number of entries. The children however did us proud and they are to be congratulated for their superb entries. The weather was against us but sadly many of our faithful participants are now unable to enter for various reasons and they are much missed

During the Summer we have had 2 very successful outings. As usual both were threatened by rain even in this hot dry summer. We all enjoyed John Self's exquisite garden at Whispers which was full of colourful interesting plants and hardly any sign of drought. Most of us came away with at least one magnificent plant.

The second garden Wheatley House has become my personal favourite with fabulous beds of colour coordinated plants all looking healthy in spite of the weather,

In September we will be having the Autumn Show on 8th September and let's see if in spite of the weather we can have a good number of entries as the last 3 shows have been very disappointing. We would also like people to come and see it! Entries will be taken at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th September 7.00pm to 8.00pm.. Schedules from the Meeting Place or the box on the wall at Walbury. You may also phone through entries to Mollie Court on 23141.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

## **FROYLE GARDENING CLUB AUTUMN SHOW**

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER at 2..30pm

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

OPEN CLASSES

REFRESHMENTS and RAFFLE

PRIZE GIVING 4.00pm



## Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall



Great news from the toddler group! Molly who has just recently moved to the village is going to have a go at running the group. Please do support her as much as you can!

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.

September meetings in the village hall are on Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Any questions please call Molly on 07595 354619.**

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## 72<sup>nd</sup> Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show Saturday 14th July 2018

Again we enjoyed good weather, it was warm but not the high temperatures that we have experienced on other days. Last year we thought we may have had record numbers of visitors, this year attendance was certainly down but we were competing with various sporting events and school holidays. This was certainly seen in the takings, see following page, with both the bbq and beer tent significantly down year on year.

Mary Knowles did a sterling job introducing Janet Dobson to open the fete and Janet enthused about life in Froyle and how the village becomes such an integral part of everyone's daily life and social activities.

The Khan family did an excellent job again organising the children's races, this year enhanced by the Chariots which proved very popular with adults and children alike. The tug of war was again won by the children, mainly due to their overwhelming numbers.

In the Dog Show congratulations to Ketchup, 2018's Top Dog and winner of the bottle of Jenkyn Place bubbly.

We were again thankful to a number of organisations and individuals for sponsoring certain items, the Anchor, the Hen and Chicken and Froyle Park/White Truffle Events for effectively stocking the beer tent and Rawles for organising a very nice display of cars. Also thanks to the Farnham model helicopter club for their marvellous display.

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.

If you would like to join the committee to help organise next year's fete then call me. It is hard work on the day but we do have fun organising it, that's why we have so many meetings!!

*Ian Whitmore 22634*

## Froyle Fête Takings 2018

Stall	Net Takings 2018	Net Takings 2017	% change
<b>BBQ</b>	547.50	804.30	-31.93%
<b>Beat the Goalie</b>	64.60	42.00	53.81%
<b>Beer Tent</b>	860.14	1041.10	-17.38%
<b>Books</b>	187.30	143.15	30.84%
<b>Bottle Stall</b>	220.00	286.00	-23.08%
<b>Bouncy Castle</b>	64.70	75.10	-13.85%
<b>Bric a Brac</b>	247.50	155.81	58.85%
<b>Coconuts</b>	74.98	134.51	-44.26%
<b>Crockery Smashing</b>	138.00	90.00	53.33%
<b>Dog Show</b>	128.19	126.00	1.74%
<b>Face Painting</b>	56.90	58.70	-3.07%
<b>Grand Raffle</b>	1049.80	1163.10	-9.74%
<b>Hook-a-duck</b>	32.70	35.50	-7.89%
<b>Ice cream</b>	280.00	249.30	12.31%
<b>Jar of Sweets</b>	78.20	73.60	6.25%
<b>Jumble</b>	206.70	141.85	45.72%
<b>Teas</b>	332.26	314.20	5.75%
<b>Tombola</b>	122.30	104.40	17.15%
<b>Welly Whanging</b>	19.50	35.50	-45.07%
<b>Total</b>	4,711.27	5,074.12	-7.15%

**FROYLE FLOWER SHOW – 14 JULY 2018**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE WINNERS**

<b>Section A – Vegetables and fruit</b>			<b>Section B - Flowers</b>		
1A	Peas	D Robertson	20	Specimen rose	B Milam
2	Broad beans	D Robertson	21	Cluster-flower rose	B Milam
3	Potatoes	B Milam	24	Sweet peas	J Thorneycroft
7	Onions	F Thorneycroft	27	Garden flowers	A Blunt
8	Carrots	F Thorneycroft	28	Foliage	T Riley
9	Beetroot	F Thorneycroft	29	Pansies/violas	B Milam
10	Rhubarb	G Hawkins	30	Clematis	T Riley
11	Any other veg	F Thorneycroft	32	Foliage pot plant	T Riley
12	Herbs	F Thorneycroft	33	Cactus	J Bellis
13	Gooseberries	D Robertson	34	Succulent	A Blunt
14	Raspberries	F Thorneycroft	<b>Section D – Flower arrangement</b>		
15	Blackcurrants	D Robertson			
17	Any other fruit	A Blunt			
<b>Section C - Domestic</b>					
40	Marmalade	D Robertson	60	“As I like it”	B Webster
42	Jam (excl strawberry)	A Blunt	61	“Holiday memories”	B Webster
43	Jelly	A MacInnes	62	“Bijou”	B Milam
44	Chutney	R MacInnes	<b>Section E – Children’s classes</b>		
45	Cheese biscuits	J Mills	70	Handmade article (Froyle girls)	L MacInnes
46	Rock cakes	A Blunt	71	Handmade article (Froyle boys)	F Thorneycroft
47	Victoria sponge	B Milam	72	Miniature scarecrow	D MacInnes
48	Recycled item	A MacInnes	73	Decorated cupcakes	L MacInnes
49	Handmade card	D MacInnes	74	Flower arrangement in teacup	M Blanchard
50	Eggs	R MacInnes			
51	Home-made drink	H Spence			
<b>TROPHY WINNERS</b>					
Hollis Cup		highest points in section a		Freddie Thorneycroft	
Goschen Cup		highest points in Section B		Brenda Milam	
Bootle-Wilbraham Cup		most points in Sections A & B		Freddie Thorneycroft	
Diamond Jubilee Cup		judge’s choice in Section C		Brenda Milam	
Dr. Lewarne Cup		best table decoration		Beryl Webster	
Robertson Rose Bowl		Froyle exhibitor with most points in C		Rose MacInnes	
Geoff Hawkins Plate		best exhibit in Classes 45, 46, 47		Brenda Milam	
Cecily Robertson Trowel		best homemade beverage		Hilary Spence	
Mrs Lewarne Cup		best handmade article by a girl		Lyla MacInnes	
Bush Cup		best handmade article by a boy		Freddie Thorneycroft	
Graham Blunt Award & Diploma		best exhibit in Section A		Geoff Hawkins	
Sue Harris Generation Shield		the family with most points gained in any classes by exhibitors of more than one generation		MacInnes family	



## Froyle Wildlife

Pond dipping Sunday 26th August

Do join us for pond dipping (postponed from July) to see what underwater creatures we can find in Froyle Park Pond (wildlife pond) off Gid Lane: all equipment will be provided. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Numbers are limited so it is essential to book by calling 23520 or emailing [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk) stating preference for a 2pm or 3pm session.

**Drop in Day** - Visitors to the wildlife pond and meadow on 1<sup>st</sup> July enjoyed seeing a variety of wild flowers such as knapweed, purple loosestrife and bird's-foot trefoil which in turn attracted butterflies and other insects. Thirteen species of butterfly and 8 species of dragonfly were noted. Emperor, Four-spotted Chaser and other dragonflies were zipping over the pond, whilst dainty damselflies such as the Azure were easier to see close up. Many volunteers (plus sheep!) have worked hard over the last two years and it's wonderful to see what has been achieved.

**Surveys** - During amphibian surveys this year newts were found to be breeding in the wildlife pond; a pair of mating toads plus toad-spawn were also seen, but we think they succumbed to a pair of mallard. We ran a moth lamp in the surrounding meadow in July, it was well worth staying up to the early hours as over 40 species were recorded from the large Privet Hawk Moth to the small Apple Ermine which is only 10mm long (both pictured).



**Field Trips** - The weather was good for our 2 field trips, with dozens of the rare Silver-studded Blue butterflies seen on heathland at Broxhead Common SSSI on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Our destination on 1<sup>st</sup> August was Magdalen Hill Down, a large chalk downland reserve managed by Butterfly Conservation. Ten species of butterfly were seen including Chalkhill Blue and Small Heath as well as 3 day flying moth species, a Wasp Spider and wonderful wildflowers such as Clustered Bellflower, Harebell, Common Rockrose, Horseshoe Vetch and Kidney Vetch. Two species of Robber Fly were photographed, one of them being new to the reserve.

**Cornfield Annals** - Froyle recreation ground provided a colourful display during July with Common Poppies stealing the limelight. In the heatwave and with lack of rain, the flowering season was hastened. Again thanks to the volunteers who made this project possible and to Froyle Parish Council for funding the costs. If you would like to get involved with recording or habitat management get in touch at [www.froylewildlife.co.uk](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

*Sue Clark*



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**The Harvest Supper this year  
will be on  
Friday 19th October.**



Tickets will be on sale at the end of September.

*Gill Bradley 520484*



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## **FROYLE FILM NIGHT**

The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

**Friday 16 November 2018**

when the film to be shown will be

**JOURNEY'S END**

Further details to follow in the next magazine



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## **EVENTS IN FROYLE DURING SEPTEMBER**

Remember to check the calendar at the back of the magazine to ensure you do not miss everything going on in Froyle this month. You will usually find further details in the articles and advertisements.

**SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS  
...IT'S BACK**

# **THE FROYLE QUIZ**

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018  
7PM**

**TABLES OF SIX MAXIMUM  
COME AS A TEAM  
OR JOIN FRIENDS AND MAKE UP  
A TEAM ON THE NIGHT  
£10 PER TICKET TO INCLUDE SUPPER**

**CASH BAR AND RAFFLE**

**PROCEEDS TO GO TO**

**Cystic  
Fibrosis Trust**

**TICKETS FROM KIM BLAKE  
KIM.BLAKE53@GMAIL.COM  
07768 273 858**



## September News from The Froyle Archive

### Harvest Time in Froyle in the 1940s *by David Brownjohn*

In 1937 Henry Brownjohn inherited Rock House Farm on the death of his uncle, George Herrett Westbrook. Henry worked the farm together with his wife Daisy and two daughters, Kath and Marj, the younger brother, David (*sitting on the wall in the photo*) attending school in Upper Froyle. The farm produced milk, cream, eggs, butter. Milk was delivered to the village daily. One son-in-law, Bill Rhodes, was serving in the Army in Iceland, the other son-in-law to be, Reg Robinson, served in the Army with the Chindits in Burma. During the war years a



number of town families stayed at Rock House Farm as paying guests, with their husbands commuting daily to London.



As well as working the farm, Henry took on the job of refuse collecting in the village, accumulating a large heap of tin cans in the farm yard. This attracted many rats who then moved into the ricks of corn waiting to be threshed by steam powered threshing machines. When the time came the ricks would be surrounded by wire mesh netting and much excitement ensued with boys and terrier dogs exterminating the rats as they tried to escape from

their cosy home. If you entered this enclosure you were well advised to wear wellington boots or trouser clips, or, as the older men did, have a strap round the trouser leg, below the knee. Many a rat has ventured up an unguarded trouser leg! Henry also grew comfrey, a broad leafed plant used to feed the cattle. His legacy is that comfrey still grows in the borders of fields opposite the old Rock House Farm and our garden!



*Chris & Annette Booth*

**Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)**

# BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP

## 35th Anniversary Garden Party held on 24th July 2018



On a beautiful sunny afternoon in July the Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group (the hospital car service) held a tea party to celebrate 35 years since the start of the Service. It was a perfect opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their time and commitment over the years to this much needed service.

The party gave all the current volunteers an opportunity to meet and chat over tea, when often the only contact the volunteers have with each other is over the telephone.

The Care Group records show the inaugural Meeting of the Care Group was held in March 1983, with Mrs B Walden of Blacknest as the Chair. Many residents across the villages have volunteered for the Care Group at some time during the past 35 years. Thanks must go to all those people too who have helped to keep this essential service running for so many years and to Kirsty, our Chair, for hosting the Garden Party.



For further information about the service or volunteering do contact the Secretary, Cathy Smith, on 01420 520169.

### PUZZLES

#### Maths Puzzles

##### Easier

5	+		-	8	0
x		+		-	
	-		+		-1
+		x		-	
	+		+		16
19		60		3	

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

##### Harder

	x		-		23
x		x		x	
	+	2	-		-1
x		x		x	
	-		-		-13
90		72		56	

#### Brain Teasers

- What letter should appear next in the sequence?

**A F E J I N M ?**

- A 110 yard long train, travelling at 50 mph, enters a tunnel of half a mile in length. How many seconds will elapse between the moment the front of the train enters the tunnel and the moment the end of the train clears the tunnel? Hint: there are 1760 yards in a mile.

## I was there



It's not often you witness a miracle but that is what I witnessed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, it was also my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday but that wasn't the miracle. In this month, when again the Ryder Cup will conclude on the 30<sup>th</sup> September in Paris, I witnessed one of the great sporting comebacks as Europe beat the USA in what became known as the Miracle of Medinah.

Without detailing all three days of competition the important fact was that Europe were trailing the USA going into the final day's 12 singles matches by 10 to 6 and in Ryder Cups that is a massive margin to make up, especially as traditionally USA are normally stronger in the singles format. They do say that momentum is important and so the fact that Europe won the final two fourballs on the Saturday, with Ian Poulter playing with Rory McIlroy finishing a 2 and 1 win with five consecutive birdies, may have been a clue to the events of the following day.

So Sunday dawned with even the most diehard European supporter not expecting their team to win. In fact two of our party decided "it was all over" and sold their tickets to a couple of Americans, hired some golf clubs and went off to play golf. The rest of us went to the course to be greeted with those famous words "USA, USA, USA" being sung by 30,000 jubilant Americans.

The score nearly became 11-6 when McIlroy, forgetting which time zone he was in, arrived only 10 minutes before his match against Keegan Bradley, thanks to a highway patrolman with blue lights getting him to the course, he did go on to win the match on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Unusually 9 of the 12 matches went to the 18<sup>th</sup> and as it became clear that more games were going to go to the wire, I like many other Europeans went to the amphitheatre of the 17<sup>th</sup>, a par three where the player hit over your heads as you sat on a bank. You did know when the player had teed off as you could hear "In The Hole" shouted by the odd American. It was also here we witnessed the putt of Justin Rose who went on to beat Phil Mickelson on the last hole.

When Martin Kaymer holed his famous 6 footer to retain the cup, there were very few chants of "USA, USA", in fact at this stage most of the 30,000 Americans had left the course to jubilant Europeans and when Molinari got an unlikely half against Tiger I think they had all left the scene.

There was much celebration in the hotel that night drinking with many fellow supporters from all over Europe, the only two missing had crept past the bar on their way back from playing golf.

So I can say that I did witness a miracle, and it was a great way to celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup>.

*Ian Whitmore*



## Keith Brambley (27.5.42 - 14.6.18)

Eva, Jackie and Kevin would like to say Thank You for all the lovely messages and kind offers of help after the sad loss of Keith.

It has been a comfort to us that he was held in such high regard.

We would like to thank the ladies of The Meeting Place for the wonderful food, flowers and time they gave for Keith's wake.

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## Ron Figgins

Ann and Ron Figgins and Family would like to thank all friends and neighbours in the village, for help with lifts and jobs during Ron's lengthy stay in Southampton and Basingstoke hospitals.

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## Froyle Charity Golf Day

### Blackmoor Golf Club

12pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Team or individual Entries Welcome

The day comprises lunch followed by 18 holes of competitive golf.

Teams of three, full handicap stableford plus prizes for nearest the pin, longest drive and the highest individual score.

As always anyone wishing to donate a prize would be most welcome.

If you are interested, and hopefully by then Europe will have won back the Ryder Cup, then contact Ian Whitmore on 22634 or at [ian.whitmore1@gmail.com](mailto:ian.whitmore1@gmail.com)

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## Maths Puzzles solutions

### Easier

5	+	3	-	8	0
x		+		-	
2	-	7	+	4	-1
+		x		-	
9	+	6	+	1	16
19		60		3	

### Harder

6	x	4	-	1	23
x		x		x	
5	+	2	-	8	-1
x		x		x	
3	-	9	-	7	-13
90		72		56	

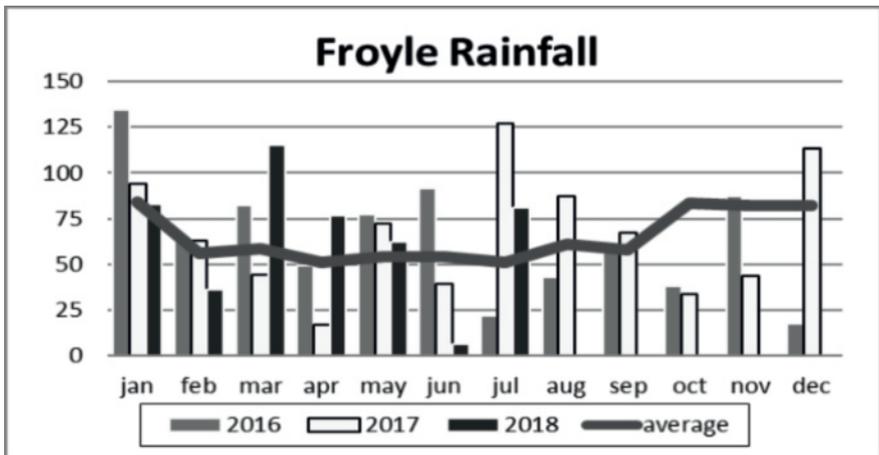
**Next letter in  
sequence is R**

**Train in tunnel**

40.5 seconds.

## Froyle Rainfall for June and July 2018

	June		July	
<b>This year</b>	6.5 mm	0.3 ins	81 mm	3.2 ins
<b>Last year</b>	39 mm	1.5 ins	127 mm	5 ins
<b>Wettest (2012/2007)</b>	155.5 mm	6.1 ins	139.5 mm	5.5 ins
<b>Driest (1995/2013)</b>	5 mm	0.2 ins	10 mm	0.4 ins
<b>Long-term averages – the 3<sup>rd</sup> driest and driest month</b>	54 mm	2.1 ins	50.9 mm	2 ins
<b>Total rainfall for the year so far</b>			460.5mm	18.1 ins
<b>Long-term average for the year to the end of July</b>			408.9 mm	16.1 ins



Between the 1<sup>st</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July, Froyle experienced all of 8 mm of rain; but then 53 mm – over 2 inches - fell in the space of one day followed by another deluge of 23 mm 10 days later. What this all means is that July continues to be the driest month of the year, but June has now usurped May as being the 3<sup>rd</sup> driest (April is drier).

And although we are now >10% down on the average for the year, the last time we had this little rain in June (1995), despite a baking August, we more than made up for it in the last 5 months. So it looks like the end of the dry spell beckons...



**“The Umbrella Man”**

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

**Dear all,**

A recent newspaper article about a vicar who listened to the complaints of local residents objecting to the 8am church bell for Holy Communion on Sundays, reminded me of the day I moved into Binsted Vicarage with my wife and family. It was the month of January and cold rain had poured for hours. Our removals company was slow, our mattress was dropped into puddles and a favourite mirror smashed. It was a long, wearing and stressful day. Our three very young children were tired and fretful, but finally, when all our goods and chattels were safely out of the rain and inside the house and the kids were tucked up in bed, we breathed a sigh of relief.

Then suddenly, DING DONG, DING DONG DING!

It was a Thursday, it was 7.30 in the evening and the bell ringers had begun their weekly practice. Any thought of sleep fast disappeared from our children's minds and our then 7 year old Sophie shouted downstairs 'Can you stop that noise' to which we explained about it being the bell ringers. She replied 'Well Daddy's the Vicar now, he can tell them to be quiet'. Not sure that would have gone down very well!

Immediately the proximity of the Church and its chimes was too close for comfort and we groaned as we tried to settle our young family for the night once more. So in that moment, several years ago now, I would have sympathised with the residents of Fishguard, who wanted a long lie-in on Sunday mornings and were disturbed by the bells of St Mary's Church. It's not unreasonable to want a good night's sleep and the occasional extra hour or two at the weekend.

During WWII, in those pre-internet days and before everyone had access to a landline or mobile phone, all church bells were silenced and were to ring out only in the event of an invasion. But since then, when bells have fallen silent, despite the few who might have objected to the clamour, others have reacted with fury. Think of the consternation which greeted the announcement that Big Ben would be silenced while restoration is carried out. The chimes that have announced significant moments in our history and are the familiar introduction to BBC Radio's World at One as well as every New Year, won't ring again until 2021.

Earlier this year it was announced that church bells in England are to win protection under new planning rules. Churches around the country have often had to comply with noise abatement orders after complaints from a handful of homeowners, usually newcomers to towns and villages, despite the fact that the bells have tolled for decades. Ministers said official planning guidance in England would be changed to show that the Government is now "standing up for churches".

So now, after living next to Holy Cross for several years, we are used to the peal of bells. When the bell ringers get going on a Sunday morning and on a Thursday evening, I'm told the distinct chimes can be heard for some distance, even as far as Wyck. The bells of our three churches have announced good times and not so good times. And I like to think that this evocative sound, soon to be officially safeguarded, reminds all who hear it that we are here, that Faith will continue to have its place in the centre of our communities in this wonderful Benefice - or as one Guild of Ringers' prayer puts it:

*O Mighty God, Who has given us the joy and responsibility of sounding your welcome from our towers; grant that faith, love and devotion may be awakened in all who hear the bells this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessings,  
Yann**

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5(tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Confirmation service(tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	10.30am	Binsted	Harvest Service followed by Hog Roast brunch
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Joint Benefice Service</b>

## BenBinFro Administration Team Update

Shortly after Yann arrived in the benefice, Sandy Roberts was employed as a part time administrator. In 2014, Alison Parr took over from Sandy until Alison retired last summer. Since then, Hannah Dubreuil has been acting as an interim administrator whilst a review of the administration functions within the benefice was undertaken. We've also had Amanda Gowers working a few days a month to print the magazine after we leased an office printer and stopped using external printers. As a result of the review, we have decided we need two administrators, covering the office five days a week. From the beginning of September,

Hannah will take on the Benefice Administrator role on a permanent basis, working slightly shorter days on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, continuing to be based in the Church Office in Bentley Church Hall. Hannah's role is to assist the clergy with the formal church elements of running the Benefice. Lora Bowden has been appointed as the Benefice Communications and Media Administrator working on Wednesday and Friday in the Church Office in Bentley Church Hall. Lora will be responsible for producing the magazine, the weekly pew sheets and keeping our online presence, both our website and Facebook site, up to date. Please join us in welcoming them to their new jobs, which will start after the school summer holidays, and huge thanks to Amanda for her excellent work over the past year or so.

*Steve Fice*



*Lora Bowden(left) – Benefice Communications and Media Administrator:*

I moved to Bentley from St Albans just before Christmas 2017 and am mum to four boys who are 8, almost 6, 4 and 18 months old. We were drawn to Bentley as my husband Ollie lived here as a teenager. We visited his parents during university holidays and for long weekends to escape working life in London during our early twenties and we have fond memories of beautiful summers' evenings and walks by the river. My two oldest boys attend Bentley Primary school and we are delighted by the huge range of experiences they have already had there. It is much busier than their old school! Raffey has just left Dottie Tots where he was made to feel welcome and important and made lots of friends who he will join in

Year R at Bentley in September. My youngest is at Dinky Tots and has settled in brilliantly to their home from home environment which makes starting this job so much easier!

Back in St Albans I own a preschool and nursery for children age 2 until they start school. We have an excellent manager looking after it now that we are here, but I pop back a few times a term to check that everything is going well.

I am delighted to be joining Hannah in the admin team for the Benefice. I actually popped in at the start of the year to discuss having our youngest christened and was blown away by

the beauty of the location and the friendliness of everyone I met that morning. I even remarked to my husband that it would be my dream job, so when I saw it advertised a few months later I was thrilled I am looking forward to getting to know lots of people in Bentley, Binsted and Froyle and based on the people I have already met through the church, I am sure that I will be made welcome. I'd love to hear people's ideas about the magazine, website and general communications from the church so please do pop in and see me or drop me an email with any suggestions you have.

*Hannah Dubreuil(right) – Benefice Administrator:*

I am married to Yann, the vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Churches. We have lived in Binsted for nearly eight years and seen our three children through Bentley Primary School (our youngest is still there). I stepped in as a temporary Church administrator last September and having enjoyed the job so much, am now very happy to be a permanent part of the church staff team for our three churches.

This past year, I have enjoyed getting to know more members of our Church family across all the churches and also having contact with many people within the three villages. The Church Office situated in Bentley Church Hall is an idyllic environment in which to work and I look forward to working with Lora and continuing in my lovely job!

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## **News from Jon Rooke, Benefice Chaplain for Older People**

The sky over England was probably thick with prayers pleading for a goal in extra time during the World Cup football semi-final match. But no goal was scored and the young England team will have to train for the next tournament in 2022. Sometimes God doesn't answer our prayers the way we would like Him to.

At our services in Bentley Lodge and Pax Hill we have been talking about Paul and his thorn. Paul pleads with God in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 to remove the thorn from his side. Finally Paul accepts that God has decided he will just have to live with the thorn. We don't know what the thorn was. It could have been something physical, or a temptation or something that people around him were doing to him. The thorn interferes with his enjoyment of life and drains his energy.

Older people can find thorns in their life that do just this. Whatever it is, Paul decides to accept the thorn and live with the discomfort. He even gives thanks that it pins him close to God in trust and confidence. Paul comes to terms with his thorn and the hardships it brings as he opens himself to God's grace which gives him power in his weakness. Older people can find life frustrating and difficult, not being able to do the things they used to. In our services we talked about how God still provides us with strength and grace so that we can live well, with strength and even joy. Prayer helps and Psalms can guide these.

'I look to the mountains, where will my help come from? My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth' Psalm 121.

*Jon Rooke 07519 046593*



# Music for Remembrance



A concert of powerful choral music and  
readings to commemorate the  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the end of the First World War

Performed by **WINCHESTER CONSORT**  
Conductor **DAVID HURLEY**  
Organist **JANE PALMER**  
Trumpeter **MARTIN INGS**

**21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018**  
**1730 – 1900 HRS**  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
**FROYLE**

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Purcell  
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### FOR SALE

Space saver guest beds. Three foot divan bed with another three foot bed that stores underneath it on collapsible legs. Makes two comfortable beds. Mattresses included. Very good condition. Barely used in spare room.

£50

If interested, please call Robertson 01420 520820

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### Position wanted

Local art student from Lower Froyle who has finished her degree looking for part time work. Happy to get stuck in and learn new trades. If you have something suitable please email [chloe\\_b95@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chloe_b95@hotmail.co.uk)

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**(Don't forget - Small ads are free to all Froyle residents** (usually one per month) - so why not advertise items you no longer need, right here? Or indeed services you can offer? Just e-mail your text - and a photo if you have one - to [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com))

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### 16th Annual Abbey Lecture Commemorating the End of WW1

to be given by

**Dom Andrew OSB & Mrs Lynne Rapson**

Alton Abbey church, GU34 4AP

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Friday 7pm**

**Tickets £30 for Lecture followed by Supper**

Available from:

Tickets, Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP

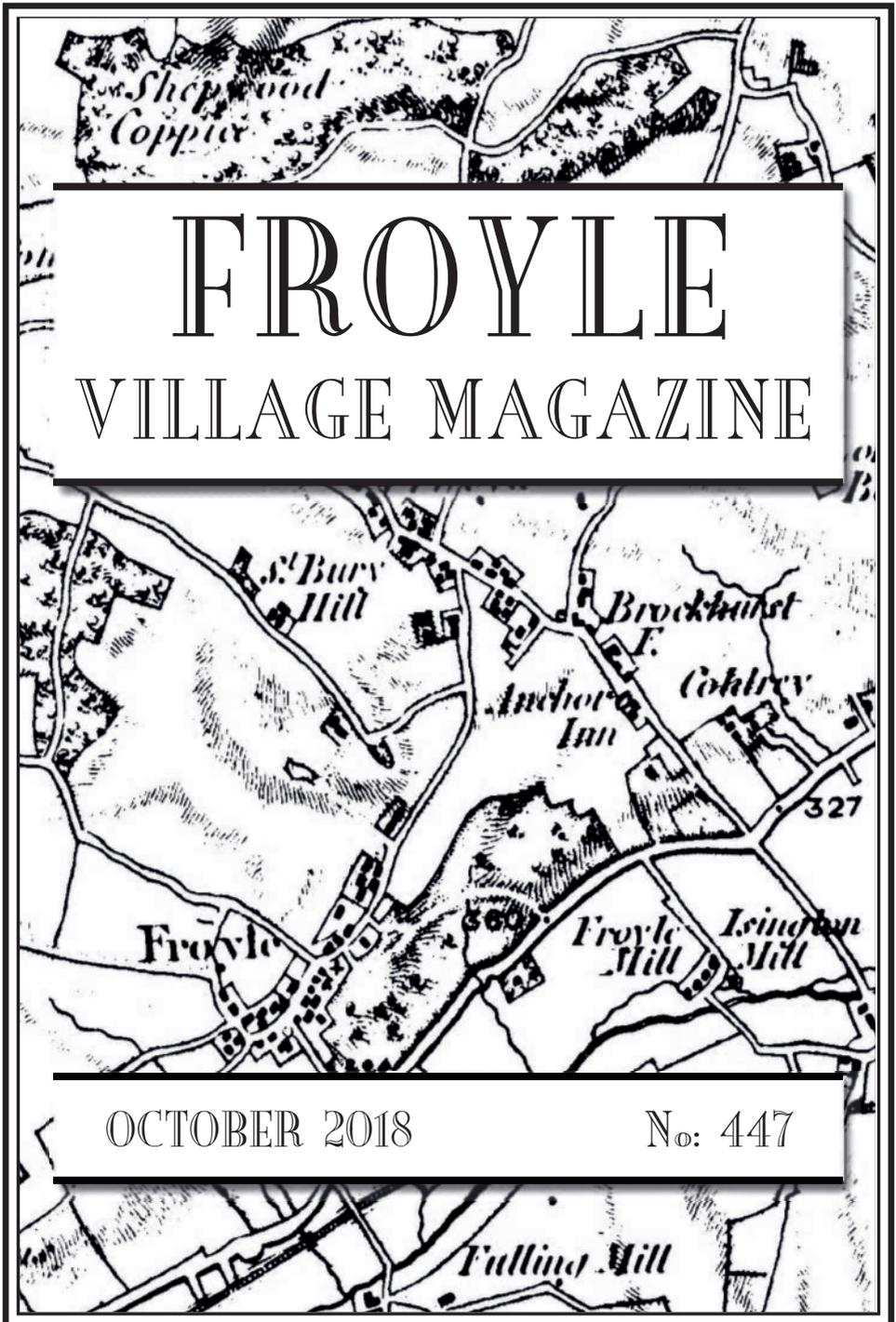
Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include a SAE, and a telephone number or email, and information about dietary needs.

For further information - email: [friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com) ☎ 01420 562126

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## Village Events September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <i>Note date</i> 11.00 Joint Benefice Service						1
2 8.00 HC	3 Recycling & glass  2.30 Card Club	4	5  7.00pm Gardening Club Show entries	6 9.45 Toddler Group	7 9.30 Meeting Place	8  2.30 Gardening Club Autumn Show
9 11.00 HC	10 Refuse & garden	11	12	13 9.45 Toddler Group	14 9.30 Meeting Place	15
16 11.00 HC	17 Recycling	18  7.45pm PC Meeting	19	20 9.45 Toddler Group	21 9.30 Meeting Place  Magazine deadline	22
23  6.30pm Choral Evensong	24 Refuse & garden	25	26	27 9.45 Toddler Group	28 9.30 Meeting Place	29

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', '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.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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## **Report from the Parish Council meeting held on 18 September 2018**

Froyle Parish Council met on 18 September 2018. Apologies were received from Cllrs Watts, Roberts and Deans. Four members of the public were present.

Members of the PC had met with Cllr Glynis Watts and Mike Warren, the Managing Director of Harbour Hotels, to discuss a number of outstanding issues relating to the operation of Froyle Park. These included litter in the Treloar Memorial Garden, staffing numbers during events, the proposed footpath to the Hen and Chicken, noise, odour and signage. It was agreed to meet quarterly.

The Chair of the PC had a constructive telephone conference with Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive Officer of East Hants District Council to update her on how the Parish Council and Harbour Hotels are working together to minimise disruptive incidents at Froyle Park. There will be a follow up call in late October.

External work on the football hut has now been costed and the PC is looking for builders to tender. Local builders all seem very busy. The PC would welcome suggestions from residents as to firms we might approach.

The first phase of the renovation of the war memorial is complete. See report on page 14.

The PC, in conjunction with the PCC, is planning to buy a number of soldier silhouettes to place around the village as part of the celebration of the end of World War I.

The proposed renewal of the Fawley to Heathrow pipeline is now out for consultation and the PC will attend local consultation meetings. No changes to the route of the pipeline to the south of Upper and Lower Froyle are proposed.

The PC has objected to two local planning applications:

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55541/011 a four bedroom house on land behind the Manor House in Froyle Park Estate and 23404/007 tree works in Lower Froyle. Full details of all planning applications can be found at <https://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The PC has agreed a grant of £50 to Victim Support.

A member of the public raised the issue of parking during the annual bonfire party which in 2017 had been chaotic. It was reported that this had already been discussed by the Village Hall Committee who felt that to permit parking on the recreation ground would be more dangerous. This year the party falls on Monday which is thought will result in fewer people attending. It was agreed to ask the Hall Committee to review the matter.

The next meeting of the PC is on Monday 22 October 2018 at 7.45pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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## Froyle Bonfire and Fireworks

Froyle Bonfire and fireworks will be held as usual on the fifth of November which this year falls on a Monday. There will be lots to eat and drink, a magnificent bonfire and splendid fireworks. Admission is free but there will be a bucket collection to help fund next year's party.

Please come and help build the bonfire on Sunday 4 November at 9.30am. It usually takes a couple of hours. Wear gloves and boots with thick soles and don't try to carry too much. Safety first!

From 1 October residents may deposit material for the bonfire on the recreation ground to the left of the gate. Please keep brush and wood separate and leave the piles as tidy as possible. Do not bring anything which won't burn: no sprung mattresses for example or large tree trunks. Pallets are particularly welcome.

Please do not bring your bonfire contribution through the hedge where it has been fenced and replanted. We have put a combination lock on the gate. If you need access the code can be obtained from the following: David Robertson 520 820; Nick Whines 23130 and Charlie Findlay 22109. Please ensure you lock the gate when you leave.

A large bonfire is burning brightly at night, with a massive fireball and fireworks exploding in the dark sky above. The fireworks are in shades of red, white, and blue. The bonfire itself is a large, glowing orange and yellow mass at the bottom right. The background is black, making the lights stand out.

**Froyle  
Bonfire  
Party**

**Monday  
5 Nov  
6.00pm**

**Fireworks  
7.00pm  
approx**

**Admission free      Bucket collection  
Burgers   Hot Dogs   Mulled Cider  
Come and help build the bonfire on  
Sunday 4 November at 9.30am**



Bookings:  
Sarah Zorab  
01420 520361

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## News from the Village Hall

We continue to have teething troubles with the new doors. Please note the key code entry system has not proved reliable and we intend to remove this and replace it with a second key operated lock. In the meantime please do not attempt to use the buttons or the knob below. These have been deactivated. Well that's what we hope.

Lots of village hall events are in the pipeline: Harvest Supper, the Quiz, Bonfire Night and Film Night. Please support them all and book early to help the organisers with catering arrangement and to avoid disappointment. All this activity relies on a stream of willing volunteers. At the moment we are on the lookout for new committee members particularly from those with young families in order to ensure we are truly representative. The committee meets once a month on the first Tuesday. If you would like to know more please make contact. And don't forget the Hall is there to be used. We welcome suggestions for future events. At the moment we want ideas for a fun fundraiser for next February to cheer us up when the winter begins to drag.

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The new online booking system is also proving a little problematic. If you go to our website at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk) you will find a link to the hall diary. This is really useful if you are planning an event. However if you have not booked before you need to register and users haven't found this easy. We therefore recommend that for one-off bookings you go direct to Sarah Zorab the Booking Secretary either by phone or email (see page 4 for details). If you expect to hire the hall on a regular basis then please bite the bullet and register. If you get stuck Sarah will help you through the process. And this in turn will help us improve the way it all works.

The remote control which operates the projector screen has gone missing. It is expensive to replace so please return it if you have inadvertently walked off with it or if you know where it's hiding. Also missing is the three foot long stainless steel cabin hook which used to hold open the old front doors. Again news of its whereabouts would be very welcome.

We were all moved to read in the Alton Herald about the ceremony in London to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of Cindy Dennis's son in an IRA bomb attack. Michael was serving in the Royal Engineers when his barracks in Mill Hill were attacked. A road has been named after him. A very proud moment for his Mum. Cindy has been the hall housekeeper for quite a few years now. She keeps it bright and clean and welcoming as many visitors have commented. She takes a real pride in her work but it is unseen work so it is important to say how much it is appreciated.



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## Froyle 100 Club Winners for September

The 100 Club winners for September were:

1st – Sarah Roberts    2nd – Kim Pratt  
3rd – Gill Bradley    4th – Jennifer Evans

...and the 'bonus' 1st Prize kindly handed back last month  
by the Macnabbs was won by Mrs K Goodall!

Congratulations to all winners!

*William Knowles (23164)*  
*wbk@wbknowles.com*

# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from **10am-12 noon\*** so do come and join us for delicious homemade cake, hot drinks and good conversation.



**\*PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME**

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

## Cakes Bakers for October

5th	Sue Carr	Maureen Fry	Janet Dobson	Alison Pincott
12th	Ann Netherway	Jenny Gove	Jane Stewart-Smith	Helen MacDonald
19th	Gill Bradley	Elizabeth Sealy	Jill Mackenzie	Jo Mills
26th	Barbara Starbuck	Sarah Zorab	Brenda Milam	Corinna Whines

Please let us know if you are unable to bake for any reason and if you would like to claim reasonable baking expenses.

## Kitchen Helpers for October

5th	Sheila Cottington	Sue Sharman
12th	Sarah Lovell	Philippa Cullen-Stevenson
19th	Jill Mackenzie	Jenny Dundas
26th	Chris Muddiman	Gillian Pickering

Please arrange swaps amongst yourselves, but do let us know if there are any problems. *With the later start time, there is no need to be at the hall before 10.15am.*

**WE ARE HOLDING OUR MACMILLAN CAKE SALE ON OCTOBER 5th  
SO PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL CHARITY OR  
BAKE US A CAKE TO SELL!**



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Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*

**SHOW OFF YOUR BAKING SKILLS BY BAKING FOR THE MEETING PLACE.....  
CAN'T BAKE, HOW ABOUT HELPING IN THE KITCHEN?**

By baking a cake just 3 or 4 times a year or helping in the kitchen about 3 times a year you will be giving so much to our community. The Meeting Place is so important for so many of our villagers old and young. It does 'what it says on the tin', it's a meeting place for everyone in the village to meet up with other young mums or retirees or the 9 to 5ers, with the odd Friday off, who just fancy a good cup of coffee (the cheapest you'll ever get!!) AND the best homemade cake your taste bud will ever 'sing to'.

We are looking for new recruits for next year. Helping in the kitchen is a great way to meet new people, get all the latest 'goss' and have a fun couple of hours. If you want more information please contact me. We really do appreciate our fabulous volunteers without whom we could not have this lovely weekly coffee morning which means so much to so many.

If you have already been 'chatted up' by one of the MP committee or another volunteer and would like to put your name down for 2019, PLEASE contact me, "Rosterer-in-Chief", by phone or email (see below) as I would love to hear from you. I like to make things as easy as possible for our volunteers by not putting them on the roster when, say, they are on holiday.

Looking forward to hearing from you (by the 5th Oct, please). Thank you, in anticipation.

*Lori (Taylor) 01420 22148  
lorijaylor@hotmail.com*

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Many thanks to the kind person who left a bicycle outside the Froyle village hall for a good home on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. I can confirm a good home has been found and that the bicycle will be very much enjoyed. THANK YOU.

*Sylvie Nonhebel*

A BIG THANK YOU.....to so many Froyle friends for all their support, kindness and offers of help during my recent stay in hospital, and also now as I recover at home. I have been overwhelmed by cards, flowers, and dozens of emails which kept my spirits up, and made me smile and even laugh. Kind friends and neighbours have offered to do shopping and given me lifts. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I can't tell you how much it means to me. How lucky am I to live in this generous and astonishing community.

*Lori Taylor*

## Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall



Please come along and join in the fun!

All babies and toddlers with their parents and carers welcome, just £2 per family to cover the cost of the hall and refreshments.

October meetings in the village hall are Thursday 4th, 11th and 18th (no session on 25th due to it being half term).

Looking forward to seeing you all and making lots of new friends!

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

**Any questions please call Molly on 07595 354619.**



## The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

**Next Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall**

NB This coming meeting will be on the **second Monday of the month as a one-off** - we'll be back to the first Monday in November.

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and biscuits.

So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards – *or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again* - do drop by and we will fit you in with a game.

**But any board game can be played - in September we played Uno Extreme which was a great success – so, anyone for Scrabble...?!**



Caroline Findlay (22019)  
David Robertson (520820)



# HARVEST SUPPER



At Froyle Village Hall  
Friday 19th October  
7.00pm for 7.30pm



Tickets: Adults £10.00    Children £5.00

This is always a very popular event and often a sell out so it is advisable to reserve and pay for your tickets as soon as possible!  
Contact Jenny Gove on 23697 or Gill Bradley 520484.

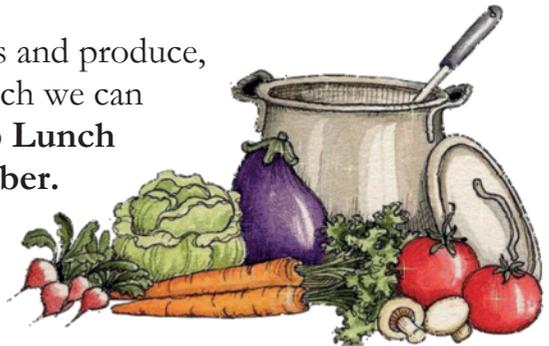
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## Harvest Festival Sunday 21st October

We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday 20th October from 9.00am. Please come and join us.

We would like lots of flowers and produce, and especially vegetables which we can make into soup for the **Soup Lunch on Wednesday 7th November.**

Many thanks.  
*Sarah and Gill*





# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

## FROYLE GARDENING CLUB AUTUMN SHOW

WOW ! What a show we had. The best since Summer 2017. Thanks to Anne's workshops we had record numbers of Floral Decoration entries with some stunning arrangements which made the hall look very colourful. We also had beautiful entries in the Dahlia classes although the mixed flower classes were again poor. There were also poor entries in the vegetable and fruit classes but domestic classes were well supported. Shirley Bellis did particularly well with her cakes. I'm not sure if this is good for Shirley as her cakes will be in demand. In all we had a very happy afternoon.

On October 12th Rosie Hardy of Hardy's Plants Free Folk will be joining us. Rosie is famous for her Gold Medal stands at Chelsea and she is returning to us to advise us on autumnal perennials for our gardens. Rosie always brings beautiful plants with her so come prepared. Visitors as always are very welcome. Meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

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## FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2019

Froyle Open Gardens will be returning next June and in order to be in the NGS Yellow Book we are already having to submit copy.

For a variety of reasons some of the gardens which opened successfully this year are unable to open next year. So we are on the lookout for some new gardens. It's the new gardens that our visitors most want to see. In particular we need another garden in Upper Froyle.

Owners will naturally be shy coming forward so they will have to be persuaded. If you know a garden that ought to be included let me have the details and I will do the arm twisting!

ngs gardens open  
for charity

**Opening your garden is hard work  
but rewarding.**

*Nick Whines (23130)*

**SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS  
...IT'S BACK**

# **THE FROYLE QUIZ**

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018  
7PM**

**TABLES OF SIX MAXIMUM  
COME AS A TEAM  
OR JOIN FRIENDS AND MAKE UP  
A TEAM ON THE NIGHT  
£10 PER TICKET TO INCLUDE SUPPER**

**CASH BAR AND RAFFLE**

**PROCEEDS TO GO TO**

**Cystic  
Fibrosis Trust**

**TICKETS FROM KIM BLAKE  
KIM.BLAKE53@GMAIL.COM  
07768 273 858**





# FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



To commemorate the Centenary of the  
end of the First World War

## 'JOURNEY'S END'

Starring  
**SAM CLAFLIN**

**FRIDAY  
16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Froyle Village Hall  
Doors open 7 p.m.  
Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

Set in a dugout in Aisne in 1918, it is the story of a group of British soldiers, led by the mentally disintegrating young officer Stanhope, as they await their fate.

**Price = £8.00**

(payment in advance would be appreciated)

Journey's End is a British film adaptation of the play Journey's End by R.C. Sherriff. **Rated 12A**

**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 (01420 520294)**

# October News from The Froyle Archive

## The Day World War 2 Began

In November 1918 the armistice was signed, which effectively ended World War 1, although the Peace Treaties which ended the conflict were not finalised until the next year. This peace would last a mere 20 years building towards the outbreak of the Second World War, an event recorded in Froyle.



In December 1937 the Smiley family, Sir Hugh, Lady Nancy, and their young son John had moved into Froyle House in Upper Froyle.

The house was built in 1820 by Thomas Burningham on the site of a much older house “Cattleys” and had been for sale since late 1915. (*The actual sale brochure can be seen on the Froyle Archive website*)

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1939 Lady Smiley recorded, for her family album, the arrival of ‘A’ Squadron of the 12th Royal Lancers in the stable yard. They requisitioned the garages and stables for their armoured cars and the soldiers. The Squadron officers were given the guest rooms on the top floor of the main house. The Squadron stayed at Froyle House for about three weeks until they went over to France with the British Expeditionary Force.



The two photographs show, on the left, the men queuing for their lunch outside the stables, and, right, preparing their armoured cars for an inspection.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)

## War Memorial Refurbishment

This year sees the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day and to mark this important historical event, the Parish Council felt it would be fitting to give the War Memorial a face lift. It is seven years or so since it last had any attention, and the weather had taken its toll. Some of the names had almost worn away, particularly on the southern face that takes all the weather, and they all needed re-painting. It is a listed monument and as such any work required the approval of the relevant authorities. We had meetings on site with both the War Memorials Trust and East Hants Conservation Officers who set out the scope of work. This included steam cleaning of the memorial to remove dirt and lichen, followed by a ‘deepening and sharpening’ of faded lettering with a repainting of all lettering to give a consistent appearance.

It was a long process finding a suitable number of stonemasons willing to undertake the work to the exacting specification of the War Memorials Trust, but eventually we gathered the required number of tenders, StoneArt were selected and work commenced in August.



*Refurbishment works under way – the condition of the stone pre-cleaning can be seen in the left hand photo*

Firstly, the memorial was cleaned using the ‘Doff’ method – a portable super-heated steam cleaning method that works without damaging the surface of the stone. Following the clean, the badly weathered inscriptions were re-cut and all lettering was repainted in black as before. In some instances, this showed up the inconsistency in the original carving and weathering to individual letters, but we felt that this is an integral part of its originality and should remain unaltered.

The memorial now looks very smart and importantly, all the names of the fallen are legible. We have cleaned the bench and hope to replace the concrete surround with gravel, once we have had Listed Buildings’ approval. Many thanks go to Glynis Watts, our District Councillor, who gave us a grant of £1000 towards the work.

*Froyle Parish Council*

# The Armistice

A hundred years ago the “The War That Will End War,” final came to an end on the 11th November 1918.

The slaughter was terrible as out of the six million British men who were mobilised, just over 700,000 were killed, but many more were wounded both physically and mentally.

## History of the Poppy Appeal

The French Secretary, Madame Guerin, had a practical and useful idea. She visited various parts of the world to suggest that artificial poppies should be made and sold to help ex-Servicemen and their dependants in need. The poppy symbol was inspired by the poem “In Flanders' Fields” written by the Canadian doctor John McCrae.



As a result the first ever Poppy Day was held in Britain on November 11th 1921.

The poppies were obtained from a French organisation, which used its profits to help children in the War devastated areas.

At that time, Field Marshal Earl Haig (who had been Commander-in-Chief in France) had become the Founder-President of the newly formed British Legion ("The Royal" prefix was not conferred until 1971). The Legion's purpose was then - as it remains today - in time of need to give practical help to all men and women who have served in the Forces, and to their widows and dependants.

Earl Haig used to say that the provision of work for disabled ex-Servicemen was as important as raising money. He always took the greatest personal interest in the Legion's Poppy Factory. This Factory started its activities in 1922 with five disabled ex-Servicemen working in a room over a shop in Bermondsey in South London.

Today, The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory Ltd carries on the same work in modern premises in Richmond, Surrey, where 50 disabled ex-Servicemen are employed all year round in the manufacture of the 27 million Poppies, 113,000 Wreaths and 800,000 Remembrance Crosses for the 2010 Appeal.

The first Poppy Appeal in 1921 raised £106,000. Last year the Royal British Legion raised £56 million, spending £51 million helping those in need. The poppy appeal is still as important today as it was in 1921, so please give generously.

*James Stewart-Smith*



**AGM and talk about  
Wildlife near Farnham,  
Thursday 25th October  
Froyle Village Hall**

Join us for our brief AGM at 7pm followed by a talk entitled 'Surrey Safari –*garden birds and local wildlife near Farnham*'. Our entertaining speaker Geoff Lunn will begin with photographs of birds and other wildlife taken in the garden then move to the countryside near Farnham for the more wary animals and birds. Non-members are welcome and drinks and nibbles will be available during the evening.

There will also be a display showing some of the flora and fauna seen in Froyle and a pictorial review of this year's events. The talk will start at 7.30pm and doors open from 6:30pm, entrance fee £2 members, £3 non members. For more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.



Our nearest SSSI is **Bentley Station Meadow** and Butterfly Conservation organise winter work parties there as part of habitat management. Meet once a month from October to March, starting 10am on Wednesday **17th October 2018**. Come and get involved with hands on nature conservation, see [www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php](http://www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php).

*Barry Clark*

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

### ***Dear all,***

After such a long and wonderful summer, the kind of summer we shall probably speak of in glowing terms in future years, there's a real feeling of 'back to school' now I sit down to write this column. And although the end of the year is not yet in sight, there is an exciting sense of new beginnings at this time of year that we maybe don't feel to the same degree in January.

Going way back in history, Michaelmas, originally the 11th of October and now fixed in the calendar on September 29th, was the beginning and end of the husbandman's or farmer's year. Harvest was over, the reeve of the Manor would make out the accounts for the year and Michaelmas hiring fairs were held to organise the work force for the months ahead. Of course those of you fortunate enough to have attended one of the country's long established universities, will be aware that Michaelmas is also the name of the first term of the academic year, and this is also true of the Inns of Court. But the name comes from a Christian festival, the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, celebrating the Archangel Michael, one of the principal angelic warriors, who was said to be a protector against the dark of the night (he's actually only mentioned five times in the Bible - and four of those times in the difficult to decipher apocalyptic writings of Daniel and Revelation). What darkness, do you suppose? The long winter nights ahead, the hard days scraping a living and sustenance from the soil perhaps? Or, maybe, in modern times, a friend to help us battle through settling into new surroundings, learning new things and facing new challenges? Or, perhaps, fighting against the very real and serious forces that seem to lead humanity to the inhumanity of war and injustice?

Folklore in the British Isles rather comically suggests that Michaelmas Day is the last day for picking blackberries. This was based on the story that when Saint Michael expelled Lucifer from Heaven, the devil fell into a thorny blackberry bush and cursed the fruit with his fiery breath, making them unfit to eat. So it was considered bad luck to eat the berries after this day and country folk made a Michaelmas pie with the last of the season's fruit.

Now, I think I've had more than my fair share of blackberry and apple pies this autumn, so I'll welcome a ban on these delicious desserts. But I'll continue to think about how the Church's traditions (however strange some of them may be!) continue to provide a framework for modern life and feel emboldened by the thought that we are not alone - God and his servants, Saint Michael and his fellow angels, are there, helping us to fight for peace and justice in this ever challenging world.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



## Churchwarden:

**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge, Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

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## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke

(07519 046593)

## OCTOBER SERVICES

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion (Stewardship Sunday)
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5(tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Harvest Morning Worship
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion and Children's Church

Please note the earlier time of Evensong at Froyle; during winter, starting with the October Evensong just after the clocks change, we are moving to the earlier time.

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## Good GARDEN wanted

There are 2 hydrangeas in pots either side of the Church porch, which have outgrown their containers. We cannot put them in the Churchyard, so if anyone has space in a garden to plant them out where they can grow as they wish, do come to take them, but PLEASE leave the pots behind!



# Music for Remembrance



A concert of powerful choral music and  
readings to commemorate the  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the end of the First World War

Performed by **WINCHESTER CONSORT**  
Conductor **DAVID HURLEY**  
Organist **JANE PALMER**  
Trumpeter **MARTIN INGS**

**21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018**  
**1730 – 1900 HRS**  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
**FROYLE**

Programme to include works by:  
Elgar  
Holst  
Parry  
Purcell  
Vaughan Williams  
John Williams

**COST - £ 15**  
Followed By Drinks And  
Light Refreshments

For Tickets Please Contact Karen Potter  
email: [kwilson2525@btinternet.com](mailto:kwilson2525@btinternet.com) tel: 01420 520294

## The View from the Woods

It is that time of year again when I usually report in these pages about the start of the new shooting season, which runs from September to the end of January. As I write this, we are two days away from our first day, so everyone involved is in a state of excited anticipation. None of the Guns have yet missed their first bird, and I haven't yet shouted at any of the beaters (I'm not that bad, honest! Anyone is welcome to come and give it a go as a beater – several people from Froyle with no previous experience come: it's good fun and a great way to see the Estate and get a good day's exercise).



The late cold spring followed by the hot, dry summer brought plusses and minuses to all involved in the countryside. For us, the summer provided ideal breeding conditions for pheasants and partridges and an abundance of insect life for all insect eating birds. The challenge was to keep Froyle Estate's wild life well watered through June, July and August. The result is strong, healthy birds, some of which, I'm afraid, are as usual straying onto the roads, which they will increasingly do in search of nuts and beech mast – as always, I apologise for their lack of road sense.

Three other things stand out from the summer. First, our annual rifle target competition in May seems to get more successful each year: this year it raised £2,200 for charity, following last year's record of £1,600. I'm very grateful to Savills, the agents for Froyle Estate, for their support of this event. Any keen rifle shots in the village are welcome to participate. Secondly, I regret to report that the Guns won the annual clay pigeon shoot against the beaters for a second year in a row (and only about the third time in the fifteen or more years that we have been holding the competition, I hasten to add). It's got to be something to do with the way they add up the total scores – the beaters might need to hire their own accountant to check the figures next year.... Thirdly, all you dog walkers out there have been brilliant in keeping to the paths. This is important not just for me, the game birds and nesting wild life, but also because the deer stalking is let separately to others by Froyle Estate, and the stalkers need to know that people will keep to the footpaths.

One change in the way we manage things during the shooting season is that we are hoping to take greater control of what happens to our game once it has been shot, by looking to distribute more of it locally rather than to game dealers. This is very much a pilot scheme, and we'll have to see how it works as the season progresses – our ability to start on this depends on our obtaining the necessary health and safety clearance from and registration with the Local Authority, which is currently underway.

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The plan is for us to prepare vacuum-packed packages of partridge and pheasant breasts, which we shall distribute locally to anyone who would like them. We have had great support from the Hen & Chicken in putting together the systems needed for this to work. The idea is not to make money out of this: it is simply to give people a chance to sample local game. Both pheasant and partridge are a healthy and tasty alternative to chicken – we are even developing some sauces to suggest with the packages...! While we are ‘piloting’ the scheme – i.e. during the first season, assuming we get the required registrations, when we will be testing the scheme’s viability, we won’t be charging for the packages. So if anyone is interested in taking any of these partridge and pheasant breasts, do get in touch with either me, David Robertson or William Knowles.

*Paul Edwards, Gamekeeper*

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**St Mary’s Christmas Fair  
to be held on Saturday 24 November**

St Mary’s Church, Upper Froyle  
11.00am - 2.00pm



Tea, coffee and soup available.  
Excellent selection of stalls for your Christmas Gifts.  
Some stalls returning from last year, some new.

Further details to follow in the next magazine.

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**Harvest Soup Lunch  
Wednesday 7 November**

Further details in next month’s magazine.



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**Film night featuring Journey’s End on  
Friday 16 November-**  
see page 12 for details.

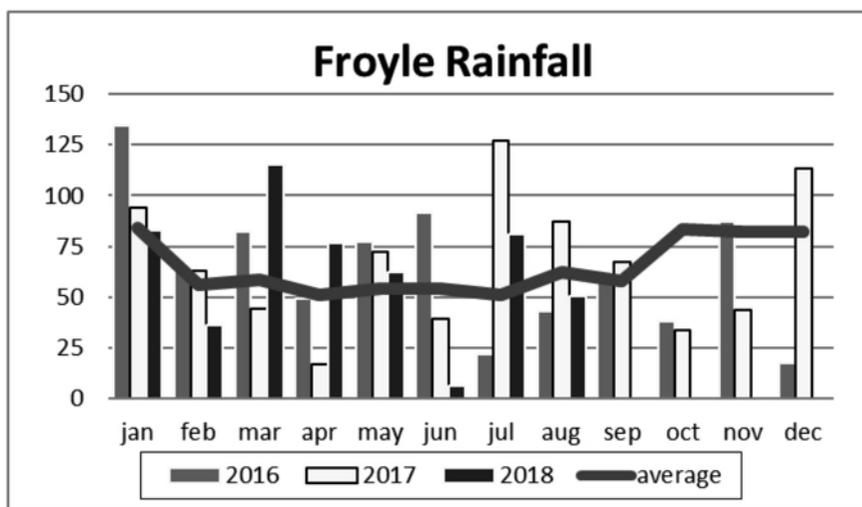
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**Bonfire build on  
Sunday 4 November at 9.30am and  
Bonfire Night on 5 November -**  
see pages 2 and 3 for further info.



## Froye Rainfall for August 2018

<b>This year</b>	50.5 mm	2 ins
<b>Last year</b>	87 mm	3.4 ins
<b>Wettest August (2001)</b>	134 mm	5.3 ins
<b>Driest August (1995)</b>	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
<b>Long-term average for August, the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest month</b>	62.4 mm	2.5 ins
<b>Total rainfall for the year so far</b>	511 mm	20.1 ins
<b>Long-term average for the year so far</b>	471.3 mm	18.6 ins



It does seem bizarre that after August, being the height of summer, only the October-January period is wetter. OK this year was below average but that included the tail-end of the heatwave.

And reflecting further what I said last month so far as the outlook for the rest of 2018 is concerned, where we have had >500mm in total by the end of August, in all likelihood the year as a whole will be an above average one; in other words don't expect an Indian summer...



**“The Umbrella Man”**



**HAMPSHIRE**  
CONSTABULARY

**Please Be Aware Of Scam Phone Calls**

We have had two reports this week of people ringing residents claiming that they are from the Police. The scammers have said that they need money from residents and claiming they need this as part of a police investigation.

Please be aware of this scam and remain vigilant when answering the phone to unknown numbers.

The Alton Neighbourhood Police Team

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**Sellers at the door need a pedlars certificate  
which is issued by the local police.**

Hampshire residents are advised to be on their guard against strangers at the door. It can be difficult to tell whether the person is genuine, a rogue trader offering repair or home improvements or a bogus caller/distractions burglar trying to gain access to a property.

If you are a Hampshire County Council resident you can request a free door sticker which may help you to say “No” to cold callers. Please contact Hampshire Trading Standards on 01962 833620 or email [ts.safeguarding@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ts.safeguarding@hants.gov.uk).

Hampshire County Council residents are advised to report incidents of doorstep crime to the Quick Response Team at the Trading Standards Service on 01962 833666 or contact the police on 999 if they feel the situation is urgent or that they are threatened in any way.

**WE DO NOT BUY  
GOODS OR SERVICES  
AT THE DOOR**

**PLEASE DO NOT COLD CALL**

Hampshire  
County Council

**Beware doorstep callers**

**STOP**    **Are you expecting someone?**

**CHAIN**    **Put chain on before answering the door**

**CHECK**    **Identity of caller carefully**

**IF IN DOUBT KEEP THEM OUT**  
and report them

Police 0845 045 45 45  
Trading Standards main reception: 01962 833620

## News from Bentley CE Primary School

It is always such a lovely time of the year to reflect back on all the special events, successes and learning that has taken place since last September. For many children, last autumn's school uniforms have been grown out of, or are ready to be exchanged, for the next size up as they have grown physically as well as academically and in their social and emotional development!

One of the big highlights at the end of last term was the Year 6 Leaver's Play 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Terrific dancing, singing and acting led to many laughs and a super finale Event. It was lovely to see so many family and friends there to complete the Bentley school journey of the class.



We wish all of our former Year 6 pupils the very best in their next adventure and we would love to hear how they are doing – please keep in touch!

After enjoying a long, hot summer, we were all very excited to be back at school again. We are delighted to welcome the new families to school, those in Year R and those who have joined us in other years. We started the term with a wonderful welcome BBQ which was so well attended that we ran out of sausages! It was a great



opportunity to get to know the new members of our school family. Our Year 6 have embraced their new roles of responsibility and are setting a wonderful example to the rest of the school. We have also welcomed some new teachers - Miss Wiggins in Year 5 and Miss Hand in Year 3.

One of our new traditions for this year is to invite parents and carers to join us in our Collective Worship each Friday if their child has a birthday that week, or has been entered into our Gold Book. Parents receive a special invitation text message on the day before the assembly. It's very exciting for the children to see their parents, friends and carers there.

We are already looking forward to the upcoming Bentley Bonfire, which is a brilliant community event, and have already started planning our Christmas Fair. We have a vibrant PTFA (Parents, Friends and Teachers Association) but we always need more help, whether it be in the form of time or expertise so please contact the school office if you would like to get involved in any way.

*Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher*

## Village Events October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Recycling &amp; glass</i>	2	3	4 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>	5 <i>10am Meeting Place &amp; MacMillan Cake Sale</i>	6
7 <i>8am HC</i>	8 <i>Refuse &amp; garden</i>  <i>2.30pm Card Club</i>	9	10	11 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>	12 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>  <i>7.30pm Rosie Hardy GC</i>	13
14 <i>11am HC</i>	15 <i>Recycling</i>	16	17	18 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>	19 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>  <i>7pm Harvest Supper</i>	20
21 <i>11am Harvest Festival</i> <i>5.30pm Concert at Church</i>	22 <i>Refuse &amp; garden</i>  <i>7.45pm PC Meeting</i>	23	24	25 <i>7pm Froyle Wildlife AGM + talk</i>	26 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	27  <i>7pm Quiz Night</i>
28  <i>5pm Choral Evensong</i>	29 <i>Recycling &amp; glass</i>	30	31			

# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council .....	<i>Philippa Cullen Stephenson</i> - 520102 <a href="http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk">www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
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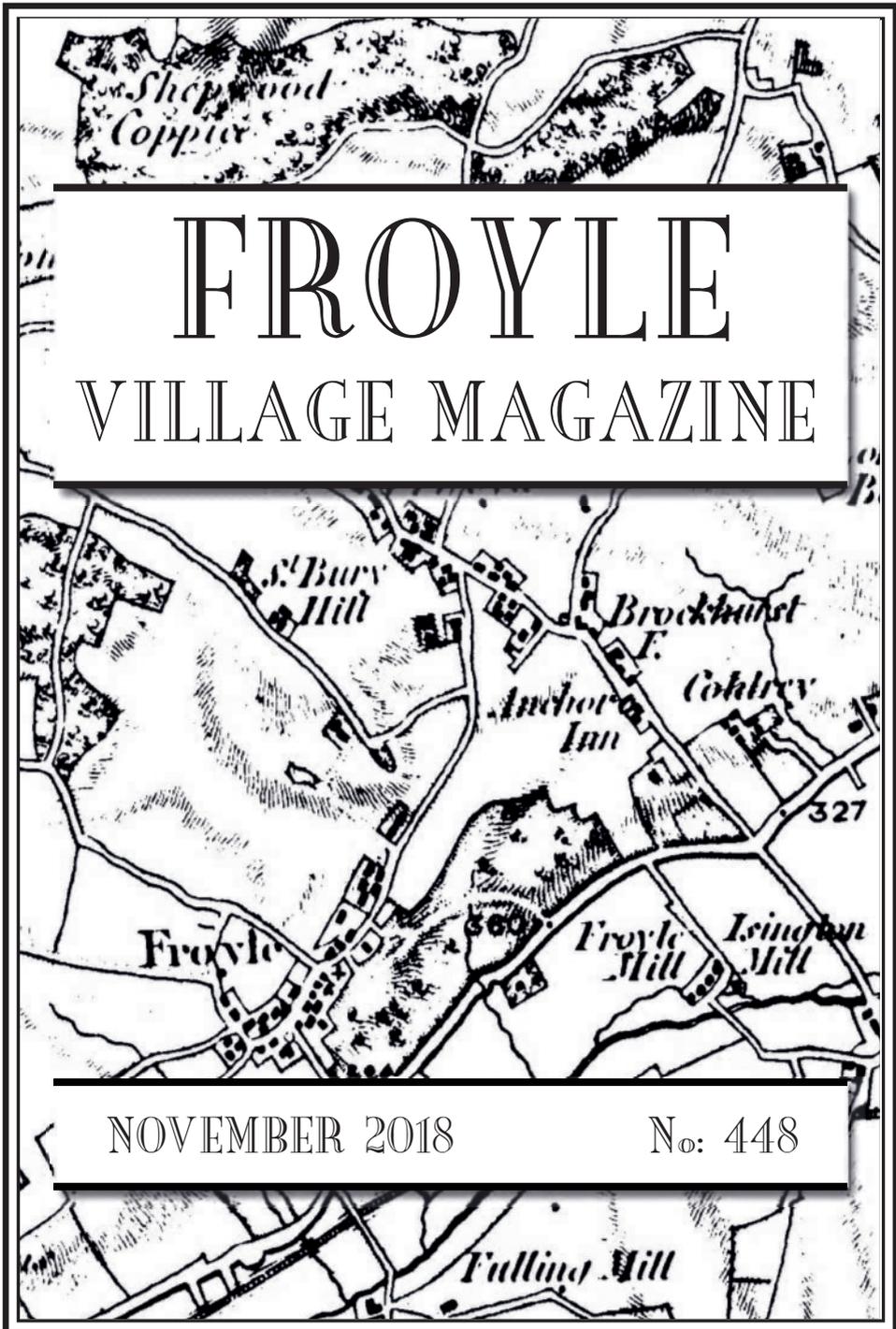
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A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the village, with several mills and inns marked. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is printed in a large, serif font across the top of the map. Below the title, the date 'NOVEMBER 2018' and issue number 'No: 448' are displayed. The map includes labels for 'Sheepwood Coppice', 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brockhurst', 'Cohtry', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill'. The map is framed by a double-line border.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2018

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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*

## **Report from the Parish Council Meeting**

FPC met on 22 October 2018. Apologies were received from Cllr Anfield, and the Clerk, Philippa Cullen Stevenson. No members of the public were present.

### **Froyle Park Development**

Following requests from the PC, Linden has now installed a sign to direct guests to the Wedding Venue. However, its positioning could be improved and further discussions are ongoing to improve its visibility. Meetings have also been held to discuss street lighting and bollards required to improve safety around the development.

### **Noisy Traffic**

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints about noisy cars and motorbikes, through the village. These will be referred on to the Community Police Officer and the PC will write to Rawles Motorsport to request their customers show restraint in the village.

### **Froyle Park Wedding Venue**

The Chair of the PC is to follow up her phone call with EHDC CEO Sandy Hopkins to discuss her review of the enforcement investigation that had concluded that there had been no breach of planning control at Froyle Park. There is also to be a meeting with Mike Warren MD of Harbour Hotels to discuss ongoing management at the wedding venue.

### **Planning Matters**

The PC is liaising with EHDC Tree Officers over a series of applications for tree felling and pruning. Further clarification is being sought on the application for a new dwelling adjacent to the Oast House on Froyle Park.

### **Football Hut**

PC is still looking for builders to tender for the external improvements to the football hut on the recreation ground. We would welcome suggestions as to firms we might approach.

### **Website**

As part of an external audit, the PC was advised that they should have an independent website. We are undertaking initial research and plan to keep close links with Froyle.com. We would welcome help from any villagers who have technical experience in this subject.

**Next meeting 12 November 2018 at 7.45pm. All residents welcome to attend.**



**Froyle  
Bonfire  
Party**

**Monday  
5 Nov  
6.00pm**

**Fireworks  
7.00pm  
approx**

**Admission free      Bucket collection  
Burgers   Hot Dogs   Mulled Cider  
Come and help build the bonfire on  
Sunday 4 November at 9.30am**



Bookings:  
Sarah Zorab  
01420 520361

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

## Hiring the Village 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. Further information about the hall can be found at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

*Nick Whines (23130) - [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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## News from the Village Hall

On 25 October the new front doors which have been causing us some issues will be removed, returned to the factory and then refitted. The key code will be replaced with a second lock. The key will then be kept in the key safe as previously. We shall also refit a cabin hook so the door doesn't blow shut in the wind. By the time you read this, I very much hope things will have gone to plan and we shall at last have a trouble-free door. What can go wrong?

The Village Hall Committee meets once a month currently on the first Tuesday. In October, we welcomed a new committee member Alex Marshall. Long-standing and hard-working committee member Gill Bradley has been on the move although we are relieved to say just down the road and if anything a little closer to the hall! We wish her much happiness in her new home.

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Bonfire Night is almost upon us and it is good to see that material for the bonfire is piling up in a very neat and orderly fashion. Bonfire building is scheduled for Sunday 4 November at 9.30am. Do please come and help. Wear gloves and stout boots to protect yourself from splinters and nails. After last year's fire which destroyed two cottages in Lower Froyle the Committee has been in close touch with their insurers to make sure we do everything we can to mitigate the risks involved in holding the event. It has been suggested by residents that we use the recreation ground for parking but we feel that the mix of cars and pedestrians in the pitch dark is too dangerous. If you come please walk, if you possibly can, and wear reflective clothing. The BBQ starts serving at 6pm with fireworks around 7pm or as soon as the bonfire dies down. Bucket collection as usual.

Help will be needed the following morning to tidy up the fire and rake it together. Please bring shovels and rakes.

The next Froyle film night will take place on Friday 16 November. We will be showing a recent film version of an old favourite 'Journey's End' set during World War 1 as part of the commemoration of the end of that war. If you can, please book your ticket asap because it really does help with the catering. Sausage bap included with the ticket price (£8). We have received an appeal for the hall to provide cushions to enhance the audience's enjoyment. In the past we have operated a bring your own policy but the Committee will give the matter serious consideration at its next meeting.

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**The Harvest Supper saw the hall full to the brim. The event was greatly enjoyed and thanks go to all the organisers. The hall exists to be used - SO PLEASE USE IT!**





# FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



To commemorate the Centenary of the  
end of the First World War

## 'JOURNEY'S END'

Starring  
**SAM CAFLIN**

**FRIDAY  
16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Froyle Village Hall  
Doors open 7 p.m.  
Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

Set in a dugout in Aisne in 1918, it is the story of a group of British soldiers, led by the mentally disintegrating young officer Stanhope, as they await their fate.

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

Journey's End is a British film adaptation of the play Journey's End by R.C. Sherriff. **Rated 12A**

**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 (01420 520294)**



# Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am  
(during term times)



<b>1st November 2018</b>	Fireworks week	Decorate cookies with your own fireworks
<b>8th November 2018</b>	Space week	Build a rocket and make it soar!
<b>15th November 2018</b>	Hedgehog week	Fork hedgehog painting
<b>22nd November 2018</b>	Puppet week	Lets make and put on a show!
<b>29th November 2018</b>	Music week	Time to make some noise!



All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family.  
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots and lots of toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call Molly on 07595354619

# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am-12 noon. All are welcome to join us for delicious homemade cake, hot drinks and to catch up with the local news. There are books to borrow and any surplus local garden produce will be found a good home.



**Last month our Macmillan coffee morning raised £515 for this wonderful charity. A new record! THANK YOU to those who helped in any way.**

## Cakes Bakers for November

2nd	Anne Blunt	Sue Sharman	Caroline Findlay	Bea Sword
9th	Ann Roberts	Madeleine Black	Kim Blake	Sue Lelliott
16th	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sheila Cottington
23rd	June Trim	Susie Robertson	Louise Marston	Charlotte Baikie
30th	Corinna Whines	Sarah Basey	Pat Gasson	Sarah Khan

Please let us know if you are unable to bake for any reason and if you would like to claim reasonable baking expenses.

## Kitchen Helpers for November

2nd	Lauraine Bourne	Caroline Findlay
9th	Kim Blake	Sue Marriott
16th	Judith Leslie Smith	Jane Macnabb
23rd	Brenda Millam	Sue Sharman
30th	Maureen Fry	Jenny Topping

Please arrange swaps amongst yourselves, but do let us know if there are any problems. *With the later start time, there is no need to be at the hall before 10.15am.*

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

## DIARY NOTE:

The RNLI will be selling Christmas cards and gifts at the Meeting Place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**





**MEETING PLACE**  
**Friday 7th December**



There will be some Christmas surprises at the Treloar Table at the Meeting Place on the first Friday in December.

Come to the Village Hall and pick up a present or two, while enjoying coffee and cake!

**Treloar's**  
Enriching Education



## **The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club**

**Next Meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall**

(...and back to the first Monday of the month as promised...)

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and biscuits.

So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards – *or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again* - do drop by and we will fit you in with a game.

**But any card or board game can be played, including Uno, Scrabble, etc...you name it, we'll play it...**



*Caroline Findlay (22019)*  
*David Robertson (520820)*





**FROYLE  
HARVEST SOUP LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**12 – 1.30 p.m.**

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

All soups freshly made using Harvest Festival produce

No charge – Donations welcome



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

## FROYLE GARDENING CLUB

What an evening we had with Rosy Hardy - what a woman! So many achievements but still so enthusiastic. Beautiful plants and really helpful information made our October meeting memorable. Many of us went away with cars full of plants.

On 9th November at 7.30pm in Froyle Village Hall, we will welcome Mr David Cheston to tell us about Waddesdon Manor - a rather over-the-top house with a distinctive Victorian garden. Visitors very welcome.

Please note that following Anne Blunt's stirring speech, she will need help next year. I think Anne is extremely brave so please give her your support.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

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## FROYLE GOLF DAY

Forget the Ryder Cup all eyes were on the 33 players who were tested by the course at Blackmoor, not sure in all cases tested was the right description, some capitulated far too easily, particularly the Anchor team who may still be trying to finish.

Anyway enough of them, let's celebrate the winners. There was one team that dominated the day. The Mills and Robertson combo. The individual winner was Nigel Mills with his playing partner David Robertson second and together with Jo Mills were the team winners.



Nearest the pin was won by David Wilkinson and Clare Briscoe respectively and the longest drive by Kieran Helps and Alison West.

A great day, the sun shone and for some the golf was actually decent.

*Ian Whitmore*

## November News from The Froyle Archive

### World War One - The Men Who Came Home

November is a month of Remembrance, when our thoughts are of those men whose names are on the War Memorial. We think of them as heroes, which they were, but we should never forget the men who came home. They were heroes too - every one of them, for they bore the scars of that terrible war and had to live with them for the rest of their lives. Sadly, in some cases, this was not long.

One such young man was Walter Andrew. Walter's family farmed Hodges Farm in Lower Froyle, but in 1911 they were living near Thame in Oxfordshire. The minute he reached his 18th birthday, Walter had signed up for four years service with the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars. His medical inspection report at the time of enlistment described him as 5ft 6ins tall, a 34½ inch chest, fair sight and in good physical condition. This photograph of him was taken soon after he enlisted, one would imagine.



After three years training, he joined the Expeditionary Force and served overseas from 20<sup>th</sup> September 1914, by which time the family had moved to Hodges Farm in Lower Froyle. Walter was very involved with the church in Froyle and the Vicar received a card from him dated Belgium, 12<sup>th</sup> November 1914, which he shared with the community in the December parish magazine:

*Since writing you last our regiment has been in the firing line. We were attached to the 1st Cavalry Division, who were rather hard pressed and who dismounted and worked as Infantry. We are nick-named 'The Lucky Oxfords' for though in the trenches for 10 days and our casualties were two killed and about twenty wounded it was rather an exciting experience to be under fire. The enemy seem to be in great force just near us for we cannot move them much. We are now returned behind the firing line for several days rest. I much appreciate being remembered at Church, for I am now aware of the need for it.*

Walter continued to serve overseas until 5<sup>th</sup> June 1915, finally leaving the service on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1916. Tragically, this much loved member of the community was to lose his life just seven years later in 1923, when on his way to meet his fiancée in Andover, he was killed in a motorcycle accident. It somehow seems so cruel to have survived the hell that was the war, only to be killed when everything around him seemed to be going so well!

*An extract from "Lest We Forget" by Annette Booth  
published by and available from The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)*

# Froyle Remembers 100 Years Since The End of WW1

## The Royal British Legion Silhouettes come to Froyle

In last month's magazine you will have read about the excellent repairs to our War Memorial and Jamie Stewart-Smith's Poppy Appeal article, as part of the build up to our remembering the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Back in November 2014 Froyle Church and Froyle Parish Council came together to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commencement of the First World War. We have come together again and purchased several of the British Legion's silhouettes which will soon be appearing in the village in the run up to this year's Remembrance.

## Froyle Remembers Them

During the 2014 Remembrance Service, both at the Memorial and later in Church we read out the names of the 30 men who left their homes and families never to return. During the Church service we included more detail, most notably their rank and age. It proved quite powerful to do so. Subsequently during the service closest to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary death of each serviceman a member of the congregation, Andy Jeffs, has recalled the narrative of their short lives and death. Andy has drawn on information from Chris & Annette Booth who run the Froyle Archive, and his own research which has also included visiting the graves of the servicemen. This has been an important part of the church's contribution to remembering our fallen.



LEST WE FORGET



We will repeat the exercise once more during our **Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November**, which will start with a short ceremony at the **War Memorial at 10.50 am**. We hope that as many villagers as possible, old and new, will attend. As normal, we will be stopping the traffic for a short period of time on the road adjacent to our War Memorial.

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Two Minute Silence

The last soldier went 'over the top' at 4.20 am on 11 November 1918. The Armistice was signed at 5 am in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne, France. Then, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918, the guns of Europe fell silent. The war was over. On that morning alone, there were 10,944 casualties and 2,738 deaths on the Western Front.

The following year, King George V, our present Queen's grandfather issued a proclamation which called for a two minute silence: 'All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead'. Each year since, at the **11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month**, the **two minute silence** is observed in the United Kingdom and all Commonwealth countries.

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## Bellringing on Remembrance Sunday

To commemorate the end of World War 1, Bellringers across the Nation have been asked to ring at 7.05 pm as part of the Celebrations. 7.05 may seem rather an odd time but this fits in with the day's events and follows on from the lighting of 1000 beacons across the country.

You can see the list of these events if you go to [www.brunopeek.co.uk](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk). So if you are out and about at this time you should be able to hear a number of church bells ringing out joyfully, including Froyle. (We will of course be ringing half muffled before 11.00 as usual).

Ringling for Peace  
*Armistice 100*



## What a small world.....

In September we decided to take a road trip and go and explore what we thought were some of the more remote corners of these Isles. Braving the weather and the ferries we found our way to the south of South Uist, looking on to Eriskay, known for being the landing place of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the last home of the whisky-laden “SS Politician” of Whisky Galore fame. The wind was howling and the rain lashing down as we finished our dinner in the Polochar Inn. We were just thinking about an after dinner warmer when our neighbour engaged us in conversation. He asked us where we were from and being naturally cautious we replied Hampshire. He enquired further and on hearing that we lived near Alton became quite persistent. Imagine our surprise on discovering that our questioner not only knew Lower Froyle, clearly very well, but was born and brought up there. He was Grenville Start, son of Walter who was such a key figure in the village for so many years. We had an enjoyable chat with Grenville who enquired about many people who still live in the village. We encouraged him to look at the village website and even take a look at the magazine so perhaps he’s reading this.....

*Gillian and Jonathan Pickering*

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## An Autumn Update from West End Flower Farm

We would like to thank everyone local who has supported us this year; your local flower farm has supplied hundreds of weddings and events this year (even been held by royalty!) and it’s with thanks to a lot of you! Many of you also signed up to weekly deliveries too; for which we are extraordinarily grateful.



Being a small business we have taken great care over our choice in flowers. This autumn we are expanding our growing space four fold; coming right up to the gate adjoining the footpath, so we will be closer for you all to enjoy; with a lot more shrubs, herbs and perennials- the mainstay of a cut flower farm.

We are about to plant 4000 ranunculus, 6000 anemones and 24,000 tulips so a busy few weeks before 210 new rose plants arrive and not to mention 1000’s of hardy annuals that need to be planted by us before winter.

Please may we ask that you keep your dogs near you when close to the farm as we also have chickens; who are key to us fighting the slug battle!!

We have big plans for next year and will be looking for local people to join our team so if you’re interested in working outdoors (in all weathers!) please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

*Bella and Will Butler (01420 767306)*

# Hitting The Cold Spots

Madeleine is the local Age Concern Hampshire 'Village Agent' volunteer for Froyle. She can help older people find information and services such as:



- **Getting out and about:** finding transport for shopping, medical appointments and local activities
- **Around the Home:** finding reputable trades people
- **Money Matters:** entitlement to claim benefits grants and loans

She can also help with keeping warm this winter with the aid of Hampshire County Council's *'Hitting the Cold Spots'* Campaign:

## How can 'Hitting the Cold Spots' help?

- Visits from Advisors offering advice and practical support
- Support with emergency heating measures (electric heaters) if you are without heating
- Help to access funding where available for insulation and heating repairs and replacements
- Help to access funding for first time central heating
- Access to small grant support to help cope with winter emergencies
- Assistance to switch your energy provider or fuel tariff to help save money on your fuel bills

## Other services they can help you to access

- Practical support and advice with debt, money and benefits
- Free home safe and well visits, which can include a carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector and a fire safety plan

## Contact the 'Hitting the Cold Spots' information line:

Tel: 0800 804 8601 Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm

Email: [staywarm@environmentcentre.com](mailto:staywarm@environmentcentre.com)

Web: [www.hants.gov.uk/cold-spots](http://www.hants.gov.uk/cold-spots)

Please call Madeleine on 23371 if you'd like any more information on the 'Hitting the Cold Spots' campaign, or call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email [villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)



# Froyle Wildlife



## Look out for Hedgehogs

This time of year can be especially difficult for hedgehogs who will be seeking places to hibernate such as under hedge bottoms or piles of brushwood and under timber buildings and sheds.

Some gardeners will be looking to have a bonfire but unfortunately a bonfire stack to a hedgehog is a perfect des res. The advice is to make the bonfire on the day you want to burn it and stack it elsewhere till then. Take care when sticking forks into the stack to move it though. Strimming can also cause horrific injuries and death to hedgehogs, (and amphibians and reptiles) in the very areas they lie up in to sleep during the day. They are not easily seen under vegetation in hedge bottoms, so it's vital to check thoroughly before you start.

In autumn also watch out for young hedgehogs that are underweight (less than 600gms) as their chances of surviving the winter are slim. In fact any hedgehog seen during the daytime is a cause for concern and advice should be sought.

Sadly our UK hedgehog population is declining with a number of reasons cited for this. Today our once common and endearing hedgehog is Red listed and a species conservation priority.

For more information see <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>

## Help for Sick or Injured Wildlife

A lot of people want to help if they see an animal in distress, sick or injured. The following websites are particularly useful with emergency advice such as that from **Hart Wildlife** our **Nearest Wildlife Hospital** - in Medstead.

<http://www.hartwildlife.org.uk/advice/> *'keep it in a quiet place, keep it in the dark, keep it warm keep it confined, give it access to water, if practical. If you CAN'T capture an injured or sick creature take a note of its exact location and if possible, leave someone there to watch over it while you call us and get help'*.

**Wildlife Aid** also has very good information, see

<https://www.wildlifeaid.org.uk/wildlife-faqs/> just click on the relevant species.

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## Winter Birds in Hedgerows and Gardens

At the time of writing some hedgerows in Froyle are burgeoning with fruits such as hawthorn, buckthorn, privet, blackthorn, dogwood - a veritable feast for winter visitors such as Redwing and Fieldfare. It's well worth taking a quiet walk along footpaths where these hedges occur. Don't forget binoculars if you have them to get a good look. Standing with the sun behind you gives better views and you are less obvious to the birds. You'll probably also see twittering flocks of mixed finches and yellowhammers flying down onto the stubble or winter crop to glean weed seeds then suddenly shoot back to the cover of the hedge if disturbed.



Yellowhammers are the only buntings you're likely to see in Froyle, they like to sit high up in the hedge and with the sun on them look stunning. They are species which rely on farmland and generally nest on or near the ground in hedgerows. These birds are seed eaters but take insects in the breeding season, with chicks especially needing a constant supply of insects and spiders. Years ago when cereal crops were brought down to be dried in the grain drier behind our house, flocks of yellowhammer would come down to feed on the spilt grain and in harsh winters would venture into the garden to feed on birdseed, always on the ground never at the bird table. Unfortunately those days are long gone.

Many birds including fieldfares and redwings are drawn into our gardens to feast on berried shrubs and windfall fruit. Holding some picked apples back and throwing them out when the weather is cold and the ground frozen can be a lifeline as are ivy berries which linger on well into the winter.

## Bird Seed Supplier

If you are looking for a good supplier of birdseed Vine House Farm is recommended. Nicholas Watts, who farms 2,500 acres in Lincolnshire with his daughter and son in law, received an MBE in 2006 for his services to farming and conservation as well as a string of other awards. During the last 10 years they have given 5% of their sales to The Wildlife Trusts amounting to over £1 million.

<https://www.vinehousefarm.co.uk/> Most orders received before 3pm Monday - Friday will normally be delivered the next working day.

*Sue Clark*

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge

Upper Froyle

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## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23528)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke  
(07519 046593)

## NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 11th	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Remembrance Service at War Memorial</b>
	10.00am	Bentley	Remembrance Service
	10.50am	Binsted	Remembrance Service
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 18th	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 25th	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion and Children's Church



## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 1 December at 6:30 pm

Froyle Church

Those of you who have been to this in previous years will know what a special event this is. 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. It is both a solemn and a happy occasion. Do come along, particularly if you enjoy choral music – or just to get a special foretaste of the Christmas season to come.



## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

### *Dear all,*

Every November we commemorate Remembrance Day, which this year actually falls on Sunday November 11th, 100 years to the day since the end of the First World War. I'd always thought that there must have been great celebration when that devastating war finally ended, but Vera Brittain, writing in *Testament of Youth*, said, "When the sound of victorious guns burst over London at 11am on November 11th, 1918, the men and women who looked incredulously into each other's faces did not cry jubilantly: "We've won the war!" They only said: "The War is over." Those lines have really made me think, not just about the men who fought and died, whose names are recorded on our War Memorials, but also of the men who came back and the people whose lives were deeply affected by wartime. At the beginning of the same book, Vera Brittain wrote, "When the Great War broke out, it came to me not as a superlative tragedy, but as an interruption of the most exasperating kind to my personal plans." It was a natural reaction for a young woman. She was not quite 21 years of age, she was engaged to be married, she was looking forward to a life full of promise. But as the war progressed, she lost her fiancé, two close friends and her brother. She was not alone in the extent of her loss. About 700,000 British soldiers lost their lives in that terrible war; in London 41,833 men never returned home, while some smaller towns and villages families lost almost all their young men.

How fortunate this generation is, not to have been thrown into such a major conflict. We owe this not just to the men who fought the two great wars, but also to those who have campaigned, negotiated and prayed for peace in recent times. On August 4th 1918, King George V called a National Day of Prayer and one hundred days later the war ended. In this centenary year our churches have been recalling that initiative by taking part in Remembrance 100, a cycle of daily prayers for Peace and Hope, which began on August 4th and will end on November 11th.

Trying to imagine the impact of such a huge scale of loss on small communities, has also prompted us here in our Benefice, to think hard this year about the men who fought, the men who survived and the villages that then tried to rebuild their lives. In all three of our villages, we have researched details of the men who died and those who returned – in Froyle we have been remembering each one of the local men who died over the last four years on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of their death. Also in Froyle a concert of choral music and readings has commemorated this centenary. In Bentley people have sponsored memorial plaques engraved with the names of the fallen. And in Binsted local people have made doves and are also contributing their own personal stories of War and Peace, for as Vera Brittain said in *Letters From a Lost Generation*, "Nothing in the papers, not the most vivid and heartbreaking descriptions, have made me realise war like your letters."

I hope many of you will join us this year at our Remembrance Day Services, when we will give thanks to those who died that we might live in peace today.

***Blessings,  
Yann***



**ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR  
2018**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPPER FROYLE**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**11 am – 2 pm**

**Soup Lunch, Tea & Coffee will be available**

**Excellent selection of stalls  
for your Christmas gifts**



Paper Furniture  
Fudge  
Christmas Wreaths  
Jewellery  
Scarves  
Sheepskin Rugs  
Decorative Night Jars  
+ Deli Goodies

## Wanted for Christmas Fair

**Gifts** - good quality items wanted for this stall please; let us find a new home for unwanted gifts and as-new bits and pieces. There'll be a box at the Meeting Place for two weeks beforehand or ring me and I'll collect. *Caroline Findlay 22019*



**Christmas Fare** - cakes, mince pies, biscuits, home-made chutneys and marmalade and other Christmas goodies wanted for the stall please. *Susie Robertson 520820*

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## Partridge or Pheasant

If anyone wishes to have a pack of partridge or pheasant breast, please let *Jenny Gove* know on 23697 (there is an answerphone) by any Thursday evening, and they can be picked up the next day, Friday, at 11am from the Meeting Place.

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## Froyle 100 Club Winners for October

The 100 Club winners for October were:

1st – Nigel Mills      2nd – Karen Potter  
3rd – Nigel Fisher    4th – Jenny Dundas

Congratulations to all winners!

*William Knowles (23164)*  
*wbk@wbknowles.com*

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## Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group is fast approaching 50 members and is becoming a useful resource for community discussion, photography, walks, meetings and other events in our area.

We would like to extend a welcome to all residents within Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle to join and participate in this growing online group. To become a member, please search Facebook for "Froyle Residents" and select the button to Join the Group.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the group.

*Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)*

## A Beater's View 'from the Woods'

### "Some bete the bussh and some the byrdes take"

That line is from "Generydes", a poem from around 1440. For over 578 years people have been beating but who are these strange people in green who appear from September to January?

Apparently, Mark Twain did not call golf a "good walk spoiled". However, you could call beating, "a good walk enriched". Before taking up beating, I'd rarely seen a deer or a hare in the wild and I'd never seen a live fox or a badger outside of TV. I've lost count of the different birds and animals I've seen. There really is something called a muntjac and I now know that if one runs at you, turn sideways, don't dodge.



A keeper would say that the beater's job is to do as they are told. Spend a day on the beating trailer and you'd think the job is to complain about most things and make fun of the rest. While free range chicken can live with up to 13 birds per square meter, game birds are reared and released so a pheasant may have ¼ of an acre or more to itself. Keepers feed birds to keep them on the estate, but they are free to roam. Beaters help get the birds back from wherever they've wandered and we do this by walking the drives. Sometimes we're quiet, just tapping sticks, but at other times we're making noise, waving flags or we "bete the bussh".

Perhaps beaters were once people who worked on the estate. The modern beating line is a group of people who enjoy spending a lot of time out of doors. Nobody beats for the money. In Froyle we beat for the food, the scenery, the sound of the Keeper's dulcet tones over the radio, the pleasure of seeing your dog work for you, for the sloe gin, or maybe just for the craic.

"I want a nice straight line, right hand man in front, walking left handed" That means a diagonal line moving forward and toward the left. The beating line has its own language, so everyone knows what's needed, no matter the conditions. You can be in baking sunshine in September or driving wind and sleet in January. You may rush across a ploughed field only to stand and wait for another part of the line to get in position. Some days you wonder why you do it but we come back, season after season. Perhaps we think it's better a bad day in the line than a good day in the office.

*Paul Massam*

## News from Bentley CE Primary School

The term seems to be flying by and the weather has taken an autumnal turn with the high winds bringing down the very popular conkers on the playground. I think most of our children have gone home each night with book bags full of those precious conkers. I certainly have piles of them in my house!

Our extra-curricular activities are in full swing this term and the children are enjoying the time they spend before and after school in the wide range of clubs we offer. Our regular clubs provided by external companies include Judo, Football, Orchestra, Club Morgan, Archery and Fencing, Ceramics (*see photo right*) and Boppin. In addition to the externally provided clubs, our Teaching staff run clubs in the Autumn and Spring terms. These can range from Newspaper Club, Choir, Computing, Art and Crafts, and Netball to Badminton, Storytelling,



Drama, Harry Potter and Orienteering. We are lucky enough to have super volunteers who run Hockey, Cookery and Science Clubs, too. There are a number of fabulous music teachers who come into school to offer private tuition in piano, guitar, flute, violin, recorder and RockSteady, who puts together bands of drummers, keyboard players, vocalists and guitarists who perform regularly in school.

Our Wrap-a-Round childcare at school is also very popular, helping our working parents with a facility open from 7.45am to 6pm by providing a safe, fun space for their children. Our childcare has a play based focus where the children are greeted by school staff who provide a delicious breakfast in the morning and a light tea in the afternoon.

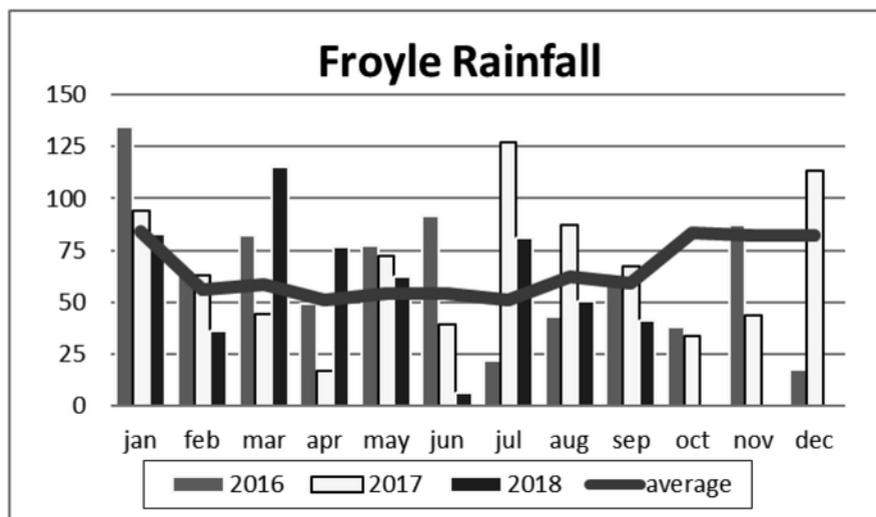


This term has also seen a mammoth apple pick! Before the end of term all our children will have walked up to a local orchard and spent an hour picking apples off the trees and gathering windfall. These are then delivered to the local press who turn them into delicious apple juice which is sold at school, in Bentley Stores and Holybourne Shop & Post Office. All the proceeds go to the PTFA charity which provides additional funds for the school. Huge thanks to the Slater family for allowing us to visit their orchard! If you would like to donate any apples from your own trees – or indeed would like us to send a team to pick them for you – please do get in touch. We are very happy to collect your apples if you are unable to deliver them to school.

*Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher*

## Froyle Rainfall for September 2018

<b>This year</b>	41 mm	1.6 ins
<b>Last year</b>	67.5 mm	2.7 ins
<b>Wettest September (1995)</b>	150 mm	5.9 ins
<b>Driest September (2003)</b>	7 mm	0.3 ins
<b>Long-term average for September – the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest month</b>	58.9 mm	2.3 ins
<b>Total rainfall for the year so far</b>	552 mm	21.7 ins
<b>Long-term average for the year so far</b>	530.2 mm	20.9 ins



A slightly below average September still means we are on track for an above average year, which is around 770 mm or 30 ins, particularly as October - the wettest month of the year - currently looks to be around the mean.

And despite getting only 41mm of rain this month, September is still the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest month...but only just, because March is creeping up fast; this is because you will recall we had a absolute deluge of 115mm this year, the fourth wettest in 40 years.



**“The Umbrella Man”**

## WATCH YOUR SPEED

The Speedwatch Group has had a busy summer and will be taking a break over the winter. Please do get in touch if you would like to join the team in the spring. In the meantime, we will be reminding you, over the next few months, of the dangers of speeding by bringing you some facts taken from ROSPA Road Safety Fact Sheet.



*Gordon Mitchell, Froyle Speedwatch Coordinator  
champersg@hotmail.com 01420 89728*

### **FACT**

Higher speeds mean that:

- Drivers have less time to react to what is going on around them.
- It takes longer for the vehicle to stop.
- It removes the driver's safety margin, turning near misses into crashes.

### **FACT**

Around two thirds of crashes in which people are killed or injured occur on roads with a speed limit of 30 mph or less.

## Transcending Time

**BINSTED BENTLEY AND FROYLE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

are organising a reception and illustrated talk on

## **2000 years of local history**

By **ROY WAIGHT**, the well-known local author and researcher

on Saturday December 8th at The Wickham Institute, Binsted, GU34 4NX

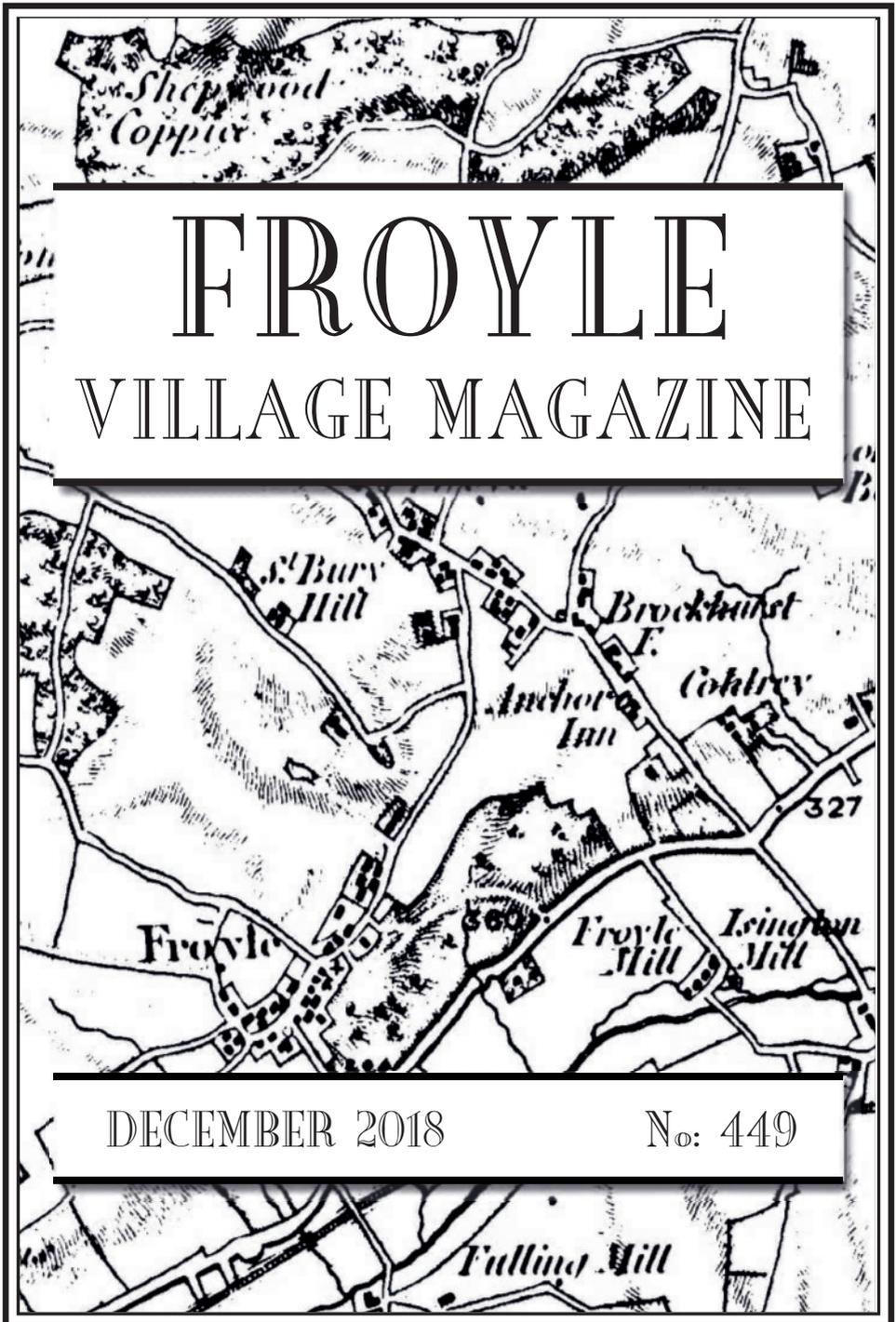
7.00 reception, drinks and canapés

Tickets £25

If you would like an invitation e-mail: Michael Coulton (m.coulton1@btinternet.com)

## Village Events November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9.45am Toddler Group	2 10am Meeting Place & RNLI Sale	3
4 8am HC	5 Refuse & garden 2.30pm Card Club From 6pm Bonfire	6	7 12pm Harvest Soup Lunch	8 9.45am Toddler Group	9 10am Meeting Place 7.30pm David Cheston GC	10
11 10.50am Remembrance Service War Memorial	12 Recycling 7.45pm PC Meeting	13	14	15 9.45am Toddler Group	16 10am Meeting Place 7pm Film night Journey's End	17
18 11am HC	19 Refuse & garden	20	21	22 9.45am Toddler Group	23 10am Meeting Place	24 Christmas Church Fare 11am-2pm St Mary's
25 5pm Choral Evensong	26 Recycling & glass	27	28	29 9.45am Toddler Group	30 10am Meeting Place	

A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns. 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 framed by a double-line border.

# FROYLE

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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## Report from the Parish Council Meeting

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 12 November. Apologies were received from Cllr Alex Roberts and District Councillor Glynis Watts. Three members of the public were present.

Work began on preparing the budget for 2019-20. It was agreed to increase the amount of money available for grants to local groups.

A grant of £750 was agreed for the Froyle Archive as a contribution to running costs and a grant of £500 was agreed for the Baby and Toddler Group to fund new equipment and toys.

East Hants District Council (EHDC) are seeking further information about the proposed development adjacent to the Oast House in the Froyle Park Estate and will re-consult with the parish council.

EHDC have agreed that the failure to construct the footpath from the new estate to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill is potentially a compliance matter and have asked the relevant officer to investigate.

A sign has been erected at Gate A, the entrance to the Linden Homes estate, to discourage guests of Froyle Park from entering. The sign is not at present optimally positioned.

Following further discussion between the Chairman of FPC and Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive of EHDC, the Chairman of FPC has written to Ms Hopkins seeking clarification over issues relating to the planning permission and the premises licence for the Froyle Park venue. Residents are reminded that all instances of nuisance arising from the operation of the venue should be reported to the EHDC Environmental Health Officer ([chealth@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:chealth@easthants.gov.uk)).

FPC are reviewing the operation of ditches in the parish and instances of flooding during heavy rain. Residents who have concerns or knowledge of the various culverts and water courses and whose responsibility they are, are invited to contact the Parish Clerk.

A good crowd of residents and friends took part in the Remembrance Day ceremony in front of the newly refurbished war memorial which looked splendid in the bright sunshine. Further improvements to the area surrounding the war memorial are planned for the new year. Copies of Annette Booth's book about Froyle and the Great War 'Lest we forget' are available from Simon Maher ([simon.maher@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:simon.maher@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk)), price £10.

Minutes of FPC meetings along with other information can be found at [www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/)

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council will be held in the village hall at 7.45pm. on Monday 10 December. All residents are invited to attend. If there are matters you wish to raise please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above.





Bookings:  
Sarah Zorab  
01420 520361

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

## Hiring the Village 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. Further information about the hall can be found at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

*Nick Whines (23130) - [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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## News from the Village Hall

The Froyle Quiz returned with a real bang and re-established the event as a regular feature of the 'Froyle Season'. The questions were well-considered (challenging but not too difficult) and the food was delicious. 13 tables competed enthusiastically and a second tie break was needed to decide the winners. Well done Kim Blake and friends!

*See overleaf for a message from Kim.*

The Bonfire Party on 5 November was once again a great success. A fine evening and a large crowd enjoyed a spectacular bonfire. Thanks to Tom Porter for his artistry with a top loader. The fireworks were better than ever so thanks to Nigel Southern and his fellow pyrotechnicians. There was plenty to eat and drink. The playground was very popular with the children. The bucket collection was conducted vigorously and raised just over £800 which ensured a modest surplus to go towards next year's party. Far too many residents helped with the event to mention by name but we should single out Karen Potter who is an organisational phenomenon or should that be phenomena. The burnt patch of grass has been reseeded.



**Message from Kim Blake:**

HUGE thanks to everyone who came and supported the quiz at the Village Hall on Saturday October 27th which raised an incredible £870.56 for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

The pressure not to win was off as next year's organisers had already volunteered so team FLOWER POWER went home with the trophy.

Extra thanks go to Ian Whitmore, who apart from running the bar, helped enormously with the organisation, and Sarah Lovell who ensured that the kitchen ran like clockwork.

**Nelson's Column**

and

**The Sydney Opera House**



came joint first in the Playdoh Famous Buildings Challenge. Next year the quiz will be organised by The Gardening Club. Once again, many thanks to all who came and took part.

*Kim Blake (07768 273858)*

*News from the Village Hall, continued*

Froyle Film Night featured 'Journey's End' the recent production of the famous 1928 play by R C Sherriff. It proved a fitting accompaniment to the remembrance celebrations for the end of World War I. It was not an easy film to watch but a good audience of over 50 found it a moving experience. Our next film night will be in early spring. Suggestions for a good comedy are welcome. We are grateful for all those who booked in advance as this makes it much easier to cater. The committee appreciates that the hall chairs are not the most comfortable for a long sit but having considered providing cushions the problem remains one of storage.

The store room has recently been tidied. Could we encourage all users to help keep it that way by placing tables in the correct trolleys and stacking chairs as directed?

## *News from the Village Hall, continued*

The new front doors have been refitted with flanges to make them much more weather tight. The key code has been removed and the new locks work easily with no need to shoulder barge the door. Please treat gently and ensure that the single key is returned to the key safe after use.

Unfortunately the key safe is directly under a down pipe with a tendency to block so we apologise to those who have got soaked recently trying to access the hall. The pipe has now been unblocked. Apparently we have the wrong sort of moss on the roof.

There have been reports of intermittent hot water which is annoying for washer-uppers. We finally tracked down the problem but sadly this coincided with a major issue with the boiler. Faced with the choice between an expensive repair and a new boiler with a long guarantee the committee opted for the latter. The new boiler a 'Which' Magazine best buy was installed within four days which we think is something of a record. We then discovered that our control system which allows the Secretary to set the heating from the comfort of his bed was incompatible. Fortunately the new control system will be more efficient and use less gas thanks to a feature called 'weather compensation'. In due course we will explain what this is once we have worked out what it means.

Our insurance this year is over £1,300. That is a lot of £25 sessions. But the good news is that if the Chairman of the committee is kidnapped, the insurer will pay out £250 a day for forty days. But exactly who to is not completely clear.

The committee welcomes Molly Scotton to their ranks. Molly is doing good work getting the Baby and Toddler Group going again. Please encourage any Mums you know to join. Meetings are held on Thursday mornings.

**Finally we hope all residents will join us at the village hall on Friday 21 December at 5pm for carols, mulled wine and mince pies. Happy Christmas.**

*Nick Whines (23130) - [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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## MEETING PLACE FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER



There will be a Treloar table laden with gifts at The Meeting Place. Discover what Treloar's can do and pick up a present or two.

**Treloar's**  
Enabling Education



**FROYLE  
CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS**

**FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

**MEET IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

**at 5.00 p.m**

**Christmas Carols gathered around the tree  
mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Should the weather be bad we will simply sing in the hall!**



# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am-12 noon. All are welcome to join us for delicious homemade cake, hot drinks and to catch up with the local news. There are books to borrow and any surplus local garden produce will be found a good home.



## THE CHRISTMAS MEETING PLACE

**FRIDAY 21st December 10am - 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 singing some carols, as well as holding our grand Christmas raffle and maybe a visit from Father Christmas.

**Offers of raffle prizes gratefully received.**

### **Cake Bakers for December**

It is an 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.

7th	Susie Robertson	Jenny Dundas	Mary Chaplin	Sarah English
14th	Brenda Milam	Caroline Findlay	Helen Macdonald	Ann Netherway
21st	Jenny Gove	Madeleine Black	Jo Mills	Jenny Matthews
28th	Cakes from the freezer			

Please let us know if you are unable to bake for any reason and if you would like to claim reasonable baking expenses.

### **Kitchen Helpers for December**

7th	Jan Elliott	Yvonne Irvine
14th	David Robertson	William Knowles
21st	The Meeting Place Team	
28th	Corinna Whines	Marje Heyhurst

Please arrange swaps amongst yourselves, but do let us know if there are any problems. *With the later start time, there is no need to be at the hall before 10.15am.*

Gill Bradley (520484) [p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com](mailto:p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com)  
Susie Robertson (520820) [sjrinfroyle@gmail.com](mailto:sjrinfroyle@gmail.com)

## 100 Years at The Meeting Place

At the end of October we celebrated a very special birthday at the Meeting Place; Maisie Pritchard's 100th! Born in Lake, Sandown, IOW, she came to Froyle as a bride 75 years ago. She first lived with her in-laws in one of the Church Cottages before being offered one of the brand new Swedish wood houses in Westburn Fields.



She remembers her first visit to Froyle, an unhappy week's holiday, but after moving here she would not now live anywhere else!

A few days later we celebrated Maisie's introduction to Reuben Hornsby (with proud Mum, Jess), born on 11 November - the Meeting Place welcomes young and old alike!



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### Froyle 100 Club Winners for November

The 100 Club winners for November were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Jeanette Cray

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Elliott

3<sup>rd</sup> – Shirley Bellis

4<sup>th</sup> – James Hudleston

Congratulations to all winners.

AND..... two important things to bear in mind as we approach the New Year, when subscriptions to the 100 Club are renewed:

First: Many of you have asked to set up regular direct payments but have not had any follow-up from me on it, because I keep forgetting.... Now is the best time to put a regular payment mechanism in place, so that it takes effect from the New Year, so please do remind me in the first week or two of December – it is much easier to set up regular payments than it used to be, and the more people who pay by direct transfer the better.

Secondly: To anyone in Froyle who is not currently a member of the 100 Club, do join in time for the New Year! It costs £12 a year, for which you will be allocated a number which goes into a monthly draw made on the first Friday of the month at the Meeting Place at FVH – you do not have to be present at the draw to win. We pay out half our subscription money in prizes over the year, so everyone has a good chance of winning – the other half goes to the village hall. There are currently four prizes a month, with a top prize of £30. The more members we have, the greater the prize money, the more the Village Hall benefits and the more entertaining it all is, so join now for 2019!

*William (07775 928933) [wbk@wbkenowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbkenowles.com)*

# Thank you

Janet, Katy and Nicola would like to thank everyone for their continual support and love over the last year as we nursed John through his illness. Thank you to everyone who gave flowers to decorate the Church and to Karen and the team who arranged them. John's funeral was a celebration of his life and the bright colours reflected his love of life.

Janet Dobson

## The Froyle Card Games Club – a participant's view

This group is great fun – it clears away any Monday blues! We meet once a month and the numbers vary but there are always enough people so every one gets to play. There are choices of games which are nearly all 'family favourites'. Caroline and David do a great job with all the admin so that we all just get to play – and enjoy tea or coffee and a nibble of something too. I'm not actually a resident in Lower Froyle but a family member, and am made to feel most welcome, so I feel sure that anyone who comes to join in will be made welcome too. Do come and 'have a go' – the first Monday of the month, 2.30 – 4.30, and £2 well spent.



### The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall



**It's the Card  
Club Christmas  
Party!!!**



The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee), biscuits and maybe even a bit of Christmas cake.

So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards – *or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again* - do drop by and we will fit you in with a game.

**But any card or board game can be played, Uno, Scrabble, Rummikub...you name it, we'll play it...**



Caroline Findlay (22019)  
David Robertson (520820)





# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

## FROYLE GARDENING CLUB

Our October meeting was held on a particularly wet night but the meeting was quite well attended. Our speaker Mr David Cheston gave us a fascinating talk on his life as a gardener in the 1950s at Waddeston Manor. He was also able to show us illustrations of the garden and the 50 gardeners who cared for the stunning Victorian garden in the early 1900s. Some of the colour schemes were quite interesting! For those of you who haven't been it is well worth a visit. Very interesting if rather "over the top".

On 14th December we will hold our A.G.M. I will be resigning but Anne Blunt has bravely decided to continue. I would like to take this opportunity to point out how lucky we are to have Anne as president. She pays great attention to detail so she maintains a high standard in everything, she takes such an active interest and does many tasks she would not normally be expected to carry out. Her devotion to the Floral Art workshops is amazing, only charging for expenses. She now has 2 workshops instead of one on the same day, we are just so fortunate. So many thanks Ann.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*



## Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45 am -11:45 am (during term times), Froyle Village Hall

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family.  
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots of soft toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call Molly on 07595354619



6th December	Christmas week	Make christmas cards and wrapping paper
13th December	Christmas week	Mulled punch and mince pies anyone?
20th December	Christmas week - you can never have too much christmas!	Salt dough handprint decorations

# December News from The Froyle Archive

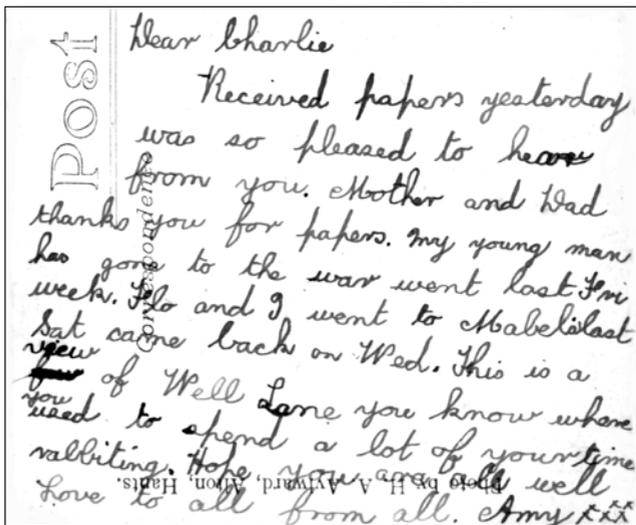
## World War One - The Well Lane Postcard



In 1998, one of our earliest website updates told the story of this postcard. The picture on the left shows Well Lane, which leads from

Lower Froyle, starting opposite “The Old Malthouse”, formerly the “Prince of Wales”, to the small hamlet of Well. We believe the photograph was taken around 1912, but the card was posted in 1914. The postmark is quite clear - August 23rd 1914 - 19 days

after the start of World War 1. It was sent to a Mr. Charles Taylor in Walthamstow, Essex by his sister, Amy, the daughter of James & Agnes Jane Taylor - who also had a son Charles Frederick, baptised three years earlier on January 15th 1893. This would put Amy as 18 or 19 in 1914. The family were living in one of the cottages in the Rockhouse Farm area. At the time we did not know who Amy’s ‘young man’ was, or if he survived the War, but the Church Records did show that on 24th April 1916, Amy Louisa Taylor married Thomas George Tindale at St. Mary’s Church, Upper Froyle. A happy ending, maybe?



Twenty years after that update, on the evening of Armistice Day 2018, we received an email from a descendant of the Taylor family who confirmed that both Thomas Tindale and Charles Taylor survived the war. We know now that this particular story *did* end happily!

*A Very Happy Christmas to you all from The Froyle Archive*

*Chris & Annette Booth*

*Visit us at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)*

# Preparing for Winter



*Help yourself to stay safe and well in cold weather and look out for friends and neighbours who might be vulnerable to the cold or who may find it harder to get out and about.*

**Get your heating system serviced annually.** Ask your landlord if you are a tenant. Claim all the financial support you can to help with heating bills. You may be eligible for Cold Weather Payments Winter Fuel Payment or the Warm Home Discount Scheme. Contact the Environment Centre for more info on 0800 804 8601.

**Prepare for freezing temperatures** – if water pipes freeze they can burst. Do you know where your water mains stopcock is? Keep extra food items in cupboards and freezer in case it is too cold to go shopping.

**Keep your paths and steps clear in icy weather** – keep a mix of salt and sand handy, available from DIY shops. Keep an eye on the weather forecast so you can prepare in good time. Sign up for free flood warning from Floodline on 0345 988 1188 if your area is liable to floods.

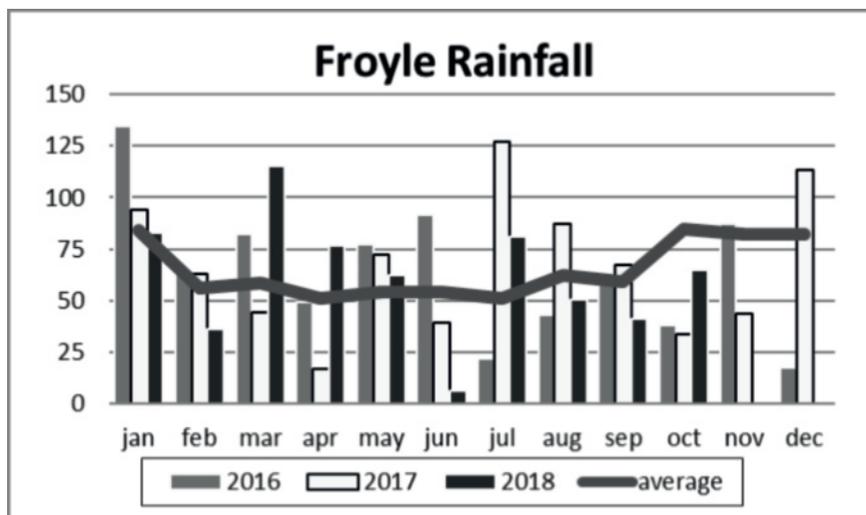
*Village Agents are volunteers supported by Age Concern Hampshire to help older people to find information and services in their local community.*

**Contact your local Village Agent Madeleine Black  
on 23371**



## Froyle Rainfall for October 2018

<b>This year</b>	64.5 mm	2.5 ins
<b>Last year</b>	33.5 mm	1.3 ins
<b>Wettest October (1987) – the wettest ever month</b>	226 mm	8.9 ins
<b>Driest October (1978)</b>	7 mm	0.3 ins
<b>October long-term average – the wettest month</b>	84.8 mm	3.3 ins
<b>Total rainfall for the year so far</b>	616.5 mm	24.3 ins
<b>Long-term average for the year to end October</b>	615 mm	24.2 ins



Having looked like being wetter than usual, October ended up being some 20% below the average, which makes it the fourth such October in a row, and we haven't had in living memory. In fact, the last time we had such an occurrence was seven in a row from 1969 to 1975 and in most of those years the total rainfall for the year was way below the long-term trend



**“The Umbrella Man”**

### The Robin – Britain’s Favourite Bird



At this time of year robins can be seen everywhere and not just in gardens and woodlands. The characterful little birds adorn Christmas cards, wrapping paper, cakes and more. They have been a symbol of the Christmas season since Victorian times because their



distinctive rusty red breasts were compared to the red waistcoats of Victorian postmen.

Despite their cheerful appearance, robins are highly territorial. In the springtime males allow females into their territories and nests are built from leaves, moss and hair. Nests are sometimes built in unusual locations such as old wellies, teapots and even jacket pockets. Robins typically lay 4-6 white eggs. The young eventually grow pale brown speckled feathers, ideal for camouflage.

Robins eat seeds, fruit and invertebrates such as insects and worms. You can encourage robins to your garden by feeding them from the ground or bird tables because it can be difficult for them to perch on feeders. Vine House Farm sells bird feeders and food specifically for robins, which you can purchase online. Alternatively you may wish to try the recipe below – it’s a little messy so it’s great if you have some helpful children about!

#### **Bird cake**

Ingredients: bird seed, raisins, grated cheese, suet or lard.

Equipment: yoghurt pots, string, scissors and mixing bowl.

1. Attach the string to the yoghurt pot by threading it through a hole made in the base.
2. Ensure the lard is at room temperature, cut it into small pieces and add it to the mixing bowl with the other ingredients.
3. Squidge the mixture together and then push it into the yoghurt pots.
4. After cooling the pots in the fridge, hang them out on tree branches or push into hedges.

For the full instructions and pictures see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-a-speedy-bird-cake>.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**  
**Saturday 1 December at 6.30 pm**  
**Froyle Church**

Those of you who have been to this in previous years will know what a special event this is. 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. It is both a solemn and a happy occasion. Do come along, particularly if you enjoy choral music – or just to get a special foretaste of the Christmas season to come.



**St Mary's Church Christmas Decorations**

The theme this year will be Red and Gold. We shall fill the church with greenery, holly, ivy etc on **Sunday 16th** at 9.30am prior to the Carol Service in the evening. Then we shall add flowers and other decorations on **Sunday 23rd**, again starting at 9.30am. All help and contributions will be most welcome.

*Sarah Thursfield (23294) and Gill Bradley (520484)*



***The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle***  
***would like to invite Senior Residents to an***  
***Advent Lunch***

***on Thursday 6th December from 12.15pm at Bentley Church Hall***  
***Soup and rolls***

***Please contact Gill Thallon Tel: 23538 Email:gill.thallon@btopenworld.com***

***Lifts can be arranged.***

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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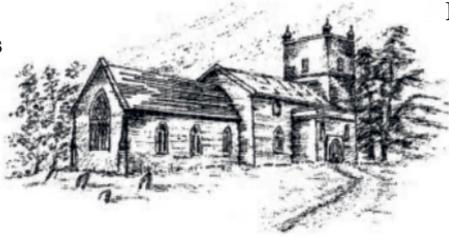
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Park Edge

Upper Froyle

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## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23538)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke  
(07519 046593)

## DECEMBER SERVICES

<b>Saturday 1st</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Advent by Candlelight</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Friday 14th	6.30pm	Binsted	The Real Nativity
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
Friday 21st	6.30pm	Bentley	The Road to the Stable
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	11.00am	Bentley	Joint Benefice Service with Children's Groups
<i>Christmas Eve</i>			
<b>Monday 24th</b>	4.00pm	Bentley	Christingle Service
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

**Dear all,**

As the copy deadline for this magazine is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication, I often find that when I finally get around to writing my letter, I am somewhat preoccupied by recent events, rather than those about to come. So at the moment, as I'm preparing for this year's Remembrance Day services, Peace is very much on my mind. November 11<sup>th</sup> will bring our 100 days of prayer for Peace and Reconciliation to a close and I hope that some of you will have seen our prayer stations in Binsted, Froyle and Bentley and shared in our prayers on our Facebook page.

However, much of the time leading up to this date has been anything but peaceful, with the tricks and treats of Halloween, closely followed by the fiery rockets of Bonfire Night. And much of the season to come is far from peaceful for many of us, with frantic Christmas shopping in crowded stores, tiring journeys to far flung relatives, fractious children and excesses of good food and alcoholic drinks.

Yet, in the midst of all this jollity and mayhem, if we can seek moments of peace, we can reflect on what Christmas really means. Think of the carols and hymns we know so well and how in addition to praising the wonder of the Nativity, they frequently mention peace... *Peace on earth and mercy mild... peace to men on earth... Peace on the earth, good-will to men... Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!*

Of course peace can mean many things to us. For some it is a quiet early morning, before the bustle of the day begins, for others it is when we escape the clamour of our families to walk the dog or, better still, when the family walks the dog and we have a chance to read and relax. And when we share the Peace in our church services, we are not asking for quiet as we move from pew to pew shaking hands and sometimes embracing, we are pledging to share the peace that comes from being reconciled with God and encouraging each other to be on peaceful terms with our neighbours and friends.

Peace is a central theme in the Bible, Jesus often using the greeting "Peace be with you", a translation of the Hebrew *shalom aleichem*. *Shalom*, most usually translated with the English word 'peace' can also be translated as harmony, wholeness, completeness, welfare or tranquility. *Shalom* can describe both the peace between two entities (especially between man and God or between two countries), and the well-being, welfare or safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

And so I hope that all of us, this Christmas, will enjoy true peace - one of harmony, wholeness, well-being and completeness. If we are besieged by friends and family and begin to feel fractious may we be tranquil; if we are alone over the holidays may we experience completeness and may others offer friendliness. And praying that we will find some kind of peace at Christmas, we will be better able to face the challenges of the year ahead with mental and spiritual calm.

**Blessings,  
Yann**

## Centenary of the First World War Armistice in Froyle



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 saw many moving commemorations across the United Kingdom, Europe and the Commonwealth to mark the century of the Armistice: the common theme was the importance of a spirit of reconciliation. In Froyle, both at the War Memorial and later in St Mary's Church, many were also moved. The conclusion of the service marked the end of our special tribute over the last four years to the 30 men of Froyle

who left their homes and families in the village never to return. It was particularly poignant to have two currently serving soldiers living in Froyle recall the names, service details and relationship with the village of all those who died. It was doubly poignant that the great niece of the Aitcheson brothers joined us. Thanks to all, and special thanks to Lt Col David Hunt and Capt Marius Reeves.

**We will remember them**

*Sarah Roberts*

# Transcending Time

**BINSTED BENTLEY AND FROYLE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

are organising a reception and illustrated talk on

## **2000 years of local history**

By **ROY WAIGHT**, the well-known local author and researcher

on Saturday December 8th at The Wickham Institute, Binsted, GU34 4NX

7.00 reception, drinks and canapés

Tickets £25

If you would like an invitation e-mail: Michael Coulton (m.coulton1@btinternet.com)

## ONE STAR HOTEL

The young couple had hung on as long as they could in the village a few miles out. She was expecting her first. Inexperienced as they were they could tell that the baby was nearly due. "It's time to go" she said, but her husband was already collecting their few belongings together, throwing them in a bundle over his shoulder.

There had been a fine road into the city's outer suburbs but now it was pitted, potholed, cratered by months of shelling and mortar fire. They trudged painfully, each with a burden, towards the faint glow reflected by the clouds over the western end of town.

It had been a fine hotel until the war, attracting many holidaymakers from North West Europe, always fully booked. Now much of the roof sagged across the swimming pool at a crazy angle, and its red tiles had cascaded into the tennis court. The second storey bedrooms were open to the sky and from directly above the picture would have been of a breeze block maze. The hotel was full. There were three times as many occupants as there were in pre-war glory days, but these were in the main irregular soldiers, defenders of a beleaguered city. A self-styled Colonel seemed to have assumed casual command.

The young couple looked without much hope for space in the once luxurious lounge, now damaged beyond repair yet occupied by what were clearly family groups, huddled together for warmth. The Colonel gestured to a companion who asked their names and could hardly fail to notice the young woman's condition. "You'll have to go with the others in the garage" he said, "they'll find a corner for you". The garage was huge and almost intact, built to protect the pre-war tourists' Mercedes. The young man stood hesitantly in the entrance. A woman from his own village looked up, and relieved perhaps at finding something positive to do, busied herself and a friend making space and some sort of comfort for his pregnant wife. Women silenced their children and bustled to such effect that a shrapnel-scarred mattress and blankets were found. A communal pot yielded some warming soup. A young boy, following whispered words from his mother, left the garage, to return after a hazardous climb to the upper rooms with torn sheets, which his mother folded into ordered shape and handed to the new arrivals. "For the baby" she whispered.

Two hours later the village woman smiled up at her former neighbour. "You got here just in time. You've got a boy". A buzz went round the garage, and some clapped their hands, gently, falteringly. Curious, attracted by the sounds, the Colonel looked in, saw what had happened, grinned briefly, and went back to his bunk in the hotel. There seemed to be some activity on the hill, so the Colonel sent a message for the perimeter guards to bring in the two cows and the goats. Their hooves rattled on the garage floor in the far corner. The guards strolled over, curious to see the child, smiling, nodding to the proud parents, and made off looking for coffee grounds to boil up for a third time, stacking their weapons within reach.

From across town the three observers had made their way westward towards the city's outer boundary through desultory gunfire. They had frequently to backtrack in the truck and seek an alternative route because of the state of the roads. The Major was not well-pleased, he could have done with some sleep, but Intelligence had said that something was going on in

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the Colonel's sector. Needs must as advisers to investigate. The Colonel met them on the hotel steps, assured them all was quiet, found a bottle of brandy.

"Nothing happening tonight then?" asked the Major. "Well, someone had a baby. Life goes on! What a start in life... Mother and baby doing well?" grumbled the Corporal who didn't sound all that interested. "Let's go look" said the Lieutenant.

They took in the garage scene, smiled and nodded to the young couple, and touched the baby bundle, awkwardly, as men do. "There must be something in the truck" said the Major. The Corporal came back with some Gold Blend, some flour and some milk. Powdered, but milk all the same. The young couple beamed. The women beamed and began to busy themselves with these precious gifts. The advisers looked awkward again, embarrassed. "We ought to get back, I suppose" said the Major, making for the truck, swapping a steel helmet for his blue beret, though the night, nearing morning, was strangely quiet. Even the spasmodic mortar fire from the hill to the South had stopped. As the Corporal got into the driver's seat he could hear a drift of song and a guitar, faint at this distance from the Hotel. The young Lieutenant climbed in beside the driver. "I wonder what they'll call him" he said. The three case-hardened advisers were oddly subdued.

"I wonder what he'll make of himself" said the Major, opening his journal to a new blank sheet, hunting in his thigh pocket for a biro. He turned back a page under the dim light in the rear of the truck to remind himself of the date and, with an upright hand, headed up the new page "Sarajevo, 25<sup>th</sup> December 1994".

*Ted Crowhurst (23156)*



## CHRISTMAS Messy Church Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Come and join us for an afternoon of

### **Fun, crafts, celebration & food**

**from 3.30pm till 5.30pm in**

**Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village**

All are invited – young & old alike, adults, children, teenagers, carers, grandparents, come with friends, families or come on your own, everyone is welcome. If you are a child you will need to bring an adult with you!  
Entrance free.

Messy Church Team Co-Ordinator: Nick Carter (01420 472861)  
[messychurch@beninfo.org](mailto:messychurch@beninfo.org)



## News from Bentley Church of England Primary School

Music has always played a huge part in life at Bentley Church of England Primary School. We host some absolutely fantastic and inspiring music teachers who offer a great breadth to the pupils at our school with lessons offered in school - piano, violin, flute, rock group with Rock Steady, guitar and recorder. Just as with learning to read in English or persevering with long division in maths, or working to master your favourite game online, learning an instrument is a BIG commitment. It is a real delight year on year to see how many resilient young learners are inspired to learn and we have the joy of music throughout the year with our very best musicians being invited to join our Orchestra.

Our wonderful school choir regularly perform at school.

They visit Bentley Lodge to sing Christmas carols each year and our Year 6 children visit Pax Hill to join them in a Carol concert, something I know all the residents look forward to each year.



*2017 X Factor winner*

In the Autumn term we hold an *School choir at Bentley Lodge* 'X-Factor' singing competition which our Upper KS2 pupils are invited to audition for, the finals taking place in front of the whole school and the winner is selected by our panel of judges, including a professional musician. The final is always an exciting event and provides an excellent chance for the children to perform in front of an audience.

All of the children have the opportunity to audition for our bi-annual B-Fest music festival held every other year in the summer term. This year's festival saw over 120 children audition – from soloists, to duets, to bands – performing current chart hits, songs from musical theatre and even one piece of original music and lyrics composed by one of our pupils. It was an amazing event and truly showcased the fantastic talent and bravery of our children, with the final 40 acts performing on stage for an audience of over 500 visitors to our festival. We even had a surprise performance from the Staff Band!



*Rock Stead Band performing at B-Fest*

Next January 60 of our children will be performing 16 songs at the Young Voices concert at London's O2 Arena, along with 7000 other children – an experience we are sure they will never forget!

All our classes have music lessons with their class teachers. At the moment we teach instrumental work using recorders in Years 3 and 4, and across the school using the

glockenspiels and also voice. We would like to expand our teaching with ukuleles as several members of staff enjoy this instrument and it would add a stringed instrument, and our PTFA are currently fundraising to purchase these. For many pupils the class lessons lead onto take up of an individual instrument as they move into either juniors or into secondary school.

From the blues to classical pieces to the current chart music, most of us have a favourite piece or two and we encourage children to learn more about music through our class composers and performing artists. For example Year 4 have studied the work of ABBA, Year R have listened with great enjoyment to Tchaikovsky and Year 1 have learnt to spot the musical compositions of Mozart. All great to build up a musical repertoire and appreciation of a wide range of genres.

*Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher*

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## **Christmas Crackers!**



In keeping with the traditional ‘awful’ Christmas cracker jokes, you may enjoy these soundbites from various church newsletters. It’s amazing what a difference a little proofreading would have made!

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled owing to a conflict.

The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water”.

The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus”.

The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper, Sunday at 5.00 pm – prayer and medication to follow”.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare’s Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: “I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours”.

# BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP

## Christmas and New Year closures 2018/2019

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group hospital car service will not be available over the Christmas/New Year period. This is an annual occurrence as most people are able to ask for support from family & friends at this time.

The closure will be from 5.00pm on Friday 21st December 2018 until 9.00am on Wednesday 2nd January 2019. We hope this does not cause undue problems for our clients.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients, past and present, and our volunteers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy & peaceful New Year.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Cathy Smith, Secretary, on 01420 520169.

## Annual General Meeting

The 2018/19 Annual General Meeting of the Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, at 12.30pm, in the Wickham Institute hall in Binsted.

The meeting will be followed by a buffet lunch and everyone is very welcome.

For further information please contact Cathy Smith, Secretary, on 01420 520169.

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## WATCH YOUR SPEED

The Froyle Speedwatch Group continues its break over the winter. Please do get in touch if you would like to join the team in the spring. In the meantime, here are a few more reminders of the dangers of speeding, taken from the ROSPA Road Safety Fact Sheet.



*Gordon Mitchell, Froyle Speedwatch Coordinator  
champersg@hotmail.com 01420 89728*

**FACT**

The difference in stopping distance between travelling at 30 mph and 35 mph is 6.4 metres (21 feet) or more than 2 car lengths.

**FACT**

If average speeds were reduced by 1 mph the accident rate would fall by approximately 5%.

## Partridge or Pheasant

If anyone wishes to have a pack of partridge or pheasant breast, please let *Jenny Gove* know on 23697 (there is an answerphone) by any Thursday evening, and they can be picked up the next day, Friday, at 11am from the Meeting Place.

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## Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group is fast approaching 50 members and is becoming a useful resource for community discussion, photography, walks, meetings and other events in our area.

We would like to extend a welcome to all residents within Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle to join and participate in this growing online group. To become a member, please search Facebook for "Froyle Residents" and select the button to Join the Group.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the group.

*Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)*

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