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.

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 10 December. Apologies were received from Cllrs Ian Macnabb, Simon Maher, Kevin Anfield and the Parish Clerk who was unwell. No members of the public were present.

A grant of £3000 was made to Bentley School towards the cost of a new mini bus from the Community Transport Fund.

It was reported that permission has been granted to Lasham Gliding Society for a judicial review of the decision by the Civil Aviation Authority to permit changes to the use of air space that will result in increased flights at a lower level over Froyle. A grant of £500 was agreed to support the review. (See article on page 4.)

It was noted that Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive Officer of East Hants District Council with whom FPC has been in conversation in recent months over the use of Froyle Park has been appointed CEO of Southampton City Council. She will take up her appointment in the new year. We wish her well in her new job. In a recent email to FPC Ms Hopkins states that 'she will continue to work on trying to improve the situation for everyone concerned'. However she has to date not explained why we have a busy wedding and events venue in the Upper Froyle Conservation Area which appears to FPC and our legal advisors to be in conflict with the planning permission granted in 2013. Residents area again reminded that all instances of nuisance arising from the operation of the venue should be reported to the EHDC Environmental Health Officer (ehealth@easthants.gov.uk).

Signage to Froyle Park venue continues to be inadequate with guests getting lost in the new estate. FPC will meet with Froyle Park management to discuss improvements in the coming weeks.

A revised planning application for a single house on a site adjacent to the Oast House in the Froyle Park Estate has been received. Although the size of the house has been reduced FPC still consider it too large for the plot and believe it will impact neighbouring properties detrimentally. EHDC have now agreed to include the Planning Guidance for the Treloar School site when considering the application. This Guidance which resulted from extensive public consultation in Froyle in 2012 has been omitted by EHDC when considering previous applications which sought to change or modify the original 2013 planning permission.

FPC continues to press for the construction of a footpath from the new estate in Upper Froyle to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill as required by the legal agreement which accompanied the 2013 planning permission. EHDC have passed the matter to their compliance officer.

EHDC are about to consult on their Local Plan Review. The Government requires EHDC to identify sites for 11,556 new houses in the district between 2017 and 2036. That is 608 a year. This is approximate 3500 more than previously envisaged. No sites in Froyle have been included but FPC notes that a new settlement of 800+ houses has been proposed for land at Northbrook Park on both sides of the A31. An easy guide to the Review and links to the full document can be found at <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/local-plan-made-easy> If there is sufficient interest FPC will hold a public discussion in February once the consultation period opens.

FPC would like to thank residents who have reported problems with ditches and instances of flooding during heavy rain which will be followed up. A resident has asked about grit bins. FPC have requested that the damaged bin at Hadwick's corner be replaced and that the bin at Westburn Fields be filled. Holes have been drilled in the bins to prevent the contents freezing. Minutes of FPC meetings along with other information can be found at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council will be held in the village hall at 7.45pm. on 14th January 2019. All residents are invited to attend. If there are matters you wish to raise please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above or speak to individual councillors.



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

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

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to those who illuminated the Village Hall for Christmas and those who decorated our Christmas Tree. A jolly crowd enjoyed carols round the tree, mince pies and mulled wine. Again thanks to all those who helped.

This has been a good year for the Hall. Hiring is up against 2017 but we would still like to see greater use made of the hall. Ideas for events and activities are always welcome.

We are very conscious of the many new faces in Froyle and we are keen to involve new and not so new-comers. A get-to-know-you evening has been suggested. Plans are currently afoot for another Race Night in March and there is talk of an evening of live jazz. Film Night returns close to Valentine's Day with a Romantic Comedy which should cheer up the worst of the winter months. 'Enough Said' on Friday 15 February.

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL (Cont)

Scrabble and card players are reminded that our regular games afternoon returns on Monday 7th January. A monthly photography club has been mooted. Let me know if you are interested. We look forward to hosting more meetings of the Gardening and Wildlife groups.

2018 saw the replacement of the boiler and control system and after a bit of a struggle the installation of new front doors. Projects for the New Year include replacing the hall lighting with leds which have lower running costs, restoring the 'Froyle Village Hall' sign over the front door and improving our audio-video facilities.

We are pleased to report that East Hampshire District Council has just approved a grant of £3000 from the Developer Contribution Communities Fund towards the cost of the new boiler for which we are very grateful.

Froyle Village Hall is a registered charity managed by a large and enthusiastic committee which meets monthly. On behalf of the committee can I thank all residents for your continued support of the Hall and wish you all a very happy New Year.

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

Farnborough Airspace

Following the CAA's decision in July to implement Farnborough's request for a large increase in controlled airspace over our heads, Lasham Gliding Club's application to the High Court for a Judicial review of what it believes is a flawed and unlawful decision, has just been granted. This important judgement means that the High Court has given permission for the case to go ahead because it considers that the claim meets the threshold of arguability.

The airspace change would have a significant effect on Lasham's operations and safety implications for the club and aviation generally. It would also have significant implications for Froyle, as the new airspace is lower over the village and risks more noise and pollution from the skies above us.

To help fight this case, Lasham has set up a fighting fund and asks all those supporting it to contribute what they can. The target for the fund is £100,000 and so far, £42,000 has been raised. Froyle Parish Council has made a donation. For details click on <https://www.lashamgliding.com/pages/airspace-campaign>

**Happy
New Year!**

The Meeting Place

The Friday Coffee Morning in the Village Hall continues as always starting at 10.00am and finishing at 12 noon. Come and join us for homemade cake, coffee or tea. The local paper and postage stamps are on sale and there are books and magazines to borrow.

Regretfully it has been decided that we must increase our prices! As everyone knows we have been serving coffee, cake and tea at ridiculously low prices but inflation has finally caught up with us! As from 1st Friday in January we shall be charging 75p for filtered coffee, 75p for a slice of cake and 50p for a pot of tea or mug of instant coffee. Still a bargain price!!

Cake Bakers for January

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.

4th	Shirley Bellis	Elizabeth Sealey	Jo Mills	Sarah English
11th	Gill Bradley	Janet Dobson	Harriet Wharfe	Sheila Cottingham
18th	Bea Sword	Sally Turvill	Sue Lelliott	Corinna Whines
25th	Sue Carr	Alison Pincott	Anne Blunt	Katie Rath

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 January

4th	Elizabeth Sealey	Jack Watts
11th	Sheila Cottingham	Yvonne Irvine
18th	David Robertson	Caroline Findlay
25th	Sue Carr	Jack Watts



Please be at the Village Hall by 10.15

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

Froyle 100 Club Winners for December

The 100 Club winners for December were:

1st – Eileen Farquharson 2nd – Julie Southern

3rd – Linda Bulpitt 4th – Roz Packett

Congratulations to all winners and a very happy 2019 to everyone!

William (07775 928933) wbk@wbknowles.com

Interested In Cricket?

Rory Butler, aged 9, is and he believes lots of other children in Froyle may be too! He would like to get a team together for a one off cricket match. To do this he knows we need to raise money to enable Froyle to have the right equipment.

He would like to organise a sponsored fun run in the Spring for all ages (1,3, 5k) - as his parents we've suggested we firstly ask the children of Froyle to actually show an interest in playing cricket for the village and challenging another village one day in the summer.

If you're interested (U9-U13) please email bella@westendflowerfarm.co.uk

Medicine for the Soul

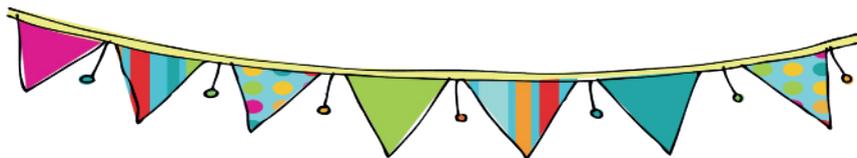
We're covering two features in one here, with recommendations for a couple of life-affirming novels to start the new year. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* (by Gail Honeyman) and *A Man Called Ove* (by Frederick Backman) feature characters set in their (very different) ways. Each is changed by unexpected events. This sounds formulaic, already been done (think *Grand Torino*, in the case of Ove). But these are both highly original takes-- witty and quirky—occasionally dark, but very moving. I always like a book that makes me laugh out loud. Even better when it also makes me cry. *Eleanor Oliphant* and *Ove* are sure to made into movies, but read the books before Hollywood has its way with them.

Mary Knowles

Your Editors Need You!!

As we enter a New Year the editors would invite you to contribute to the various columns we have had in last years magazine, these are; book and film reviews in “Medicine of the Soul”, interesting individual stories in “I Was There” the continuing story of “inconsequential tales”. We are also open to the idea of any new suggestions that you believe will enhance our magazine. Just email contributions to magazine@froyle.com

The editors



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 and lots of toys
in a lovely, relaxed setting.

10th January 2019	New Year week	Calendar crafts
17th January 2019	Superhero week	Make your own superhero mask
24th January 2019	Underwater week	Nemo? Little Mermaid? Sharks?
31st January 2019	Chinese New Year week	Help us make Chinese New Year Celebrations Decorations

Any questions please call Molly on 07595354619



Lent Lunches 2019.

Ash Wednesday this year is on the 6th of March, so that will be our first Lent lunch of the year. The others will follow on subsequent Wednesdays.

More information in February magazine.

January News from The Froyle Archive

Happy New Year

As we begin 2019 and everyone is talking about the effects of BREXIT, The Froyle Archive thought it would step back in time and look at the cost of living 100 years ago in 1919.

The First World War had ended in November 1918, George V was on the throne and David Lloyd George was the Prime Minister of a coalition government. So let's take a look at the cost of living at the start of this new era.

Beginning with property, a typical house cost £300: an average wage was £165 a year: the price of the average car was £250 and the price of a litre of fuel was £0.04.



*Mr Herson, proud to drive the very first car in Froyle.
He worked as chauffeur to Mrs Lindsay, who lived at Highway House, Lower Froyle*

For the housewife, here's her weekly shop:-

1.5kg flour	£0.03	Loaf of bread	£0.02	1kg sugar	£0.07
1 pint of milk	£0.07	250gms butter	£0.07	400gms cheese	£0.07
2.5kg potatoes	£0.03	400gms bacon	£0.16.		

This may seem very cheap at first sight, but in actual fact it's 93% higher than the equivalent price today!

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit us at www.froyle.com



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

There was a good attendance on a cold frosty night in December for our AGM at which Brenda Milam retired as Chairman and was made an Honorary Life Member for her exceptional 6 years service to the club.

Our two professional horticulturalists Geoff Hawkins and John Negus then entertained us with a lively chat about their past and present experiences and their way of dealing with various problems of their own and those presented by the audience.

Annual subscriptions are now due and our next meeting will be our New Year Party on Saturday 12th January. It will again be a buffet lunch in the Village Hall, 12.30 for 1pm. This is always a popular event to which partners and friends are welcome. For catering purposes please apply for tickets (£7) by Monday 7th.

For any information, tickets or membership cards please contact Anne Blunt, 01420 22262

a.blunt247@btinternet.com



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 7th January

2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and a biscuit or two.

So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards or other games – *or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again* - do drop by.

We play lots of different games, eg Whist, Canasta, Uno, Scrabble, Rummikub...you name it, we'll play it... and as we now have eight regulars there's always enough for all of them.



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)



Froyle Wildlife



RSPB Garden Bird Watch, 26-28 January 2019

The popularity of the RSPB's annual Birdwatch has grown and now after forty years it is the world's largest wildlife survey, with around half a million people regularly taking part. It is one of the biggest citizen science events around. In 2018, a staggering 8 million birds were counted and the findings provide an important insight into how our wildlife is faring. In Hampshire the top 10 seen in 2018 were House sparrow, Starling, Woodpigeon, Blue tit, Blackbird, Goldfinch, Long tailed tit, Robin, Great tit and Collared dove. See www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/.

To take part simply count the birds in your gardens for 1 hour and then send your sightings to the RSPB.



Our nearest SSSI is **Bentley Station Meadow** and Butterfly Conservation organise winter work parties there as part of habitat management. Come along and start the New Year by getting involved with hands on nature conservation, see www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php. Meet once a month on Wednesdays, from **2nd Jan 2019**, 10am.

Barry Clark

(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.

The story so far: While ploughing their smallholding Adam and Joshua, freemen of Hampshire, have been disturbed by the sight of a band of horsemen crossing through the woods above them. They work for the Constable of Winchester Castle and are escorting a carriage containing a foreign dignitary. One of them, Fletcher, has come down to investigate who they are, and has told Boyes, his leader, that he didn't like what he saw. Now read on...

4 A narrow escape

Boyes moved his horse aside to make way for his superior, who stopped and gave him some orders. Boyes in turn summoned three more of the escort and the party rode back towards Fletcher, still standing beside Adam and Joshua. They watched cautiously as the five armed men approached them, one gesturing at Fletcher. They drew their swords. Adam and Joshua feared they were trapped, with no obvious way of escape from six armed men on horseback.

"I don't like this, son", said Adam. "We should get away from here and make our way home. You go up to the woods where it'll be harder for the horses to follow you. I'll go the other way to split them up. I'll distract this one and then you run for it." Joshua gulped, the expression on his face a mixture of fear and admiration for his father. Fletcher was watching the approaching men who were beginning to spread out as they came closer. Adam bent down as if to adjust his boot, gathered up a handful of soil and then threw it at Fletcher and his horse. As the horse reared and Fletcher shouted, Joshua ran off up the hill towards the cover of the trees, and Adam ducked behind the oxen and plough and headed down towards the stream. Boyes and two of his men followed Adam while the other two turned off after Joshua. Fletcher was still clawing at his face and trying to control his horse.

Running over the newly-ploughed earth was hard work and the horsemen began to gain on the runners. Joshua risked a glance behind and saw two horses charging after him: up ahead was the comparative safety of the woodland. Working the land with his father had made him strong for his years and he was managing to keep ahead of the horses. He dived into the woods and headed for where the branches were lower. After about a hundred yards he stopped and looked back. He could make out the shapes of his pursuers, who couldn't get through after him. He turned and headed deeper into the woods, trying to keep the valley he'd run up from on his right.

Boyes and his men chased Adam down the hill. The heavy clay and uneven furrows were difficult going for the horses and Adam seemed to be getting away. But it was hard work for him too and as he tired, the horses maintained their pace. Boyes shouted at him to stop, but Adam kept going towards the field edge and the woodland beyond it.

To be continued. Will Adam and Joshua get away, or will Boyes and his men catch them? Does their running away mean they're now fugitives as well?

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 yann@benbinfro.org

Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail admin@benbinfro.org

Churchwarden:

Mr. William Knowles

Park Edge

Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

wbk@wbknowles.com



Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23538)

Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke
(07519 046593)

JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 6th	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's church
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 20th	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 27rd	5.00pm	Froyle	Choral Evensong
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion and Children's Church

As I write this, the church is a hive of activity with our team of talented Froylies applying their usual inventiveness and professionalism to decorating the church in time for the Carol Service this evening. A huge thank you both to them and to the many others who, whether by adorning and tidying up the church, helping to organize the services, doing a reading, ringing bells, singing, playing the organ or by getting involved in any of the countless other ways - including, of course, just coming along - in which people contribute to making Froyle church's services and events over the Christmas period such warm and happy occasions. It is thanks to you all that the church really comes into its own in December, starting with the 'Advent by Candlelight' service on 1st December, and this year including two big weddings before our lovely services over the Christmas period itself. So thank you all so much!

!William Knowles"

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

This is the time of year when well intentioned resolutions have been made and when, only days after their creation, some are already being broken. If you've resolved not to let another chocolate pass your lips in 2019, there will be a sad solitary coffee truffle still lingering in the ransacked bumper Christmas box demanding to be eaten. If you've sworn to take exercise in the form of a bracing walk every single day, you may soon feel beaten back by the sleety rain we'll probably have for most of the next three months. And if you've promised yourself that this is the year you will definitely set the alarm an hour earlier every morning, so you can begin writing that much promised novel or to learn a new skill, as the dark mornings continue until the clocks change in Spring, you may argue to yourself that it will be easier to achieve this ambition in the early dawns of Summer and you snuggle back down under the duvet.

So what is the point of resolutions, if they are so easily broken? Are we all that feeble in our resolve? Should we always make a list or would it be better to make just one resolution and stick it?

I'm going to make a controversial suggestion here, which may be too late for those of you who made the 'impossible to achieve and easily broken' list on New Year's Day, but might be just in time for those of you lagging behind. I'm going to suggest going for the One Resolution Option. And it's this – how about we all aim to love people more? Now that doesn't mean more kisses for loved ones, though if you're in that kind of mood, go ahead anyway, nor does it mean quadruple the air kisses with acquaintances or extra hugs in company. I think it just means this - let's try to understand each other better, listen to what others have to say, let's be NICE to each other.

An elderly lady I know always says, if you can't think of something nice to say, don't say it, while another says, if you feel the urge to do something kind, then DO IT. Don't hold back thinking it might seem patronising, if your intentions are good, just go ahead and do it.

And I know it's not always easy when we're running to grab some last minute groceries before school pick-up time and it's raining and there's nowhere to park and the children have homework to finish and then there's piano practice, but let's remember:

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up Corinthians 13

Who knows, maybe this is the year when by being a bit more tolerant and a little bit kinder we will solve more of our problems through love.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Dark evenings are here – don't make it easy for burglar



Hampshire Constabulary have launched their Lights On campaign:



- Leave lights on to make your home look occupied
- Invest in timers that will automatic switch lamps & devices on and off
- Gadgets are available that turn your main lights on and off
- Help lower your bills with energy saving bulbs
- Thieves target homes that look empty
- Shut and lock all windows and doors when going out
- Only tell people you trust when going away
- Now you've protected your home, share our advice with family and friends

Contact your local Village Agent Madeleine on 23371



ALTON U3A.

Wishing you all a happy, prosperous and educative 2019, begin the year with January's Monthly Meeting on January 18th at 2.00pm at the Community Centre. This will be given by Susan Howe. She will share some facts about two eccentric English people gleaned from Susan's quirky memory for unusual facts. Who will they be....? Visit the website www.u3asites.org.uk/alton for further info.



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**Wednesday 16th January, 7.30 pm – talk by Dr Thomas Lankester on
his Superhome Retrofit for Energy Efficiency.**

As a geologist, Tom is acutely aware of how greenhouse gases can affect the Earth's climate. 'Grand designs' super homes are all very well, but most of the housing stock already exists. When Tom and his wife bought their house in Farnham in 1997, they wanted to see what could be done with a fairly standard 1980s 'box'.

They have achieved significant reductions in carbon emissions and improved comfort too. Find out how they did it! This Energy Alton event is at Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN. Free entry, bar, all welcome.

www.energyalton.org.uk



REMEMBRANCE AT THE ANCHOR INN

On Friday 9th November, the Anchor Inn in Lower Froyle hosted it's 11 annual Remembrance Lunch in support of the Royal British Legion and included a number of service veterans from Froyle

33 Veterans were treated to a three -course meal, hosted by staff from the Anchor and volunteers from the village. Those attending were veterans from almost every conflict of the past 75 years – including Suez, Malaysia, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, the Gulf War, as well as Iraq and Afghanistan.

The two most senior attendees were 'Pops' Chandler 96, and Des Peck 93, both WW2 Veterans. Des served in the Royal Artillery and Pops was a flight engineer on Lancasters, and was also in action on D Day, for which he was awarded the Legion D'Honneur by the French Government.

Simon Marshall



IT'S A RECORD POPPEY APPEAL 2018

On the hundred anniversary of the end of the First World War

The total raised was £1,771.50

Thank you all for your amazing generosity.

I am very grateful to the following people who have helped raised these funds.

Home collectors: Linda Bulpit, Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Louise Marsden, Mark Cray and Simon Marr.

A special mention to Ron Figgins who has been a stalwart in raising funds in the past.

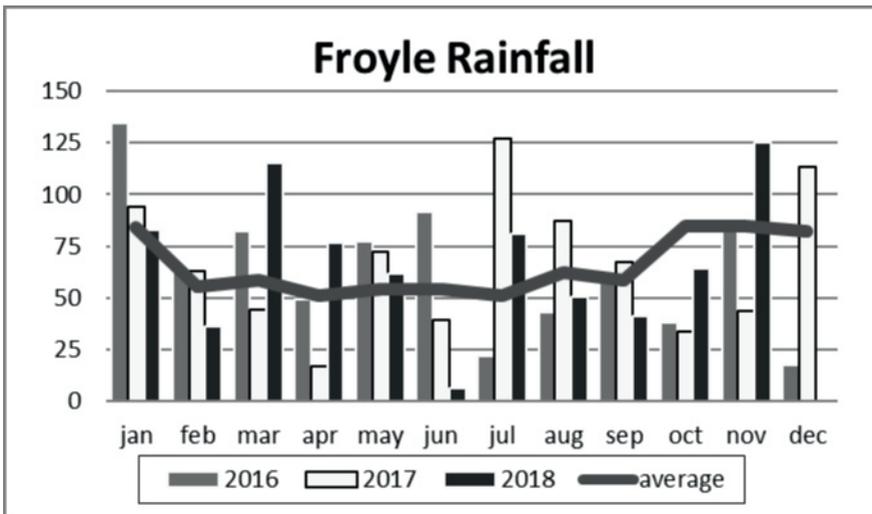
Static collections: Froyle Park, BP Garage, Hen & Chicken Pub, Anchor Inn, and the Church collection.

Again thank you all

Jamie Stewart-Smith

Froyle Rainfall for November 2018

This year	125 mm	4.9 ins
Last year	43.5 mm	1.7 ins
Wettest November (2009)	198.5 mm	7.8 ins
Driest November (1978)	18 mm	0.7 ins
November long-term average– the 3rd wettest month	85 mm	3.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	741.5 mm	29.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	699.9 mm	27.6 ins



Way over the average of Novembers past, the highlight was **during the week ending the 11th when we had more rainfall than for any week since my records began 40 years ago, 81 mms or 3.2 inches, the nearest being 74.5 mms at the end of April 2012.**

So we are now firmly on track for the wettest year since 2014.



“The Umbrella Man”

The Alton & District Fund Raising Committee



invite you to a
BRIDGE TEA

Thursday 7th March 2019 2 – 5pm
Froyle Village Hall GU34 4LG

Please bring cloth/scorers/cards

Committee: Hopper Cavendish Sarah Floyd [01420 86294]
Lucia Lindblom Jane Macrae Amanda Sinclair
Carol McMeekan Louise Sowerbutts

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To Sarah Floyd, Clover Farm, Shalden, Alton, Hampshire GU34 4DU
[sarahfloyd@cloverfarm.co.uk]

Please reserve..... table[s] @ £10 (plus a voluntary donation of £50)

I enclose a cheque for £60 per table payable to Cancer Research UK.

I regret that I shall be unable to come, but enclose a donation of £

Full name Tel

Address.....

..... Postcode

I declare that I am a UK tax payer and request that this donation be treated as Gift Aid.

Signed.....Date.....

Please be aware that you must have paid an amount of income and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax reclaimed by all charities on all your donations in the tax year [6th April - 5th April]. Currently 25p for every £1 donated. VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.



Bentley Parish Council

LAND AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR GRAZING

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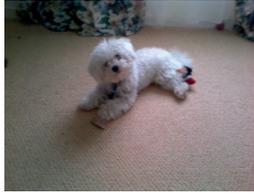
Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

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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Village Events January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Refuse</i>	3	4 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	5
6 <i>8am HC</i>	7 <i>Refuse & Garden 2.30pm Card Club</i>	8 <i>Recycling</i>	9	10 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>	11 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	12 <i>12.30pm Gardening Club Lunch</i>
13 <i>11am HC</i>	14 <i>Refuse & Garden PC Meeting 7.45pm PC Meeting</i>	15	16	17 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>	18 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	19
20 <i>11am HC</i>	21 <i>Recycling and Bottles</i>	22	23	24 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>	25 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	26
27 <i>5.00pm Choral Evensong</i>	28 <i>Recycling</i>	29	30	31 <i>9.45am Toddler Group</i>		

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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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 www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/
Froyle Gardening Club	<i>Anne Blunt</i> - 22262
Froyle Vestments Group	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
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The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	www.benbinfro.co.uk
Froyle Facebook Group	simon@watmore.com

NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday 18 January 2019

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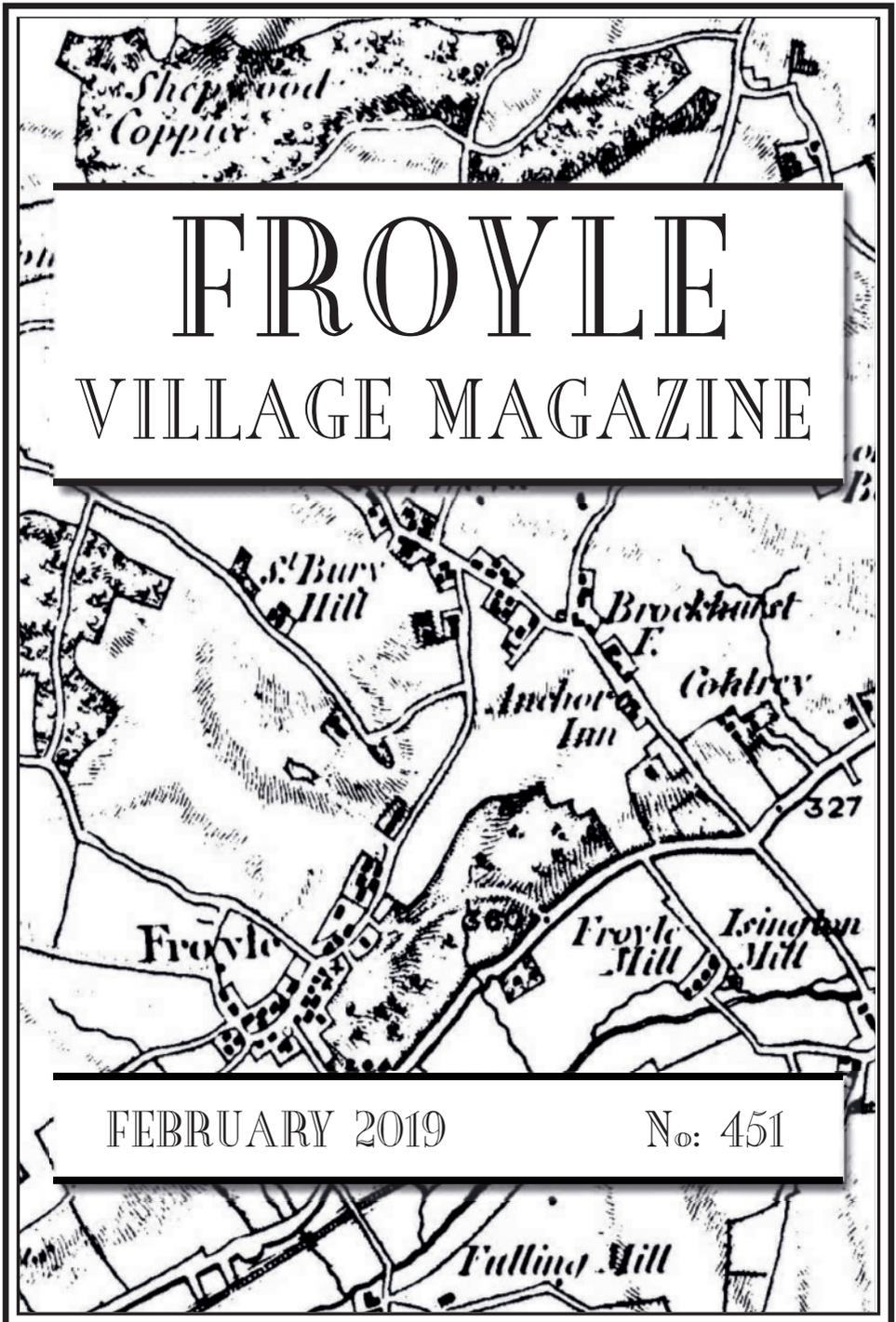
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magazine@froyle.com

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.

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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

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday, 14th January. All councillors were present with the Parish Clerk. Two members of the public attended.

Among the issues raised by residents were:

1. The state and future of the old car park at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill. FPC understands that there is a legal agreement that the tarmac will be removed and the plot grassed over. We will attempt to establish when.
2. The loss of trees in the village. While the loss of trees is often a matter of regret FPC takes the advice of the District Council Tree Officer when considering applications to remove or prune trees.
3. The condition of the Avenue (road surface, ruts on the verges and litter). This will be raised with Froyle Park local management. At a meeting before Christmas issues of odour and signage were again raised. FPC has been told that the condition of the Avenue will be addressed when the new car park is built.
4. The adequacy of the litter bin at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill which was recently found to be overflowing.
5. The need to remove estate agents' signs once property has been sold. FPC will liaise with Charters.
6. The gravel which has accumulated at the bottom of Bamber Lane by the bus stop. PC will arrange to have it cleared. Please note that residents can help by reporting problems like this directly to *Hampshire Highways* themselves but always let us know what action you have taken so if necessary we can follow up. See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>
7. Litter on the A31 near the recycling centre. This is a perennial and intractable problem. Residents who notice material blowing off lorries entering or leaving the site are encouraged to report this immediately to the Parish Clerk with the date and time of the incident.
8. Progress on refurbishing the football hut has slowed but not stopped. We are currently preparing a document against which we can invite tenders. FPC has raised a complaint against Castle Water over the supply and billing for the football hut. This is currently under investigation.
9. FPC is grateful for advice and information concerning the operation of drainage ditches in the parish and the problems which arise when these get blocked.

10. FPC continues to press for the construction of a footpath between the Linden Homes Estate and the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill. We are chasing the matter with EHDC via our district councillor and, whilst no enforcement action has been taken, the planning officer is expecting details of work to be submitted shortly by the Nicolas James Group (NJG) and has promised to chase again if nothing has been received by the end of the month.
11. FPC is considering its budget for 2019/20 and any increase to the precept. **Now is therefore a good time to suggest future projects that will benefit residents. Please contact the Parish Clerk.**
12. Night time disturbance has been reported recently in the countryside around Froyle, possibly involving illegal hare coursing. FPC is aware that the police are doing their best to contain this problem. For advice on reporting incidents, see p.11.
13. FPC understands that EHDC will grant permission for a single house on a site adjacent to the Oast House in Upper Froyle behind the Manor House. FPC has asked that conditions include a method statement that will minimise and control disruption during construction. The planning officer has confirmed that this will be added.
14. Before Christmas, FPC again wrote to the outgoing Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of EHDC, Sandy Hopkins, regarding Froyle Park. Although no written reply has been received, there was a long conversation with the Chair of FPC, during which Ms Hopkins explained that she had held meetings with the owner of Froyle Park and had fully briefed the Leader of EHDC, Richard Millard, and the incoming CEO, Gill Kneller, as to the steps being taken to address the issues. FPC agreed to write to Ms Kneller and seek an early meeting.
15. Two members of FPC attended a seminar at EHDC about the Local Plan Review and how to comment effectively and usefully. The consultation process starts on 6th February. Once adopted the Plan will have a major impact on development locally for many years to come. It will impact all residents to some extent. The plan suggests a settlement boundary will be added to Lower Froyle. At the moment the village is viewed as country side and therefore has greater protection from unsuitable development. A good place to start is <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/local-plan-made-easy> .
16. The term of the Parish Council ends in May when a new council will be elected or the old one re-elected. An election will only be held if there are more than eight candidates. **If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Clerk or talk to a councillor.**
17. Minutes of FPC meetings, contact details of councillors along with other information, can be found at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/
18. **The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council will be held in the village hall at 7.45pm. on 13th March 2019 (TBC). All residents are invited to attend. If there are matters you wish to raise, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above or speak to individual councillors.**



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



‘ENOUGH SAID’

A romantic comedy

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Froyle Village Hall

Doors open 7 p.m.

Film starts 7.30 p.m.

A divorced and single parent, Eva (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) spends her days enjoying work as a masseuse but dreading her daughter's impending departure for college. She meets Albert (James Gandolfini) - a sweet, funny and like-minded man also facing an empty nest. As their romance quickly blossoms, Eva befriends Marianne, her new massage client. Marianne is a beautiful poet who seems "almost perfect" except for one prominent quality: she rags on her ex-husband way too much. Suddenly, Eva finds herself doubting her own relationship with Albert as she learns the truth about Marianne's ex.

Price = £8.00

(payment in advance would be appreciated)

Includes a sausage bap

(to be available before the film starts)

Pay bar available

Rated 12A

For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:

YVONNE IRVINE (01420 520502)



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

I have been accused of producing fake news! A keen reader of this column has spotted the fact that I have a slight tendency to report things which haven't yet happened. An example was the Carols round the Christmas Tree which was indeed an enjoyable event as I described it in last month's Magazine before it happened. However, had aliens arrived half way through 'Oh come all ye faithful' and carried off all the children, I would have been well and truly caught out.

So what to do about "VILLAGE HALL WEEK - 22-28 JANUARY" which occurs between the Magazine deadline for the February edition and its delivery through your door? It would be nice to report a grand party with speeches recognising the contribution that village halls make to community life and the enormous amount of volunteer effort that goes into sustaining them. It would be even better to report that the government had recognised this contribution and had finally removed VAT on village hall expenditure. However as we only learned about this national event a week

or so ago and the government has been distracted, celebrations are likely to be more muted. But at least you now know about “VILLAGE HALL WEEK” and the reason for it, even though you have most probably missed it.

I wonder if reporting things which are not going to happen is worse fake-news-wise than reporting things before they happen.

Moving to safer ground, **Froyle Film Night returns on Friday, 15th February (doors open 7pm)** with a showing of the well-reviewed romantic comedy “Enough Said”: it’s all about love in later life and just how difficult dating can be a second time round. If Valentine’s Day turns out to be a bit of a disappointment, this is the film for you. It would help the organisers enormously if you booked early and don’t forget the ticket price of £8 also buys you a hot dog and a choc ice. There’s also a pay bar. Bring your own hanky in case there are some sad bits. (See ad on page 3.) And we suggest you bring your own cushion if you find the village hall chairs uncomfortable for a longish sit. (Incidentally, we are currently planning to trial some padded chairs and cushions to see if we can improve our seating.)

Some hirers have experienced difficulty using the online booking system. We plan to include more instructions online to make things easier but it is also possible to book direct with Sarah Zorab on 520361.

We try to keep the hall as clean and tidy as we can, because that way we believe hirers will look after it. In the next month we plan a deep clean of the kitchen and a thorough clear out of the store room. (If you do have anything left in there, please remove it as soon as possible.) Accidents do happen but it is difficult to work out how; since Christmas two of the ceiling tiles got badly stained and will probably have to be replaced. **If damage does occurs when you are in the hall, please report it in the book provided, don’t just leave it for us to find.** Similarly would hirers please **take rubbish away with them.** This is a condition of hire. We simply do not have the bin capacity to cope unless you do.

The new heating system is working well. If you find you are cold, you can press the wine glass symbol on the thermostat in the hall and this will boost the heat for one hour (20 degrees is the maximum) Press it again and you get a further hour of heat.

As ever, suggestions for events and activities in the Hall are always very welcome.

Finally, one more date for your diary: **the Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th April;** try to contain your excitement!

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



Froyle Wildlife

House Sparrows – On our north facing wall we have two house sparrow terraces, each of which has 3 nest boxes, and a neighbouring house has many suitable places under its eaves for nesting. At the moment, around 25 sparrows come down to feed on sunflower hearts and suet pellets thrown out or vie with goldfinches on the hanging seed feeders. Being gregarious, the sparrows gather in an old evergreen *Lonicera nitida* hedge intermingled with ivy just outside our back door, which every so often bursts into a cacophony of chirrups; every one of the sparrows seemingly has something to say. What are they doing in there? Squabbling for the best perch, chatting up prospective mates? We don't know but we do know how important that hedge is to these birds. It's not smart or modern but no matter, it is part of their habitat and provides safe dense cover and a good place to roost on cold nights and we wouldn't be without it.



The House sparrow is a UK Bird of Conservation Concern and on the Red List. The BTO reports that house sparrow populations in the UK have declined by nearly 71% since 1977. There are 67 birds on the red list including grey partridge, lapwing, cuckoo, skylark, starling, song and mistle thrush, linnet, and yellowhammer.

National Nest Box Week; 14th -21st February. Are you thinking of putting up a nest box? If so the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) is the place to go for advice on what to look for when buying a box, where to place it and how to look after it. There are also plans and instructions for making your own. See www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw for more information.

Butterflies –Butterfly Conservation reports that the year got off to a flying start this month with sightings of five species on New Year's Day! Look out for **Brimstone, Red Admiral, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma.**

Date for your diary: **Friday March 25th 7.30pm, Talk by Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.** More on this, plus the full 2019 Froyle Wildlife programme, will be in the next newsletter.

Sue Clark (23520)



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am to 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 always welcome surplus local produce, especially eggs, vegetables and flowers.

Cake Bakers for February

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.

1 st	June Trim	Mary Perryman	Barbara Starbuck	
8 th	Madeleine Black	Louise Marston	Marje Heyhurst	Maureen Fry
15 th	Lisa Bowler	Clare McMullen	Jennie Thomas	Sally Turvill
22 nd	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM FOR ANY REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

Kitchen Helpers for February

1 st	David Perryman	Mary Perryman	
8 th	Julie Southern	Marje Heyhurst	
15 th	Linda Bulpitt	Ali Maude	
22 nd	Louise Marston	William Knowles	

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.

The Meeting Place team would like to take this opportunity to thank *everyone* who helped make the 2018 Christmas Meeting Place the best yet. In particular, to Jane for playing the piano for the carol singing; to Maureen and Janet for the stupendous raffle; to Father Christmas for his surprising mode of transportation ... and to all of you who were so generous with your donations.

A big THANK YOU and ... looking forward to 2019!

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

Bentley CE Primary School - Charities Update

Each year, as well as holding events to raise money for our own school through the PTFAs, we select charities to support with special fundraising events. These charities are chosen by the children from several suggested by the School Council

Last year, with the support of our families, friends of the school and local community, we raised over £4,200 for our chosen charities - MacMillan Cancer Support, CLAPA, Sport Relief, Children in Need, Crisis, The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the NSPCC. We made donations to the Alton Food Bank during our harvest festival, donated shoe boxes full of gifts for under privileged children in Eastern Europe through Love in a Box, sponsored Kallie the Hearing Dog and bought six new toilets in Africa for Water Aid.

The chosen charities for this school year are Kaira Konko, RSPCA, WWF, and Red Nose Day. For each of these charities we have a special event planned for the Spring or Summer Term.

In addition, we chose to support Crisis, the charity for the homeless, at our end of term service and raised £441.43 in donations. This great total helped to feed 16 people over Christmas. Our After School Club held a hot chocolate and biscuit sale in aid of Hydestile Animal Rescue raising over £80. Our Poppy sales raised a huge £305 this year for the Royal British Legion and, once again, we donated lots of food from our Harvest Festival to the Alton Food Bank to help local families.

Kaira Konko Scout Active Support

This charity, started in 1989, is part of Hampshire Scouting and they have been fundraising to help the people of Soma in The Gambia, West Africa.

To support this, there will be a mufti day for all children with an International Flag colour theme and we will be collecting pencils and donations.

RSPCA

The RSPCA is a community based charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection.

The school will hold a day to research and learn more about this topic. There will be an 'Animals and Pet Show' one afternoon and we would ask for any available pet owners to put themselves forward to bring their pet in once we know the date for this event.

Red Nose Day

Comic Relief spends the money raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and Africa.

Bentley will have a dress up day with the theme of 'super silly and super heroes' and there will be an 'old fashioned' sweet shop running at playtime.

World Wildlife Fund

WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of our planet's natural environment, and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

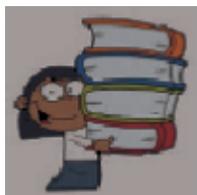
Bentley pupils will hold a month of child pledges to help to protect our world. There will be a mufti day with Years 5 and 6 running fun games at playtimes for the pupils to take part in.

Raising money for charities chosen by the children at events like these help to cement our school values of Love, Faith and Courage. The children love not only helping to choose the charities but also taking part in the events.

Thank you!

The school would like to say a huge thank you to the Froyle Parish Council for the generous donation towards the school's PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) who are urgently fundraising for a replacement minibus. As a rural school this minibus enables our pupils to continue to have the rich and varied curriculum opportunities which governors and staff know contribute to the children's' future success.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



Medicine for the Soul

Being somewhat slow to catch on to exciting, new trends, I confess I have only just discovered the joy of **audio books**. There is something about being read to, particularly



either by the author himself or else a talented and well-known actor, that helps to bring a book alive.

So far I have enjoyed that marvellous classic "**The Leopard**", by **Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa**, that chronicles the changes in Sicilian life and society during the Risorgimento; and am currently half-way through "**The Pigeon Tunnel**", **John le Carre**'s amusing and inciteful autobiography. I can recommend both of them whole-heartedly, but particularly when being read by, respectively, David Horovitch, and the author himself, be it my own book at bedtime, whilst on a long train journey, or even walking the dog.

Believe it or not, at least two thirds of all books bought are not read; I can only say that with an audio book, for me anyway, not only is that much less likely to happen, but I'm also saving trees and at a cost which is no more than the average paperback.

David Robertson



Lent Lunches 2019



These run **from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Wednesdays**, and are simple fare: home-made soup, bread & cheese. The host/hostess chooses the charity to which the donations on the day will go. Everyone welcome; and if anyone needs directions, please ring me. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Ash Wednesday, **March 6th at Badgers Bank**, in aid of Cardiac Rehab.

Lauraine Bourne 22159

Wednesday, **March 13th at Stowell**, in aid of 'The gift of Sight'.

Cherida Cannon 520470

Wednesday, **March 20th at The Old Dairy**, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Sarah Roberts 520041

Wednesday, **March 27th at Wykeham House**, in aid of Piam Brown Children's Ward at Southampton Hospital

Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday, **April 3rd at Brewery House**, in aid of Cardiac Rehab.

John & Vivienne Sexton 520098

Wednesday, **April 10th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment Conservation

Jenny Gove 23697

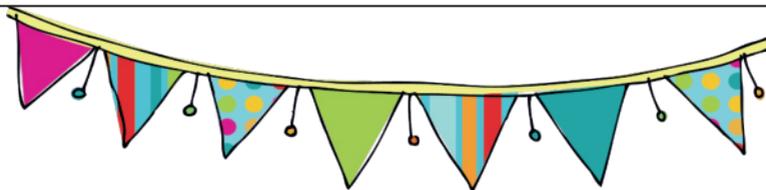
To ALL DOG WALKERS...

The ditch along Husseys Lane was cleared to ensure a smooth run off of rainwater and not for mindless and thoughtless individuals to deposit their dog poo. At least 20 bags have been seen both in the ditch and now even thrown into my hedge. If you pick up after your dog please take it home; residents will certainly be more vigilant in trying to identify who doesn't and naming and shaming is certainly an option.

Ian Whitmore

EARLY MAGAZINE DEADLINE ... AGAIN

Please note that we have another early closing date for contributions for next month's Froyle Magazine, namely Friday 15th February.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45 am -11:45 am
 (during term times)
 Froyle Village Hall

7th February 2019	King and Queen week	Make a crown and rule your kingdom!
14th February 2019	Number week	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5!
21st February 2019	NOGROUP THISWEEK - HALF TERM	
28th February 2019	Bird week	Make your own bird feeder

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 or message Molly on 07595354619

Hampshire Constabulary local update

PC Scott Graham has recently transferred from the New Forest as **East Hants Wildlife Crime Officer, dealing with all rural and wildlife-related crime and incidents.** He is very approachable and has been spending a fair bit of time in Froyle recently. Poaching and driving across open access fields is one of the biggest issues at this time of year and has been particularly active in the past couple of weeks. There has been an increase in reports of hare coursing and criminal damage to farmers' fields and property recently. Hare coursing is illegal under the Hunting Act 2004. It is the pursuit of hares with dogs, often for the purposes of betting, on open land. Threatening behaviour and intimidation can be encountered if they are challenged. **If you see or hear anything suspicious that you think may be associated with the above, or any other illegal activity, please report it, with as many details as possible, to 101, with emergencies to 999.** Come March, April and May, it will be Nesting Birds and Dog Worrying Livestock offences. The most important message is that everyone in our rural environment and communities is responsible for reporting all crime and suspicious activity to the Police.

Scott is contactable by email on Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. Froyle's local community officer, David Nops, can be contacted on David.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

Alex Roberts

February News from The Froyle Archive



The outdoor staff from the estate working at Sir Hubert's home, "The Shrubbery", on what is now the A31.

Froyle Place in 1921



The Froyle Place Estate encompassed most of Upper Froyle with many of the houses in the village accommodating workers on the estate. As a result it required a lot of management and staff.

In late 2013 we were fortunate to be loaned a ledger of duties carried out by the 'outdoor' staff of Froyle Place. This book had been passed down through the Robinson family from Gerald Robinson (*left in the picture above*), who worked for Sir Hubert Miller for many years. His grandson, also named Gerald (*Gerry*), had brought the book to our attention while researching his family history. Sadly Gerry passed away suddenly just before Christmas 2013, which was a great shock to the entire village. The ledger has recently been passed on to The Froyle Archive by the Robinson family so that it can remain in the village for posterity. You will find some of the many entries below:-

- January 1905** Richard Stent repairing Munday's Cottage. He was also assisting Glazier and cementing windows at Froyle Church.
- February 1905** Stack wood Gig Lane @ 10s per stack T.Robinson, J Stent, J Broomfield, G.Neale, J.Faulkner, A.Nash, J.Brooman, J.Frost, J.Hall. G.Neale managed 1 whole stack, the rest only $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and even $\frac{1}{4}$.
- March 1905** Frank Robinson removing fence by River Wey – "to make it easier for Col Murray to fish."
- June 1905** Benjamin Caines, trimming graves in Froyle Church Yard 2/6.
- July 1905** David Collins, trimming & hoeing.
- August 1905** T.Robinson, 5 days erecting new wash house at G.Robinson's cottage @ 4/- a day

Chris & Annette Booth

Read more about this at www.froyle.com/ferecords.htm



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

Our year began with the annual New Year Lunch Party enjoyed by members and friends. Thanks go to the committee and members who provided the usual spread of delicious dishes. Thanks also to John Negus, who organised the quiz, and Maureen Hunter, who by request agreed to entertain us again with her rendition of Pam Ayres' poems.

On February 8th at 7.30pm, our speaker on 'The Garden in Spring' will be Patricia Elkington. Several years ago we had a club visit to her lovely garden in Crawley, near Winchester and for many years Patricia was the County Organiser for the National Garden Scheme.

The monthly competition will be 'An indoor flowering plant'.

Our club is affiliated to the Surrey Horticultural Federation, whose annual talk will be on March 10th, 2.30pm at Normandy Village Hall. The speaker is Nick Bailey (Gardeners' World presenter) with his new talk 'Revive Your Garden'.

Tickets are £7.50 in advance, £10 on the day.

Please contact me if you would like tickets in advance or would like to join or renew club membership. Visitors are always welcome.

A Happy New Year and good gardening

Anne Blunt (22262)

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)



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club
Next Meeting Monday 4th February
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards or other games do drop by for some very unserious fun.

We play lots of different games, both card and board...you name it, we'll play it... and as we now have eight regulars there's always enough to play several.

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and a biscuit or two.



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)



The Froyle 100 Club Winners for January

The winners for January 2019 were:

1st – Caroline Bush; 2nd – Andrew Pritchard;

3rd – Maureen Fry; 4th – Gillian Pickering;

..and Congratulations to all the winners!

William (07775 928933) wbk@wbk.nowles.com

Interested In Cricket?

Rory Butler, aged 9, is, and he believes lots of other children in Froyle may be too! He would like to get a team together for a one-off cricket match. To do this he knows we need to raise money to enable Froyle to have the right equipment.

He would like to organise a sponsored fun run in the Spring for all ages (1,3, 5k) - as his parents we've suggested we firstly ask the children of Froyle to actually show an interest in playing cricket for the village and challenging another village one day in the summer.

If you're interested (U9-U13) please email bella@westendflowerfarm.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 yann@benbinfro.org

Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail admin@benbinfro.org

Churchwarden:

Mr. William Knowles

Park Edge

Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

wbk@wbknowles.com



Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23538)

Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke
(07519 046593)

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 24th	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion and Children's Church
	5.00pm	Froyle	Choral Evensong

Church Clock

You may have noticed the church clock has been saying the same time for a few weeks now. It is not the fault of our intrepid little elf who winds the clock each week but the poor clock has 'saggy' wires and keeps getting itself in a terrible twist. But never fear we are on the case, a church clock expert has been and we are now waiting for them to return with their equivalent of 'clock botox' and then our clock will have new taut wires – not a sag in sight - for the next 150 years – we hope !

Linda Bulpitt

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Sometimes less is more, don't you think? I know many of you will have tried hard to stick with the concept of 'dry January' after the excesses of Christmas and New Year, and in March we are about to face the rigours of Lent, but I'm not thinking only about cutting down on food and alcohol.

It's struck me on my regular dog walks around the parish, that at this time of year, when the trees are starkly bare and the borders are devoid of flowers, that there is beauty, a purity even, in the little that we have around us. We are so lucky to be surrounded by the most stunning countryside, but in the depths of winter it can seem bleak and cold. Yet go out and look at the scenery, as I do when I walk the dog, and the tiniest detail can offer great joy.

I think what has epitomised this concept for me is the snowdrop. Today I noticed how many have emerged and I stopped to marvel at how simple, yet how exquisite they are. Because although I say simple, each flower was magnificent in its detail. The petals are the whitest white, their edges scalloped like a petticoat. And as if white alone was not enough, Nature had painted a tiny brushstroke of green on the inner frilled petals, just as a finishing touch.

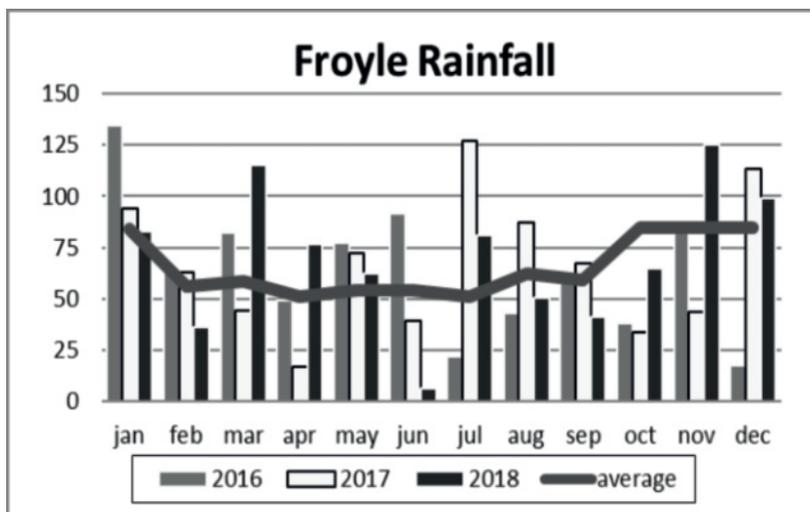
Now although I love many of the flowers in the garden in the height of summer, highly scented roses and sweet peas with their colours and perfume being among my favourites, none of these are as simple as a snowdrop. The clematis growers and dahlia lovers among you out there will be clamouring that your beloved cultivars are more deserving of a place in the garden than the common snowdrop, but the more I study this simple flower, the more I begin to understand why there are snowdrop fanatics. Galanthophiles, as they are known, rave about the subtle variations in this well-known species and rare bulbs can exchange hands for hundred of pounds.

Now I'm quite happy to enjoy whatever variety of snowdrop is popping up in the Rectory garden, so I'm not going to splash out on a handful of bulbs, but I rather admire these enthusiasts for being so fanatical about such a plain little flower. It has no scent, it is only available in white and green and it is one of the smallest flowers grown in our gardens. But, and this is an important but, it is one of the first to emerge not long after the shortest day and the longest night. Those fingers of green leaves bravely push through the frosty soil, to reveal a tightly closed white bud. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin and yet they bring us joy and hope. So let us celebrate the simple and the pure in our lives, let us embrace less is more and let us be touched by the green signs of life emerging from the darkness of the earth.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Froyle Rainfall for December 2018 and for the past year

This year	99 mm	3.9 ins
Last year	113.5 mm	4.5 ins
Wettest December (1989)	167 mm	6.6 ins
Driest December (1988)	17 mm	0.7 ins
December long-term average – the 3 rd wettest month	84.6 mm	3.3 ins
Total rainfall for the whole of 2018	840.5 mm	33.1 ins
Long-term average for the year as a whole	784.5 mm	30.9 ins



As you can tell from the chart, 2018 was a year of three(!) halves: a pretty much average middle six months sandwiched between soaking first and last quarters. Interestingly, the last time we had a similar year was way back in 1994, the end of which was followed, in 1995, by almost the wettest first quarter in the last 40 years (316 mm).



“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.

The story so far:

Father and son, Adam and Joshua, freemen of Hampshire, have been chased from their small holding into nearby woodland by a mysterious band of horsemen, led by Boyes and Fletcher, who work for the Constable of Winchester and are accompanying a carriage with a foreign dignitary on board at the time. Now read on...

5. Turning tables...?

From the relative safety of the trees Joshua saw the three horsemen chase his father into the woodland some two hundred paces from where he was. He was mightily relieved to see they could go no further than the edge as their animals reared up refusing to try and find a way through the heavy branches.

As he watched, he then saw them returning to the track from whence they had come, joining the others and the carriage they were escorting. But now he was witness to a most peculiar sight. A head popped out from behind the curtain on one side of the covered carriage and started shouting at the horsemen in a tongue he did not recognise. What could this be about? He could only surmise that, as the sun would soon be down, the passenger was remonstrating that their fruitless chase had taken up so much time they would not reach their destination before nightfall. "Hm!" he thought, "I wonder, as payback for their threats, there might not be some fruit to be picked from this particular tree..."

Lost in thought, he was surprised by the sound of snapping branches nearby. Raising his wooden plough in readiness, he was grateful to see it was his father, Adam. "Father," he said. "Let's follow this carriage and see where it is heading. It will be dark within the hour by which time they will be well short of the nearest manor at Alton Westbrook, which it would seem is where they are heading"

Knowing the fields and tracks as well as they did, it did not take them long to catch up with their quarry. With the light fading fast and thousands of swallows criss-crossing the sky above them, Adam and Joshua saw the carriage and horsemen moving gently downhill towards the River Wey. Did they realise where they were heading? Did they know that the closer they got to that water, the more treacherous underfoot the surrounding land became?

In the deepening gloom, father and son were now less than half a field away when they heard the sound of neighing horses and panicky voices. Carefully they approached, only to see the carriage up to its axles in mud, horses struggling to free themselves and the dignitary, whose head they had seen earlier, trying desperately to drag himself and a large box now glinting in the moonlight to safety.

Will Adam and Joshua move to save the seemingly doomed band? Or will they grab the box for themselves and leave the carriage, the nobleman and his escort to their fate?

To be continued...



Plus ça change
Extracts from
the Froyle Village Magazine
In years gone by



40 years ago (February 1979):

Amongst items mentioned in the three-page, advertisement-free, Parish Magazine was a moving tribute to Paul Bush, who had died on 18th January 1979; "...quiet, courteous and dependable...a great countryman, full of knowledge and wisdom about country things and country ways."

Meanwhile, the Methodists Ladies Group was organising a pantomime visit - to which one though was not mentioned; a Christmas Whist Drive had raised £128 towards the cost of new showers for the football club; and the Gardening Club Annual Party "was a friendly cheerful gathering much enhanced by the mulled wine which started the festivities, and the delicious food that had been prepared by various members, under the experienced guiding hand of Mrs Blunt", but much more importantly, the Quiz Team had taken on the Farnham Gardens and Allotments Society ... and won!

...and 25 years ago (February 1994):

The ten-page, newly-named, "Village Magazine" was launched this month under the editorship of Annette Booth and contained just one advertisement - from Roger Milam, for his property and plumbing maintenance business. "Don't forget - this is YOUR Magazine!" were the finishing words to the first editorial.

Much space was taken up with details of road closures in connection with the Bentley bypass and a planned extension to Bentley School (the PC agreed to give two grants totalling £500 towards it); the 100 club only had three prize winners in those days; the Froyle Ladies Group Christmas Party was apparently "very poorly attended"; the Gardening Club was again in full swing with the announcement of a Gardeners Question Time to be chaired by Geoff Hawkins; the Fete Committee - Ted Crowurst, Linda Bulpitt, Maureen Fry, Jill Mackenzie, John Cresswell, Janet Dobson, Roy Cranford & Lee Robinson - was looking for a new Chairman (Lucille & Percy Chorley were resigning); and for the first time there were a couple of useful telephone numbers, including the Alton Police (Alton 82244).

And finally there was a lovely article by Annette about the history and traditions of Valentines Day, including "that the first man seen by a woman on February 14th must be her Valentine, whether she likes it or not."

Gentlemen of Froyle, you were warned then...

"Archie Vist"



THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE CHURCHES
INVITE THE SENIOR RESIDENTS OF ALL PARISHES TO A PANCAKE LUNCH PARTY ON
SHROVE TUESDAY 5th MARCH
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 10th 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



*A cup of tea is
an excuse to share
great thoughts with
great minds*

CRISTINA RE

JOIN US FOR TEA AT 3.
MONDAYS 3PM TO 5PM
BENTLEY CHURCH HALL

Do you know someone who needs a home fire safety check?



Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service can provide a free Safe & Well visit to people who may be at more risk of harm from fire.

A person may be eligible for this if one or more of the following is true:

- Over 65

- Lives alone
- Has a physical or learning disability
- Has difficulties with vision or hearing
- Substance or alcohol dependent
- Returning from hospital and there are identified fire risks, e.g. smoker, hoarder, no smoke alarms etc.

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent,

Madeleine on 23371

Village Agents are volunteers who can help you find information and local services that will enable you to stay living safely and independently.

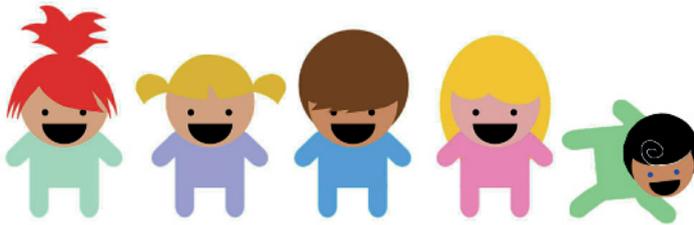
Find out more at www.hantsfire.gov.uk
or tel. 023 8062 6751



ALTON U3A.

Alton U3A invite you to our **Monthly Meeting, on 15th February**, to hear Phil Holt talk about what made Donald Campbell the legend he was on land and water. The Meeting is as usual, at the **Community Centre at 2.00pm**, and all are welcome. Admission is £1.00 which will entitle you to a cuppa and an opportunity to meet other members, after the talk.

Penelope Kennedy



Bentley Baby & Toddler Group

Fridays 09:00 – 11:30
Term Time Only
Bentley Memorial Hall GU10 5NB

A warm and welcoming group for 0+ we have a lovely carpeted area for babies to explore, and a large hall with an outside play area too.

There are themed weeks, special guests and crafts to enjoy, but most of all tea, coffee and sympathy (biscuits!) for parents and carers while the children have fun.

£2 per family, Cheryl & George look forward to welcoming you.

Please email bentleytoddlerandbabygroup@outlook.com or find us on Facebook: Bentley toddler and baby group.

FROYLE SMALL ADS

Two bicycles looking for homes:

'Ridgeback', 7 gears and 'Trek 7.6 WSD'.

Both full size bicycles in good condition but I have not ridden them for a number of years so tyres need pumping and undoubtedly a bit of TLC and 'oil'. Always kept in the garage. Price? Just a donation to St Mary's.

Linda Bulpitt 22725

(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 email your text- and a photo if you have one - to magazine@froyle.com)

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10.00 FVH Meeting Pl	2
3 8.00 HC	4 Recycling 2.30 FVH Card Cub	5	6	7 9.45 FVH Toddlers	8 10.00 FVH Meeting Pl 7.30 FVH Gardening Club	9
10 11.00 HC	11 Refuse & Garden waste	12	13	14 9.45 FVH Toddlers. National Nestbox Week begins	15 10.00 FVH Meeting Pl 7.00 FVH Film Night Magazine Deadline	16
17 11.00 HC	18 Recycling & Glass box	19	20	21	22 10.00 FVH Meeting Pl	23
24 5.00 Evensong	25 Refuse & Garden waste	26	27	28 9.45 FVH Toddlers		

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council	<i>Philippa Cullen Stephenson</i> - 520102 www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk
District Councillor	<i>Glynis Watts</i> - 07747 628333 Glynis.Watts@easthants.gov.uk
Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/
Froyle Gardening Club	<i>Anne Blunt</i> - 22262
Froyle Vestments Group	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team	<i>PCSO 12658 David Nops</i> Call 101 (999) in an emergency) or email: david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
Wildlife Crime Officer	<i>PC Scott Graham</i> Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
NHS non-emergency	111
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	www.benbinfro.co.uk
Froyle Facebook Group	simon@watmore.com

NEXT MONTH'S *early* MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday, 15th February 2019

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:

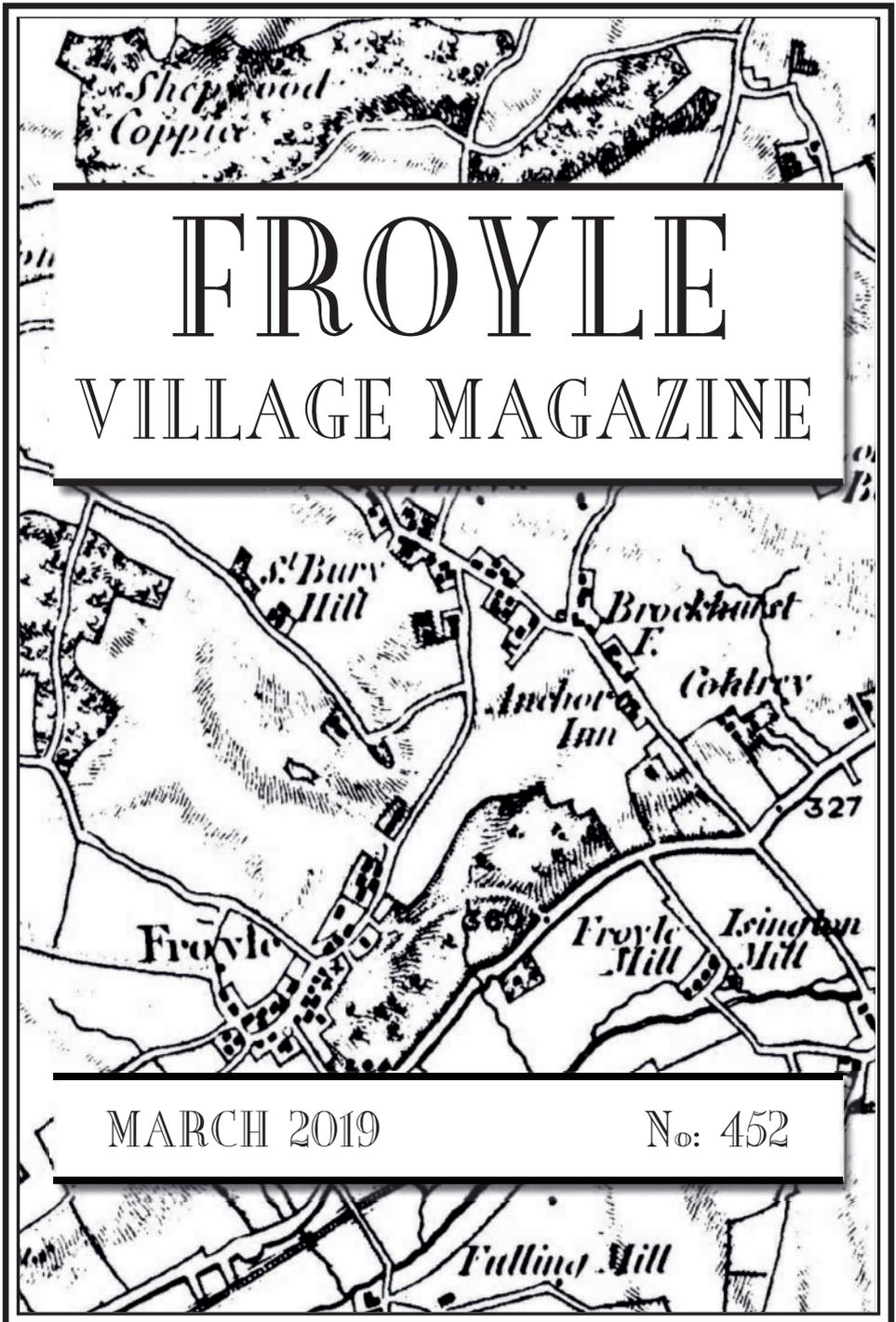
magazine@froyle.com and copied to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

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', '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 large white rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the map, containing the title text.

FROYLE

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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

EHDC Draft Local Plan

As many of you will be aware we are now in the consultation period for the new draft local plan proposed by EHDC. The local plan covers all of East Hampshire excluding the South Downs National Park and outlines prospective development in the area that the authority covers until 2036. It is therefore, not surprisingly a detailed and lengthy document but one that will have profound consequences for our local area. This consultation started on 5th February and runs until 5pm on 19th March. There will be a further consultation sometime in summer this year but at that point comments will only be invited on the plan's "soundness" and it will be much harder to make any significant changes to the draft plan as it then stands.

We would urge you to get involved and have your say now during this consultation period. Whilst the Parish Council will submit comments it is important that EHDC hear from as many residents as possible. You can find the local plan on the EHDC website and can respond to the consultation questionnaire through their portal which can be found at <http://easthantsjdi-consult.net/localplan/>

EHDC have also developed a helpful shorter guide to the local plan which can be accessed through their website by looking for "Local Plan made Easy."

Although there are developments of different scales proposed in many towns and villages close to us the primary matters for Froyle are:

1. Proposed changes to the existing settlement boundary in Upper Froyle (map 1)
2. The introduction of a settlement boundary around part of Lower Froyle (map 2)
3. The proposal to build a minimum of 800 new houses on land around Northbrook Park. (map 3)

Looking at the information provided by EHDC, the Parish Council believes that the proposed change to the settlement boundary in Upper Froyle around West End farm is concerning and needs further explanation.

We intend to question why and on what basis a new settlement boundary should be introduced in Lower Froyle. Although it has been drawn quite tightly around existing gardens the creation of a settlement boundary fundamentally changes the status of the area it is proposed to cover from countryside to a defined settlement. This opens up the way for in fill housing development, which we believe is unnecessary, and could be detrimental to the village. Details of the settlement boundary changes can be found on line in a document called Settlement Policy Boundary Review Interim Methodology Paper .

The most significant change in the draft plan is the proposal to build a new settlement of a minimum of 800 houses at Northbrook Park. The Parish Council believes that this would have very profound consequences on the quality of life for all Froyle residents. A development of this scale might be expected to bring at least an additional 2000 people into the area without any clarity on how our existing strained infrastructure will be developed to support this. Whether it is roads, rail services, bus services, school places, the availability of doctor or dentist appointments, policing or the provision of basic services such as power and water there are no obvious or easy answers as to how these concerns will be addressed.

In our view addressing infrastructure is not even just a question of money – we simply can't widen roads to take more traffic without fundamentally compromising the rural nature of our local area.

As Bentley are the closest parish to the proposed development they will be most directly affected and have already had some correspondence from the developers. This can be viewed by going to the Bentley Parish Council website www.bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk and looking under the Latest News section. You will see that the letter is from David Jobbins of Luken Beck who some of you will remember from the Treloars development consultation, on behalf of the Nicholas James Group who are the developers and of course owners of Froyle Park.

Please do let the Parish council know your thoughts on any of the proposed changes. It is important to us that we have the information to properly represent your views.

Once adopted this plan will shape development around us until 2036 so it's really important that all of us input now.

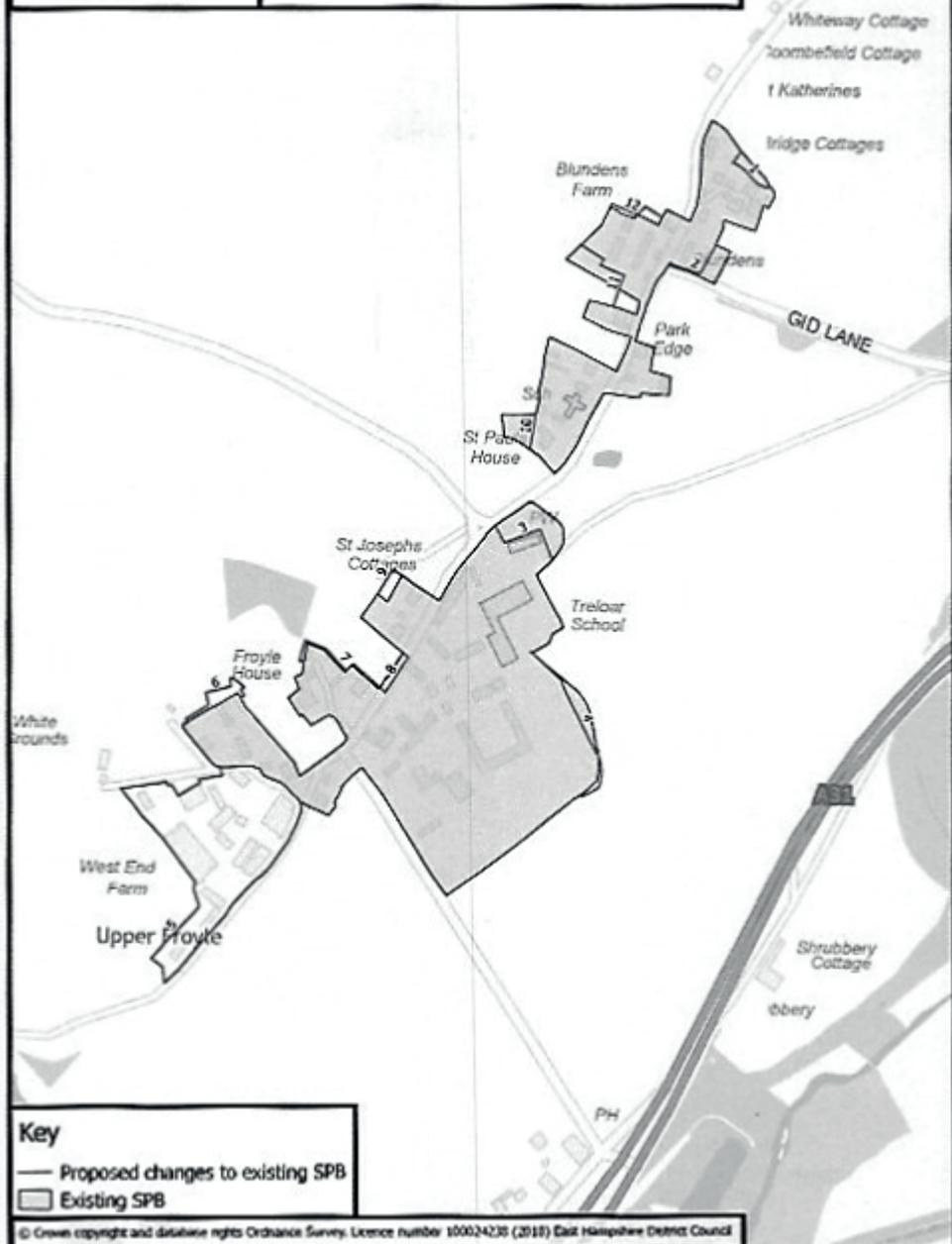
Julie Southern (Chair, Froyle P.C.)

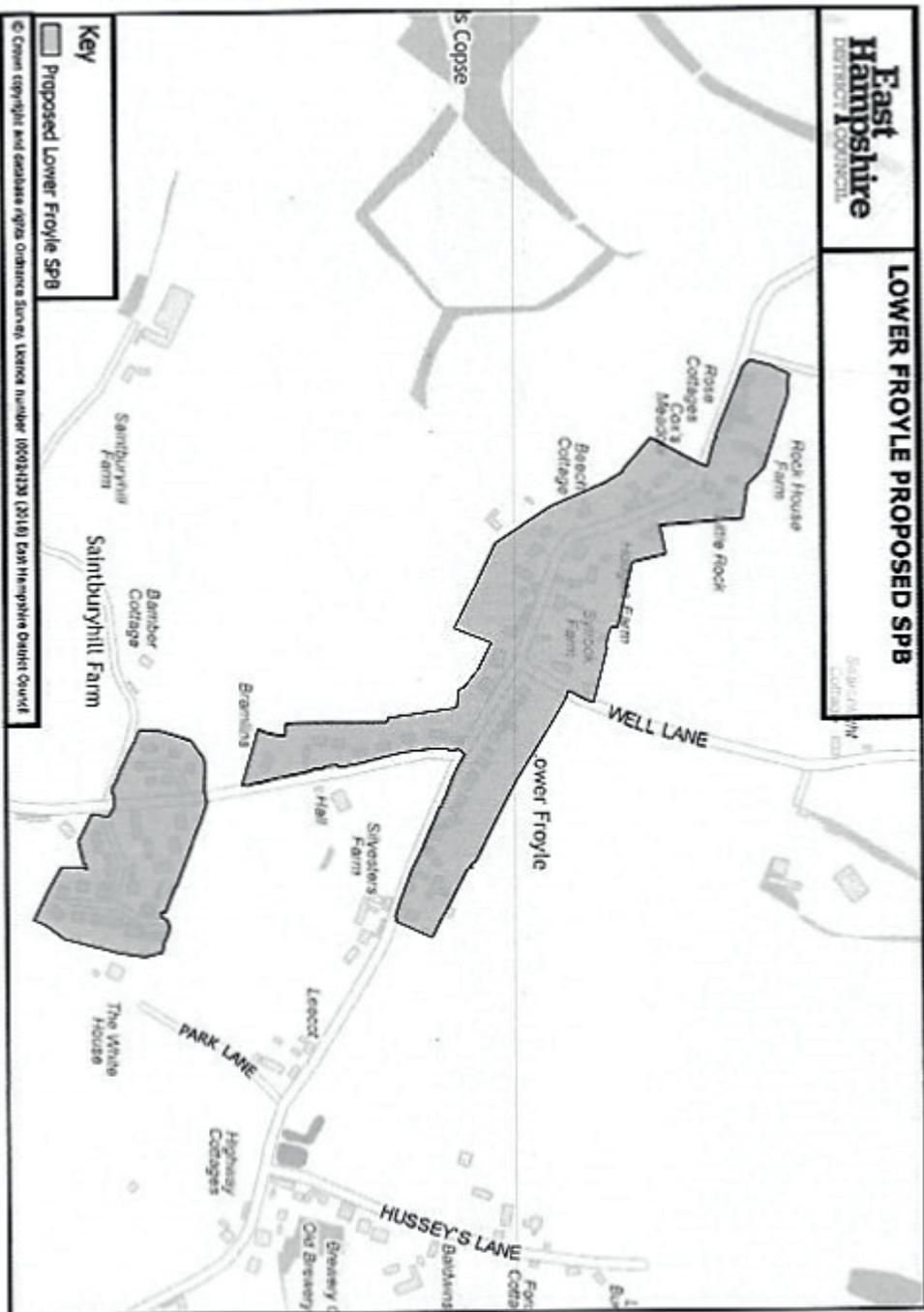
Editor's Note - three principal plans follow. For higher resolution versions, please consult the online version of the Froyle Village Magazine at :-

www.froyle.com/magazine/magazine.htm

Or on EHDC's website.

**UPPER FROYLE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO SPB**







Outline Plan for Northbrook Park



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 15 February Froyle Film Night presented 'Enough Said' an American comedy about the pleasures and perils of dating a second time round in middle age. The audience learnt among other things that it is not always a good idea to go out with a chap while making friends with their ex. Despite promoting the event for the first time on social media, turnout was a little disappointing although we more or less broke even. Nevertheless it was a thoroughly jolly evening with excellent hot dogs, delicious choc ices and our new, very tasteful, blue cushions all contributing to the enjoyment. Many thanks to the organisers and everybody else who helped and indeed came. We hope to stage another Film Night later in the year and it has been suggested that we also show a children's/family film at around 5.30. Reactions to this idea and suggestions for films would be very welcome.

'Race Night' will return on 17 May. This event has been much enjoyed in the past and made a good contribution to hall funds. At least one happy punter has left with a nice wad of winnings. Please put the date in your diary. More information to follow next month.

The store room has undergone a thorough reorganisation. The racking has been repositioned so that the tables and chairs can be kept closer to the door. Do please help us by keeping the room tidy and stacking the furniture as directed. A big thank you to all those who joined the working party.

A deep clean of the kitchen and toilets is planned for the end of February. The hall will be closed for a day and will reopen looking at its sparkling best.

Just recently I was given the old village hall minute book starting from the early 1960s. It recorded the trials and tribulations of running the original wooden hall as damp and rot took over, the momentous decision to build a new hall, the heroic efforts to raise funds and the successful completion of a project which gave us the hall we all still enjoy today. Talk about standing on the shoulders of giants. I salute them.

I suspect our current committee is perhaps a little less formal than in the past. Certainly we laugh a lot. But we get through a fair bit of business. Recently we have been discussing our Reserves Policy and identifying future projects. The floor is holding up well but we need to put funds aside for a major refurbishment in a couple of years' time. We have agreed to go ahead with replacing the dimmable lights with low voltage dimmable leds. This should produce a measurable saving in our electricity bill. The solar panels on the hall roof continue to make a contribution to reducing costs. When the price of battery technology comes down and we can store the electricity we produce, further savings can be made.

Some years ago we were given a number of turquoise stacking chairs which we keep in the container for occasions when we need as many chairs as possible. A bit of recent research has revealed that they are a design classic being the first polypropylene stacking chair made in 1963 by the famous furniture designer Robin Day. Since we last bought chairs for the hall the Robin Day Polyside Chair has been relaunched with the original design and colour. At nearly fifty pounds each they are outside our budget. We have left one in the hall so you can try it out and report back.

The committee takes user comfort very seriously and we are well aware that our chairs are not the most comfortable for an extended sit. We have tested a number of alternatives but have failed to agree about anything. It has finally dawned on us that we are all different shapes and sizes. So what to do?

To get the project under way we will initiate a programme of measuring. This will be conducted most efficiently at the Meeting Place. Evening sessions and home visits will be considered. A number of official ‘measurers’ will be appointed and given appropriate training. Volunteers for this task should send in their CV. A panel of ‘overseers’ drawn from the PCC and the Wildlife Group will be required to witness the measuring and ensure that full decorum is maintained and the tape measure is kept at all times at body temperature. Videos of each measuring event will be made available on You Tube in the interest of openness and transparency.

In some instances plaster casts will need to be made.

For those residents who are shy or retiring, it will be possible to enter your measurements online through your computer. Your submission must be accompanied by photographs taken from three angles all suitably stamped with your name and date of birth. Photocopied images are not allowed under any circumstance!

Yes it will cost a great deal but we hope individualised seating arrangements will create a real uplift in the use of the hall, enhance the sense of well-being in the community with the added significant bonus that **we can stop talking about it!**

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





The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am to 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 always welcome surplus local produce, especially eggs, vegetables and flowers.

Dogs on leads are very welcome in the hall, but PLEASE come prepared to clean up any “accidents” that may occur.

Cake Bakers for March

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.

1st	Sarah Zorab	Sue Sharman	Sarah Basey	Julie Southern
8th	Sarah Roberts	Jane Stewart-Smith	Charlotte Inskip	
15th	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Shirley Bellis	Katie Rath
22nd	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Matthews	Helen MacDonald
29th	Bea Sword	Louise Marston	Sue Lelliott	Lisa Bowler

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM FOR ANY REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

Kitchen Helpers for March

1st	Lauraine Bourne	Nigel Southern
8th	Corinna Whines	Kerris Edmondson
15th	Jane MacNabb	Jenny Topping
22nd	Sarah Roberts	Linda Hagan Wilkie
29th	Barbara Starbuck	Yvonne Irvine

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) gabbradley@gmail.com
Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*



Froyle Wildlife

Talks, Walks & other Events 2019

Dates for the Diary



On Friday 22nd March we welcome Dr Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. We'll find out about the three types of bees - solitary, honey and bumblebees - their lifecycle and ecology, their decline and how we can help focusing on gardening through the seasons. Nikki will give an introduction to bumblebee identification and also include her work on the short-haired bumblebee project.

Doors open Froyle Village Hall 7pm for teas and coffees, talk to start at 7.30pm. All welcome, entrance £3 for non members.

Friday 22nd March, a talk entitled 'Plight of the Bumblebee' by conservationist Dr Nikki Gammans. How we can help our bees.

Saturday 27th April 4.30pm*, Join Mark Howard, hurdle maker for a walk through a worked Coppice Woodland near Crondall. Appreciate the benefits to wildlife.

Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm, talk 'RSPB Farnham Heath, the story so far' by Mike Coates. Discover the birds and nature of this restored heathland.

Saturday 18th May 10.30am*, short walk to a Wildflower Meadow and Froyle Churchyard. Identify local flora in wildlife friendly grassland.

Wednesday 26th June 10am*, walk at Noar Hill SSSI for orchids and wildflowers.

Sunday 7th July, join us for a 'drop-in' day at the Wildlife Pond and Meadow to see what's flying and flowering, anytime 10am-4pm near Gid Lane, Froyle.

Wednesday 7th August 2pm*, a walk at Old Winchester Hill NNR for flowers, views and butterflies.

Sunday 11th August pond dipping for families at Froyle Park wildlife pond, two sessions 1.30pm and 2.30pm, all equipment provided.

Friday 18th October, 7pm, AGM and talk 'Ancient and Heritage Trees' by John Stokes. Important for biodiversity and as natural landmarks for centuries.

Doors open 30 minutes before the start of talks.

*may be rearranged at short notice depending on the weather. Please check www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news for any changes or phone 23520.

Sue Clark



Froyle Gardening Club

It was a joy and inspiration on a wet and windy February evening to see the photos of spring flowers in the garden of our speaker , Patricia Elkington. Her garden, Little Court, Crawley, near Winchester is full of interest throughout the Spring and we saw and learnt how bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees could give us plenty of colour and fragrance from January to May. Many members took advantage of the added opportunity to acquire some of the less well known species brought from her garden. *Little Court, SO21 2PU is open for the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 10 March 2 – 4.30pm*

Next meeting **8th March**. Peter Almond will be the speaker on ‘ The Life of Plants – understanding how plants grow helps make us better gardeners’

The monthly competition: *Photograph of a Spring scene.*

Visitors welcome - £3

Ann Blunt



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 4th March

2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards or other games do drop by for some very unserious fun.

We play lots of different card and boardgames - our latest is an excellent board game called Blokus - but you name it and we'll play it...

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and a biscuit or two.



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)





Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am
(during term times)
Froyle Village Hall

7th March 2019	World Book Day	Please come dressed up as your favourite book character!
14th March 2019	Colours week	What is your favourite colour?
21st March 2019	Our body week	Head, shoulders, knees and toes!
28th March 2019	Boat week	Let's make a boat and see if it floats

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 or message Molly on 07595354619

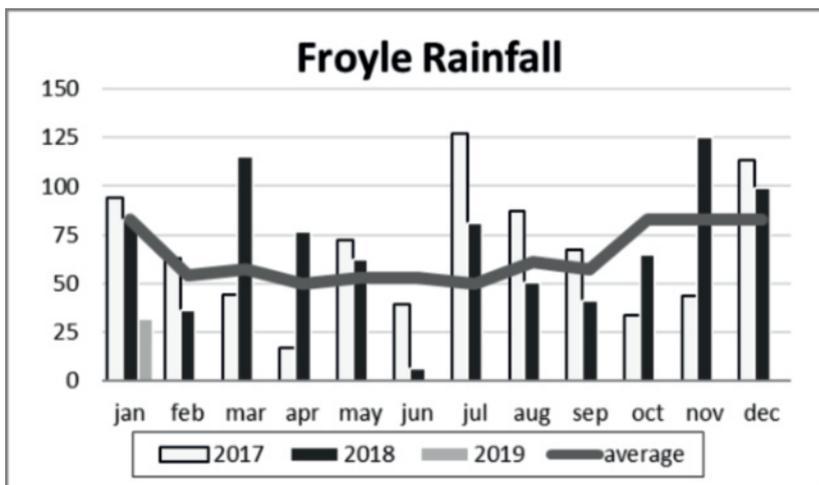


Froyle Baby and Toddler Group would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to the Parish Council for donating money towards the group. We have been able to buy 2 lovely thick mats, soft play equipment, a sensory tray, musical instruments, playdoh and lots more! It is really appreciated. Thank you.



Froyle Rainfall for January, 2019

This year	31.5 mm	1.2 ins
Last year	83 mm	3.3 ins
Wettest January (2014)	191.5 mm	7.6 ins
Driest January (1997)	13 mm	0.5 ins
January long-term average – the 4 th wettest month	82.9 mm	3.3 ins



January 2019 was comfortably the driest initial month of the year since 2006, which in turn means it is now on average the driest of the four winter months.

That said, as predicted last month, history suggests that the first quarter as a whole is highly likely to be a soggy one, reinforced by the early indications of February ...



“The Umbrella Man”

People walking their dogs around the edge of the field of Prince’s Paddock (back of Barnfield Close) - there has been an increasing volume of this and they should not be walking around the field. This not a footpath but a conservation area. There is a designated footpath across the field between top of Bamber Lane to the bottom of the field (leading back into village). Many thanks.

“Froyle Resident”



Bentley CE Primary School PTFA Update

Throughout the school year our fantastic PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) run a number of events to raise funds for the school. These can be anything from cake sales, quiz nights, and music festivals to Christmas fairs, film nights, and ice cream sales. We are incredibly lucky to have such an active parent body who not only run the events on the day, but also come up with exciting and new events to raise much needed funds. This year we have two new events planned...

Our very first Bentley Ball will be held on 29th March 2019 from 7pm and we are delighted to be hosting this event in the beautiful setting of Bury Court Barn. Everyone is welcome to join what promises to be a fabulous event. We will be kicking off with a welcome drink on arrival, followed by a delicious three course meal and plenty of opportunity to hit the dance floor and show everyone your groovy moves!

During the evening there will be a 'promises auction', and this is where we need the help of our local community. Do you have a contribution you could offer to add to our auction? This could be anything from pet sitting, car washing, or baking a cake to hair styling, a couple of hours of DIY or gardening or cleaning or perhaps you have a holiday home which could be used for a weekend/week or you have a company that could donate a prize? We are open to anything and everything!

Do you have a business you would like to promote? You can place an advertisement in our programme for the evening for as little as £25! Perhaps you'd like to buy a table and bring your clients along? Or even sponsor an element of the evening?

With tickets being sold already, don't miss out on this evening to remember. It's the perfect opportunity to get some friends together, and help us raise money to replace our school minibus. Having our own school minibus enables our children to enjoy additional school trips that otherwise may be prohibitive if we had to include coach hire in the cost.

If you have any offers for the promises auction, would like to advertise, are interested in sponsoring part of the event or are interested in buying tickets please email bentleyball19@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Our second new event is a Family Sponsored Walk around our beautiful village on Saturday 23rd March. Starting at school at 2pm for our families with Infant children and little ones and 2.30pm for families with Junior and older children, we will make our way around the village, heading towards the station.

All participating families will be given a map and details of the scavenger hunt which will include a number of items to collect or photograph along the way. The walk will end back at school where hot and cold drinks, delicious cakes and yummy biscuits will be available.

The route is approximately three miles and, whilst on public footpaths, does go over stiles so will not be appropriate for children in buggies. You are welcome to bring dogs along, but they must be kept on leads at all times.

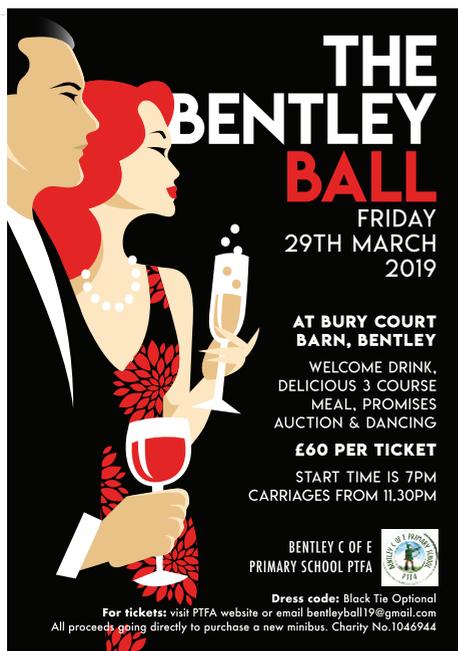
Everyone is welcome to join in - we just ask that you register your participation with a donation of £2 per family. You can do this by contacting the school office by email adminoffice@bentley.hants.sch.uk. This will help ensure we have everything in place to guarantee a fun, safe and successful event.

If you would like to sponsor a family taking part you can do so by going to our BT MyDonate page <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/familysponsoredwalk/485547>

All funds raised at this event will go towards paying for new playground markings. Our current ones are looking a little tired and desperately need renewing but the cost of £3,000 is simply outside of the school budget. Your support in this event will help us reach the target!

Everything the PTFA does is for the direct benefit of ALL of our children, to enrich and complement their education. Every penny we raise goes towards making our school the outstanding place it is and gives our children the added extras that so many other schools are unable to provide.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



THE BENTLEY BALL
FRIDAY
29TH MARCH
2019

AT BURY COURT BARN, BENTLEY

WELCOME DRINK,
DELICIOUS 3 COURSE
MEAL, PROMISES
AUCTION & DANCING

£60 PER TICKET

START TIME IS 7PM
CARRIAGES FROM 11.30PM

BENTLEY C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

Dress code: Black Tie Optional

For tickets: visit PTFA website or email bentleyball19@gmail.com
All proceeds going directly to purchase a new minibus. Charity No.1046944



**BENTLEY SCHOOL PTFA
FAMILY SPONSORED WALK**

**Saturday 23rd
March 2019**

2PM START: FAMILIES WITH
INFANTS & YOUNGER CHILDREN

2.30PM START: FAMILIES WITH
ONLY JUNIORS & OLDER CHILDREN

Walk
with me!

*REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BACK
AT SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE WALK

Sign up and find out more details at
www.pta-events.co.uk/bentley

All proceeds to Bentley School PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1046944



Lent Lunches 2019



These run **from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Wednesdays**, and are simple fare: home-made soup, bread & cheese. The host/hostess chooses the charity to which the donations on the day will go. Everyone welcome; and if anyone needs directions, please ring me. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Ash Wednesday, **March 6th at Badgers Bank**, in aid of Cardiac Rehab.

Lauraine Bourne 22159

Wednesday, **March 13th at Stowell**, in aid of 'The gift of Sight'.

Cherida Cannon 520470

Wednesday, **March 20th at The Old Dairy**, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Sarah Roberts 520041

Wednesday, **March 27th at Wykeham House**, in aid of Piam Brown Children's Ward at Southampton Hospital

Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday, **April 3rd at Brewery House**, in aid of Victoria's Promise - an Odiham charity supporting young women going through treatment for cancer

John & Vivienne Sexton 520098

Wednesday, **April 10th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment Conservation

Jenny Gove 23697

Froyle 100 Club

Winners for February 2019

1st - Linda Bulpitt 2nd - Paul Cousins

3rd - Annette Eyre 4th - Amanda Maher

Congratulations to all winners!

William (07775 928933, wbk@wbknowles.com)

March News from The Froyle Archive

One always associates Froyle with the Miller family, after all they were Lords of the Manor for nearly 300 years. But there are other famous people in history who have a strange and divergent connection with the village. Sir William Pepperrell is one such person. His death is recorded in St Mary's church records, but not his grave in the 1983 survey of burials.



However, on the North wall of the nave hangs his hatchment. (left). A hatchment is a large coat of arms, usually painted on a wood and canvas frame, erected over the door of a deceased person's house after their death. The hatchment stayed in place for one year, after which it was moved to the parish church where it was usually hung on a wall. Hatchments were used in Britain from the 17th century, and the last recorded use was in 1942 in Lancashire. But who was Sir William Pepperrell?

The search took us a long way from Froyle and back in time over two hundred years to before the American Declaration of Independence, and we found two! The first William Pepperrell was born in 1696 at Kittery Point, Maine (*then part of Massachusetts*). A wealthy merchant, landowner, and businessman, he became a colonel in the colonial militia, was a delegate to the Massachusetts General Court, a member of the governor's council, and was appointed chief justice in 1730. In 1745 he commanded the land forces that, with a British fleet, captured the French fortress of Louisburg, on Cape Breton, Canada and he became known as 'The Hero of Louisburg'. In recognition of this service, Sir William became the first native American to be created baronet in 1746 and briefly governed Massachusetts between 1756 and 1757. He died in 1759.

'Our' Froyle Pepperrell was his son, William, (*right with his family*) who graduated from Cambridge (*Massachusetts*) in 1766 and the next year married Elizabeth Royall. These were tempestuous years as the colonies in America struggled to break free of British rule. In 1774 he was chosen as a member of the governor's



council, but when that council was reorganised under the act of Parliament, he fell into disgrace because of his loyalty to the king. On November 16th 1774, the people of his own county passed a resolution in which he was declared to have "forfeited the confidence and friendship of all true friends of American liberty, and ought to be detested by all good men." Thus denounced, the baronet retired to Boston, and, in 1775, sailed for England. Here Sir William was allowed £500 per annum by the British government, and was treated with much deference. He was the good friend of all refugees from America, and entertained hospitably at his pleasant home. His private life was irreproachable, and he died in Portman Square, London, in December

1816, at the age of seventy. His vast possessions and landed estate in Maine were confiscated. By 1779 his father in law Isaac Royall, who had been one of the founders of Harvard Law School, also returned to England, his wife Elizabeth sadly dying of smallpox on the voyage in October 1775 and was buried in Boston. The story now moves to Froyle. Isaac's daughter, Mary, had married a George Erving at Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts and they owned Shrubbery House, 'The Shrubbery' in Upper Froyle.



Between 1772 and 1781 there was an outbreak of smallpox in the village and, sadly, Isaac, who was either visiting his daughter or living with the family, died. He was buried at St Mary's, Upper Froyle on October 17th 1781. His daughter, Mary McIntosh Erving was buried in the same tomb (*Right*) on November 11th 1786. She was aged 42.

Chris & Annette Booth

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 6:00 TO 7:30 PM
A TALK AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

HERALDRY EXPLAINED

What does it mean? Why is it important?
Did you know we have many, varied examples of heraldry in our church in Froyle?
Learn more from
Edward Hepper

A member of the Heraldry Society, Edward has been interested in heraldry since his schooldays, during his time at Cambridge and through to the present day
Wine and nibbles provided.

TICKETS £10 - AVAILABLE FROM 11th MARCH - call Karen Potter on
(01420) 520294.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Prayer Chain:
Nick Carter (472861)

MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd	8.00am Froyle Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Wednesday 6th (Ash Wednesday)	9.30am Froyle Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	7.00pm Binsted Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	9.30am Bentley Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	11.00am Froyle Holy Communion
	3.30pm Binsted Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 17th	9.30am Binsted Morning Worship
	11.00am Froyle Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 24th	8.00am Binsted Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	5.00pm Froyle Choral Evensong
Sunday 31st	9.30am Bentley Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday
	9.30am Binsted Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday
	11.00am Froyle Mothering Sunday Service

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

I just happened to catch the final scene in an episode of the latest series of Grantchester the other day. This is the hit TV programme in which a detective constantly turns to his local vicar to help him solve baffling crimes. Now I wasn't struck by the acting, good though it probably is, nor the thought that fighting crime might add some drama to the daily routine of a rural vicar (that would be fun, eh?) but I was intrigued by the final reference that the newly recruited vicar made in his first sermon to his very curious but wary congregation.

He didn't apologise to them for arriving in the village on a thunderous motorbike (maybe that's something I do rather fancy though...), nor did he thank the local young ladies for their giggling attentions, he talked instead about needing the help of his parishioners while he settled into his new role and while not quoting it verbatim, I think he was paraphrasing this passage from Ecclesiastes:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

And it struck me that what he was really talking about was fellowship with one another. Now the word 'fellowship' occurs in the Bible and also in our regular services, where we refer to 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit'. But in this instance, the handsome dashing new vicar was talking about his congregation helping him as much as he could help them. He meant helping one another, working together with a common aim and giving each other support. So I started to think about how much 'fellowship' we have in our lives.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines the word principally as companionship, friendliness, participation and sharing, all things which I see in all three of the churches in our Benefice. After singing and praying together in our services, we stay for coffee and cake and chatter, or a much appreciated glass of sherry in the case of Froyle. Newcomers are made welcome by everyone, especially our Church Wardens and anyone who wants a quiet moment and a sympathetic ear can find comfort in one of the prayer corners of the churches. If someone is in need of practical help, such as a lift to the station or the shops there are friends here they can turn to.

And I think that companionship is enhanced through working together too. Groups of knowledgeable ladies select and arrange stunning flower displays throughout the year, rotas are organised to clean the churches every week, volunteers ring bells and work parties share the tasks of tidying churchyards a couple of times a year. There are similar stories in our villages as well, with many community activities available, including Tea at Three and the Wednesday coffee morning at the Wickham in Binsted.

So there is no reason to feel lonely, no reason to be alone, unless that is your preferred state. We are all part of one loving fellowship, here to help and support one another. Oh, and the new vicar of Grantchester ended his sermon by adding, 'particularly if there is cake involved'! And there is cake aplenty hereabouts, lemon drizzle, ginger, chocolate, take your pick. Rupert Brooke may have asked, in his well known poem, The Old Vicarage, Grantchester, 'And is there honey still for tea?' but here in the Benefice there will always be cake!

***Blessings,
Yann***



THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE CHURCHES
INVITE THE SENIOR RESIDENTS OF ALL PARISHES TO A PANCAKE LUNCH PARTY ON
SHROVE TUESDAY 5th MARCH
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

St Mary's Church - Decorating for Easter

We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday

20th April starting at 9.00 am

The theme this year is:

Spring is Here - He is Risen!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Thanks: Sarah (23294) & Gill (520484)

The Church in Lent

Lent this year starts on 6th March (Ash Wednesday), and, of course, leads up to Easter. In addition to the wonderful Froyle tradition of Lent lunches referred to elsewhere in this magazine, bear in mind the following events over this period.

Ash Wednesday

A short but lovely contemplative Holy Communion service takes place in Froyle church on Ash Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Lent Talks

Thought-provoking public talks on a wide range of subjects linked to Christian faith are a feature of Lent, are held all over the country and are well worth watching out for. On our own doorstep in Alton, a series of five such talks will be given by various speakers on different aspects of the Lord's Prayer on each Thursday evening (7:30 pm to 9:00 pm), from 21st March until 18th April, at Alton Methodist Church.

Events closer to Easter

These will be featured in next month's magazine, but make a note of the following:

- **Maundy Thursday** choral service in Froyle church. This service to commemorate the Last Supper is one of the two main choral events in the year held in Froyle. It is atmospheric, sombre but uplifting – definitely worth experiencing if you enjoy choral music. It starts at 6:00 pm.

- **Maundy Thursday Passover Supper** This is a Passover meal in the Jewish tradition (but organised by Christians!) which illustrates in a light-hearted way the Jewish origins of the Christian faith. It is instructive as well as being great fun, with good food and bring-your-own wine. It is open to all. The three churches in our benefice take it in turn to host it – this year it is Bentley's turn. It starts at 7:30 pm. So you can manage both the service in Froyle and the supper in Bentley if you are feeling brave! The contrast is a rewarding one which I much enjoy!

- **Good Friday** meditative service in Binsted This is another unusual service which is well worth attending for an hour or so of quiet reflection.

- **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Garden making** This event for children at Froyle church on the Saturday before Easter Day was entertaining and successful last year, if a little chaotic, so we are planning to repeat it this year – probably at 10:00 am.

If anyone has any questions, do please let me know.

William Knowles (23164)



PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FROYLE

A note about the new Church electoral roll

This year, 2019, as part of a six-yearly process, St Mary's, like every church in the country, has to prepare a new electoral roll. The roll is a list of people who can vote in some church elections, the most important being for members of our Parochial Church Council. The PCC, along with the priests in the parish, is the group which runs the church, looking after things like service arrangements, the building and the churchyard.

Signing up is easy: you have to complete and return a form, which simply asks for your name, address, email address and whether you have a sufficient link with the church. You don't have to pay, and we promise only to use your data in relation to church electoral roll matters. **Even if you were on the old roll, you will have to sign up again now, if you want to be on the roll.**

Being on the roll means you can vote in the PCC elections, which gives you a say in who runs the church. Please enrol if you're interested in the church, and the village, of which it is an important part, and want your views to be represented. Once on the roll you're also eligible for election to the PCC, if you want to have a say yourself. The elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which this year is on Thursday 4 April.

You can apply for inclusion on the new roll from now till 11 March. You can find a form in the church, at the Meeting Place, or from me. Please do sign up.

Jonathan Pickering
Warren Cottage, Lower Froyle
Church Electoral Roll Officer
jonathan@warrencottage.org.uk

“St. Mary’s News”

From pen pictures of the fallen heroes of Froyle, to rescuing vestments which rival those in York Minster, you will find much of interest in our first issue of “St Mary’s News”. This has now been delivered to those on the church electoral roll but is available to everyone. Printed copies can be found at the back of the church or it can be downloaded from www.benbinfro.co.uk.

Future issues will include insights on projects and plans which will contribute to village life, so if there’s anything you’d like to know about, just get in touch via media@benbinfro.co.uk.



Welcome Sam & Gemma!

The Churches of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle are delighted to share with you that we have appointed Sam Ball and Gemma Turnbull, who will be starting in September and working with the youth and children in our villages.

Sam and Gemma were both brought up in NW Kent and met on a youth mission trip to Spain in 2012. In June 2017 they got engaged and will be getting married in July this year. They are both heavily involved in their home church, St Peter's in Hextable (a village just outside of Swanley), doing youth and worship, especially since studying their degrees in Theology and Youth Ministry, and Theology, Music and Worship.

They came to visit in October and fell in love with Benbinfro and after interview, have accepted the offer to become Pastoral Assistants - Gemma focusing on Youth Work and Sam on Worship. Sam's favourite colour is blue (even though he's colourblind) and he likes eating biscuits. Gemma likes red (even though she used to have pink hair) and her weakness is tea and cake.

(They will therefore both enjoy that we are always serving tea/coffee and cakes at most church events.)



You are invited to join us on
Sunday 10 March

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



ST MARY'S CHURCH, BENTLEY

LIVE@5

Our informal, family-friendly service
at Bentley Church.

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

JOIN US AT 4.30PM IN

THE CHURCH HALL

FOR CHILDREN'S LIGHT SUPPER AND
TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE FOR ADULTS.

Come along to this fun and friendly service. There are
toys and activities for children at the back of the
church and they can make as much noise as they like!



Chase any winter
blues away by joining us for a

Curry Supper



on **Saturday 2 March**

7.30pm in the

Wickham Institute (Binsted's Village Hall)

Curries and Desserts will be provided
- please bring your own drinks

**Cost £10 per head
and payable on the door**

Please let Kathy (23125) or Nick (472861) know if
you are planning to attend

All profits will go towards the ongoing maintenance of Holy Cross Binsted Church



Saturday 27th April
Froyle Village Jumble Sale



Our annual Jumble Sale in the Village Hall, a church fund raising event, is a good opportunity to bargain hunt, browse or just drop in for a hello, cuppa and cake moment. You could also win something on the raffle! So, stick the date in your diary. In April's magazine we will share all the stall details to encourage donations.

Sarah Robert (520041) & Julie Southern (520620)

A TASTE OF SUMMER
FRIENDS OF TRELOAR'S PLANT SALE

Saturday 11 May 2019 * 10.00am-12.30pm

Treloar's • Powell Drive • Holybourne, Alton • GU34 4GL



Annuals, Herbs, Phoenix Perennial
 Plants, Vegetables, Plants from local
 gardens, Recycled Garden Tools +
 Expert Advice.

Inside: Teas, Cakes, Produce Stall,
 Music, Beauty Products, Gifts and
 Raffle.

*FREE ENTRY, Easy Parking, Manned
 Barrier and new this year - plant
 collection point.*



Treloar's is a registered Charity Number 1092857



Do your pots need recycling?



The annual Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale is on Saturday May 11th – but the plants are arriving this month! We will be potting on hundreds of plug plants ready for the sale. If anyone has a surplus of plastic pots 8 – 10 cm, we would love to recycle them. Please ring Jane Macnabb 23195 or Caroline Findlay 22019



Village Events March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 March</p> <p>11.00 Mothering Sunday service</p>					<p>1</p> <p>10.00am Meeting place</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8.00 HC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Recycling</p> <p>2.30pm Car club</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9.30 HC Asb Weds.</p> <p>12.30pm Lent lunch</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9.45am Toddler gp.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10.00am Meeting place</p> <p>7.30pm Gardening club</p>	<p>9</p>
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Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
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NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday, 22nd March 2019

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>

Froyle Village Magazine



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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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PARISH MEETING

To be held in Froyle Village Hall
on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 8.15 pm

Report from the Parish Council

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 11 March. Apologies were received from two councillors. Two members of the public were present.

Froyle Park

A response to FPC's letter dated 19 December 2018 to the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of East Hants District Council (EHDC) was received from the new CEO, Gill Kneller. This arrived on 11 March 2019 rejecting the request for a meeting to discuss issues of planning compliance and enforcement at Froyle Park and issues of nuisance arising from the operation of the venue which in the view of Ms Kneller had all been dealt with robustly.

The position of the Parish Council remains that the operation of the venue is in conflict both with the planning permission granted in 2013 for a Country Club Hotel and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which insists that development within a Conservation Area should preserve or enhance the character of such an area.

It remains open to individual residents to take up these issues with the Local Government Ombudsman if they can demonstrate flaws in the way that EHDC has handled the planning and enforcement process and that they have suffered loss or injustice.

On 20 March FPC met with the local management of Froyle Park to discuss outstanding issues affecting residents including incorrect postcodes still being advertised, cooking smells, 'No Access to Hotel' sign at Gate A repositioned more prominently, noise from super cars travelling to and from the venue, staffing levels and the condition of the Avenue. Another meeting is scheduled for July.

Draft Local Plan Consultation

FPC has responded to the EHDC Consultation on the Draft Local Plan by objecting to the inclusion of a proposal for a new 800+ house settlement at Northbrook Park on the following grounds:

Lack of earlier consultation and background information

Impact of increased traffic on local roads.

Impact on local educational and medical services

Impact on highly sensitive landscape with low capacity for development.

Impact on wildlife and biodiversity

The use of Froyle Park for weddings may intensify as that for Northbrook declines

The development is unlikely to be viable unless at least double in size.

The development is unsustainable given that local station carparks are at capacity.

FPC has also objected to plans to revise the Upper Froyle Settlement Boundary and to impose a boundary on Lower Froyle which currently is treated as countryside and therefore has a higher level of protection from development.

In the case of Upper Froyle the PC is concerned that the proposal to extend the settlement boundary to include West End Farm opens up the possibility of major housing development there in the future. The existing settlement boundary covers the residential part of the village and designates West End Farm as an important local employment site that adds vitality to the village and helps support a sustainable community.

In the case of Lower Froyle the PC is concerned that a new settlement boundary will open up the possibility of back land development, something that would be contrary to the Froyle Village Design Statement. The PC points out a number of errors in EHDC's methodology relating to the amenities to which the village has access:

There is no community hall in Upper Froyle

There is no youth club in the village

Bentley Station car park is full after 7.00am

The PC also believe that further development in Lower Froyle would be contrary to NPPF paragraph 9.

Copies of the PC's letters can be found in full on the PC's website at www.froyleparishcouncil.com

Football Hut Future

The vexed question of the refurbishment/demolition of the hut and the available options continues to be discussed. Currently a proposal is being investigated to rebuild on the existing slab to provide a basic, no frills storage space, clad in timber but with a tiled roof to match the village hall. The building to include a covered sitting area or veranda to the front and constructed in such a way that it can be modified at a later date when a need or use emerges.

Water Bill

A lengthy complaint over the water/waste supply to the hut has been concluded with the repayment of £136.35.

Complaint to EHDC

As part of the 2013 planning permission for the development of the Treloar School site permitted rights to modify/extend buildings were withheld. FPC is seeking clarification from EHDC as to how this will be implemented in practice and the implication of this for residents.

Prior to the 2013 planning permission, EHDC undertook extensive consultation with residents which resulted in supplementary planning guidance being adopted for the site. FPC has written to EHDC to ask why this guidance has not been considered in applications since 2013 to modify the previous permission.

Permissive Path

FPC continue to press for the construction of a footpath from the Linden Homes estate inside the boundary wall to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill. EHDC are in discussion with the developer but progress is slow because of legal/specification issues.

Signs

Most of the Froyle Park Estate signs have been removed following a request from FPC.

Litter on the A31

FPC understand from EHDC that litter picking on the A31 near the recycling centre will take place at the end of March.

Heavy Goods Vehicles

Discussions are taking place with Hampshire County Council for the installation of a 'Not suitable for HGV' sign on the road between Bentley and Lower Froyle to give drivers the option of returning to the A31.

Planning Applications

FPC has made no comment on recent planning applications.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 April at 8.15pm following the Froyle Village Hall Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30pm. The meeting will include a report from the Parish Council and other village groups, reports from the police and our District and County Councillors. As a result of ward boundary changes which now links Froyle with Lasham and Bentworth, this will be Cllr Glynis Watts final meeting as representative for Froyle on EHDC and an opportunity to thank her for her work on behalf of the village.

Elections

Elections for the Parish and District Council take place on 2 May 2019. Residents are reminded that if they wish to stand for either council the closing date for nomination papers to be handed in is Tuesday 23 April.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next statutory meeting of FPC is on Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 7.45 pm in the village hall.

Local Elections - May 2019

East Hants. District Council has asked us to remind voters that there have been changes to many customary polling station locations. We have done a quick check online and it appears that Froyle is unlikely to be affected. However, there is an online tool being developed which should be available by the time this is published..

You should be able to get confirmation of where you will be able to vote at: <http://www.easthants.gov.uk/elections-may-2019> or by phoning 01730 234350. For most Froyle residents, it would seem that Froyle Village Hall is likely to remain the appropriate polling station.



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

After reporting last month about improvements below in the shape of the new blue cushions I can report this month about improvements above. The installation of the energy saving bulbs and associated wiring is complete and while you may not notice a great deal of difference the Treasurer will in the form of significant cost savings over time. The kitchen has undergone a deep clean and our gas barbecue has been thoroughly degreased so it is already for the summer fete. Both projects were funded from the Village Hall Reserve.

We have been discussing, as we have for a number of years, a sound system for the Hall that is easier to use than our existing system which is quite comprehensive but takes a bit of know-how to set up. Essentially what is needed is a single switch to turn things on and a single socket into which a phone can be plugged. Quotes have been circulated ranging from £100 to £5000. Watch this space. Or perhaps listen out for further news.

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 April. Do please make every effort to attend and support the Hall. We shall report on what we got up to in 2018 and our plans for the year ahead. Our annual accounts will be available for inspection and acceptance. The AGM will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15 with reports from the Parish Council, the Church, village groups, the police and our District and County Councillors. Given the proposal for a new settlement at Northbrook Park the meeting should provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas, opinions and information.

But do try to make the AGM as well. Apart from anything else you will be able to bag a cushion before they run out.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 18 May when the Froyle Race Night will take place. Tickets will be available shortly. There will be opportunities to sponsor races, buy horses as well back them. It promises to be a night of great excitement and perhaps some big surprises. The evening is designed to raise funds for the Hall while having fun and enjoying a communal meal together. If you are new to the village, relatively new or long standing this will be a chance to meet your neighbours and make new friends. And if your horse comes last and you go home poorer it will still be in a good cause.

We are persisting with the Hallmaster online booking system which is the best available. Not everyone has found it easy to use but we have improved the instructions and made it clear that the Booking Secretary is perfectly happy to accept bookings by telephone.

Can I make the request to hirers that they remove all their rubbish. This is a condition of booking. Over a fortnight the Hall simply does not have the bin capacity to cope if they do not.

The Hall has at last after several years managed to be accepted by TSB for online banking. After many false dawns, disappointments and long conversations with customer support we have cracked it. The moment when I realised that I had to authorise myself to authorise TSB to authorise me to authorise the payment which Charlie Findlay had authorised and the whoosh with which the money departed from our account is one I will always cherish.

To keep you in touch with village events and happenings and other important and appropriate information, the Hall maintains a secure email list. If you would like to join please send an email to the Village Hall Chairman David Robertson at DARinfroyle@aol.com. We won't bombard or spam you or share your details with anybody and you can withdraw whenever you want to.

Finally an apology to the Froyle resident who complained that she is still waiting to be measured for her chair. Sorry!

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



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am
 (during term times)
 Froyle Village Hall

4th April 2019	Easter Theme	Easter egg hunt!
11th April 2019	NO GROUP - EASTER HOLIDAY	
18th April 2019	NO GROUP - EASTER HOLIDAY	
25th April 2019	Flowers Theme	Spring flower crafts

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 or message Molly on 07595354619



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 1st April
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards and/or other games, do drop by for an hour or two of some very unserious fun.

We play lots of different card and board games but, if you have one you like, bring it along, we'll play it...

We now have eight regulars - and often more - so everyone gets a game.

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and a **biscuit or two**.



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)





The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome. We serve tea, coffee and home-made cakes. There are books and magazines to borrow, we sell the local paper, also postage stamps and sometimes local produce, when available. We also collect stamps and plastic milk bottle tops.

Thank you to all those who contributed to a very successful Froyle Red Nose Day, we were able to send £150 to the charity.

Cake Bakers for April

5th	Ann Roberts	Barbara Starbuck	Chris Muddeman	Janet Dobson
12th	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Jane Dunn	Anne Blunt
19th	June Trim	Jo Mills	Janet Dobson	Harriet Wharfe
26th	Sarah Zorab	Ann Netherway	Marje Heyhurst	Jill Mackenzie

Kitchen Helpers for April

5th	Sarah Lovell	Gillian Pickering
12th	Elizabeth Sealey	Mark Carr
19th	Easter Meeting Place - Volunteers Please!	
26th	Jill Mackenzie	Maureen Fry

If you need to swop dates, please contact another helper directly and arrange this.

Please be at the Hall about 10.15am

The Easter Meeting Place – There will be a raffle, lots of Hot Cross Buns and the usual EASTER EGG competition. There will be 3 age groups – under 7, 7-9 years and 10 and over. Each entry must include a decorated, hardboiled egg. These will be judged by popular vote from 11am. We look forward to lots of entries!

*Gill Bradley (520484) gabbradley@gmail.com
Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*



Froyle Wildlife

‘Farnham Heath, the story so far’

talk 30th April 2019

We welcome Mike Coates from the RSPB to tell us about the birds and wildlife of this restored heathland. Once a gloomy conifer plantation, 100 hectares have been transformed into a beautiful heathland with views across the Weald, abundant with wildlife that includes roe deer, crossbills, nightjars, woodcocks and tree pipits.



All welcome, entrance £3 for non members. Doors open Froyle Village Hall 7pm for talk to start at 7.30pm, tea and coffee available.

Saturday 27th April 4.30pm, Join Mark Howard, hurdle maker, for a walk through a worked **Coppice Woodland** near Crondall and discover the benefits to wildlife. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news/.

The Wildlife Pond Area

It's truly amazing to see how wildlife has taken off in this area since the pond was dug and native wild flowers and grasses sown 3 years ago. So far **171 species have been recorded**, for example: **Moths 67 sp, Butterflies 22sp, Dragonflies 14 sp, hoverflies 9 sp.**

Highlights included **Ghost Moth** a species of conservation concern in the UK, **Downy Emerald dragonfly** (rated as scarce in Britain) **Wasp Spider** and **Great**

Crested Newt - larvae and adults. Then there were the **Barn Swallows** swooping low over the pond to sip water and 5 species of **Hawk-moth** noted on our moth evening last July (which lasted till 3.30am!). Located near Gid Lane in Upper Froyle, the area can be seen from the adjacent public footpath and there is permitted access for members of Froyle Wildlife.

Do let us know what wildlife you have spotted here or elsewhere in Froyle
contact info@froylewildlife.co.uk or phone 23520.

Sue Clark

Froyle Wildlife photo competition 2019.



What better way to connect with nature than to capture images of what you see. So get out and about with your camera or phone to record what's appealing to you. The competition is open to all.

Photographs must have been taken within the parish of Froyle and could include views, wildflowers, trees, animals or insects -whatever you enjoy about local nature. The winning photos will be displayed on the Froyle Wildlife website along with at least one photo from each person entering. Entries from under 14's will

be judged as a separate category. See froylewildlife.co.uk/froyle-wildlife-photo-competition-2019/.

Please submit up to 4 entries by 31st October 2019 either by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or at one of our walks and talks.

Make a difference by volunteering.

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic band of volunteers to call on but you can never have too many! This spring we plan to sow cornfield annuals again on a 5x10m area of bare ground on Froyle recreation ground. We have already rotovated the area and will need to remove any perennial weeds then rake the soil before sowing. Assistance would be appreciated 2-4pm on Saturday 6th April.

The wildlife pond and wildflower meadow near Gid Lane has established well but will still benefit from regular maintenance. Join us if you can help in 2019 at our work parties, 10am-12 on Saturdays 30th March and 20th April. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news or phone 23520.

Barry Clark



Charity Race Night



SATURDAY 18th MAY, 2019
In the Froyle Village Hall

GATES OPEN 7.00pm

UNDER STARTERS ORDERS AT 7.30pm

EIGHT RACES...EIGHT CHANCES TO WIN
(ALL BETS IN MULTIPLES OF £1)

... AND IF THE CENSORS DON'T GIVE IT AN X-CERTIFICATE,
THE FINAL RACE WILL FEATURE
A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL CELEBRITIES...!

Tickets £10 per head
(which *includes* supper)

Wine and soft drinks will be available to buy during the evening
Bring extra money for betting

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

TICKETS AND HORSE-SPONSORING DETAILS FROM

ALEX MARSHALL 01420 22887

or [lexington.marshall@gmail](mailto:lexington.marshall@gmail.com)

DEADLINE 12TH MAY

(ALL NET PROCEEDS
IN AID OF THE FROYLE VILLAGE HALL)





ST MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE PRESENTS...

'HERALDRY EXPLAINED'

A Talk

By

EDWARD HEPPER

What does it mean?

Why is it important?

Did you know we have many varied examples of heraldry in our church in Froyle? Learn more from Edward Hepper.

Edward is a Member of the Heraldry Society. He has been interested in heraldry since his schooldays, during his time at Cambridge and through to the present day.

Tickets £10
Call Karen Potter
(01420) 520294

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

6.00 TO 7.30 PM

St. Mary's Church Froyle

Wine & Nibbles Provided





Lent Lunches 2019



These run **from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Wednesdays**, and are simple fare: home-made soup, bread & cheese. The host/hostess chooses the charity to which the donations on the day will go. Everyone welcome; and if anyone needs directions, please ring me. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Wednesday, **April 3rd at Brewery House**, in aid of Victoria's Promise - an Odiham charity supporting young women going through treatment for cancer

John & Vivienne Sexton 520098

Wednesday, **April 10th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment Conservation

Jenny Gove 23697

EASTER SATURDAY EASTER GARDEN MAKING AND EASTER EGG HUNT

All children welcome! Please bring an adult!
Do join us on Easter Saturday 20th April at 10 am.
(all done in about an hour!)
in Froyle Church
You will be making your own Easter garden
followed by
an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard



April News from The Froyle Archive

Life in Froyle in the late 1930s by Bill Elstow (1928-2000)

My grandfather died in the year before I was born, and it followed quite naturally for my grandmother to go and live with her sister, who then lived in Wrecclisham. There she met and married a widower, Arthur Smith, who lived in a rented thatched Tudor cottage, Church Cottage, in Lower Froyle. Thus from the age of two and a bit I spent regular long periods with my grandmother in the country, and once I had started school this included all my Easter and Summer holidays. When I first became aware of Froyle it was barely out of benevolent serfdom. People still spoke of the squire, Sir Hubert Miller, who would ride on his horse through the village after Sunday service to enquire the reason of any of his tenants who had not attended.

Froyle was a very closed community where nearly everybody was related in some way or other. Those that weren't were outsiders and whilst, in conversation in a pub, someone might run down another villager in his absence without an eyebrow being raised woe betide an outsider trying it. He would



Bill Elstow with Arthur Smith on The Common above Lower Froyle

soon find that he was surrounded by the brothers-in-law, nephews, uncles and what-have-you of his verbal victim. Fortunately for me, possibly because I had been there continuously since a very young child, more like one of their own but away at boarding school and only home for holidays, I was accepted, if not as one of the village, as very close relative who could be tolerated and only very occasionally had to be reminded he was a townie. For my part though Froyle was where I always wanted to be and I was certainly known by name by everyone in the lower village.

The thing about Froyle was the apparent freedom to wander wherever one wanted. Through the woods, around the fields, into the old disused chalk pit, into the old gravel pit or along the sheep drove. When I was very small the women of the village would regularly form a party, each with their own form of barrow made from an old soap box or pram, to go “wooding” in the woods at the top of Well Lane to collect firewood. (*This still went on when we came to Froyle in 1971*). Every cottage had a woodshed, always brick built though the original roof might now be replaced with corrugated iron. Inside, always down a step, on the dirt floor would be an upright trunk of a small tree to serve as a chopping block.. The top worn into a rounded dome from the continuous chopping. The choppers were always long hook-ended affairs quite unlike the square headed hatchets of the town.



*AG Elstow Alice Smith Emily Beeson
in Church Cottage*

There is nothing like the smell of burning kindling collected in the woods but an even more memory-provoking smell is that of rainwater being boiled. As every drop of water we used had to be drawn from a well, all the rainwater that could be collected was collected. Because the well water came from the chalk not only was it bright and sparkling and good to drink, it was hard. On the other hand the rain water was beautifully soft. It was used for washing giving a wonderful lather

especially with the little metal cage device into which were put the soap dog ends so that they would not be wasted. There was of course no bath in the cottage, washing down was done standing in a galvanised bath in front of the fire. En suite in those days meant that you had a painted table in the bedroom on which stood a large jug in a large china basin for washing and a chamber pot under the bed to save you having to walk down the garden in the middle of the night.

Read more about Bill Elstow's Froyle at www.froyle.com/memory.htm

Chris & Annette Booth



Froyle Gardening Club

Our next event -

Spring Show and Plant Sale

Friday 12th April in Froyle Village Hall

Staging (members only) 6.00pm – 6.45pm

Visitors very welcome from 7.30pm

Refreshments Raffle

Show schedules available at Meeting Place or from Anne Blunt (22262)

or Michael Starbuck (22180)

(Contd).



Froyle Gardening Club

Our speaker in March, Peter Almond, with his talk ‘The Life of Plants’ introduced us in a clear and entertaining manner to plant physiology, explaining how various plants and seeds react to stimuli such as temperature, light, day length, gravity. He also talked of the more recent concept of plant communities ‘talking’ to each other. All useful information for the gardener.

A wonderful photograph of a bluebell wood by Tony Riley won the monthly competition for a Spring Scene.

Anne Blunt

Froyle Open Gardens 2019

Six Froyle Gardens will be opening this year on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, 1st and 2nd June.

Last year we enjoyed wonderful weather, the gardens looked splendid, over a thousand visitors came and we raised £10,000 for various charities. Probably the most successful group opening in Hampshire.

Froyle Open Gardens (FOG) is a whole village affair and I think that is why it is so popular with our visitors. And now we have to do it all over again.

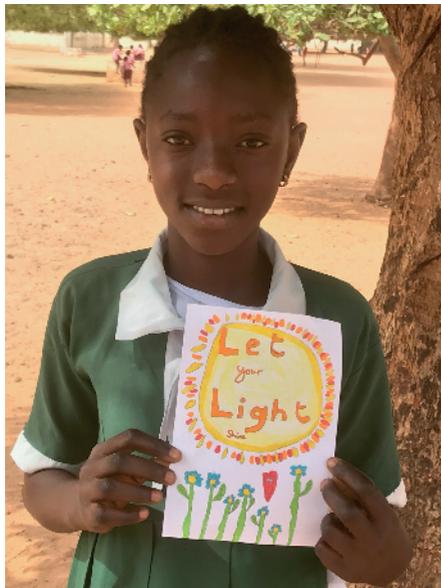
Work in the gardens is already under way and anxiety levels are beginning to rise that we will be ready in time. So we are on the lookout for volunteers to bake cakes, help with the teas in the village hall, organise the parking on the rec, sell tickets, put up and take down signs, distribute posters, man plant stalls, contribute plants and probably much more. If you would like to help please drop me an email. We intend to hold a planning meeting at 7.30 on Monday 13 May.

Nick Whines (23130) nick@whines.co.uk

Bentley CE Primary School

Let your light shine - Gambia 2019

This February half term I was incredibly lucky to be invited to take part in a school exchange visit to The Gambia in Western Africa. This was a self-funded trip where I went as an ambassador for Bentley CE Primary School to work for the Kaira Konko charity for the week.



We have been doing a lot of work over the last two years to help children at our school to think about their own place in the world as ‘global citizens’ – an important aim at this time and something which staff identified children had lots of questions about.

We first heard about the charity last summer when it was nominated by our super governor, Sara Crane, to be one of the three charities we support in 2019. Once the children heard about it they thought it would be great to directly support another school overseas, so the charity was selected by the pupils to hold a fundraising event.

We found out more about the charity from Bentley resident (and Gambian regular volunteer) Trish Slator and Marion Christmas MBE, one of the original fundraisers, to speak to the pupils at our school and our whole school community was interested to hear more about everyday life for pupils in this very small African country (which is about half the size of Wales!).

All of our pupils were gobsmacked to learn that for the cost of one Hampshire school meal a child in the Gambia could be fed for a whole term – many children went home and emptied piggy banks and asked parents for ‘another pound please’ in order to ensure that they could make a BIG difference for another child who was not as lucky as themselves. We raised a terrific £481.17 for projects to support pupils at the schools and families donated 531 pencils too.

Children and staff have really got behind the Kaira Konko work and we have sent over good quality second hand uniform, pencils, football posts and footballs too. The children thought hard about what is important to them and some even donated additional items as they were so keen to make a difference for their fellow pupils in The Gambia. It was interesting that once I had announced that I would be going to



Meeting and working with the enthusiastic pupils in Soma

visit the schools at half term there was a realisation that this was ‘real’ and excitement bubbled as our pupils began to see a connection forging between themselves and the other children at school in The Gambia. This was really exciting and even more so when the Gambian students got just as excited to hear about life in the UK and in return they wanted to know more about the children at Bentley CE Primary!

We hope that this is just the start of our links with The Gambia and we have lots of ideas and plans to deepen this new friendship and link our learning together. For me it was a fantastic opportunity to think and learn from schools and educators overseas. We have much we can learn from other countries and people, and we want this work to be a partnership of ideas as we educate our children together.

If you would like to know more about this visit please visit our website to read more. We would be interested to hear your ideas for further partnership work between Bentley and Sitahuma.

If you would like to find out more about the Kaira Konko charity or would like to make a donation to help other schools projects in The Gambia please go to www.kairakonko.com

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



Reception aged pupil taking responsibility for watering a banana plant



Medicine for the Soul

Follow-up on Audiobooks

Following my article about audio books a couple of months ago, I have had a couple of enquiries about the best way to get them.



There are two sorts of websites, ones from which you can get audio books for free – but which inevitably will not include many, if any recent publications, but are good for literary classics - and ones you pay for. To see what **websites for free audio books** there are, best to check out:

<https://bookriot.com/2016/09/15/11-websites-find-free-audiobooks-online/>

There are also a number of sites for which, either you pay a monthly subscription of typically £7.99 and can download one book per month, or in the case of Google Play, you pay by the book. I personally use Audible which comes with my Amazon Prime subscription, and which apparently has the widest selection, but for a list of the five best pay websites for audio books suggest checking out:

<https://www.techradar.com/uk/best/the-best-audio-book-sites>

Hope that helps...!

PS Just finished “Love is Blind” by William Boyd – extremely well-written (as all his books are) and a compelling story, if a little unsatisfying but it did keep me hooked for all 12 hours of it!

David Robertson

Podcasts

Did you miss Desert Island Discs this week? From Our Own Correspondent, In Our Time or any of the radio broadcasts you listen to regularly? You can listen to them on your computer with iplayer—or you can download them and enjoy them while you walk the dog, deadhead your roses or drive to the supermarket. I also listen during the night—it’s just too depressing to listen to the news on BBC 4, which used to be my sleep-inducer.

The first podcast was published online in 2003. Now they’re mainstream, easily accessible and available on every imaginable subject. You need an internet connection and a podcaster application (many use itunes, but others are just as straightforward). You can download one episode or subscribe to a programme, so every episode goes automatically to your computer (for easy catch-up after holiday or general binge-listening). Then synchronize to your phone or other portable device to take it anywhere.

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Podcasts are free to listeners, although some are funded with advertising (generally American; not BBC ones). The variety is endless and global. You may not be able to access foreign radio programmes, but you can hear the podcasts. To get started, google “Download podcast”--or find a teenager.

“The Bishop of Podcaster”

The Hampshire Bobby Scheme



This is a free practical service to check and improve home safety and security for vulnerable or elderly residents.



The Bobby Scheme brings peace of mind to older people and helps reduce the fear of crime.

A full crime prevention and fire safety survey is carried out by a trained, police-vetted fitter. They will provide both crime and fire prevention advice and when appropriate our fitters will fit such items as locks, spy-holes, door chains and smoke alarms, etc. This service is completely free.

The Blue Lamp Trust can also supply and fit police approved key safes for a donation of £75.

Requesting a visit:

A visit can be requested on behalf of anyone who meets the criteria including people who are:

- Vulnerable due to age (over 65)
- Vulnerable due to circumstance
- Disabled
- Victim of household crime

Contact The Bobby Scheme on Tel: 0300 777 0157

Or go to www.bluelamptrust.org.uk

Alternatively, ask your Village Agent for more information.

Village Agents are volunteers supported by Age Concern Hampshire to help people to find information and services in their local community.

**Contact your local Village Agent Madeleine Black
on 23371**





Hampshire County Council is rolling out superfast broadband across the region.

It enables people to get internet speeds of 24 Megabits per second or more – making streaming TV, working from home, online banking and shopping, and gaming a lot easier – to name just some of the benefits.

Currently it's available to 95% of the region, and that number is on target to reach 97.4% by the end of 2019. However, many people don't know whether they can get superfast broadband or not, or believe it is more expensive than their current package – which is not always the case.

Hampshire County Council's role is to provide the infrastructure to enable as many people as possible to access superfast broadband (not to sell the service). We have a postcode checker that will tell you if its available where you live, and what to do next if you want to find the right package for you. You can also register with us to be told when superfast broadband is coming to your area.

Use our postcode checker to find out if you can get superfast broadband now:
www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish/

Taznin Ahmed, for Hampshire Superfast Broadband



**73rd Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog
Show
Saturday 13th July**



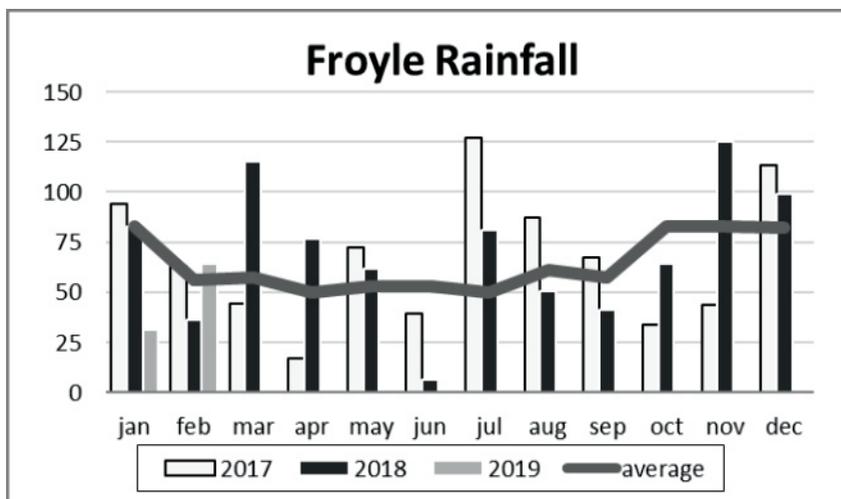
Planning has already started for this year's fete with plenty of fun for young and old alike.

More details in future editions.

Ian Whitmore

Froyle Rainfall for February, 2019

This year	64.5 mm	2.5 ins
Last year	36 mm	1.4 ins
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.2 ins
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for February – the 5 th driest month	56.0 mm	2.2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	96.0 mm	3.8 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	138.8 mm	5.5 ins



Continuing my theme of a wet spring, this seems still to be on the cards: a wet February has been followed by a first half of March yielding more rain than the long term average for the whole month.

Much drier than January overall, it is perhaps not surprising that February is the 5th driest month of the year, but don't be fooled...on a per diem basis it is in fact 5th *wettest*.



“The Umbrella Man”

Froyle Jumble Sale, in the Village Hall

Saturday 27 April, 2.00pm

Thank you for all your kind offers to help for our annual Jumble Sale, which raises much needed funds for the church and is a wonder village community event. **Donations for all stalls will be very gratefully received.** Contact stall holders below if you would like a house collection or bring your donations to the Meeting Place any Friday in April.

Books, DVDs & 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 seedling plants needed. Janet Dobson 23340.

Raffle – we are looking for donations for all family members, Barbara Starbuck 22180.

Julie Southern (520620) & Sarah Roberts (520041)

St Mary's Supporting the Community



You are warmly invited to
attend our

Mothering Sunday Service at Froyle Church

On Sunday 31st March
At 11 to 11.45am

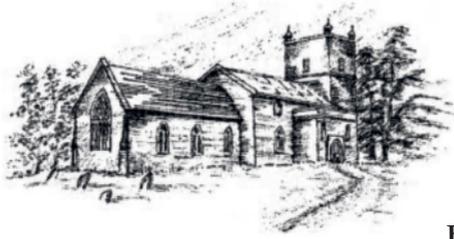
Please join us for this family-focussed service led by Yann.
Bring your mums, grandmothers, aunties and all the special
women in your life. The children in the congregation will be
given posies of flowers to hand out to their mums and other
women in the congregation.



ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 yann@benbinfro.org

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Benefice Pastoral Care:
Gill Thallon (23538)

Prayer Chain:
Nick Carter (472861)

APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 7th	8.00am Froyle Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted Holy Communion and APCM
	5.00pm Bentley Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 14th Palm Sunday	9.30am Bentley Morning Worship w/Children's Church and APCM
	11.00am Froyle Holy Communion
	3.30pm Binsted Messy Church (in school)
Thursday 18th Maundy Thurs.	6.00pm Froyle Sung Eucharist
	7.30pm Bentley Passover
Friday 19th Good Friday	11.00am Binsted Good Friday Meditation
Sunday 21st Easter Day	5.30am Bentley Sunrise Service
	9.30am Bentley Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted Holy Communion
	11.00am Froyle Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	8.00am Binsted Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	6.30pm Froyle Evensong

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

When it comes to Easter eggs, what is your favourite? Or maybe I should say, what was your favourite? A Cadbury's cream egg or a handful of speckled sugar coated mini eggs? I'm not into chocolate as much as the rest of my family but I do occasionally really like dark chocolate whether as an Easter egg or bar. I also quite enjoy pinching some of my children's eggs.

But where did all this tradition of having chocolate eggs come from? If you look up favourite Bible quotes on the subject of the Easter story, there isn't a single one referring to eggs of any kind, scrambled, hard boiled or chocolate (and neither on the Easter Bunny!)

Yet for as long as most of us can remember, eggs have been an important part of our Easter celebrations. The custom goes way back to the days of early Christianity and the egg symbolises the empty tomb of Jesus from which He was resurrected. It is thought to have originated with the early Christians of Mesopotamia and spread from there to Russia and Siberia through the Orthodox Churches and then into Europe. And in one early tradition, which I find particularly poignant, Easter eggs were stained red, in memory of the blood Christ shed at His crucifixion.

I quite like the idea of using real eggs, rather than chocolate ones, to represent the resurrection, because they do contain new life. Some of you will know what it is like to hold a warm egg, sneaked from under the hot downy feathers of a hen, sitting in a daze of imminent motherhood on her nest. When the egg is near to hatching, the life inside it can be heard cheeping. That's right, the chick starts talking to its mother, even before it emerges from the shell. (Just think what it would be like if our children could talk to us before birth – slow down Mum, stop shouting at that driver overtaking you...)

It is wonderful that the chick and hen are having a conversation before it is even born. Amazing - the miracle of life and cradling that cheeping egg is like holding God's creation in the palm of your hand.

And as I look at the empty shell of a boiled egg that I have eaten, I can see why early Christians compared it to Christ's tomb. That hollowed space, once occupied, is now empty because the occupant has come alive and has been released into the world. And just as the chick can communicate before it emerges, so Christ spoke to us back then and can also speak to us now.

I hope you can join us in our Easter services to ponder and celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection.

***Blessings,
Yann***

EASTER EVENTS IN THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY, BINSTED AND FROYLE



Easter Fun & Crafts – 6th April 2pm to 4pm at Bentley Church Hall

Bentley Church are offering crafts and fun for children – all ages are welcome so parents can have free time. To book a place call Pippa Blizzard on 07714 239 644 or email pippa@pippa-blizzard.co.uk

Easter Crafternoons will happen on each Monday in April – Mondays from 3pm to 5pm at Bentley Church Hall

There will be the usual delicious cakes plus luscious fresh fruit for those of healthy persuasion!

Monday 1st April – optional origami

Monday 8th & 15th April – Easter Crafts for all ages

Palm Sunday Messy Church – 14th April 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Binsted School -

Fun, crafts, celebration and food. All are invited – young and old alike, adults, children, teenagers, carers, grandparents. Come as friends, families or partners or come on your own. Children need to bring a grown up!

Maundy Thursday – 18th April

6:00 pm: Choral Service at Froyle church - a special and powerful sung Eucharist, with choir but with no musical accompaniment, commemorating the last supper and in contemplation of Christ's agony, death and resurrection

7:30 pm: Passover Supper at the Bentley Memorial Hall - an entertaining meal at which we explore the Jewish traditions which underlie Christianity – please sign up if you would like to attend or help to provide food. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the churches.

Good Friday – 19th April

11:00 am: Good Friday meditation at Binsted church – a service of quiet reflection

Easter Saturday – 20th April

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 – 21st April

5:00 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

YOU ARE WARMLY
INVITED TO OUR



**MONDAY
MORNING
PRAYER
MEETING
9AM TO 10AM**

1st April & 22nd April at Bentley Church
8th April & 29th April at Binsted Church
25th March & 15th April at Froyle Church



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 14 April

from

3.30 - 5.30pm

In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village

for a time of

Fun, crafts, celebration & food

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

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

Just come !

Entrance free

Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861

messychurch@benbinfro.org



FROYLE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 4th April 7:00 pm in Froyle Church

Froyle Church holds its Annual Meetings on Thursday 4th April, starting at 7:00 pm – 30 minutes earlier than in previous years.

The church governance rules are arcane (technically we hold two meetings, one straight after the other), but this gathering is generally informative and fun - helped by the wine served beforehand from 6:30 pm. Do come and hear and discuss what the Church has been up to this last year and our thoughts for the future.

At this gathering we also elect the churchwardens (at the first meeting, open to all parishioners) and new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which is responsible for running the Church in Froyle (at the second meeting, open only to those on the Church electoral roll).

It is always good to have a wide range of views represented on the PCC, so if you might be interested in being on the PCC, do let one of us know before the meeting, and we can explain what is involved. Alternatively, you can just come along to the meeting and put your name forward. You will need a proposer and seconder. It would be particularly good to have someone from Froyle Park on the PCC.

More of a challenge, perhaps, is that a parish should have two churchwardens. While William, currently the sole churchwarden, is standing again, it reflects badly on us as an otherwise thriving Church that we have only had one churchwarden for the last couple of years, and the governance of our Church is clearly weakened by this. So please think about whether you or anyone else might be interested in role – which is more varied and stimulating than you might suppose!

The formal notice and agenda for the Annual Meetings can be found on the notice board in the church.

William Knowles (23164 – wbk@wbknowles.com)

Jonathan Pickering (23209 – jonathan@warrencottage.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.

The story so far:

Adam and Joshua, freemen of Hampshire, have escaped their pursuers, who are escorting a carriage, apparently for the Constable of Winchester, and are watching through the gathering darkness as the carriage becomes bogged down in the mud by the River Wey. Now read on...

6. In Winchester

Sir Nicholas Udall gestured impatiently to his squire for another cup of wine and peered out through the smoke in the hall towards the doorway. It was getting dark, and he'd been expecting Boyes and his party to return the previous day. As he sipped his wine he reviewed the plans he'd helped devise with Falco, the mysterious knight from Burgundy, who'd arrived, unannounced, a few weeks ago, promising him power and riches beyond his wildest dreams. It had all seemed so simple then: the removal of the treasury from Farnham Castle, in the name of the Bishop of Winchester, and its delivery to him, ostensibly to pay for an expansion of the cathedral; the impressment of a few hundred serfs and the payment of Falco's mercenaries; the pilgrimage to London; arrival at Westminster Abbey to worship there with the King; his assassination; and the declaration of a new kingdom of Further Burgundy, of which he, at present a mere knight in the Bishop's service, would become the Marshal.

The early stages had gone well: he'd ordered Boyes to take a small party to Farnham, escorting Falco, as a visiting foreign dignitary, through the rough country to the Castle there, with orders to claim the contents of the treasury and return them to Winchester. From the reports he'd received Boyes and Falco had had an easy journey. The forged letter from the Bishop had convinced the Warden of the Castle of the Bishop's need for the money and he had sent it back – without even strengthening the escort. Falco had been charming and his presence had excited no suspicions in Farnham. Back in Winchester Udall had detailed a hundred of his personal bodyguard to scour the surrounding countryside for idlers and others who weren't fully occupied on their land and bring them into the city, where their training (as an additional bodyguard for the King and Queen when they made their long-promised visit the following year) had been progressing well.

But now the news of the party had dried up and they were overdue. Farnham wasn't that far away and there was nothing to suggest that they should have been delayed, certainly not by a whole day. It would be extremely awkward if anything befell Falco, or the money: and if the Bishop were to return early from his pilgrimage to The Holy Island, before the declaration of the new kingdom, the explanation of what had happened in his absence would be difficult, to say the least.

What has become of Boyes, Falco and the treasury? Have Adam and Joshua made off with it? Has Falco got some other idea, playing Udall as a fool, or a stalking-horse for some other plan?

To be continued...

Village Events April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8am <i>HC</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Refuse &</i> <i>Garden waste</i></p>	9	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.30pm <i>Lent lunch</i></p>	11	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10am <i>Meeting Place</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.30pm <i>Flower show</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6pm <i>Heraldry talk</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11am <i>Easter</i> <i>communion</i></p>	22	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Refuse &</i> <i>Garden waste</i></p>	24	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.45am <i>Toddler gp.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10am <i>Meeting Place</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2pm <i>Jumble</i> <i>sale</i></p>
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VILLAGE INFORMATION

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Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/
Froyle Gardening Club	<i>Anne Blunt</i> - 22262
Froyle Vestments Group	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	- 23440
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NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday, 19th April 2019

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

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

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Please remember to check out the magazine online at:

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

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Froyle Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 17 April.

After dealing with apologies, the minutes of the previous annual meeting and matters arising, the many groups (the Meeting Place, the Froyle Archive, the Good Companions, The Froyle Gardening Club & Flower Show, the Froyle Fête, the Froyle Magazine, the Village Hall, the Village Agent, the Church in Froyle, the Baby & Toddler Group, Froyle Wildlife, and Speedwatch) supported by the Council and contributing so much to our village life presented reports on their activities in 2018 and the year to date. Mark Kemp-Gee, our County Councillor, discussed activities at the County Council level and presented some interesting facts about the importance and size of the Hampshire economy. Glynis Watts, our EHDC councillor, who is retiring at the forthcoming local elections, gave an account of an inspiring programme to introduce children, locally and nationally, to the “tech” world and motivate them to get involved in it, which she had recently encountered through being a councillor, to illustrate that there is more to it than planning and rubbish collection, and to encourage others to stand for election.

Julie Southern, chairman of the Council, thanked Mark Kemp-Gee and Glynis Watts in particular for their support for the village, all the Parish Councillors and those involved in village life for all that they do to make Froyle the place that it is.

The next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday 8 May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

The Editor

Advertising in the Froyle Village Magazine

The rates are as follows:

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

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

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All advertising must be requested and paid for through the Parish Clerk at
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We are pleased that local tradesmen and service providers advertise with us, and hope you support them. However, we don't check or endorse them in any way.



Bookings:
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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

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

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 17 April.

The Chairman David Robertson presented the Trustees' Report for 2018. Highlights of the year included 'Call my Wine Buff', the Bonfire Party and several Film Nights. The year saw the installation of a new boiler and control system, new front doors and high speed broadband. Hire charges had been raised by 20% during the year but this had had little impact on the level of usage. The Hall continues to host a wide variety of events and activities. David drew attention to the fact that the Mother and Toddler Group had been re-established and was proving successful. He thanked the Committee for all their hard work and all present for their ongoing support.

The Secretary presented the accounts on behalf of the Treasurer Charlie Findlay who was unable to attend the meeting. He thanked Ian Macnabb for inspecting the accounts and for his advice. He also thanked the District and County Councillors for their contributions to the cost of the new doors. He explained that although the year had ended with an overall deficit of £4219 this was offset by a grant from the

EHDC Open Space Developer Contribution of £3000 which had arrived in January and therefore could not be included in the 2018 accounts.

The meeting approved both the Report and the Accounts. The Committee having stood down was unanimously re-elected.

Froyle Village Hall is a registered charity and its accounts can be viewed on the Charity Commission website along with details of its objectives and a list of its Trustees who are effectively its current committee members. The Hall is managed by a large and enthusiastic committee whose members represent as far as possible different groups and localities within the village. The Hall serves the whole community and it is vitally important that this is believed to be the case. What is also very important is that everybody supports the Hall. We can no longer rely on grants from national or local government or other grant awarding bodies. Fund raising therefore becomes critical.

Race Night on Saturday 18 May is our main fund raising event of the year and we very much hope it is already in your diary even if you haven't yet bought a ticket. Given a good turnout we can guarantee a delicious meal and a good deal of excitement and laughter if previous occasions are anything to go by. This is an excellent opportunity to meet people and perhaps make new friends in the village. Big Al our compere for the evening will show a series of horse race videos and invite you to bet on the outcome. Half the bets go to the Hall and the other half to those who back the winner. Yes, you could go home a little poorer albeit in a good cause, but equally you could go home in profit. The odds are a lot better than the Lottery. If you are not free to come, the only acceptable reasons being that you are either Saving the Planet or Creating World Peace or both, you can still take part by sponsoring a race (think of the Glory) or a horse (£2 and you will get a prize if your horse wins). Tickets to include supper cost £10. See page 10 for details. Please purchase asap otherwise catering becomes a nightmare. There will be a pay bar and a lot of bad jokes from Big Al.



We understand that a village dog (a number are suspected) has been undertaking some excavations on the bonfire site and has unearthed a quantity of nails and screws which our magnet on wheels failed to pick up during the clear up. As a precautionary measure we have taped off the site to allow the grass to establish. Please discourage your dog from further digging.

Finally, a big thank you to Gill Bradley who has decided to step down from the Committee after serving for many years. Her good sense and willingness to help has been much appreciated.

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

Froyle Open Gardens

Froyle Open Gardens takes place this year on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 June from 2 to 6pm. Six gardens will be opening and there will be delicious teas served in the village hall. There will also be plenty of plants for sale. Tickets cost £7.50 and can be used on both days.

All the profits from the event, which last year raised over £10,000, go to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) which in 2019 has distributed £3 million to various medical charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie. This year £85,000 has been donated to Treloars to help fund an incredible new Outdoor Learning Centre at the college in Holybourne which will offer vocational learning opportunities and other therapeutic benefits for students.



Visitor de-stressing in a Froyle garden

New research conducted by the National Garden Scheme can reveal that visiting a private garden is good for the soul. Over 85% of NGS supporters report that being in a National Garden Scheme garden has a positive impact on their mental wellbeing and 8 out of 10 (80%) feel happier after visiting than before.

George Plumptre, Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme, explains: “Visiting an NGS garden is probably not the first thing people think of when they’re looking to de-stress.

But spending an hour or two wandering around a truly beautiful garden that has been lovingly cultivated by its owners, and enjoying a slice of homemade cake and a cup of tea, is incredibly restorative and rivals any other act of self-care that is commonly promoted. The National Garden Scheme isn’t just about opening gardens for charity..... As our latest research shows, the effect garden visiting can have on mental wellbeing is heartening and I would encourage anyone who would like an escape from their busy life to visit one of our gardens.”

To which I would add that opening your garden to the public, although somewhat nerve wracking when things don’t go exactly to plan and the roses fail to bloom on the right day and the slugs get your prize delphinium, is still enormously rewarding and makes all the worry and hard work very worthwhile.



The Froyle Archive has a very good selection of photos taken over the last ten years showing the Froyle gardens in all their glory. Go to <http://www.froyle.com/ngs> and discover just how long Froyle has been associated with the NGS.

And finally if you would like to bake a cake, help with the teas, put up signs, direct the parking, sell tickets or plants, or help weed, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Nick Whines 23130

Froyle Open Gardens cakes

To all the lovely Froyle cake bakers who kindly donate cakes for the open gardens, this year on June 1st and 2nd

Thank you for your delicious cakes.

To try and speed up the tea queue in the village hall, we are going to try limiting the cake choice this year. If you are kind enough to make a cake, it would be much appreciated if you could make one of the following, and deliver it to the hall on Friday 31st May if at all possible.

Victoria sponge

Chocolate cake with buttercream icing

Orange or lemon (sponge or drizzle)

Ideally no cream and easy to cut into 8 portions, please.

Many, many thanks.

Susie Robertson (520820)



Lent Lunches 2019



The money taken at the Lent lunches this year came to £1216.60, which is the highest total ever! All of it will go to the 6 charities chosen by the hosts/esses.

As always, the soups were delicious, and the conversation sparkling!

Grateful thanks to those who hosted, for their hospitality, and to those of you who attended, for supporting all the charities.

If any new resident would like to host a lunch next year, do let me know.

Jenny Gove 23697



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am -11:45am (during term times)
Froyle Village Hall

2nd May 2019	NOGROUP - HALL USED FOR POLLING STATION	
9th May 2019	Dinosaur week	Raaaawwsome crafts and snacks!
16th May 2019	Sock week	Keep hold of any old socks for some sock crafts!
23rd May 2019	Letters Week	* Please note: the hall may be needed as a polling station for the European Elections - please keep an eye on the facebook group for updates
30th May 2019	NOGROUP - HALF TERM	

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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

...is having a summer break...

But don't worry, if you play your cards right, we'll be back in September...!



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)





The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 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 is a selection of books to borrow. We always welcome surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables and flowers. Dogs on leads are very welcome in the hall, but PLEASE come prepared to clean up any "accidents" that may occur.

Cake Bakers for May

3rd	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	Kay Pogson
10th	Jennie Thomas	Sue Sharman	Sheila Cottington	Shirley Bellis
17th	Sarah Basey	Jane Stewart Smith	Elizabeth Sealey	Alison Pincott
24th	Sarah Roberts	Jenny Gove	Clare McMullen	Julie Southern
31st	Gill Bradley	Maureen Fry	Mary Perryman	Caroline Findlay

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

Kitchen Helpers for May

3rd	Kay Pogson	Lori Taylor
10th	Jan Elliott	Philippa Cullen Stephenson
17th	Chris Muddiman	Linda Cooper
24th	Sue Carr	Sue Sharman
31st	Sheila Cottington	Mary Knowles

12 - 18 May is Christian Aid Week, so on 17 May we will be raising money for that very good cause.

If you need to swop dates, please contact another helper directly and arrange this.

With the later start time there is no need to be at the Hall before 10.15am

*Gill Bradley (520484) gabbradley@gmail.com
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May News from The Froyle Archive

Life in Froyle in the late 1930s by Bill Elstow *continued*

Lighting was originally by paraffin oil lamps with a very tall glass chimney and wicks that had to be regularly trimmed to prevent the lamp from smoking. As a child I was always fascinated by the fact that you could light a cigarette just by holding it at the top of the glass chimney. Keeping a cottage warm in winter was quite an art. The



Church Cottage, Lower Froyle, in the 1960s

first thing of course was never to let the range go out, and to be sure that when you came down in the morning you could put on a handful of sticks, give the ashes a tickle with a poker and bring it all back to life again.

Like many of the cottages in the village, you stepped down through the front door of my grandmother's first cottage ducking your head as you did so, if you were a man, to avoid a head cracking. The floor was brick and you did not need to be told that there was no damp course if you were first down in the morning in bare feet on the damp bricks. My grandfather would often roll up the previous day's News Chronicle, light one end and go all over the bricks with it to warm the air up before breakfast was started.

Without a damp course it was impossible to consider wall paper unless it was nailed to the wall. To make up for this we had folding draught screens decorated with magazine covers that you could put behind your chair if you sat between the door and the chimney. I don't recall any carpets but fireside rugs were made by cutting up old clothing into inch strips and looping them through a sacking backing so that the two ends came through to form a pile. The characteristic colours of these rag rugs were grey, blue, black and brown.

In the cottage was a fairly large white washed pantry with a rickety wooden floor over a small cellar. Down here were kept the Bramley apples which were expected to last long enough to provide apple sauce at Easter. The pantry itself always had the smell of home-made wine brewing. The wine was always started off in a cloth covered large earthenware crock used at other times for keeping bread in. Once the initial vigorous fermentation, started off by floating the yeast on a piece of bread, had died down the wine would be decanted into two gallon ginger beer stone jars and left in the cellar for a year before bottling. That cellar really did have a delightful smell.

The wines of choice were parsnip, dandelion and wheat. The latter had the reputation of being as potent as whisky but I guess this was because it was much easier to drink and was always served in tumblers. In later years when my grandfather became confined to bed a Mr Smith would come round occasionally on a Sunday to cut his hair and it was courtesy to offer him a glass of wine as he was leaving. But I remember one Sunday when to every one's amazement he refused the offer of a glass of wheat wine. When pressed he said he had a couple more calls to make and the last time he'd taken a tumbler of the stuff he found that he was unable to refuse a second and that later he'd woken up to find both himself and his bicycle laying up in a hedge.

When I began to develop a palate myself for these home-made wines I began to wonder how boiled wheat could make such a wonderful brew. Perhaps it had something to do with the five pounds of muscatel raisins that went into each gallon. One might be excused for wondering why the wheat was there at all.

Read more about Bill Elstow's Froyle at www.froyle.com/memory.htm

Chris & Annette Booth

Puzzles & Games

This month we have a return of our occasional Puzzles & Games section, for your entertainment and amusement. Answers on page 12.

Easier

1	x		-		-6
-		+		+	
	+		-	2	11
-		x		x	
	x		-		36
-10		80		44	

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		13
x		+		+	
	-	5	-		-6
+		-		x	
	-		+		7
26		11		64	

Brain Teasers

- ð Insert the missing vowels to give five flowers. What are they?

RS

NNM

DNDLN

CMLL

GPNTHS

- ð A train covers its outward journey at 117 mph. Due to engineering works (just for a change!) it returns over exactly the same distance at only 39 mph. What is the train's average speed over the entire journey?



Charity Race Night



SATURDAY 18th MAY, 2019
In the Froyle Village Hall

GATES OPEN 7.00pm

UNDER STARTER'S ORDERS AT 7.30pm

EIGHT RACES...EIGHT CHANCES TO WIN
(ALL BETS IN MULTIPLES OF £1)

... AND MAYBE EVEN THE ODD SURPRISE RACE TO END ON...!

Tickets £10 per head
(which *includes* supper)

Wine and soft drinks will be available to buy during the evening
Bring extra money for betting

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

TICKETS AND HORSE-SPONSORING DETAILS FROM

ALEX MARSHALL 01420 22887

or [lexington.marshall@gmail](mailto:lexington.marshall@gmail.com)

OR FROM ANY MEMBER OF

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

OR AT THE MEETING PLACE

DEADLINE 12TH MAY



(ALL NET PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE FROYLE VILLAGE HALL)

73rd Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 13th July

Where did the year go? Or did it seem much longer due to all those Brexit shenanigans? Your special correspondent Jethro J. reporting for duty with the first update on progress towards the highlight of the N.E. Hampshire summer season.

I've been in touch with my Fete Committee insider, and although bribing him for information is more expensive this year as he's now switched to drinking Moondance, I think it will be worthwhile. As always, take some of what he's told me with a pinch of salt but do not exceed your recommended daily allowance.

As is now traditional, the theme of the 2019 fete is "traditional". Although we remain in what I still call the Common Market, those interfering pen-pushers in Brussels haven't got their hands on this most British of July jamborees. We welcome back old favourites like the children's farm, and this year a new attraction called "laser tag" should entertain all ages. After a successful debut last year, the chariot racing will return, although the defending champion Mr. B. Hur can't make it as he's slaving away somewhere else. Another arena highlight will again be the Dog Show with a schedule carefully designed not to exclude any potential canine contestants. I'm also told that local clairvoyant Senora Kay Sera may be taking a stall but I suspect she may not make it due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Village Hall will play host to the Flower Show and, subject to growing conditions, a cornucopia of fruit and vegetables. It's also where you can get a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Talking of refreshments, ice creams and the bbq will be out on the main field, as well as the beer tent which serves an ever-increasing range of drinks.

Nearer the day, we'll be on the look out for bottles, books, bric-a-brac and things not beginning with b, so why not set aside that bottle of green stuff you brought back from Croatia but don't know why, those Dan Brown novels you wonder why you ever read and that spiralizer that isn't as posh as Nigella's?

More details in future magazines. Meantime, if you'd like to find out how you can help our happy organising team or even run a stall, Fete Committee Chairman Ian Whitmore is your man, on 22634.

Bye for now me old pals me old beauties, I'll be back next month.

Jethro J

Froyle 100 Club

Winners for April 2019

1st – Sandra Fry

2nd – Teresa Ogden

3rd – William Knowles

4th – Charlie Findlay

Congratulations to all the winners (not sure I should be congratulating myself, though...)

William Knowles (07775 928933, wbk@wbknowles.com)

GEORGE EZZARD

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you for the cards of sympathy after George passed away on the 21st March and to everyone who came to his funeral, and for refreshments after the service to celebrate his life in the Froyle Village hall. It was nice to see his friends and relatives to express their condolences and support at this sad time, and a big thank you to Susie Robertson and the team for preparing the hall and the lovely spread of food and drink. George will be missed by all but will always be in our memory.

The Ezzard Family



FOR YOUR DIARY



FROYLE FILM NIGHT

The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

Friday 4 October 2019

Further details to follow

Maths Puzzles solutions

Easier

1	x	3	-	9	-6
-		+		+	
6	+	7	-	2	11
-		x		x	
5	x	8	-	4	36
-10		80		44	

Harder

4	+	9	x	1	13
x		+		+	
6	-	5	-	7	-6
+		-		x	
2	-	3	+	8	7
26		11		64	

Flowers

Rose
Anemone
Dandelion
Camellia
Agapanthus

Train speed

Average speed for the entire journey is 58.5 mph



Spring Show

The Spring Show on 12 April was very successful. The hall looked colourful with a surprising number of daffodil exhibits, mixed spring flowers and more stunning tulips than usual in April. It was also very heartening to have many more exhibitors and people coming to view than in the past year or two.

Congratulations to Brian Porter who had the Best Exhibit of Daffodils and also the most points in the show overall. The exhibit of Mixed Spring Flowers entered by Anne Blunt was judged Best in Show. Classes judged by popular vote were Spring Posy, won by Margaret Hodson and the photography class 'The Wonder of Nature' won by Marian Cresswell.

Thanks go to exhibitors and all who helped in other ways to make this show so enjoyable.

Garden visits

Friday 7 June Broadhatch House, Bentley GU10 5JJ – meet there at 7pm

Friday 5 July 5 Anstey Mill Close, Alton GU34 2QT – meet there at 7pm

NB change of date

Friday 9 Aug Berry Cottage, Farringdon GU34 3EG – Meet there at 7pm

Brenda Milam has kindly arranged these evening visits for us again and will need to know numbers. Please contact her if you have not already signed lists and for further information.

Tel: 01420 22216 walbury@uwclub.net

Now we are 50!

To celebrate this anniversary all members and former members who have moved away are invited to a **Tea Party in Froyle Village Hall on Saturday 11th May at 4pm**. (NB *No Friday evening meeting*).

Do come – for catering purposes we need to know a.s.a.p. Please contact me if you have not yet signed the list.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
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PS Observant members will have spotted that the logo for this article is the same as the one on our sweatshirts!



Froyle Wildlife

Welcoming our Spring Arrivals

This is the time of year we welcome back our Spring arrivals in Froyle, especially Swallows, Swifts and House Martins, and we are reminded again of their intrepid journey back from Africa. Recently

I attended a memorable talk by Professor Ian Newton, considered by many to be the UK's foremost ornithologist, entitled Wonders of Bird Migration. Ian explained the reason why birds return each year to their breeding grounds, a logical calculation of the net benefits between improved breeding success versus the expected chances of survival during a possibly perilous journey. Then there are the migration routes birds take. Experiments with caged birds have shown that at times of migration, captive birds demonstrate "migratory restlessness" behaviour by looking to escape in specific directions from their cage, suggesting a genetic predisposition passed onto offspring. Birds have a built-in compass, utilising the sun, stars and the earth's magnetic field, with the ability to reverse their 'flight plan' for the return journey.



Use of modern tracking devices, including radar, has determined that birds typically fly at altitudes of between two and six kilometres, choosing their altitude to benefit from the most favourable wind conditions. The highest recorded migration is over the Himalayas at eight kilometres. The longest recorded non-stop flight by a land bird is undertaken by

70,000 Bar Tailed Godwits each year. They fly from Alaska to New Zealand in a single flight over the Pacific Ocean covering 11,700 kilometres in 9.5 days, or 228 hours of continuous flight. Such birds are thought to 'sleep' on the wing by shutting down each half of their brain in turn. Their return trip is a different route of 16,800 kilometres, although they take a single stop along the way. To achieve such amazing feats, the Godwits need to double their normal weight by putting on fat reserves. Even more remarkable perhaps is their ability to shrink all their body parts to make room for all this extra fat! Birds really are amazing creatures and I hope, like me, you are looking forward to seeing our returning visitors over the coming weeks.

Alan Dyos



Wildflower walk in Upper Froyle

Saturday 18th May

Meet at Froyle Church 10.30am for a short walk to identify local flora in wildlife friendly grassland. What common wildflowers can we find locally?

Sue Clark

Bumblebee talk

In March Dr Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust www.bumblebeeconservation.org/ told us about the three types of bees -solitary, honey and bumblebee their lifecycle and ecology. We can all help bumblebees by planting some bee-friendly plants in our gardens, to flower between March and September. As gardens cover over one million acres in the UK, this presents a great opportunity to provide food for bumblebees. By using these spaces more effectively, everyone can get involved in making the landscape friendlier to bumblebees, and help reverse the declines of the past century. Whether you have a window box, allotment or large garden, bee-friendly flowers can help boost your local bumblebee population. In return, they will dutifully pollinate our flowers, crops, fruits and vegetables.



Cornfield annuals were sown in April by volunteers on an area of Froyle recreation ground. The colourful display this summer will provide nectar for bees and insects.

Join us at the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow near Gid Lane if you can help at our work party on **Saturday 11th May** 10am-12 noon. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news or phone 23520.

Barry Clark

A plea to all walkers

Mill Farm has sheep in the fields which run alongside the beeches, between Upper and Lower Froyle. There is a footpath through the beeches, with a kissing gate allowing access to it just opposite Whiteway Cottage.

There is a chain through said gate, but with a loose link which opens and closes, so walkers can pass through.

On two occasions now, that link has not been replaced on the chain, and the sheep have got out onto the road. Clearly this is dangerous for both drivers and sheep!

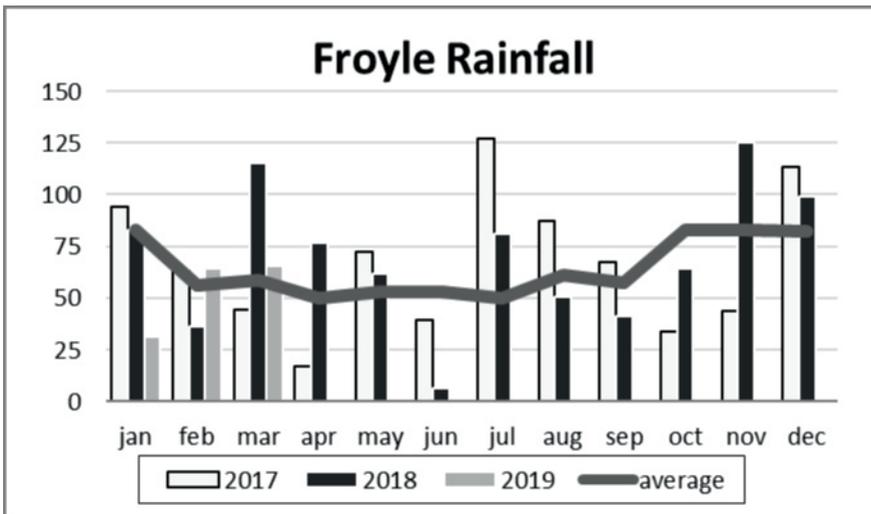
PLEASE could everyone using this footpath make sure you have replaced the link securely?

Thank you

Mill Farm

Froyle Rainfall for March 2019

This year	65.5 mm	2.5 ins
Last year	115.5 mm	4.5 ins
Wettest March (2001)	129.5 mm	5.1 ins
Driest March (1990)	6 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for March – the 5 th driest month	58.9 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	161.5 mm	6.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	197.7 mm	7.8 ins



As you can see from the table above, we are 20% below the average rainfall for the first quarter of 2019. So not quite the soaking I thought back in December we could conceivably get. Not surprisingly therefore, I am a little reticent in trying to forecast what is in store for us over the next quarter...but, at the risk of being doubly wrong, seven of the last eight similar first quarters have been followed by a dry'ish spring.

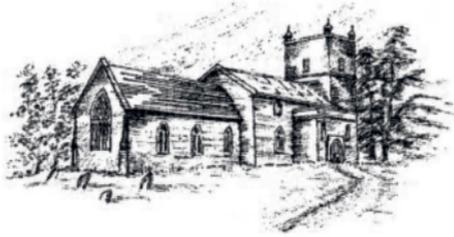


“The Umbrella Man”

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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MAY SERVICES

Sunday 5th	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 12th	9.30am Bentley	Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 19th	9.30am Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (Tea served at 4.30pm)
Sunday 26th	8.00am Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	6.30pm Froyle	Evensong
Sunday 2nd June	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Just before writing this piece, I had been noticing a lack of lambs in the fields surrounding our village. On my journeys around the benefice during February and March I kept looking out for their arrival and then when we entered April I realised that as Easter was late this year, the farmers must have cleverly delayed the lambing season to ensure a good supply of tender roast lamb for Easter Sunday lunches. We are such people of tradition, aren't we, with our Christmas turkeys and our Easter roast lamb.

But when I did finally see new lambs in the fields, or curled up alongside their mothers, I found myself thinking not about roast dinners with mint sauce, but about why Jesus is called the Lamb of God. And even more confusingly, why Jesus is also the Good Shepherd. Think about that, how can He be both lamb and shepherd? Odd, isn't it? But let me try to explain.

Going back over the centuries, Jewish culture often involved the sacrifice of lambs and this animal had a very important place in the religion. A newborn lamb with a pure white fleece is a symbol of purity. Despite Jesus being a mature man, he was unstained by sin and He too could symbolise cleanliness. So by referring to Christ as the 'Lamb of God', we can see that he was the perfect sacrifice.

Now my advisor on sheep tells me that lambs are not in fact, perfectly clean. They are as fresh as a newborn baby when they tumble into this world, but in no time at all, after snuggling up against their woolly mums, they don't smell too good! However, when we see those little white lambs scampering across the grass, we just see unstained new life.

So now let's consider the shepherd analogy. In His own words, Jesus tells us in John 10: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' Now I know our farmers are conscientious and care for their livestock, and my shepherd friend tells me that shepherds really do get to know their sheep as individuals, but I doubt that they would lay down their lives for them.

However, they work through the night to help ewes lamb, they check their flocks at all hours for predators and parasites and show sorrow at the loss of a good ewe or a sickly lamb. They will bottle feed rejected or orphaned lambs and go to great lengths to ensure that a ewe accepts and feeds her offspring. And I am told that even a hardened shepherd's heart warms to the sound of the unique snickering a ewe makes when she turns her head to greet and lick her newly born lamb.

It's hard for those of who aren't shepherds to understand how it is possible to know every member of a flock. To the layman, they are all alike. But read something like James Rebanks 'The Shepherd's Life' and you can gain an appreciation of their intimate knowledge of their animals. When he writes about the winter snows, 'The best ewe follows me in the trodden path I am making. She has bred me great sons and daughters.' With those words, we can see that he knows his sheep as individuals.

And just as the shepherd of today, working with a crook that has changed not at all since Biblical times, knows his sheep, so Jesus knows us and cares for us. Again in John 10, he said, 'I know my own sheep, and they know me just as my Father knows me and I know my Father.' It's comforting to think that we are watched over, cared for and loved by the Good Shepherd, all the days of our lives.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Easter in Church - a Thank You

Having attended quite a few church events over Easter - in Bentley and Binsted as well as Froyle - I was struck by the variety of what the three churches had to offer over Easter. In Froyle's case, this ranged from the formal beauty of the choral evening service on Maundy Thursday, to the 'frolic' for kids in the churchyard making miniature gardens and hunting for eggs on the Saturday, to the cheery Easter Day morning service on the Sunday. Every event I attended, in whichever parish, was uplifting in a different way, not only for 'hardened' churchgoers like me, but also for occasional visitors, of whom there are of course many over Easter. I have to boast of having even managed to get to the 5:30 am Easter sunrise service in Bentley churchyard – the sight of the sun rising on the other side of the valley while the moon was still above the western horizon was quite magical. The good weather certainly lifted everybody's spirits.

None of this happens without huge amounts of time being invested in it, generally by people who are already pretty busy. So the point of this note, other than to tell you what you might have missed, is to thank all those who made the Easter events in Froyle so special – you all know who you are, but I would particularly mention Sarah Thursfield's wonderfully talented flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully – and the challenging contrast with Peter Wonson's imaginative evocation of the Easter events which was displayed on the font; Jane Palmer for the Maundy Thursday service (well supported by Andrew Hunter Johnston, who also very kindly played the organ for us on Easter Day), Jan Elliott and Jane Harrap for their garden making and egg hiding skills, and of course everyone who sang, read, delivered intercessions, greeted people on arrival, helped to set up and clear away, and finally to our three ordained ministers, Yann, Christopher and David, whom we are very lucky to have.

William Knowles (07775 928933)

Heraldry Talk – 13 April 2019

On Saturday 13 April Edward Hepper entertained and educated an audience of about 80 people in the church with a fascinating explanation of the (very few) rules, and rather more conventions and practices, of heraldry, illustrating his talk mainly by reference to the hatchments and coat of arms on the walls. We learnt that the white surcoat generally worn over armour was invented to keep the sun from cooking a knight on his Crusade, and then the heraldic devices were to enable him to be recognised. It then became more complicated, but those in the know can tell the rank and sometimes the identity of the wearer from the features and decorations, and direction of gaze of the helmet, on a coat of arms. It appears that there are some anomalies in the coats of arms on some of the memorial stones in the church floor - unbeknown to most, probably.

It was a fascinating evening, well rounded off with delicious nibbles and a glass of wine, and thanks are due to Edward Hepper, and Nigel Bulpitt and his fundraising team for their hard work in putting it on.

Jonathan Pickering



Jebbeh Konneh is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next: 'I'm afraid. I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I'll be healthy.'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

Stand with mums

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, we are hosting the following opportunities to raise money:

A Big Brekkie (cooked breakfast in return for donation) at the Wickham Institute, Binsted on Wednesday 15th May, 8am – 9.30am.

Coffee and cake during The Meeting Place, Froyle Village Hall, 10am – 12noon, Friday 17th May.

And a tea party at Bentley Rec on Friday 17th May at 3.20pm. Come along, buy some tea and cake and have some fun!

Will you be a partner for change? If our church raised £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.

Speak to Claire Aston today and join us so women like Jebbeh can celebrate more happy birth days.
clairejaston@gmail.com or 07961 303481.

'All mums should live'





Sunday 26th May

Rogation Walk

Come and join us in walking through all three Parishes of the Benefice.

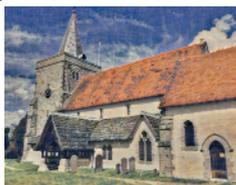
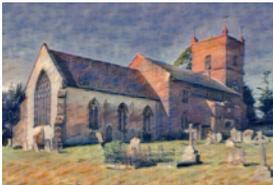
This year we are doing things a little differently. There will be two walking groups – one starting from St Mary's Froyle and the other from St Mary's Bentley.

Both groups will set off at 2.30pm and walk to Isington Mill – both groups will then walk up to Holy Cross Binsted together.

Tea and cakes will be served from 4.00 pm in the Vicarage gardens

Transport between the churches will be available at the end of the afternoon to help people get back to their cars.

For further information please contact
Kathy Ogilvie Thompson – 23125
or Angela Dunne 22922





You are invited to join us on

Sunday 12 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

BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

Dr Melanie Way, Dr Abigail Evers, Dr Iona Moore, Dr Natalie Smith

The surgery is open from 8.00am – 6.30pm, and dispensary from

8.30am – 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 6.30pm Monday to Friday

(except on Wednesday afternoons when the dispensary is closed)

when the surgery is closed please call 111

To register for Online appointment booking and repeat prescriptions, please ask at Reception.

Tel: 01420 22106 www.bentleysurgery.org.uk

Bentley CE Primary News

A busy Easter term of learning at Bentley CE Primary School: we seem to have crammed a lot of exciting learning into this term!

Interesting school trips...

A local walk gave Year 4 a chance to try out their map reading skills; Year 1 visited Alice Holt on two occasions as ‘Spring Detectives’ to see



Spring detectives

the changes up close; the Plastic Awareness Workshop at Queen Victoria Country Park gave Year 6 a great deal to think about; Year R’s trip to the Winchester Science Centre helped them to explore their topic of Space; Year 2 visited the Gilbert White Centre on an Antarctic fact finding mission; Year 3 immersed themselves in the Iron Age for a day; and Year 5 and 6 took part in an incredible experience, singing in a

Map reading



choir of 8,000 children at the Young Voices Concert at the O2. Wow!

Super sportsmanship...

As well as all the fantastic sport and PE offered at Bentley as part of the everyday curriculum, our children are fortunate to have the opportunity to play in tournaments and friendly matches against other schools in the Alton cluster. This term the children have competed in a swimming gala and also hockey, football, rugby, dodgeball, badminton and cross country. With almost three quarters of the children taking part in a sporting competition at some point this academic year, our PE Lead, Miss Kirby said “It is great to see the enthusiasm from all the children for sport – not just from those who take part in extra-curricular sport, but every child has been keen to ‘give it a go.’”

A fantastic Junior production...

The children all sang, danced and acted superbly in ‘Mystery at Magpie Manor’. Year 5 children, in 1920s costume, took the lead in the play, with Years 3 and 4 proving to be an excellent choir and dancers as magpies and burglars respectively. “We were incredibly proud of all the children taking part and impressed with how quickly they learned their lines, overcame their nerves and threw themselves into their characters. Great work!” said Miss Wiggins, Year 5 Class Teacher.

Maths lessons for all...

Parents and carers were invited to come into class for a maths lesson with their child. Mrs Rushin, Maths Lead, wanted to ensure everyone had “a good understanding of what really happens in school, how a lesson is made up and to help see what the national expectations are in each year group.” We had an amazing uptake in the invitation, with over 85% of children having an adult with them for the lesson and both children and adults got a lot out of the joint sessions.

Some amazing fundraising...

We have not only been fundraising for other charities – Red Nose Day, Kaira Konko and the Cyclone Idai appeal – this term, but have held several events for our own PTFA charity including cake sales, a sponsored walk and, most recently, The Bentley Ball and Promises Auction. We have been working really hard to save up for a replacement minibus to enable us to continue to offer so many sports and curriculum opportunities.

And the whole school coming together to celebrate two new pupil awards and a week of kindness

Our School values of ‘Love, Faith and Courage’ are woven into all aspects of the school day at Bentley, from the classroom to the playground, from lunchtimes to on the sports field. We encourage each child to recognise these values for themselves and to do their best to embody them throughout their time at Bentley.

Our last week in school was ‘Kindness Week’ and marked special notice of the many acts of kindness happening in school each and every day. The children had fun playing games with a buddy from another class, they filled a jar with acts of kindness they had noted and each of them wrote a postcard to themselves to celebrate their own values.

All the children and staff nominated a boy and a girl who typify our values in their behaviour and to nominate one child who they believe to be incredibly kind. In a special assembly we were delighted to announce the winners of the Values Cups as Oliver (Year 2) and Sophie (Year 2) and the winner of the Kindness Cup as Zeph (Year 6). Huge congratulations to them all.

After such a busy term you might think that we would be hoping for a slightly quieter Summer Term, but with four residential visits, ice creams sales, a Summer Fair, open afternoon, visits from the children joining Year R in September and all the incredible learning that has been planned, it looks to be just as busy and I am sure that we will enjoy every minute. Please do get in touch if you would like to come and visit or have an idea or something to share from the village – we’d love to hear from you.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

*Years 5 & 6 singing with
8,000 children at the O2*



A TASTE OF SUMMER FRIENDS OF TRELOAR'S PLANT SALE

Saturday 11 May 2019 * 10.00am-12.30pm

Treloar's ♦ Powell Drive ♦ Holybourne, Alton ♦ GU34 4GL



Annuals, Herbs, Phoenix Perennial Plants, Vegetables, Plants from local gardens, Recycled Garden Tools + Expert Advice.

Inside: Teas, Cakes, Produce Stall, Music, Beauty Products, Gifts and Raffle.

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FROYLE SMALL ADS

(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)

Relaxing Chair with matching Footstool

Swivel feature (360 degrees), fully variable recline action, sturdy, leather-bonded (brown)

As new. Sale because too large for my study. Original price £399.99; purchased new (Feb) for £199.99; offers over £100.

Purchaser to collect:

4 Beech Grange
Upper Froyle
GU34 4NH

Bill Wood

Tel: 01420 23858

Mobile: 07831 716357



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 10am Meeting Place	4
5 8am HC	6 Bank Holiday	7 Refuse & Garden Waste	8 7.45pm Parish Council	9 9.45am Toddler Gp	10 10am Meeting Place	11 10am Froyle Wildlife at Gid Lane 4pm Gardening Club 50 th Tea Party
12 11am HC	13 Recycling & Glass	14	15	16 9.45am Toddler Gp	17 10am Meeting Place	18 7pm Race Night
19 11am HC	20 Refuse & Garden Waste	21	22	23 9.45am Toddler Gp	24 10am Meeting Place Mag. deadline	25
26 6.30pm Evensong	27 Bank Holiday	28 Recycling	29	30	31 10am Meeting Place	

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- Froyle Vestments Group *Sarah Thursfield* - 23294
www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
- St. Mary's Flower Rota *Sarah Thursfield* - 23294
- Froyle Archive *Chris & Annette Booth* - 22364
www.froyle.com
- The Meeting Place *Susie Robertson* - 520820
- Froyle Wildlife..... *Barry Clark* - 23520
www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
- Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern *Madeleine Black* - 23371
- Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (*transport to medical appointments*)- 23440
- Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team *PCSO 12658 David Nops*
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- Wildlife Crime Officer*PC Scott Graham*
Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- NHS non-emergency****111**
- The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....www.benbinfro.co.uk
- Froyle Facebook Groupsimon@watmore.com

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Friday, 24 May 2019

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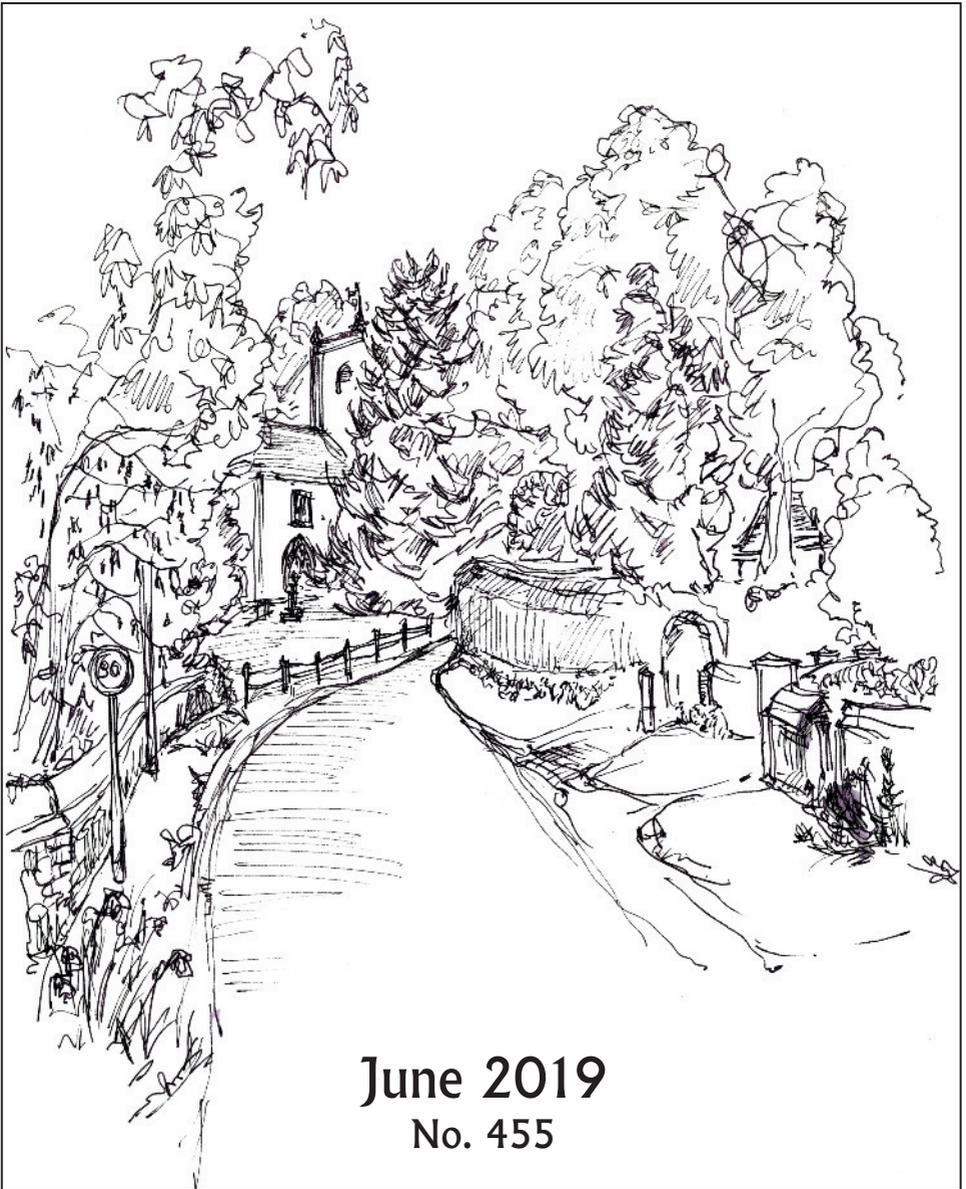
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FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT JUNE 2019

On 17 April the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall. Reports were given from Froyle groups and societies. Draft minutes of the meeting can be found at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk.

The existing Froyle Parish Council (FPC) was re-elected without a contest. Details of the Councillors and their email addresses can be found below.

Flowers were sent to Cllr Glynis Watts who has acted as Froyle District Councillor for many years in recognition of her service to the community.

At the election on 2 May Cllr Tony Costigan was elected to East Hants District Council (EHDC) to represent the newly constituted ward of Bentworth and Froyle. Froyle Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on 8 May 2019. Apologies were received from Cllrs Roberts and Maher. No members of the public were present. Cllr Tony Costigan introduced himself. Asked about the ongoing Froyle Park situation he explained that he felt that the matter had been fully investigated by EHDC and that he was not prepared in the circumstances to involve himself any further. A robust discussion followed in which the efforts made by FPC to seek answers to questions relating to the planning permission for Froyle Park and the enforcement process were detailed. In response Cllr Costigan agreed to discuss the matter with the relevant officer and also to talk to the EHDC Conservation Department about the inadequate repairs to the Froyle House (White House) wall.

Cllr Costigan then left the meeting which continued.

Cllr Julie Southern was elected Chair and Cllr Ian Deans was elected Vice-Chair.

It was agreed to make a grant of £350 to Citizens Advice.

FPC continues to push for the creation of a footpath from Gate A to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill. Design details have now been received.

continued...

FPC has agreed an above average increase in the precept. This is part of the Council Tax which funds the parish council. This is a one-off adjustment arising from the large number of new houses in Upper Froyle. Given the increase in households the budget for the Magazine has been lifted to £2300. This figure is off set by receipts from advertisers. Draft accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019 were discussed and will be approved at the June meeting.

A planning application for an extension to Coombefield Cottage (**50512/003**) and a three bay garage was discussed and further information will be sought. All planning applications can be viewed on the EHDC website.

The proposed sites for speed control signs were discussed and suggestions made for additional sites. FPC has approached EHDC with regard to funding. Hampshire County Council has agreed in principle to installing ‘unsuitable for HGVs’ signs on the roads approaching Froyle.

Quotes are being obtained to repaint the pirate ship in the playground.

The next meeting of FPC will be held on Monday 10 June at 7.45 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. If there are issues you wish to raise please email the parish clerk.

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Bookings:
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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

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



Holybourne Youth Theatre Wind In the Willows

My name is Georgina and I am 8 years old. I live in Lower Froyle and go to Anstey Junior school. I have been a member of Holybourne Youth Theatre for about a year now.

We have just begun rehearsals for our summer production of Wind In The Willows. I am very excited to be a part of this. I have pinned a production poster on the village notice board with details of the performances.

I hope that many of you will come and enjoy our play.

Georgina Pitt, aged 8



Charity Race Night



And what a terrific evening it was - well over 50 of us, swaying and singing along with Big Al to "Sweet Caroline" at the top of our voices, I think just about summed it all up.

Wonderful stuff, and well done and many thanks to everyone who made it all so enjoyable, especially Susie Robertson for her delicious supper ably assisted by Mary Chaplin in the kitchen, Alastair Findlay and Alec Robertson on the Tote, Charlie Findlay and Nigel Fisher on the bar, all those participants whose abilities at running backwards in the last race were mercifully concealed (mostly) under the cover of the twilight, and all who stayed on to help clear up afterwards; and a particularly BIG thank you to Alex Marshall who did a huge amount of the organising.

And of course we are hugely grateful to everyone who sponsored racehorses and races and finally, and most importantly, to all who came along and made this one of, if not *the*, Village Hall event of the year.



So all together now...

♪ "... Sweet Caroline...
...Oh, Oh, Oh..." ♪



David Robertson (on behalf of the Village Hall Committee)



**FOR YOUR DIARY
AND
WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS !!!**

FROYLE FILM NIGHT

The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019

Further details to follow in future magazines



**WOULD YOU LIKE A
'CHILDREN'S FILM NIGHT'?**

The village hall committee is considering the introduction of a
'Children's Film Night'.

The proposal is that it should take place on the same night as the
main film night at around 5pm and will be targeted at children
from approx 7 years old and upwards (parents should accompany).

We would love to hear any comments you may have regarding this
new venture, specifically the suitability/viability of the event to the village or
anything else you wish to contribute, including options for possible films!

We would love to hear your thoughts.

Please send your comments to Karen Potter –
kwilson2525@btinternet.com or phone 01420 520294.

Your feedback is eagerly awaited.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am (during term times)
Froyle Village Hall

6th June 2019	Shape Week
13th June 2019	Farm Week
20th June 2019	Letter Week
27th June 2019	Summer Week

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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



A Very Big THANK YOU

Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to **everyone** who came to the Meeting Place on Friday 17 May for Christian Aid Week. We raised £240. A particularly big thanks goes to Jo Mills without whom we wouldn't have been able to put on such a good morning in Froyle.

In the parish, together with Bentley tea party and Binsted coffee morning, we raised an amazing £575! This is enough to provide 10 community health worker kits, including a bicycle and torch in each one, enabling them to access women in surrounding villages and providing the support that it is vital in maternal health.

Thank you so much for your support, we were overwhelmed.

Louise Marston

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. We collect used stamps 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.

We love to see dogs but, please keep them on a lead, and be prepared to clear up any “accidents”.

Cake Bakers for June

7th	Sue Lelliott	Bea Sword	Charlotte Inskip	Susie Robertson
14th	Ann Roberts	Barbara Starbuck	Jo Mills	Kim Blake
21st	Margaret Stanford	Jenny Mathews	Sally Turvill	Sue Carr
28th	Susie Robertson	Jane Dunn	Louise Marston	Anne Blunt

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

Kitchen Helpers for June

7th	David and Mary Perryman		
14th	Julie Southern	Lauraine Bourne	
21st	Corinna Whines	Nigel Southern	
28th	Sarah Lovell	Linda Hagan Wilkie	

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) gabbradley@gmail.com Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

Froyle 100 Club May Winners

1st – Janet Dobson	2nd – Jane Macnabb
3rd – Eva Brambley	4th – June Fenn

Congratulations to all the winners!

50th Anniversary



The Village Hall was abuzz with members and guests enjoying photographs and other memorabilia of our past events when we met for the celebration of our 50th anniversary on the afternoon of Saturday 11th May. The gathering included four of the founder members and a small number of past members who are no longer able to get to our regular meetings.

Thanks must go to our members who provided the splendid spread for afternoon tea, with special mention of June Trim who made our Anniversary Cake decorated with realistic sugar flowers. Special thanks also go to Chris Booth for photographs of the event, Barbara and Michael Starbuck for organising the tombola, Tony Riley for the table quiz, Tony and Beryl Webster for the décor. Last but not least the great team in the kitchen who kept the tea flowing - and did all the clearing up. Many thanks Gill, Sue, Jane, Betty and Nigel. The support of you all was much appreciated and contributed to this happy and enjoyable occasion.

Garden Visits

Friday 7 June

The first of our evening garden visits is to Broadhatch House, Bentley GU10 5JJ
Charge £5 Refreshments £2 Meet there at 7pm

If you would like to come please contact Brenda (01420 22216) as the hosts need to know numbers. Lifts can be arranged if required.

FLOWER SHOW 13 JULY

Schedules for the Flower Show on 13th July are now available at the Meeting Place or from Anne Blunt (01420 22262).

There are classes for **all** to enter, cooks, children, crafters, flower arrangers – not just the gardeners. Have a go – it's fun!

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 13th July 2019

Yes, it's that time of the year when thoughts turn to long hot summer days, Pimms, a bbq, and lovely flowers and produce from the garden. Well, the Froyle fête has all of that in abundance and a whole lot more.



This year's fête isn't going to disappoint. It will again be very traditional and as well as the regular stalls, refreshments, live music, dog show and arena action, we have the army cadets, who will be offering activities for all ages.

We don't have a bouncy castle. I hear the sighs, but don't panic. This year we have Laser Quest, which can be enjoyed by all ages. Individual and team events will be taking place all afternoon: maybe the fête committee can be zapped, that may liven them up for the clear up.

Chariot racing which proved popular last year will again be one of the highlights in the arena as will the children's races. And to continue the competitive spirit this year we are proposing to make welly wanging a spectator event - risk assessment completed, with classes for both children and adults. Who will be the proud winners of the golden welly?

The model helicopters proved very popular last year, so this year we have gone further and as well as a static display, they will be flown at various times during the afternoon.

The ever-popular dog show will continue the fun in the arena, the timing of which will be dependent on the weather on the day. We don't want the little mutts to get overheated. More Later.

For the younger children we are upping our game, so as well as the farm with its array of cute animals, the fantastic hook a duck, and face painting, this year we are adding a host of fun games for the children to enjoy.

Well, we now come onto how you can help:

Bric-a-Brac

Even more popular than ebay, this lets you see and feel what you are buying. So whether you're cleaning out your shed, attic or garage and have items in decent condition which are no longer needed, the bric-a-brac stall may be the answer. We are always grateful to

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Nick Whines and his ever-present team who man the stall, and should you have larger items, they may be able to collect them in the week before the fête. Just call *Nick Whines on 23130*. You can always bring them along to the stall on the morning of the fête.

Books/DVDs

Really not sure how long we'll be having DVDs on the stall, technology seems to be moving on, so maybe this year will be the last. Now that the trend has moved from digital back to hardbacks and paperbacks, this must be the place to find your holiday reading. Should you have books that you wish to donate, then you should contact *Lauraine Bourne (22159)*, who has kindly agreed to take delivery prior to the fête. You can still deliver them to the meeting place the day before or bring them to the stall on the morning of the fête. If you have a passion for books, then you may be the person we are seeking to help on the stall, if so you can contact Ian Whitmore whose contact details are below.

Tombola Stall

The Tombola Team (well, duo) would love to relieve you of your Unwanted Gifts, new Toiletries and Nic-Nacs etc. We especially need new children's games, crafts and toys. There will be a box at the Meeting Place every Friday from the beginning of June for your donations, or you can phone to arrange a drop off or collection. Do have a look at the back of your cupboards and drawers for all those lovely hidden and forgotten 'treasures'. Thank you very much. *Lori Taylor 22148 and Sue Sharman 22603*

Crockery Smashing

You may have noticed that at the end of last year's fête, our crockery smashing frame sadly had to go the same way as much of the crockery that had stood on its shelves over its many years of service. The good news is that we are hopeful of having a brand spanking new frame in time for this year's fête. The bad news is that we are actually running out of the crockery that needs to be smashed, so for the first time in a few years, we would like your old crocks, no jokes please. We can organise for one of the old crocks on the committee to collect or as always you can deliver to the Meeting Place the day before or to the stall on the morning of the fête. If you do have crockery to be collected, contact *Ian Whitmore*.

Cakes

After sterling service for many years Mary Chaplin has decided to hang up her pinny, which this year has been passed on to Hannah Barry, a recent addition to our committee. A change in personnel doesn't however mean a change in needs and as always we are grateful to everyone who supplies cakes of any variety that can be enjoyed with a nice cup of tea. Hannah will be in contact with those that normally assist on the day but should you wish to help this very merry band again, then in the first instance call *Nigel Fisher 22574*.

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Jumble

Like Bric-a-Brac there will be the popular jumble stall, but since we have limited storage available before the day it would be best if you could drop anything off at the Meeting Place the day before the fête. This will also give the team to be able to sort it ready for the stall.

Dog Show

Many of you will know that the Froyle Dog Show likes to celebrate wonderful and completely useless woofers. Last year we featured on these pages Bertie, fierce guardian of the Jenkyn Place vines in Bentley (and Jenkyn Place are again generously providing a bottle of their fizz for the ‘Top Dog’). This year, we’d also like to introduce Stanley (pictured wearing his fiercest look), who many of you will know as the intrepid keeper of the gate at Holybourne Stores (when he is not having a well-earned rest). So everyone, whatever the talents (or lack of them) of your mutt, bring him or her along and join in the chaos of the Dog show – same format as in previous years, since the organiser, like Stanley, doesn’t like change....



AND FINALLY... ‘Would you like to help’

We are very lucky to have many willing hands who help us on the day of the fête. We always have people who come along to help set up (breakfast supplied), to man stalls and to clear up afterwards but we are always grateful to everyone who can spare time on the day. You will have an interesting day, and it is an excellent opportunity to meet people who may be long term residents and those who have only recently moved to Froyle. Should you wish to get involved then just contact *Ian Whitmore on 07825 642705*.

Fête Committee

Froyle Residents’ Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents’ Facebook Group has been growing steadily over the past few months and we now have in excess of 120 members. The group has been created as a forum for chit-chat, ideas, discussions and social events, with the aim of further developing the community within Lower and Upper Froyle.

To become a member, please search Facebook for “Froyle Residents” and select the button to Join. We look forward to welcoming you all.

*Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)
simon@watmore.com*

June News from The Froyle Archive

The Gardens of Froyle Place



Froyle Place, like all 'Big Houses', had large gardens and these needed quite a team of gardeners to maintain them. In the period 1928 to 1933 the Head Gardener for Colonel Innes was Mr F Horn. The Horn family lived in Gothic Cottage and this photograph (*right*), taken in 1933, shows his sons Colin and Derek with their mother on the front steps of the cottage. Harold Horn had taken up his position as Head Gardener at Froyle Place on Sunday 27th May, 1928. He was given one day to look round the property by Colonel Innes, who was the tenant at the time, and then it was down to work on the Monday. Mr Horn had four gardeners working under him - George, Bill, John and Charles. Sadly, he never mentions their surnames, but I have the feeling that Charles was the youngest, as the only job he ever seems to be doing, according to Mr Horn, is turning the manure!! Harold, at this time a bachelor, seemed to have settled in well.



He was asked to umpire the races at the Froyle Fête and was invited to tea on Sunday afternoons by different ladies in the village. On July 29th he took the day off to marry Hilda, but was back at work the very next day.

His diaries were loaned to the Froyle Archive by his sons, in 1999. They are much more than diaries as they contain the 'Plans & Records of Froyle Place Gardens'. On one particular occasion he propagated 1,260 violas and 900 calceolaria. His job not only included growing the plants and looking after the garden, but he and his men were also in charge of decorating the house with flowers and packing boxes of fresh vegetables for the family to take on holidays to Scotland. Harold was very keen on melons and won several prizes for Colonel Innes in local shows.

Read more about Harold Horn at www.froyle.com/memory.htm

Rejoice in the Spirit

Cana, a small settlement on a plateau part-way up the slopes to the west of Galilee, it is a pleasant spring day. “Your face!” said Sarah. “Such gloom on your daughter’s wedding day. You must lighten up for her and your guests.”

“The guests are what I am concerned about. We’ve invited everyone who lives in the settlement and a few from outside. But have we provided enough? I know I can rely on you to make a splendid buffet of cakes and pastries and tiny fingers of fish and cheese. Your ladies will help. But what of the wine?”

“Serve the best from the start of the early arrivals. It will soon run out, but we will all have to manage. There is orange juice and there are medlars” Sarah reminded him. The father of today’s bride was a little calmer.

Then, music of many hand carved flutes climbed the path from the level of the lake, carried by the neighbourhood youth. “He’s here” they chorused. Jacob realising the kids were bringing the young man and the Nazarene they call the Master. He, smiling, greeted his hosts, old friends of his mother, Mary. “You are the one the young are calling the Master” said Jacob. The tall, white-robed visitor did not deny it, merely smiling briefly.

Now the time had come for the simple wedding rituals. All passed well with much applause. The happy couple took their place at the table while others gathered in picnic order. The exuberance of the past hour had subsided a little. “That will be because of the lack of wine” said old Jacob – still a worry.

“Why not bring forward three big jars of spring water?” said the Master. He leaves now. His many followers escort him and his mother to the roadside by the lake below, garlanded with vines and orange blossom. So the Nazarene mother and son make their way to Jerusalem for the Passover with a dancing escort of youth.

Sarah and Jacob were as one saying “He is the Master”. And so the wedding guests filled their cups. Much chatter resumed with the excitement of party time. Whispering to her husband, Sarah said “They are as though further refreshed by vintage wine.”

“I credit that to the Master” said the old man. “He brings an air of uplift of the spirit with him. Small as we are, the world will hear of us I believe.” Verily quote the Lord and Master earlier. “What shall I do from here on?” Jacob asked.

“It behoves us all to behave as you have,” said Jesus. “Love thy neighbour is all that is necessary. As you have today and always.”



Froyle Wildlife

Walk at Noar Hill SSSI Selborne Wednesday 26 June

Join us for a walk on 26th June 10am at Noar Hill SSSI when we hope to see at least four species of wild orchid. This 20 hectare nature reserve, managed by Hampshire Wildlife Trust, was originally formed by medieval chalk workings. Over hundreds of years the mounds and hollows were colonised by a great variety of beautiful chalk downland flowers now rare in the wider countryside. Many species enjoy the micro climates amongst the undulations with over 30 butterfly species recorded.



Meet there 10am or preferably share lifts from Froyle Village Hall leaving at 9.30am. as there is very limited roadside parking, OS grid reference SU737321 near Charity Farm. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news/

Sue Clark

In June enjoy the **wildflower area** on Froyle recreation ground with cornfield annuals such as common poppy starting to flower. Also look out for ox-eye daisy, sorrel and birds-foot trefoil in the perennial area. Thanks to the volunteers that helped to make this happen. Our next work party at the wildlife pond area near Gid Lane is on Saturday 8th June 10am-12pm when we'll be mowing paths and pulling nettles.

A reminder that **Froyle Wildlife photo competition** is open to all, entries by 30th September. Photographs must have been taken within the parish of Froyle and could include whatever you enjoy about local nature. See froylewildlife.co.uk/froyle-wildlife-photo-competition-2019/.

Our walk in May looked at local flora in Upper Froyle at St Mary's Churchyard and a nearby wildflower meadow. 68 plant species were identified including Bush Vetch, Salad Burnet, Sweet Violet and Thyme-leaved Speedwell. Photos taken last summer can be seen at froylewildlife.co.uk/photo-gallery/st-marys-churchyard/.

Barry Clark

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Woodland coppice walk

On 27th April a group of 14 members and guests of Froyle Wildlife braved the end of Storm Hannah for a fascinating and entertaining walk hosted by Mark Howard a local coppice worker, hurdle maker and hedge-layer. Starting at a hedge he had recently laid, Mark explained the techniques, reasons for and benefits of hedge-laying and contrasted it with the un-laid one on the other side of the road. We moved on to a copse near Crondall to be greeted by a fabulous carpet of bluebells. Some of this copse is believed to be medieval – certainly there were some ancient trees, wood banks and indicator plant species that bore this out. Coppicing has been practiced for hundreds of years, Mark showed us various stages of hazel and sweet chestnut coppice stools. Operated on a roughly 8-year cycle a coppice wood offers a range of habitats for flora - we noted many species including bluebells, early purple orchid, pignut and huge patches of wood spurge. This habitat is good for numerous woodland birds, roe deer, muntjac and grey squirrel are a problem though, due browsing and bark stripping the regrowth. Products from coppiced hazel include bean poles, pea sticks, thatching pins and hurdles. Mark also explained the principles of conservation farming on the surrounding fields and a brown hare was spotted.



The walk was very interesting and eye-opening for all of us, and thanks are due to Sue Clark for organising it, and to Mark and his wife Kit for giving up their Saturday afternoon for our benefit.

Jonathan Pickering

Also in April, Mike Coates from the RSPB told us about the conservation success **story of Farnham Heath**. Centuries ago heathland developed from Common Land that was used for grazing and digging turfs. It is now a rare habitat, Surrey having lost 90% of its heathland. In 2004, an area of conifer forest was cleared in sections over 10 years. The heather seeds, which had laid dormant for decades, sprung to life and this attracted a number of rare birds including nightjars, woodlarks, and Dartford warblers; reptiles including endangered sand lizards; and invertebrates including field crickets and silver studded blues. You can access Farnham Heath from Tilford Rural Life Centre. Pick up a leaflet there and follow a marked trail.

Nigel Hughes

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

What is the point of prayer, if God doesn't put things right? It's hard to answer, especially if one is not used to praying. And especially hard when cries for God to listen are tossed around so casually in conversation and as exclamations, in the form of 'for God's sake' and similar expressions. So this month, because our churches are planning some special time for prayers during June, I want to examine the meaning of prayer and how to make prayer more accessible for us all. Let's start first of all with a simple definition – prayer is a means of communicating with God. It is a process that allows us to talk directly to Him and also to listen to Him. We all use so many forms of communication in our lives now, from Facebook to Instagram, emails and texts and sometimes we don't think very carefully about what we are saying in these immediate forms of expressing our thoughts and then realise in retrospect that we should have been more circumspect. But in prayer, we can say anything we like, because it will all be heard and none of it will be judged.

But, the sceptics will say, what is the point if it doesn't get the desired result? It's hard for a generation that is used to paying its money and getting answers, to realise that prayer may not work that way. Just as a good friend will listen to our impassioned accounts of wrongs done to us or a psychiatrist will allow us to explore our innermost thoughts without judging us or telling us explicitly what we should do, so God is primarily listening to us. Of course, it is quite normal when we or our loved ones are ill to pray for a cure, but if that doesn't happen, does it mean that our prayers have gone unanswered? It may be that our prayers are answered, but not in the way we want. And it may be that it is best to pray for God's will to be done and for us to have the forbearance to come to terms with what may happen.

Another question is how, where and when we should pray (or is that 3 questions?!). Those of us who regularly attend church on Sundays pray as a matter of course during those services, but many pray in the quiet of their home, while some pray walking in the open air, experiencing the wonders of God's creation. The truth is that we can pray anywhere. In my experience, little and often is best – as the great Pentecostal Preacher Smith Wigglesworth said: "I never pray for more than fifteen minutes, but I never go more than fifteen minutes without praying".

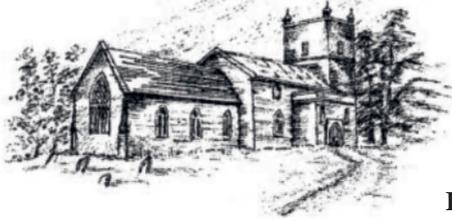
The churches in our Benefice are open every day and everyone is welcome to use them for peaceful contemplation at any time, but during the first nine days of June we are creating a special time and place for prayer in all three churches. In our Benefice, we are calling this The Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Prayer Week which will run from lunchtime 2nd June to lunchtime 9th June. Bentley Church Hall will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week during this time. All three churches are creating imaginative prayer stations and there will be stations in each church. Everyone is warmly welcome to come and sit, think and pray. You don't have to attend a regular service, although you'll be very welcome if you do. So if you don't usually pray or even normally come to church, please pay us a visit. You may just find yourself feeling that you have been heard and leave with an inner sense of peace.

***Blessings,
Yann***

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Nick Carter (472861)

JUNE SERVICES

Sunday 2nd	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 9th	9.30am Bentley	Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 16th	9.30am Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 Father's Day Service (tea served at 4.30pm)
Sunday 23rd	8.00am Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	6.30pm Froyle	Evensong
Sunday 30th	11.00am Binsted	Joint Benefice Service

SAVE THE DATE!

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SUNDAY 7TH JULY FROM 12.30 ONWARDS

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'TEAS ON TUESDAYS'

at
St. Mary's Church
Upper Froyle
2.30 – 4.30

(commencing Tuesday 4th June)



Come and enjoy tea, scones, jam & cream
every Tuesday in June.

Everyone is welcome.

We hope it will be a chance to chat and
enjoy the beautiful views
and if it rains we simply move into the Church.

If anyone would like a lift, please ring
Nigel and Linda Bulpitt 22725 or Jane Macnabb 23195.

THANK YOU!

Scout Jumble Sale
Bentley

Sun shone, masses of goodies and customers. Books of all sizes, ages, taste. Clothes, furniture, pictures, records... you name it. You came from Portsmouth, Southampton (12" records) and Basingstoke. Tills took a lot of money. Many thanks for your support.

Next Jumble Sale September - see you there.

Ron Figgins

C18th **FROYLE VESTMENTS GROUP** **VESTMENT** **DISPLAY**

www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk



1pm - 6pm Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June 2019
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.*

Froyle Gardens 2019

1st-2nd June 2-6pm



5 The Barracks (Nigel and Betty Hughes) *New*
A small garden in two parts with colour themed borders and a private area with a pond.

Manor Cottage (Russell Pearn and Victoria Spearing)
A beautiful garden surrounding a lovely old cottage with many different quirky details to spot.

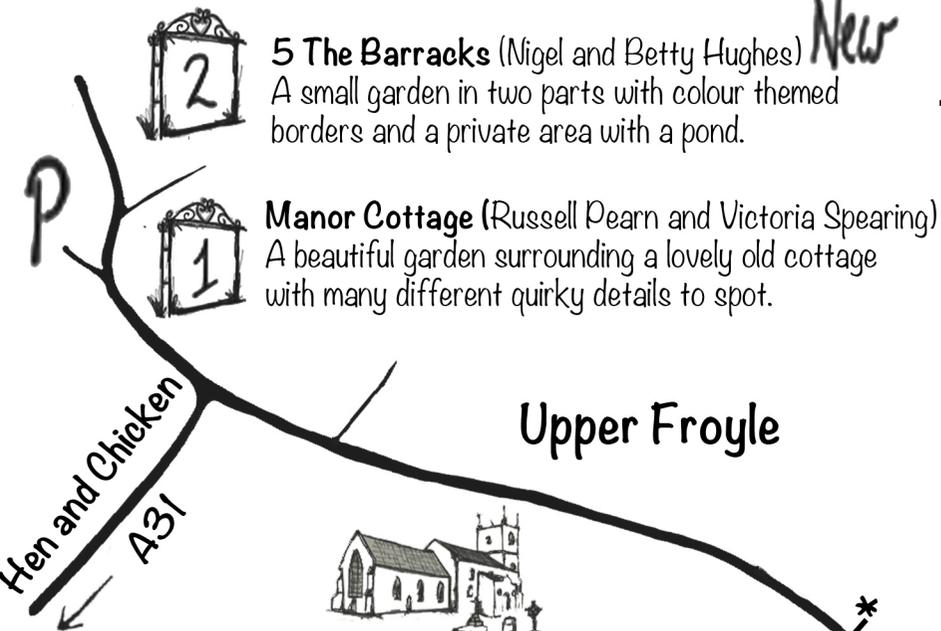
Aldersey House (Nigel and Julie Southern)
Three existing gardens merged into one, with walls, borders, greenhouse and lake.

Day Cottage (Nick and Corinna Whines)
A courtyard garden, herbaceous border, wildlife pond and wild flower meadow with country view.

Warren Cottage (Jonathan and Gillian Pickering)
A wrap-around garden with 18th century barn. Mixed borders for all year interest.

Well Lane Corner (Mark and Sue Lelliott)
Rescued from unmanaged conifers this garden has something for everyone.

Glebe Cottage (Barbara and Michael Starbuck)
A little gem of a courtyard garden on the site of a double garage.



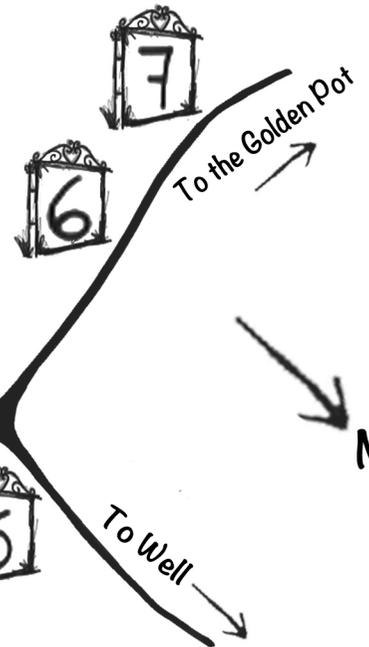
St Mary's Church
Vestment display
Free entry 1-6pm
Visit our unique vestment display

Lower Froyle



Teas, Toilets and Plants at Village Hall

To The Anchor Inn and Bentley



P Parking is located on the recreational ground at the village hall and in Upper Froyle as signposted.

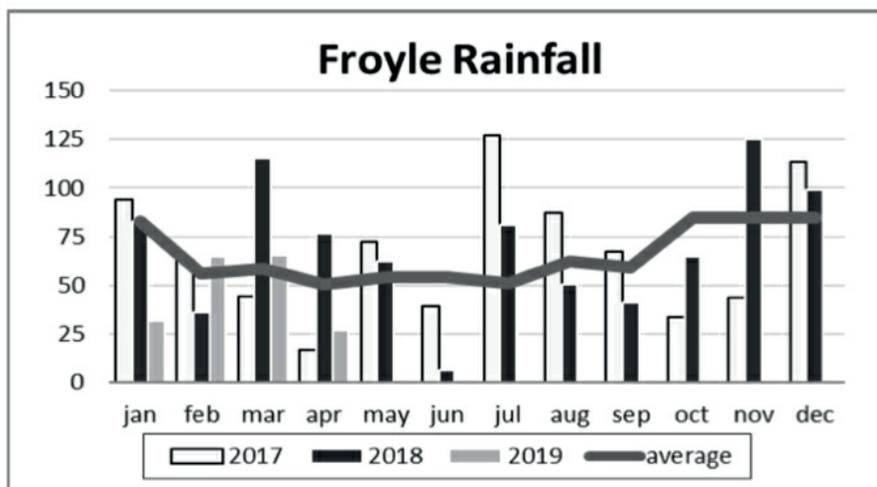
We hope you enjoy your tea.
For information about hiring the village hall please visit:
www.froylevillagehall.co.uk



Map not to scale
*It is at least a 20 minute walk between Upper and Lower Froyle. It is advised that you drive this distance.

Froyle Rainfall for April 2019

This year	26.5 mm	1 ins
Last year	76.5 mm	3 ins
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins
Long-term average for April – the driest month	50.6 mm	2.0 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	188 mm	7.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	248.3 mm	9.8 ins



HOLD THE FRONT PAGE....

In the fifteen years from 1990 to 2004, July's monthly average was 39.5 mm whilst April's was 57.4 mm. But for the last 15 years July has soared to an average of 62.9 mm but April has slumped to a mere 44.2 mm.

The sum conclusion of all this is that April has just usurped July from its cherished(?) top slot and is now officially the driest month of the year in Froyle.

And you never thought that the recording of our rainfall could be quite so exciting...



"The Umbrella Man"

Blessing of the Animals



FROYLE PET SERVICE

SUNDAY 14TH JULY
11 am

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL



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Science at Bentley CE Primary School

It may well be that primary school science for many of us included such things as playing with iron filings and magnets, sowing seeds and the Friday afternoon 'Nature Walk'. These are all very important parts of understanding the world around us, and continue to be a part of the primary curriculum, but a visit to a science lesson in 2019 would have many more elements to it.

'Being Scientific' is now a key part of the science curriculum, which encourages children to ask questions and devise ways to try out ideas. They design experiments, with guidance, and have to think critically about the results they get – working in just the way that scientists do. We cover a wide range of scientific themes. Just this term, we have children finding out about plants, including how seeds are dispersed and germinate in various different species. This includes devising tests to find out if seeds really do need soil, for example. Much of the work on plants is backed up by our wonderful team of volunteer gardeners, who help the children in Year 1 growing all manner of vegetables which are then sold to families, generating a modest income for further work.

Another year group is investigating materials, finding out which are the best for various uses. The knowledge they gain will then enable them to make choices about what to use, for example, for the wheels on a battery driven car. Another class is looking at the animals that live on the island of Madagascar, learning about ways in which species adapt to their environments and ecological niches. This sort of work inevitably brings in ideas about conservation and protecting our fragile world, and it is good to see that the next generation takes seriously matters such as pollution due to plastic packaging and use of fossil fuels. Children have been enthusiastic about practical steps, such as reducing and recycling waste, separating waste in the dining room and writing to large companies to share their thoughts about how the world they inherit should be looked after right now.

All these, alongside the traditional work on circuits, forces and all the other things we associate with 'traditional science' help children to understand the world in which they live, and through an integrated approach to primary learning, they have opportunities to apply the knowledge they accumulate in solving problems.

A great example of this was our recent 'Engineering Challenge'. Across the school, classes found out about the many different types of engineering, from computer to civil engineering, and some of the children had the opportunity to talk to 'real live' engineers to find out about their work. The main challenge was to design a solution to an everyday problem. We enjoyed a huge range of imaginative ideas, from time travel space portals, mechanical spaghetti forks and automatic cat-grooming robots right through to voice-activated, treat dispensing dog-training collars and self-tightening shoe laces.

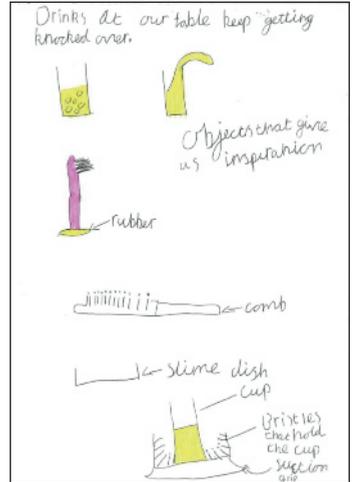
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The winning entry was a super invention – a non-tipping cup holder, designed by Eryka in Year 3. We were particularly impressed with how she took two existing concepts and merged them to make a truly innovative device – well done Eryka!

These experiences, starting with ‘pure’ science, and then finding applications and other links, helps to develop thinkers, innovators and problem-solvers of the future.

It is very humbling to be a part of their journeys...

Paul Goddard, Science Lead



Eryka's winning design

Ahoy There!
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- Panning for gold
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- Cannon Ball Pop
- Balloon Darts
- Tombola
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- Face painting

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All proceeds to Bentley School PTA Registered Charity No 104196

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From Warsash on the Solent to Bentley Primary School
SATURDAY 29th JUNE

JOIN US FOR THE 2019 BIG CYCLE TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

50 MILES OFF ROAD WITH A BBQ AT THE FINISH. Training rides on weekdays and Sundays. To join contact gill.ormond@icloud.com

NEW FOR 2019: CYCLE-MANIA FOR CHILDREN! Cycling fun and activities during the afternoon on the Rec.

Minimum sponsorship of **£65** to include T-shirt, transport, and support vehicles. For details see www.bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk What's Happening.

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All profits go to Bentley Primary School PTA, charity number 1040994

Benefice Prayer Week

A Week of Prayer

Time to be inspired.

Time to pray in peace.

Time to be heard.

Time to listen.

**2nd
June
to
9th
June**

**Open
24
hours**



Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Churches

Bentley Church Hall is open 24 hours a day.



Waverley Singers Summer Concert
St Lawrence Alton
Saturday 15 June 7pm

Summer concert of choral and organ works to include music by
Bach, Bruckner and Britten.

Tickets £15

Visit the Waverley Singers website for further information
www.waverleysingers.com
www.ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers for bookings

U3A Alton

If you are new to the area, or are recently retired, the U3A offers a way of meeting new people. In excess of 40 groups offer a wide selection of recreational and leisure activities including maths, French, music appreciation, painting and dance, as well as outings, concerts and even a holiday.

Come to the REGISTRATION DAY on August 9th to learn more, or if you are already a Member join up for another year. More information is available from the Web site, and the **Blue Book** which will be available from July.

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Dr Melanie Way, Dr Abigail Evers, Dr Iona Moore, Dr Natalie Smith
The surgery is open from 8.00am – 6.30pm, and dispensary from
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To register for Online appointment booking and repeat prescriptions, please
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Tel: 01420 22106 www.bentleysurgery.org.uk



You are invited to join us on
Sunday 9 June 3.30 to 5.30pm
Binsted School Hall
for a time of fun, crafts,
celebration & food

The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle
invite senior residents to a
Summer Tea Party
at
Mill Court
Near Upper Froyle
GU344JF

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RSVP
Jane Dalton
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or
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Transport can be arranged
if needed

**Wednesday
3rd July
3-5pm**

A collection of black and white line drawings of various tea-related items, including teapots, teacups, saucers, and a teapot with a heart-shaped pattern. The items are arranged around a central black circle containing the event details.

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We are pleased that local tradesmen and service providers advertise with us, and hope you support them. However, we don't check or endorse them in any way.

Village Events June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>11am Joint Benefice Service Binsted</i>						1 <i>1-6pm Vestments St Mary's 2-6pm Gardens Open</i>
2 <i>8am HC 1-6pm Vestments St Mary's 2-6pm Gardens Open</i>	3 <i>Refuse & Garden Waste</i>	4 <i>2.30-4.30 Teas at St Mary's Church</i>	5	6 <i>9.45am Toddler Gp</i>	7 <i>10am Meeting Place 7pm Gdn Club visit</i>	8 <i>10-12 FW Gid Lane</i>
9 <i>11am HC</i>	10 <i>Recycling & Glass 07.45pm Parish Council</i>	4 <i>2.30-4.30 Teas at St Mary's Church</i>	12	13 <i>9.45am Toddler Gp</i>	14 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	15
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23 <i>6.30pm Evensong</i>	24 <i>Recycling</i>	25 <i>2.30-4.30 Teas at St Mary's Church</i>	26 <i>10am FW Noar Hill Walk</i>	27	28 <i>10am Meeting Place</i>	29

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Friday 21 June 2019

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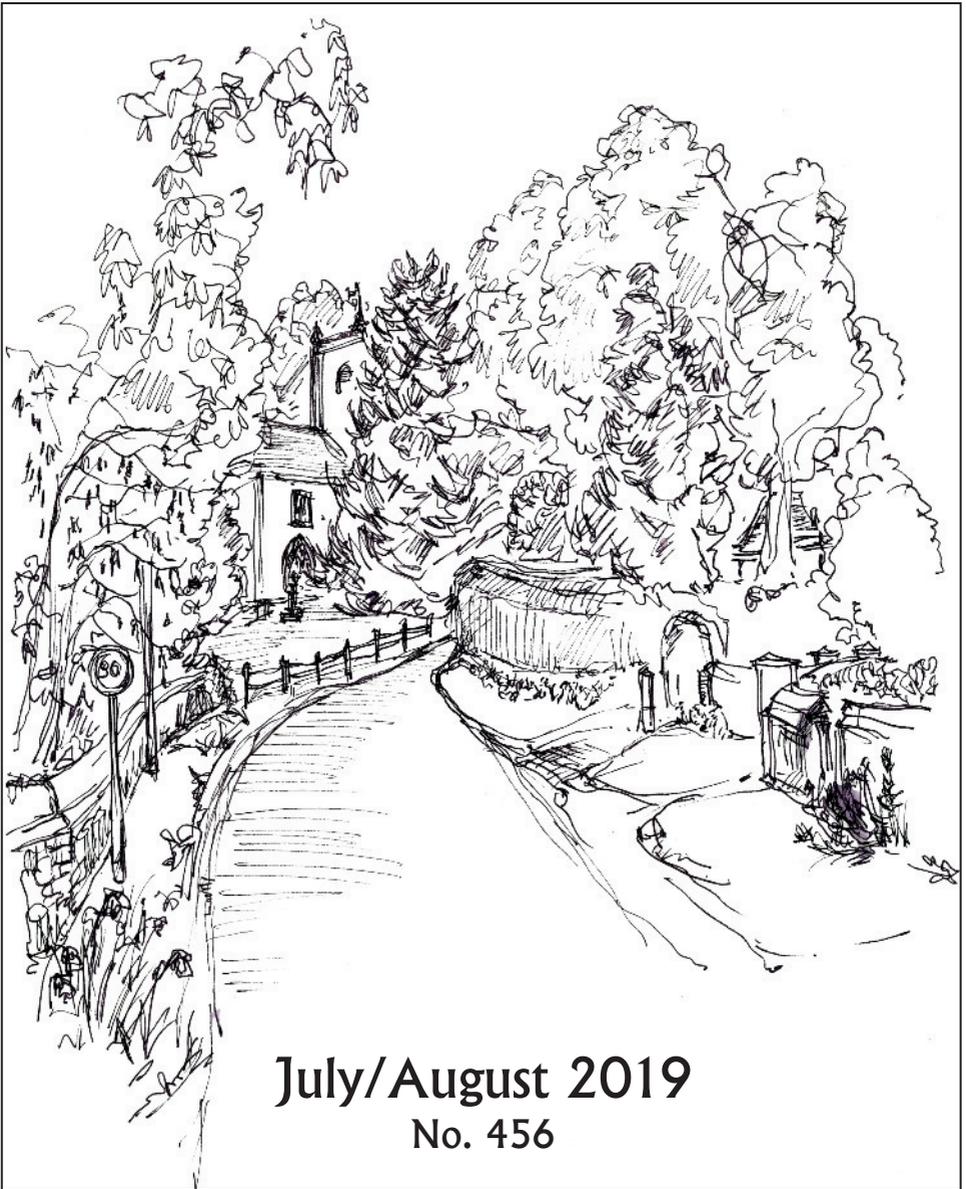
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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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Report from the Parish Council

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 10 June 2019.

Apologies were received from two councillors. One member of the public was present for the first part of the meeting.

Gordon Mitchell of the Froyle Speedwatch Group reported on progress towards obtaining a speed indicator sign (SID) which could be rotated round a number of sites in Upper and Lower Froyle and would display the speed of approaching vehicles. The PC agreed with the Group's recommendation to obtain the sign which the Group would monitor, move and maintain. The estimated cost of the equipment and installation is £4635. It was agreed to seek funding from East Hants District Council's (EHDC) Section 106 Transport Fund and to obtain the necessary licence from Hampshire County Council. It was noted that there was a 10% increase in traffic through Froyle over the last three years.

Work has begun on the footpath which will run on the inside of the boundary wall from gate A, the entrance to the Linden Homes estate, to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill.

The PC has received a letter from a resident about the noise and disturbance from the Froyle Park wedding venue.

It was reported that Tony Costigan the EHDC councillor for Froyle and Bentworth is to discuss the PC's complaints about the use of Froyle Park with the EHDC solicitor.

Concerns have been received by the PC about the clearance of the verge and bank on Ryebidge Lane close to the junction with Bamber Lane.

The PC understand that a fence has been installed and that the bank will be allowed to regrow. A new hedge will be planted in the autumn.

The issue of litter on the A31 near the recycling centre has again been raised. Cllr Costigan and MP Damien Hinds have agreed to investigate.

The PC has completed its annual audit of governance and accountability. As part of this process the PC has asked EHDC who has responsibility for the upkeep of the two bus shelters, at the village hall and the Hen and Chicken pub.

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A safety inspection on the playground had been completed. No significant issues had been raised. It is planned to repaint the pirate ship close to its original colours in the near future. The condition of the terrace outside the village hall is deteriorating and the PC will seek quotes for repointing.

The PC would like to draw attention to the fact that EHDC is holding several thousand pounds of funds which are available for small environmental and open space projects in Froyle. Suggestions for how these funds might be used would be welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. The future of the football hut was again discussed.

The Village Hall Committee operates an email list to advise residents of upcoming events. Recently the PC, with agreement from the Village Hall, used the list to warn residents about closures on the A31. If you would like to join the list please email David Robertson (darinfroyle@icloud.com). The list only records your email address, is fully data protection compliant and will not overload your inbox.

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council is on Monday 8 July at 7.45pm. As always members of the public are welcome to attend.

Are you hard of hearing? Would your smoke alarm wake you?

***Smoke alarms save lives.** You may be able to hear your smoke alarm with your hearing aid in but what about at night when you are asleep?*

Conventional smoke alarms work by emitting a high pitched noise when smoke is detected. If you are hard of hearing, this may be the kind of sound that you can't hear so well. Thankfully, there are additional ways to ensure you'd be aware of a fire in your home.

There are a range of smoke alarms available which activate a bedside strobe light and a vibrating pad which fits under your pillow. These can be bought from several suppliers including:

Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID) Tel: 0808 808 0123

Blue Watch (the Chief Fire Officers Association) Tel: 0844 808 2435

The Hampshire County Council Sensory Loss Team can also advise you on specialist equipment to help you live safely and independently with a hearing loss at home. Call them on **Tel: 0300 555 1386.**

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent Madeleine on 23371



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

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

NEWS from the Village Hall

The committee are grateful for a generous donation from Richard Ezzard in memory of his brother and sister. We have used the donation to install a speaker system which can play music from a mobile phone through either a cable or Bluetooth connection. In addition we have also purchased more play 'fencing' which will allow the toddlers to play outside safely, when it's dry!

During Froyle Open Gardens (FOG) it was noted that the garden in front of the hall left something to be desired. It has therefore been decided that in the autumn the area will be redesigned and replanted. EHDC will be approached for funding. It has also been agreed to install a lockable outside tap at the rear of the hall so the garden can be watered more easily.

Molly Scotton has kindly agreed to take on the role of Child Protection Officer. The hall Child Protection Policy is currently being reviewed and will be made available on the website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk and in the hall.

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The hall windows take a good deal of punishment from the weather and it is proposed that these will be repaired and restained during the summer. The seal on some of the double glazed window panes has failed and these will be replaced in due course.

The dishwasher was serviced and held up well during the annual FOG invasion. If you are using the machine please ensure you follow the instructions and rinse plates first.

We plan to have a fire safety audit in the near future.

If you would like to hire the hall for an event please go to the hall website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Froyle Open Gardens 2019

Once again Froyle opened its gardens over the weekend of 1 and 2 June and once again garden lovers from far and wide descended on the village in large numbers. Over the weekend we estimate that we had around 900 visitors. This is a little down on our record breaking year in 2018 but still a very large number. As a result we were able to send a cheque for £9597.20 to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) to distribute to the various medical charities which they support.

This year we advertised six gardens in the NGS handbook but in April a second garden in Upper Froyle joined in and then at the last moment we added another in Lower Froyle bringing our total to eight and with the added attraction of the exhibition of vestments in the Church there was much to see. So much, in fact, that we allowed the ticket to be used on both days so people could return if they wished to complete the tour.

An interesting innovation this year was that bracelets were issued to permit entry. Although they were bit of a fiddle to put on they had a remarkably rejuvenating effect on some of our more elderly visitors who came bouncing in waving their arms and saying it made them feel as if they were going to a rock festival.

In May the weather had been cool and very dry and this had held back the roses and other plants. As the big day approached gardeners could be found imploring certain flowers to hang on and certain buds to break. There was a rumour, unfounded I'm sure, that a gardener had been using a hair dryer to persuade a prize peony to open. Certainly in early June 48 hours can make a huge amount of difference in the amount of colour on display.

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The weather on the day was for the most part kind: and it goes without saying that all the gardens looked superb but in many different ways. I am sure that is why so many of our visitors keep coming back. They love the variety and they love to see the gardens develop over time. They are full of questions and of course eager to tell you about their garden or the garden they wish they had. They are warmly generous with their praise and appreciation for the welcome the wider village provides.

So first a big thank you to the whole village for entering into the spirit and supporting this annual invasion. (As Garden Open approached I certainly did notice quite a bit of additional front garden activity and hedge trimming.) Then thank you to all those who baked a huge number of cakes to sustain the invaders.

Thanks to Susie Robertson and her indefatigable team who, clad in their brilliant yellow NGS aprons, cut the cakes, served the teas and cleared up afterwards.

Thanks to Charlie Findlay and his parking team who heaved the bollards and lined up the cars with military precision and who dealt kindly but firmly with those thought they knew better where they should leave their vehicle.

Thanks to Vivienne Sexton and Anne Blunt who ran a very successful plant stall at the village hall. Together with sales at some of the gardens this year we took over £1000, double what we achieved last year.

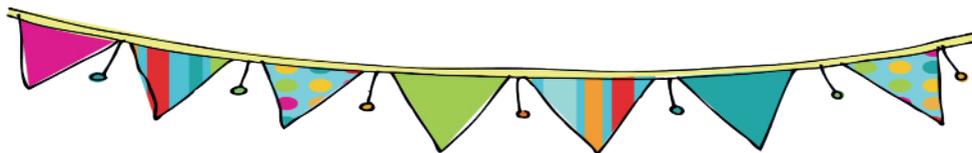
Thanks to Corinna Furse who served as Treasurer and counted up all the money efficiently and accurately.

Finally thanks to all my fellow gardeners and their helpers for all the thought and effort they had put into their gardens. It put a smile onto our visitors' faces and it put a smile on our own.

To see photos of all eight gardens taken by Chris Booth go to:
<http://www.froyle.com/Froylcam/gopen2019.htm>

FOG 20 will take place on 6 and 7 June next year. If you would like to open your garden, raise plants for the plant stall or get involved in the event in some other way please let me know.

Nick Whines 23130 nick@whines.co.uk



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45 am -11:45 am (during term times) Froyle Village Hall

4th July 2019	Sheep week
11th July 2019	Drawing week
18th July 2019	Dragon week
Next Group Back After Summer	THURSDAY 5TH SEP

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family. Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots of toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search “Froyle Baby and Toddler Group” on facebook.



Froyle Charity Golf Day

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2019

Blackmoor Golf Club

Anyone interested in joining this enjoyable event please contact:

Ian Whitmore 07825 642705



The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019

Further details to follow in future magazines

A NEW FUN CLUB FOR CHILDREN IN FROYLE

FRESH

A new concept for the village - A themed cafe for children of all ages, held once during each school holiday. There will be a tuck shop, food and drink available for the kids, plus tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. Keep an eye out in the village magazine for the themes and dates - I have plenty of ideas!

The first cafe theme is...

HALLOWEEN

Pumpkin Carving
Toffee Apple Making
Apple Bobbing
Halloween slime
Toilet Paper Mummies
Halloween Mystery Boxes

PER CHILD

£2

OCT 31, 2019 | 10AM-12PM | FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MOLLY ON 07595354619

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. We collect used stamps 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.

On July 12th, we are holding a fund raising morning for 'The Elizabeth Foundation', a charity based in Portsmouth. Their aim is to help deaf children learn to listen and speak using their hearing aids or cochlear implants. The preschool doesn't receive any government funding, so they have to fundraise to keep up with the huge running costs. One of our younger residents (Theo Wharfe, aged 4) has been attending for the last two years since he was fitted with cochlear implants, and his speech and communication has started to really take off, hugely thanks to The Elizabeth Foundation. His family are doing all they can to fundraise to give something back, and to help other current and future families. Please give generously.

Cake Bakers for July

5th	Janet Dobson	Chris Muddeman	Ann Netherway	
12th	Sarah Roberts	Alison Pincott	Jill Mackenzie	Harriet Wharfe
19th	June Trimm	Corinna Whines	Helen MacDonald	Sarah English
26th	Madeleine Black	Lauraine Bourne	Sarah Basey	Katie Rath

Cake Bakers for August

2nd	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealey	Lucia Lindblom	Charlotte Inskip
9th	Gill Bradley	Jane Stewart Smith	Julie Southern	Jenny Matthews
16th	Ann Roberts	Jenny Gove	Caroline Findlay	Shirley Bellis
23rd	Jane Dunn	Mary Chaplin	Louise Marston	Kim Blake
30th	Madeleine Black	Babara Starbuck	Chris Muddeman	Lisa Bowler

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

The Meeting Place (Cont)

Kitchen Helpers for July

5th	Sarah Roberts	Caroline Findlay
12th	Jill Mackenzie	Gillian Pickering
19th	Linda Cooper	Mark Carr
26th	Jane Macnabb	Ali Maude

Kitchen Helpers for August

2nd	Kim Blake	Jenny Topping
9th	Chris Muddeman	Marje Hayhurst
16th	Barbara Starbuck	Mary Knowles
23rd	David Robertson	William Knowles
30th	Sue Carr	Kerris Edmondson

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) gabbradley@gmail.com Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfrayle@gmail.com

Froyle 100 Club June Winners

1st – Andrew Potter	2nd – Julie Southern
3rd – Susie Robertson	4th – Linda Bulpitt

Congratulations to all the winners!

*William Knowles 07775 928933
wbk@wbknowles.com*

THANK YOU!

Margaret Stanford would like to thank everyone at the Meeting Place for the wonderful planter of flowers given as a housewarming.

Her new address is: 16 Mary Rose Mews, Alton GU34 2UU, tel: 01420 80956. She would love to see anyone who's passing and would like to drop in

73rd Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 13th July 2019

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 with a demonstration from the Army Cadets
- 14.00 Children's Races, including the return of chariot races and tug of war
- 15.00 Dog Show
- 15.45 Welly Wanging Competition in the Arena
- 16.00 Garden Prizes
- 16:15 Grand Raffle Draw

Instead of our usual bouncy castle, we have LASER TAG, where anyone above 7 and under 80 can zap one another-- so who would you like to zap?!

The Army Cadets will be with us all afternoon involving the children in lots of exciting activities.

We have the return of the helicopters, and this year there will be flying displays.

There will be the popular farm with its cute animals and lots of other activities for the younger children, including hookey ducky, face painting and a new area of games and activities.

We decided to make Welly Wanging a spectator sport --so how far can you wang your welly? Come to the Arena at 3.45 and see who goes away with the golden welly. Adult and children classes.

Also 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. (See Page 11)

There will be plenty of food and drink. The beer tent will this year serve not only our world-famous Pimms with its secret recipe, but also wine and prosecco; for food we have the bbq, ice creams and tea on the patio. Enjoy your food and drink with live music from our favourite band.

There were disappointed looks last year when our crockery smashing frame was consigned to the skip. Well, fear not : local Big Bernie has constructed a brand new frame which will be officially opened at 13.00 hours, with Bernie himself sending down the first salvo. We would be grateful for more crockery. There will also be the coconut shy and beat the goalie.

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There will be a host of other stalls for you to spend your money including Jumble, Bric a Brac and Books as well as those giving you the opportunity to win such as the bottle stall and Tombola. We don't charge an entry fee--unlike some other local villages-- but hopefully have enjoyable ways to take your money.

This year we have a number of craft stalls. I know it's a little early, but they may give you ideas for Christmas.

Tea and Cakes are a must at any traditional fete, and Froyle takes the biscuit when it comes to tea and cake. That said, we are always grateful to all those cake bakers who supply us on the day, and 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 12th July or to the Tea stall on the day.

Members of the committee will be collecting bottles for the bottle stall in the week before the fete, yes they are looking for full bottles.

As always, any help you can offer in both setting up or helping to clear up is gratefully received-- but most of all lets hope for a nice sunny day, so that everyone can enjoy our village fete.

Ian Whitmore 07825 642705



Dog Show

Many of you know Stanley. We mentioned him in last month's magazine. He stands guard (well, sits as a friendly greeter) outside Holybourne Stores.

Stanley is unlikely to win a prize at the Froyle Dog Show as the *fastest dog*; or as the *dog with the waggiest tail*; and certainly not as the *scruffiest dog* or the *most badly behaved dog*; probably not as the *dog most like his owner* (need to think about that...); if he were the *last dog left sitting*, we suspect this would be down to a combination of idleness and stubbornness, rather than obedience.

He is, in short, like other woofers we could mention, pretty useless, but with an understated charm which, in Stanley's case, melts the heart of any human being walking into Holybourne Stores. So he is an excellent role model for the **TOP DOG award** at the Dog Show (which Stanley unfortunately cannot attend).

This prestigious award for a top class dog will again be **accompanied by a bottle of top class English sparkling wine from Jenkyn Place in Bentley.**

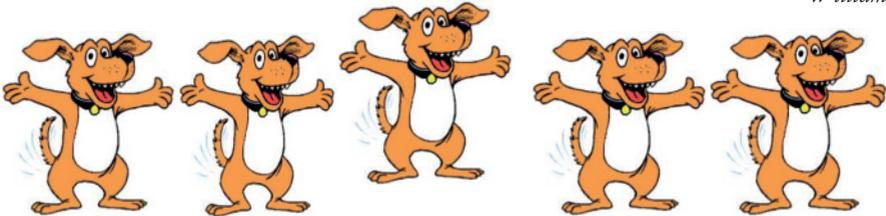
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So, whatever the talents - or lack of them - which your dog displays, come along and enter him or her for the dog show. In terms of how it is organised (or not), we quote from what we said last year:

“... 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 [see above *in italics*] 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.”

William Knowles



A picture of the old Crockery Smashing Frame before it was placed in the skip

July News from The Froyle Archive

Cricket, Lovely Cricket!



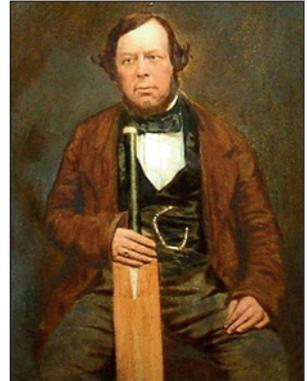
This photograph was taken in 1915 from what is now our back garden! The field in which the two workers are standing is “Adams”, hence the name of our bungalow, “Adams Field”. The cottage to the left is actually two - the front, facing us, was, in the 19th century, the Post Office in

Lower Froyle. Behind it is “Warren Cottage”, and we know from the deeds that, in the late 1700s the Clapshaw (or *Clapshoe* or *Clapshen*) family lived there - in particular Aquila Clapshoe, who was born in 1714 at Froyle. His son, also named Aquila, set up the Aquila Clapshoe workshop at Turnham Green, London, in 1780, making cricket bats.

Aquila (*the 1714 one! - right*) was most likely a cricket player who made his own bats, as did everyone else, but his expert craftsmanship made *his* bats the best in the country. In the back garden of “Warren Cottage” there is still a very old small barn - could this be where Aquila made his bats?

We have in the Archive a transcript of an indenture of lease made on the 15th April 1781, between the Clapshaws and William Cook and Thomas Crosswell concerning various parcels of land in Froyle.

The Clapshoe firm, who by the 1800s had become Clapshaw(!), were renamed Aquila Clapshaw & Salmon in the latter part of that century. For a much more detailed history of the cricket bat business, follow the link <http://www.froyle.com/bat.htm>



There is an Aquila Clapshaw bat, dated 1860, in the museum at Lord’s cricket ground. Sadly, although in 1898 there was a “Froyle Rovers” cricket team, today there is no cricket played in Froyle.

Left: Froyle Cricket Team 1960

Chris & Annette Booth

Read more about Cricket in Froyle at www.froyle.com/memory.htm



Froyle Wildlife

'Drop-in' day at wildlife pond, Sunday 7th July

Call in between 10am and 4pm to visit the wildlife pond and meadow, Gid Lane, Upper Froyle. They'll be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day.



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 and bird's-foot trefoil. Last year emperor and four-spotted chaser dragonflies and meadow brown, large skipper and marbled white butterflies amongst others were on the wing. Do pop in and see what you can spot. For more information please see www.froylewildlife/news.

Sue Clark

Pond dipping Sunday 11th August. Family fun –join us for a 1h dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in Froyle Park Pond, 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, stating preference for 1.30pm or 2.30pm session.

Walk at Old Winchester Hill, Wednesday 7th August. Join us for an afternoon stroll 2pm at this National Nature Reserve for flowers, views and butterflies. Further information at www.froylewildlife/news.

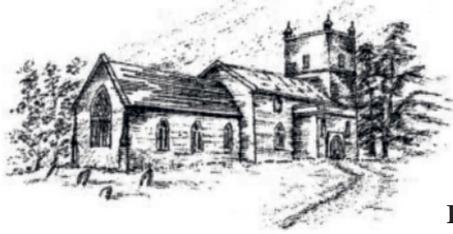
A reminder that **Froyle Wildlife photo competition** is open to all, entries by 30th September. Photographs must have been taken within the parish of Froyle and could include whatever you enjoy about local nature. See froylewildlife.co.uk/froyle-wildlife-photo-competition-2019/.

Barry Clark

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Prayer Chain:
Nick Carter (472861)

JULY SERVICES

Sunday 7th	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00am Binsted	Marquee & Pet Service at Binsted Rec
Sunday 14th	9.30am Bentley	Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	11.00am Froyle	Pet Service at Froyle Rec
Sunday 21st	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00am Bentley	Marquee Service at Bentley Rec
Sunday 28th	8.00am Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	6.30pm Froyle	Evensong

AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 4th	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	9.30 am Bentley	Holy Communion
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
Sunday 25h	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion
	6.30pm Froyle	Evensong

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

This is the time of year when our Benefice appears at its most ‘English’, with fetes, flower shows, dog shows, picnics and glorious open gardens making us feel that all is right with the world. Now I am not one to belittle all these traditional events, how could I with so many church members involved in days like the Froyle Open Gardens at the beginning of June? People showing off their beautiful gardens or enthusiastically volunteering to serve tea and a slice of delicious Victoria Sandwich, for anyone needing urgent refreshment.

We’re so fortunate, aren’t we, living in the midst of lush green countryside, with delightful walks on our doorstep, quaint pubs tucked away in picture-postcard villages and the convenience of high street shops nearby. But life is not so idyllic for everyone, not in the cities, conurbations or even in our own town and villages. When the sun is shining on a perfect garden and a typically English afternoon tea is spread before us, it is easy to forget that there is poverty and unhappiness not far away.

Luckily all of these summer events do a great job in raising money for various important charities and village organisations, as well as giving the participants a great deal of pleasure. And I also feel that the very ‘timelessness’ of these much loved occasions helps bolster the strength we need to face adversity. It brings to mind the well known lines from two of the nation’s best loved poems; both associated with a time of sunny innocence before the First World War, they both offer moments of a perfect England, which could be clung to during the dark times ahead:

*And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and around him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.*
(*Adlestrop* – Edward Thomas)

and:

*Stands the Church clock at ten to three?
And is there honey still for tea?
(The Old Vicarage, Grantchester – Rupert Brooke)*

These lines are made even more poignant by the fact that both men died serving their country in that terrible war. And that makes me reflect too, since we have been reminded of it recently with the extensive coverage of the D Day commemorations on both sides of the Channel, on the modest, self-effacing tributes from the elderly veterans who participated as they again reminded us of the truth of John 15:3, “Greater love hath no man than **th**is, that a man lay down his life for his friends”.

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And perhaps this is what we will experience as we attend our many local summer events both old and new. The ordinariness of it, the fact that everyone is playing their part in the knowledge that this will happen every year and will always be the same. And also the fact that our Churches are at the heart of this ordinary way of life, giving hope, helping everyone to pray and celebrating the role of the community. Oh, and there is always honey for tea of course, and also Victoria Sandwich!

***Blessings,
Yann & The Team***

Blessing of the Animals



FROYLE PET SERVICE

**SUNDAY 14TH JULY
11 am**

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL



EVERYONE WELCOME
(especially pets!)



**BRING YOUR PETS
TO THIS ANNUAL SERVICE
AND BLESSING**

In Aid of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Round-up of Church events

I hope everyone who wanted to do so experienced the splendour of Froyle Church's unique array of **Vestments**, on display as always at the Froyle Open Gardens (see page 2). Do also come to the **Pet Service** on 14th July (page 16) and, looking ahead to September, the **Harvest Thanksgiving** festivities (page 19).

Regarding other recent/current Church events:

- (1) Our wonderful **new Anna Chaplain**, Nicky Smallwood (email: annachaplain@benbinfro.co.uk, tel: 07765 058593), started at the beginning of May. Anna Chaplains support the spiritual needs of older people. Nicky works in the Benefice two days a week – she is very approachable; do get in touch if you or someone you know would like to have a chat with her. (
- 2) The prayer stations set up for the **Benefice Week of Prayer** in the first week of June in Bentley Church Hall (with one or two in Binsted and Froyle churches as well), were imaginative and thought-provoking – one can still be found in Froyle church. This is an annual event – worth visiting next year if you missed it this year.
- (3) The **Rogation Walk** at the end of May took the form of an entertaining walk through the three parishes, with many dogs – some more unruly than others... Again, if you missed it, come along next year.
- (4) Yann gave an uplifting and informative **Talk on the Holy Spirit** in Bentley church one Wednesday evening in early June. It was well attended and well received. I hope it encourages him to give more one-off talks of this kind.
- (5) **Teas on Tuesdays** (cream teas held in Froyle church every Tuesday afternoon in June) remain a high point of the Froyle social season, despite the inclement weather. We hope to hold them again next year (with better weather), so put them in your diary – best scones to be found in Hampshire, and perhaps anywhere....
- (6) An 8 week **Bible Course** is currently running on Wednesday evenings at Bentley Church Hall. In a combination of presentational videos and group discussion, the course explores what the Bible meant to those who wrote it and what it means for us today – challenging stuff! If you would like to know more about this or other courses run in the Benefice, please contact media@benbinfro.org. And finally:
- (7) More news for September: on 1st September, **our two new Pastoral Assistants**, newly married couple Sam and Gemma, start work in the Benefice. Gemma will focus on youth, Sam on worship. They will both provide a stimulating new dimension to each of the three churches in the Benefice.

I'm sure there's more... Have a good summer, everyone.

William Knowles
Mobile: 07775 928933

St. Mary's Church Community Group

September may seem a long way ahead as we all look forward to some summery weather but plans are already being made for the Autumn!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th September - Harvest Supper. This is usually a very popular event. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of September from Jenny Gove 23697 or Gill Bradley 520484. Price £10

Saturday 14th September - decorating the church for Harvest Festival on Sunday 15th September - The theme this year will be garden tools with baskets of flowers, fruit and vegetables with an emphasis on the latter to make soup for the **Harvest Soup Lunch on Wednesday 2nd October in the Village Hall.**

Gill Bradley 520484

Bentley CE Primary School - Class of 2019

This month we have delegated the writing of our Parish Magazine article to two AMAZING writers from our super Year 6 class. We are getting to that sad point in the year when they will be leaving us for their new secondary schools. They are very ready to go and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. Good luck for the autumn term but in the meantime here are just a few of their memories from the last seven years.

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



Our Class of 2019

Cont.....We have had so many amazing adventures at Bentley. Here are some of our 'best bits'...

I will always remember the day in Reception Class when we went to Mrs Powell's house for the amazing teddy bear picnic! First we arrived at school and the teachers told us to grab our coats and lunchboxes so we could get going! I wasn't too sure what to do as it was everyone's first ever school trip. The moment I sat on the minibus I knew I would enjoy the ride. When we got there I was so excited for what was coming next – FOOD! It was a hot summer's day and there were sprinklers everywhere. The teddy bear I brought was my favourite monkey; somebody brought a teddy as big as our teacher!

My most cherished memory of Year 1 was our trip to the St. Mary's football stadium to play the ukulele! Overall (with lots of other children) we filled up almost half of the whole stadium. Excitingly, we sang lots of songs and played the ukulele to them as well. Once we got back to school everyone was very tired and worn-out but it didn't stop us telling everyone else about it.

In Year 2 we went to the SeaCity museum which was all about Titanic. The most exciting part of the journey was how we got to go on a double decker bus – it was such an amazing new experience! It was very sorrowful learning about how many people died in this fateful event. On the way back everybody had a moment to reflect on how awful it was. In conclusion we all had a very great time.

Year 3 brought our first residential visit. We went to the Gordon Brown Centre to stay for three days! My favourite part of Gordon Brown was definitely eating the delicious food every day. Every activity we participated in was very fun, especially seeing all the lovely animals.

In Year 4 we went to the Gordon Brown Centre for the second time. But instead of being nervous, we were all really excited to see the animals again. We all really enjoyed seeing the cheeky chinchilla Einstein!

We went to cracking Calshot in Year 5. We spent four nights there and did lots of fun activities. My favourite activity was either skiing or climbing. I loved racing down the slope on my skis and it was a real achievement to climb to the top of the wall and abseil down.

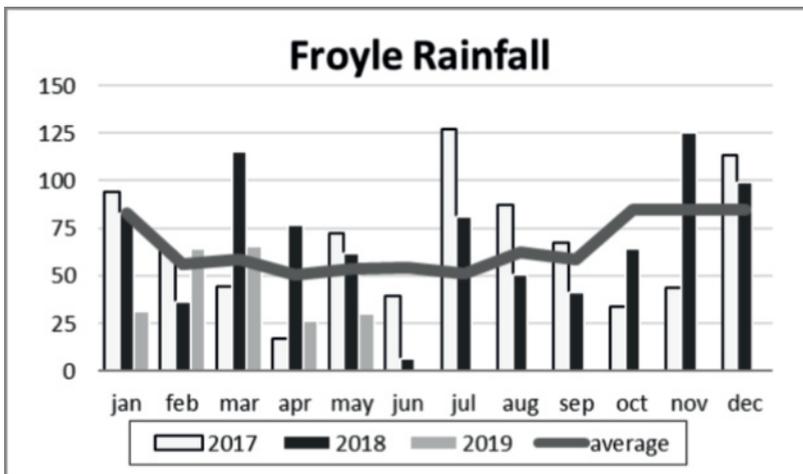
We are in Year 6 now and are all really looking forward to going to Calshot for the second time. I'm personally really eager for the water sports as I'm excited to try sailing and also for the snowboarding as I have never done that before.

We have really enjoyed our seven years at Bentley. In addition to all the really fun trips, we have made great friends, learnt loads and had a really fantastic time at the school. We can't believe we are off to secondary school in September and are excited (and a little nervous) for the adventures ahead.

By George and Maisie, Year 6

Froyle Rainfall for May 2019

This year	30 mm	1.2 ins
Last year	62 mm	2.4 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 rd driest month	53.7 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	218 mm	8.6 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	302 mm	11.9 ins



It is easy to forget just how dry May was – like April barely half the usual – given the deluge we subsequently had in the second week of June.

To put that in to context, even though we are currently well in excess of the usual June amount, we need to have had two and a half times the norm for that month or 138 mm, just to get us up to the long-term average for the year – 2012 was the last time we had that and that was the only time in more than a century!



“The Umbrella Man”



First a thank you to those who contributed plants for sale on the Open Gardens weekend. Our tables outside the Village Hall were loaded with a very wide variety and the grand total raised was £656 of which 75% was donated to the National Garden Scheme and 25% to the horticultural therapy charity Thrive.

Looking ahead to the Flower Show on 13th July we will need contributions of plants and produce (including preserves) for our Fete stall. This helps to cover our costs of printing, the judges and engraving the trophies. Please bring any contributions to the hall on the Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Schedules and entry forms are available at the Village Hall or from Bramlins, Lower Froyle (in box at front door). Completed entry forms are required by Wednesday 10th July. For any queries about the show please contact me (01420 22262).

Garden Visits

Heavy rain caused the June visit to be cancelled. Let's hope the weather will be kinder for visits on

5th July to the garden of David and Valerie Menzies, 5 Anstey Mill Close, Alton GU34 2QT

Charge £5 Meet there at 7pm

9th August to Berry Cottage , Farringdon GU34 3EG

Charge £5 Meet there at 7pm

If you would like to come to either of these please contact Brenda (01420 22216) as the hosts need to know numbers. Lifts can be arranged.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

Froyle vestments group thanks all helpers, Tony Riley for foliage arrangements, Chris and Annette Booth for their informative stand on Sir Hubert Miller, and the welcome team on the door at the church during our recent exhibition. About 280 visitors were counted; a good number for a small church, and resulted in £600 donations towards the upkeep of the collection. If you are inspired to join the group, drop in to the church after 10am on a Wednesday morning to see what is involved.

Froyle Vestments Group

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

GREEN FARM IN BENTLEY, THE DRIFT,
BENTLEY, FARNHAM, SURREY GU10 5JX
SUNDAY 7TH JULY FROM 12.30 ONWARDS

SUNDAY 7TH JULY FROM 12.30 ONWARDS

A black and white illustration of a tea party. It features several teapots and teacups on saucers, some with floral patterns and others with hearts. There are also small decorative elements like hearts and leaves. A central dark circle contains the text 'Wednesday 3rd July 3-5pm'.

The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle
invite senior residents to a Summer Tea Party
at Mill Court
Near Upper Froyle
GU344JF

★
RSVP
Jane Dalton
01420 520278
or
Nick Carter
01420 472861

Transport can be arranged if needed

Wednesday
3rd July
3-5pm

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The rates are as follows:

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

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

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

All advertising must be requested and paid for through the Parish Clerk at
magazine@froyle.com and copied to *froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*

We are pleased that local tradesmen and service providers advertise with us, and hope you support them. However, we don't check or endorse them in any way.

Village Events July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>8am HC</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>12.30pm Parish Picnic</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recycling & Glass</i></p>	9	10	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>9.45am Toddler Gp</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10am Meeting Place</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>7pm Gdn Club visit</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1pm Fete & Flower Show</i></p>
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Village Events August 2019

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11 <i>11am HC</i> <i>1.30pm Pond Dipping</i>	12 <i>Refuse & Garden Waste</i> <i>07.45pm Parish Council</i>	13	14	15	16 10am <i>Meeting Place</i>	17
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25 <i>6.30pm Evensong</i>	26 <i>Bank Holiday</i>	27 <i>Refuse & Garden Waste</i>	28	29	30	31

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Froyle Gardening Club	<i>Anne Blunt</i> - 22262
Froyle Vestments Group	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team	<i>PCSO 12658 David Nops</i> Call 101 (999) in an emergency) or email: david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
Wildlife Crime Officer	<i>PC Scott Graham</i> Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
NHS non-emergency	111
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	www.benbinfro.co.uk
Froyle Facebook Group	simon@watmore.com

NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday 23rd August 2019

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

All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

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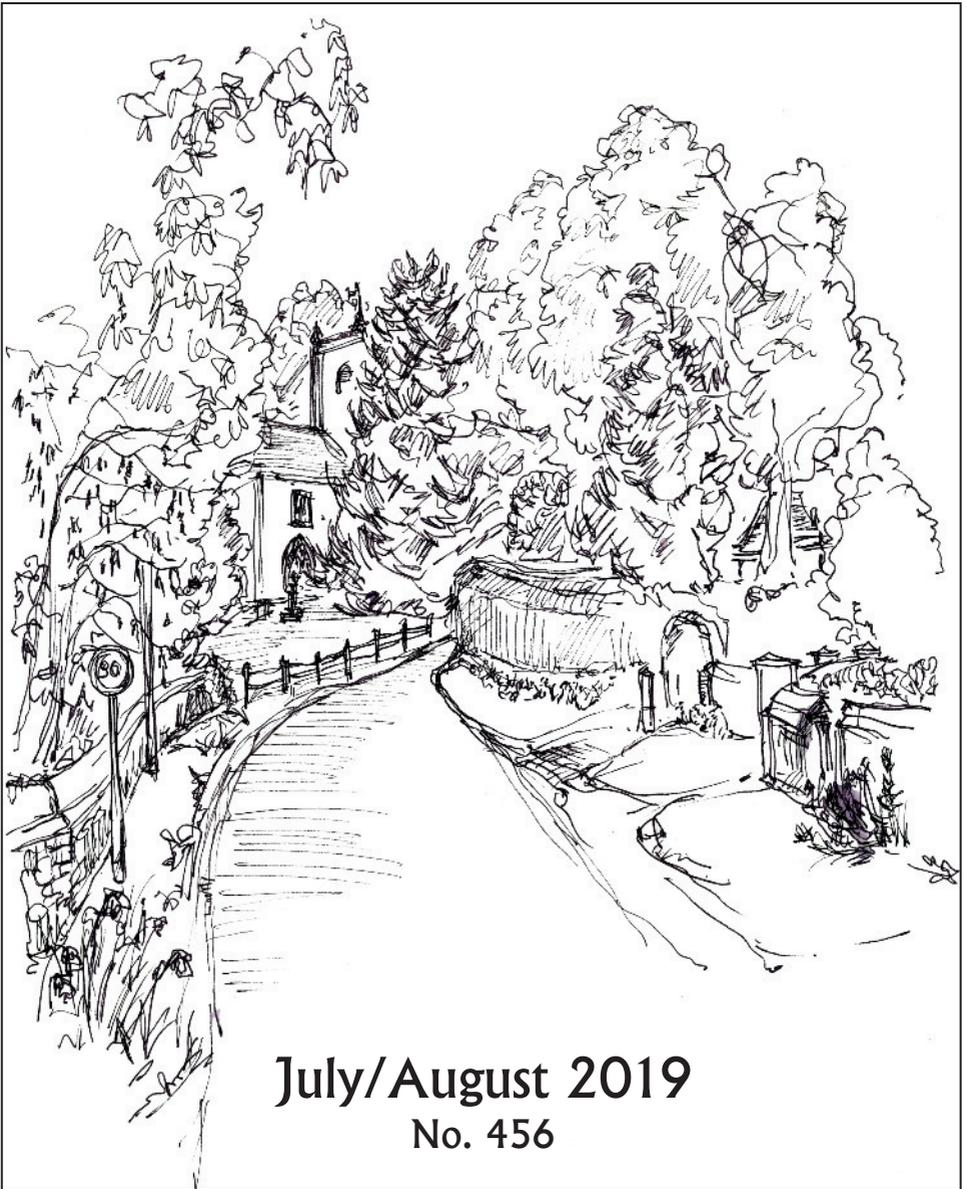
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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 10 June 2019.

Apologies were received from two councillors. One member of the public was present for the first part of the meeting.

Gordon Mitchell of the Froyle Speedwatch Group reported on progress towards obtaining a speed indicator sign (SID) which could be rotated round a number of sites in Upper and Lower Froyle and would display the speed of approaching vehicles. The PC agreed with the Group's recommendation to obtain the sign which the Group would monitor, move and maintain. The estimated cost of the equipment and installation is £4635. It was agreed to seek funding from East Hants District Council's (EHDC) Section 106 Transport Fund and to obtain the necessary licence from Hampshire County Council. It was noted that there was a 10% increase in traffic through Froyle over the last three years.

Work has begun on the footpath which will run on the inside of the boundary wall from gate A, the entrance to the Linden Homes estate, to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill.

The PC has received a letter from a resident about the noise and disturbance from the Froyle Park wedding venue.

It was reported that Tony Costigan the EHDC councillor for Froyle and Bentworth is to discuss the PC's complaints about the use of Froyle Park with the EHDC solicitor.

Concerns have been received by the PC about the clearance of the verge and bank on Ryebidge Lane close to the junction with Bamber Lane.

The PC understand that a fence has been installed and that the bank will be allowed to regrow. A new hedge will be planted in the autumn.

The issue of litter on the A31 near the recycling centre has again been raised. Cllr Costigan and MP Damien Hinds have agreed to investigate.

The PC has completed its annual audit of governance and accountability. As part of this process the PC has asked EHDC who has responsibility for the upkeep of the two bus shelters, at the village hall and the Hen and Chicken pub.

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A safety inspection on the playground had been completed. No significant issues had been raised. It is planned to repaint the pirate ship close to its original colours in the near future. The condition of the terrace outside the village hall is deteriorating and the PC will seek quotes for repointing.

The PC would like to draw attention to the fact that EHDC is holding several thousand pounds of funds which are available for small environmental and open space projects in Froyle. Suggestions for how these funds might be used would be welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. The future of the football hut was again discussed.

The Village Hall Committee operates an email list to advise residents of upcoming events. Recently the PC, with agreement from the Village Hall, used the list to warn residents about closures on the A31. If you would like to join the list please email David Robertson (darinfroyle@icloud.com). The list only records your email address, is fully data protection compliant and will not overload your inbox.

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council is on Monday 8 July at 7.45pm. As always members of the public are welcome to attend.

Are you hard of hearing? Would your smoke alarm wake you?

***Smoke alarms save lives.** You may be able to hear your smoke alarm with your hearing aid in but what about at night when you are asleep?*

Conventional smoke alarms work by emitting a high pitched noise when smoke is detected. If you are hard of hearing, this may be the kind of sound that you can't hear so well. Thankfully, there are additional ways to ensure you'd be aware of a fire in your home.

There are a range of smoke alarms available which activate a bedside strobe light and a vibrating pad which fits under your pillow. These can be bought from several suppliers including:

Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID) Tel: 0808 808 0123

Blue Watch (the Chief Fire Officers Association) Tel: 0844 808 2435

The Hampshire County Council Sensory Loss Team can also advise you on specialist equipment to help you live safely and independently with a hearing loss at home. Call them on **Tel: 0300 555 1386.**

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent Madeleine on 23371



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

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

NEWS from the Village Hall

The committee are grateful for a generous donation from Richard Ezzard in memory of his brother and sister. We have used the donation to install a speaker system which can play music from a mobile phone through either a cable or Bluetooth connection. In addition we have also purchased more play 'fencing' which will allow the toddlers to play outside safely, when it's dry!

During Froyle Open Gardens (FOG) it was noted that the garden in front of the hall left something to be desired. It has therefore been decided that in the autumn the area will be redesigned and replanted. EHDC will be approached for funding. It has also been agreed to install a lockable outside tap at the rear of the hall so the garden can be watered more easily.

Molly Scotton has kindly agreed to take on the role of Child Protection Officer. The hall Child Protection Policy is currently being reviewed and will be made available on the website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk and in the hall.

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The hall windows take a good deal of punishment from the weather and it is proposed that these will be repaired and restained during the summer. The seal on some of the double glazed window panes has failed and these will be replaced in due course.

The dishwasher was serviced and held up well during the annual FOG invasion. If you are using the machine please ensure you follow the instructions and rinse plates first.

We plan to have a fire safety audit in the near future.

If you would like to hire the hall for an event please go to the hall website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Froyle Open Gardens 2019

Once again Froyle opened its gardens over the weekend of 1 and 2 June and once again garden lovers from far and wide descended on the village in large numbers. Over the weekend we estimate that we had around 900 visitors. This is a little down on our record breaking year in 2018 but still a very large number. As a result we were able to send a cheque for £9597.20 to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) to distribute to the various medical charities which they support.

This year we advertised six gardens in the NGS handbook but in April a second garden in Upper Froyle joined in and then at the last moment we added another in Lower Froyle bringing our total to eight and with the added attraction of the exhibition of vestments in the Church there was much to see. So much, in fact, that we allowed the ticket to be used on both days so people could return if they wished to complete the tour.

An interesting innovation this year was that bracelets were issued to permit entry. Although they were bit of a fiddle to put on they had a remarkably rejuvenating effect on some of our more elderly visitors who came bouncing in waving their arms and saying it made them feel as if they were going to a rock festival.

In May the weather had been cool and very dry and this had held back the roses and other plants. As the big day approached gardeners could be found imploring certain flowers to hang on and certain buds to break. There was a rumour, unfounded I'm sure, that a gardener had been using a hair dryer to persuade a prize peony to open. Certainly in early June 48 hours can make a huge amount of difference in the amount of colour on display.

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The weather on the day was for the most part kind: and it goes without saying that all the gardens looked superb but in many different ways. I am sure that is why so many of our visitors keep coming back. They love the variety and they love to see the gardens develop over time. They are full of questions and of course eager to tell you about their garden or the garden they wish they had. They are warmly generous with their praise and appreciation for the welcome the wider village provides.

So first a big thank you to the whole village for entering into the spirit and supporting this annual invasion. (As Garden Open approached I certainly did notice quite a bit of additional front garden activity and hedge trimming.) Then thank you to all those who baked a huge number of cakes to sustain the invaders.

Thanks to Susie Robertson and her indefatigable team who, clad in their brilliant yellow NGS aprons, cut the cakes, served the teas and cleared up afterwards.

Thanks to Charlie Findlay and his parking team who heaved the bollards and lined up the cars with military precision and who dealt kindly but firmly with those thought they knew better where they should leave their vehicle.

Thanks to Vivienne Sexton and Anne Blunt who ran a very successful plant stall at the village hall. Together with sales at some of the gardens this year we took over £1000, double what we achieved last year.

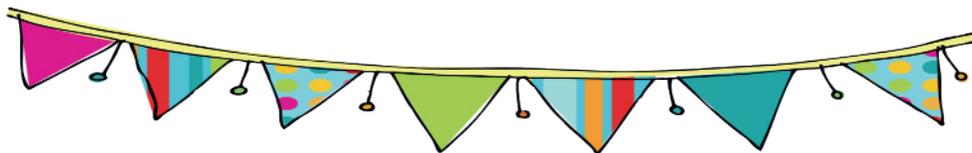
Thanks to Corinna Furse who served as Treasurer and counted up all the money efficiently and accurately.

Finally thanks to all my fellow gardeners and their helpers for all the thought and effort they had put into their gardens. It put a smile onto our visitors' faces and it put a smile on our own.

To see photos of all eight gardens taken by Chris Booth go to:
<http://www.froyle.com/Froylcam/gopen2019.htm>

FOG 20 will take place on 6 and 7 June next year. If you would like to open your garden, raise plants for the plant stall or get involved in the event in some other way please let me know.

Nick Whines 23130 nick@whines.co.uk



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45 am -11:45 am (during term times) Froyle Village Hall

4th July 2019	Sheep week
11th July 2019	Drawing week
18th July 2019	Dragon week
Next Group Back After Summer	THURSDAY 5TH SEP

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family. Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots of toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search “Froyle Baby and Toddler Group” on facebook.

Froyle Charity Golf Day

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2019

Blackmoor Golf Club

Anyone interested in joining this enjoyable event please contact:

Ian Whitmore 07825 642705



The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019

Further details to follow in future magazines



A NEW FUN CLUB FOR CHILDREN IN FROYLE

FRESH

A new concept for the village - A themed cafe for children of all ages, held once during each school holiday. There will be a tuck shop, food and drink available for the kids, plus tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. Keep an eye out in the village magazine for the themes and dates - I have plenty of ideas!

The first cafe theme is...

HALLOWEEN

Pumpkin Carving
Toffee Apple Making
Apple Bobbing
Halloween slime
Toilet Paper Mummies
Halloween Mystery Boxes

PER CHILD

£2

OCT 31, 2019 | 10AM-12PM | FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MOLLY ON 07595354619

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. We collect used stamps 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.

On July 12th, we are holding a fund raising morning for 'The Elizabeth Foundation', a charity based in Portsmouth. Their aim is to help deaf children learn to listen and speak using their hearing aids or cochlear implants. The preschool doesn't receive any government funding, so they have to fundraise to keep up with the huge running costs. One of our younger residents (Theo Wharfe, aged 4) has been attending for the last two years since he was fitted with cochlear implants, and his speech and communication has started to really take off, hugely thanks to The Elizabeth Foundation. His family are doing all they can to fundraise to give something back, and to help other current and future families. Please give generously.

Cake Bakers for July

5th	Janet Dobson	Chris Muddeman	Ann Netherway	
12th	Sarah Roberts	Alison Pincott	Jill Mackenzie	Harriet Wharfe
19th	June Trimm	Corinna Whines	Helen MacDonald	Sarah English
26th	Madeleine Black	Lauraine Bourne	Sarah Basey	Katie Rath

Cake Bakers for August

2nd	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealey	Lucia Lindblom	Charlotte Inskip
9th	Gill Bradley	Jane Stewart Smith	Julie Southern	Jenny Matthews
16th	Ann Roberts	Jenny Gove	Caroline Findlay	Shirley Bellis
23rd	Jane Dunn	Mary Chaplin	Louise Marston	Kim Blake
30th	Madeleine Black	Babara Starbuck	Chris Muddeman	Lisa Bowler

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

The Meeting Place (Cont)

Kitchen Helpers for July

5th	Sarah Roberts	Caroline Findlay
12th	Jill Mackenzie	Gillian Pickering
19th	Linda Cooper	Mark Carr
26th	Jane Macnabb	Ali Maude

Kitchen Helpers for August

2nd	Kim Blake	Jenny Topping
9th	Chris Muddeman	Marje Hayhurst
16th	Barbara Starbuck	Mary Knowles
23rd	David Robertson	William Knowles
30th	Sue Carr	Kerris Edmondson

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) gabbradley@gmail.com Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfrayle@gmail.com

Froyle 100 Club June Winners

1st – Andrew Potter	2nd – Julie Southern
3rd – Susie Robertson	4th – Linda Bulpitt

Congratulations to all the winners!

*William Knowles 07775 928933
wbk@wbknowles.com*

THANK YOU!

Margaret Stanford would like to thank everyone at the Meeting Place for the wonderful planter of flowers given as a housewarming.

Her new address is: 16 Mary Rose Mews, Alton GU34 2UU, tel: 01420 80956. She would love to see anyone who's passing and would like to drop in

73rd Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 13th July 2019

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 with a demonstration from the Army Cadets
- 14.00 Children's Races, including the return of chariot races and tug of war
- 15.00 Dog Show
- 15.45 Welly Wanging Competition in the Arena
- 16.00 Garden Prizes
- 16:15 Grand Raffle Draw

Instead of our usual bouncy castle, we have LASER TAG, where anyone above 7 and under 80 can zap one another-- so who would you like to zap?!

The Army Cadets will be with us all afternoon involving the children in lots of exciting activities.

We have the return of the helicopters, and this year there will be flying displays.

There will be the popular farm with its cute animals and lots of other activities for the younger children, including hookey ducky, face painting and a new area of games and activities.

We decided to make Welly Wanging a spectator sport --so how far can you wang your welly? Come to the Arena at 3.45 and see who goes away with the golden welly. Adult and children classes.

Also 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. (See Page 11)

There will be plenty of food and drink. The beer tent will this year serve not only our world-famous Pimms with its secret recipe, but also wine and prosecco; for food we have the bbq, ice creams and tea on the patio. Enjoy your food and drink with live music from our favourite band.

There were disappointed looks last year when our crockery smashing frame was consigned to the skip. Well, fear not : local Big Bernie has constructed a brand new frame which will be officially opened at 13.00 hours, with Bernie himself sending down the first salvo. We would be grateful for more crockery. There will also be the coconut shy and beat the goalie.

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There will be a host of other stalls for you to spend your money including Jumble, Bric a Brac and Books as well as those giving you the opportunity to win such as the bottle stall and Tombola. We don't charge an entry fee--unlike some other local villages-- but hopefully have enjoyable ways to take your money.

This year we have a number of craft stalls. I know it's a little early, but they may give you ideas for Christmas.

Tea and Cakes are a must at any traditional fete, and Froyle takes the biscuit when it comes to tea and cake. That said, we are always grateful to all those cake bakers who supply us on the day, and 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 12th July or to the Tea stall on the day.

Members of the committee will be collecting bottles for the bottle stall in the week before the fete, yes they are looking for full bottles.

As always, any help you can offer in both setting up or helping to clear up is gratefully received-- but most of all lets hope for a nice sunny day, so that everyone can enjoy our village fete.

Ian Whitmore 07825 642705



Dog Show

Many of you know Stanley. We mentioned him in last month's magazine. He stands guard (well, sits as a friendly greeter) outside Holybourne Stores.

Stanley is unlikely to win a prize at the Froyle Dog Show as the *fastest dog*; or as the *dog with the waggiest tail*; and certainly not as the *scruffiest dog* or the *most badly behaved dog*; probably not as the *dog most like his owner* (need to think about that...); if he were the *last dog left sitting*, we suspect this would be down to a combination of idleness and stubbornness, rather than obedience.

He is, in short, like other woofers we could mention, pretty useless, but with an understated charm which, in Stanley's case, melts the heart of any human being walking into Holybourne Stores. So he is an excellent role model for the **TOP DOG award** at the Dog Show (which Stanley unfortunately cannot attend).

This prestigious award for a top class dog will again be **accompanied by a bottle of top class English sparkling wine from Jenkyn Place in Bentley.**

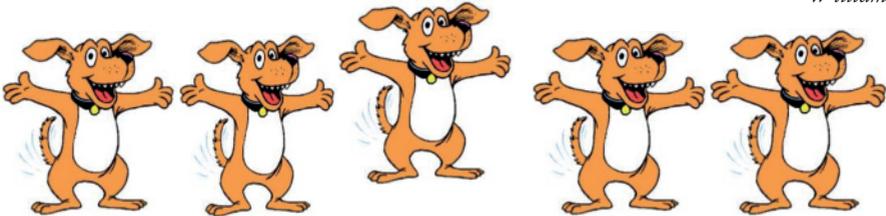
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So, whatever the talents - or lack of them - which your dog displays, come along and enter him or her for the dog show. In terms of how it is organised (or not), we quote from what we said last year:

“... 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 [see above *in italics*] 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.”

William Knowles



A picture of the old Crockery Smashing Frame before it was placed in the skip

July News from The Froyle Archive

Cricket, Lovely Cricket!



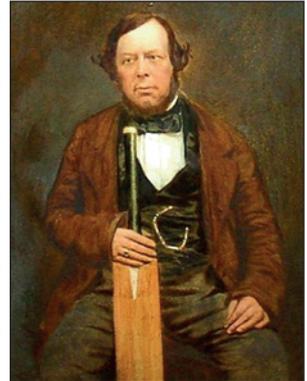
This photograph was taken in 1915 from what is now our back garden! The field in which the two workers are standing is “Adams”, hence the name of our bungalow, “Adams Field”. The cottage to the left is actually two - the front, facing us, was, in the 19th century, the Post Office in

Lower Froyle. Behind it is “Warren Cottage”, and we know from the deeds that, in the late 1700s the Clapshaw (or *Clapshoe* or *Clapshen*) family lived there - in particular Aquila Clapshoe, who was born in 1714 at Froyle. His son, also named Aquila, set up the Aquila Clapshoe workshop at Turnham Green, London, in 1780, making cricket bats.

Aquila (*the 1714 one! - right*) was most likely a cricket player who made his own bats, as did everyone else, but his expert craftsmanship made *his* bats the best in the country. In the back garden of “Warren Cottage” there is still a very old small barn - could this be where Aquila made his bats?

We have in the Archive a transcript of an indenture of lease made on the 15th April 1781, between the Clapshaws and William Cook and Thomas Crosswell concerning various parcels of land in Froyle.

The Clapshoe firm, who by the 1800s had become Clapshaw(!), were renamed Aquila Clapshaw & Salmon in the latter part of that century. For a much more detailed history of the cricket bat business, follow the link <http://www.froyle.com/bat.htm>



There is an Aquila Clapshaw bat, dated 1860, in the museum at Lord's cricket ground. Sadly, although in 1898 there was a “Froyle Rovers” cricket team, today there is no cricket played in Froyle.

Left: Froyle Cricket Team 1960

Chris & Annette Booth

Read more about Cricket in Froyle at www.froyle.com/memory.htm



Froyle Wildlife

'Drop-in' day at wildlife pond, Sunday 7th July

Call in between 10am and 4pm to visit the wildlife pond and meadow, Gid Lane, Upper Froyle. They'll be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day.



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 and bird's-foot trefoil. Last year emperor and four-spotted chaser dragonflies and meadow brown, large skipper and marbled white butterflies amongst others were on the wing. Do pop in and see what you can spot. For more information please see www.froylewildlife/news.

Sue Clark

Pond dipping Sunday 11th August. Family fun –join us for a 1h dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in Froyle Park Pond, 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, stating preference for 1.30pm or 2.30pm session.

Walk at Old Winchester Hill, Wednesday 7th August. Join us for an afternoon stroll 2pm at this National Nature Reserve for flowers, views and butterflies. Further information at www.froylewildlife/news.

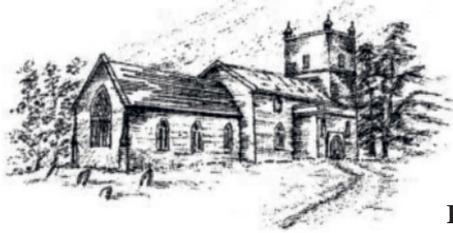
A reminder that **Froyle Wildlife photo competition** is open to all, entries by 30th September. Photographs must have been taken within the parish of Froyle and could include whatever you enjoy about local nature. See froylewildlife.co.uk/froyle-wildlife-photo-competition-2019/.

Barry Clark

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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JULY SERVICES

Sunday 7th	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00am Binsted	Marquee & Pet Service at Binsted Rec
Sunday 14th	9.30am Bentley	Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	11.00am Froyle	Pet Service at Froyle Rec
Sunday 21st	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00am Bentley	Marquee Service at Bentley Rec
Sunday 28th	8.00am Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	6.30pm Froyle	Evensong

AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 4th	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	9.30 am Bentley	Holy Communion
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion
	6.30pm Froyle	Evensong

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

This is the time of year when our Benefice appears at its most ‘English’, with fetes, flower shows, dog shows, picnics and glorious open gardens making us feel that all is right with the world. Now I am not one to belittle all these traditional events, how could I with so many church members involved in days like the Froyle Open Gardens at the beginning of June? People showing off their beautiful gardens or enthusiastically volunteering to serve tea and a slice of delicious Victoria Sandwich, for anyone needing urgent refreshment.

We’re so fortunate, aren’t we, living in the midst of lush green countryside, with delightful walks on our doorstep, quaint pubs tucked away in picture-postcard villages and the convenience of high street shops nearby. But life is not so idyllic for everyone, not in the cities, conurbations or even in our own town and villages. When the sun is shining on a perfect garden and a typically English afternoon tea is spread before us, it is easy to forget that there is poverty and unhappiness not far away.

Luckily all of these summer events do a great job in raising money for various important charities and village organisations, as well as giving the participants a great deal of pleasure. And I also feel that the very ‘timelessness’ of these much loved occasions helps bolster the strength we need to face adversity. It brings to mind the well known lines from two of the nation’s best loved poems; both associated with a time of sunny innocence before the First World War, they both offer moments of a perfect England, which could be clung to during the dark times ahead:

*And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and around him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.*
(*Adlestrop* – Edward Thomas)

and:

*Stands the Church clock at ten to three?
And is there honey still for tea?
(The Old Vicarage, Grantchester – Rupert Brooke)*

These lines are made even more poignant by the fact that both men died serving their country in that terrible war. And that makes me reflect too, since we have been reminded of it recently with the extensive coverage of the D Day commemorations on both sides of the Channel, on the modest, self-effacing tributes from the elderly veterans who participated as they again reminded us of the truth of John 15:3, “Greater love hath no man than **th**is, that a man lay down his life for his friends”.

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And perhaps this is what we will experience as we attend our many local summer events both old and new. The ordinariness of it, the fact that everyone is playing their part in the knowledge that this will happen every year and will always be the same. And also the fact that our Churches are at the heart of this ordinary way of life, giving hope, helping everyone to pray and celebrating the role of the community. Oh, and there is always honey for tea of course, and also Victoria Sandwich!

***Blessings,
Yann & The Team***

Blessing of the Animals



FROYLE PET SERVICE

**SUNDAY 14TH JULY
11 am**

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL



EVERYONE WELCOME
(especially pets!)



**BRING YOUR PETS
TO THIS ANNUAL SERVICE
AND BLESSING**

In Aid of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Round-up of Church events

I hope everyone who wanted to do so experienced the splendour of Froyle Church's unique array of **Vestments**, on display as always at the Froyle Open Gardens (see page 2). Do also come to the **Pet Service** on 14th July (page 16) and, looking ahead to September, the **Harvest Thanksgiving** festivities (page 19).

Regarding other recent/current Church events:

- (1) Our wonderful **new Anna Chaplain**, Nicky Smallwood (email: annachaplain@benbinfro.co.uk, tel: 07765 058593), started at the beginning of May. Anna Chaplains support the spiritual needs of older people. Nicky works in the Benefice two days a week – she is very approachable; do get in touch if you or someone you know would like to have a chat with her. (
- 2) The prayer stations set up for the **Benefice Week of Prayer** in the first week of June in Bentley Church Hall (with one or two in Binsted and Froyle churches as well), were imaginative and thought-provoking – one can still be found in Froyle church. This is an annual event – worth visiting next year if you missed it this year.
- (3) The **Rogation Walk** at the end of May took the form of an entertaining walk through the three parishes, with many dogs – some more unruly than others... Again, if you missed it, come along next year.
- (4) Yann gave an uplifting and informative **Talk on the Holy Spirit** in Bentley church one Wednesday evening in early June. It was well attended and well received. I hope it encourages him to give more one-off talks of this kind.
- (5) **Teas on Tuesdays** (cream teas held in Froyle church every Tuesday afternoon in June) remain a high point of the Froyle social season, despite the inclement weather. We hope to hold them again next year (with better weather), so put them in your diary – best scones to be found in Hampshire, and perhaps anywhere....
- (6) An 8 week **Bible Course** is currently running on Wednesday evenings at Bentley Church Hall. In a combination of presentational videos and group discussion, the course explores what the Bible meant to those who wrote it and what it means for us today – challenging stuff! If you would like to know more about this or other courses run in the Benefice, please contact media@benbinfro.org. And finally:
- (7) More news for September: on 1st September, **our two new Pastoral Assistants**, newly married couple Sam and Gemma, start work in the Benefice. Gemma will focus on youth, Sam on worship. They will both provide a stimulating new dimension to each of the three churches in the Benefice.

I'm sure there's more... Have a good summer, everyone.

William Knowles
Mobile: 07775 928933

St. Mary's Church Community Group

September may seem a long way ahead as we all look forward to some summery weather but plans are already being made for the Autumn!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th September - Harvest Supper. This is usually a very popular event. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of September from Jenny Gove 23697 or Gill Bradley 520484. Price £10

Saturday 14th September - decorating the church for Harvest Festival on Sunday 15th September - The theme this year will be garden tools with baskets of flowers, fruit and vegetables with an emphasis on the latter to make soup for the **Harvest Soup Lunch on Wednesday 2nd October in the Village Hall.**

Gill Bradley 520484

Bentley CE Primary School - Class of 2019

This month we have delegated the writing of our Parish Magazine article to two AMAZING writers from our super Year 6 class. We are getting to that sad point in the year when they will be leaving us for their new secondary schools. They are very ready to go and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. Good luck for the autumn term but in the meantime here are just a few of their memories from the last seven years.

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



Our Class of 2019

Cont.....We have had so many amazing adventures at Bentley. Here are some of our 'best bits'...

I will always remember the day in Reception Class when we went to Mrs Powell's house for the amazing teddy bear picnic! First we arrived at school and the teachers told us to grab our coats and lunchboxes so we could get going! I wasn't too sure what to do as it was everyone's first ever school trip. The moment I sat on the minibus I knew I would enjoy the ride. When we got there I was so excited for what was coming next – FOOD! It was a hot summer's day and there were sprinklers everywhere. The teddy bear I brought was my favourite monkey; somebody brought a teddy as big as our teacher!

My most cherished memory of Year 1 was our trip to the St. Mary's football stadium to play the ukulele! Overall (with lots of other children) we filled up almost half of the whole stadium. Excitingly, we sang lots of songs and played the ukulele to them as well. Once we got back to school everyone was very tired and worn-out but it didn't stop us telling everyone else about it.

In Year 2 we went to the SeaCity museum which was all about Titanic. The most exciting part of the journey was how we got to go on a double decker bus – it was such an amazing new experience! It was very sorrowful learning about how many people died in this fateful event. On the way back everybody had a moment to reflect on how awful it was. In conclusion we all had a very great time.

Year 3 brought our first residential visit. We went to the Gordon Brown Centre to stay for three days! My favourite part of Gordon Brown was definitely eating the delicious food every day. Every activity we participated in was very fun, especially seeing all the lovely animals.

In Year 4 we went to the Gordon Brown Centre for the second time. But instead of being nervous, we were all really excited to see the animals again. We all really enjoyed seeing the cheeky chinchilla Einstein!

We went to cracking Calshot in Year 5. We spent four nights there and did lots of fun activities. My favourite activity was either skiing or climbing. I loved racing down the slope on my skis and it was a real achievement to climb to the top of the wall and abseil down.

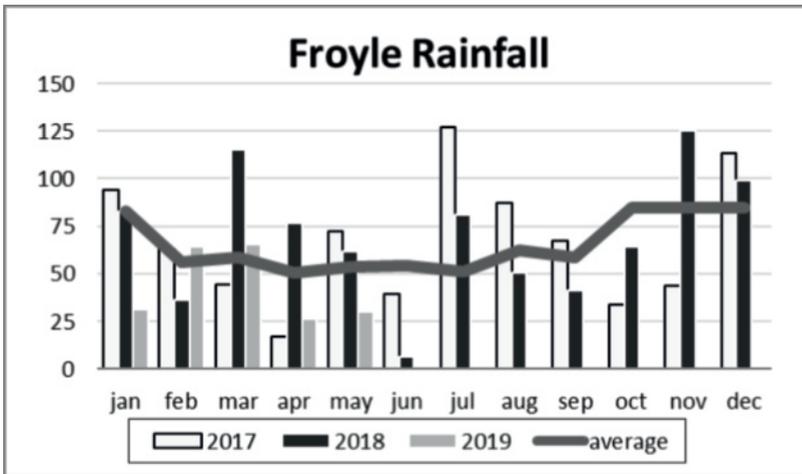
We are in Year 6 now and are all really looking forward to going to Calshot for the second time. I'm personally really eager for the water sports as I'm excited to try sailing and also for the snowboarding as I have never done that before.

We have really enjoyed our seven years at Bentley. In addition to all the really fun trips, we have made great friends, learnt loads and had a really fantastic time at the school. We can't believe we are off to secondary school in September and are excited (and a little nervous) for the adventures ahead.

By George and Maisie, Year 6

Froyle Rainfall for May 2019

This year	30 mm	1.2 ins
Last year	62 mm	2.4 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 rd driest month	53.7 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	218 mm	8.6 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	302 mm	11.9 ins



It is easy to forget just how dry May was – like April barely half the usual – given the deluge we subsequently had in the second week of June.

To put that in to context, even though we are currently well in excess of the usual June amount, we need to have had two and a half times the norm for that month or 138 mm, just to get us up to the long-term average for the year – 2012 was the last time we had that and that was the only time in more than a century!



“The Umbrella Man”



First a thank you to those who contributed plants for sale on the Open Gardens weekend. Our tables outside the Village Hall were loaded with a very wide variety and the grand total raised was £656 of which 75% was donated to the National Garden Scheme and 25% to the horticultural therapy charity Thrive.

Looking ahead to the Flower Show on 13th July we will need contributions of plants and produce (including preserves) for our Fete stall. This helps to cover our costs of printing, the judges and engraving the trophies. Please bring any contributions to the hall on the Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Schedules and entry forms are available at the Village Hall or from Bramlins, Lower Froyle (in box at front door). Completed entry forms are required by Wednesday 10th July. For any queries about the show please contact me (01420 22262).

Garden Visits

Heavy rain caused the June visit to be cancelled. Let's hope the weather will be kinder for visits on

5th July to the garden of David and Valerie Menzies, 5 Anstey Mill Close, Alton GU34 2QT

Charge £5 Meet there at 7pm

9th August to Berry Cottage , Farringdon GU34 3EG

Charge £5 Meet there at 7pm

If you would like to come to either of these please contact Brenda (01420 22216) as the hosts need to know numbers. Lifts can be arranged.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

Froyle vestments group thanks all helpers, Tony Riley for foliage arrangements, Chris and Annette Booth for their informative stand on Sir Hubert Miller, and the welcome team on the door at the church during our recent exhibition. About 280 visitors were counted; a good number for a small church, and resulted in £600 donations towards the upkeep of the collection. If you are inspired to join the group, drop in to the church after 10am on a Wednesday morning to see what is involved.

Froyle Vestments Group

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

GREEN FARM IN BENTLEY, THE DRIFT,
BENTLEY, FARNHAM, SURREY GU10 5JX
SUNDAY 7TH JULY FROM 12.30 ONWARDS

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A black and white illustration of a tea party. It features several teapots and teacups on saucers, some with decorative patterns like hearts and dots. There are also small floral arrangements and a central dark circle containing the text 'Wednesday 3rd July 3-5pm'.

The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

invite senior residents to a Summer Tea Party

at Mill Court
Near Upper Froyle
GU344JF

★

RSVP
Jane Dalton
01420 520278
or
Nick Carter
01420 472861

Transport can be arranged if needed

Wednesday
3rd July
3-5pm

Advertising in the Froyle Village Magazine

The rates are as follows:

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

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

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

All advertising must be requested and paid for through the Parish Clerk at
magazine@froyle.com and copied to *froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk*

We are pleased that local tradesmen and service providers advertise with us, and hope you support them. However, we don't check or endorse them in any way.

Village Events July 2019

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Village Events August 2019

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4 <i>8am HC</i>	5 <i>Recycling & Glass</i>	6	7	8	9 10am <i>Meeting Place</i> 7pm Gdn <i>Club visit</i>	10
11 <i>11am HC</i> <i>1.30pm Pond Dipping</i>	12 <i>Refuse & Garden Waste</i> <i>07.45pm Parish Council</i>	13	14	15	16 10am <i>Meeting Place</i>	17
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25 <i>6.30pm Evensong</i>	26 <i>Bank Holiday</i>	27 <i>Refuse & Garden Waste</i>	28	29	30	31

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St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	- 23440
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Friday 23rd August 2019

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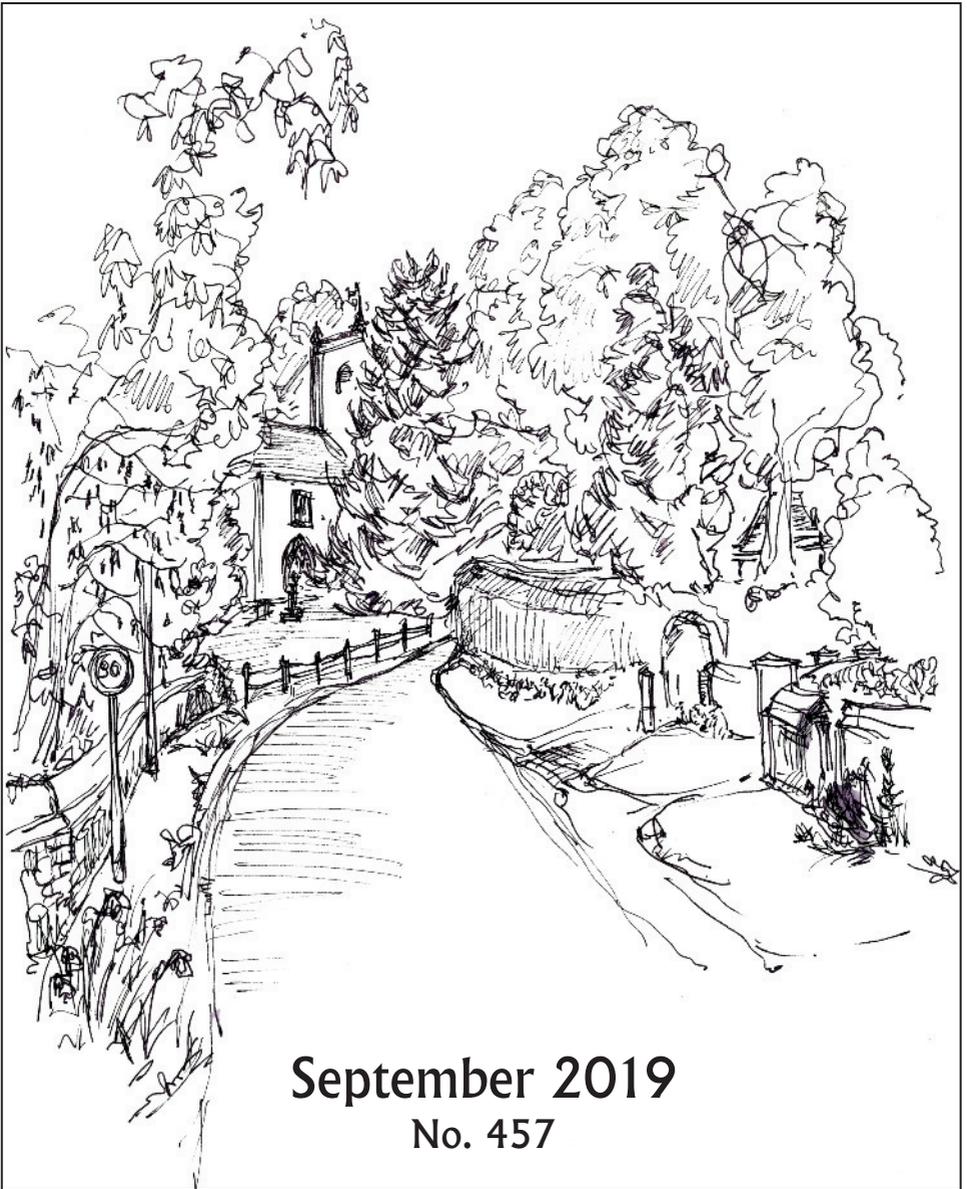
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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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Report from Froyle Parish Council

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 12 August.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Maher, Cllr Anfield and District Cllr. Costigan. No members of the public were present.

Phillipa Cullen Stephenson the Parish Clerk for the last 16 years has announced that she will retire in September. The meeting thanked her for her long service. The post has been advertised in the Alton Herald and on the village notice boards.

Following Cllr Costigan's offer to examine the background to the planning permission from Froyle Park, FPC has received a letter from Nick Leach, East Hampshire District Council's solicitor stating that EHDC will not discuss the matter further with FPC.

FPC continues to receive complaints about activity at Froyle Park including noise, odour, the release of coloured smoke flares drifting onto the highway from the venue entrance, drones flying over private property and the invasion of private property for the purpose of wedding photography. FPC finds the ineffective control over its guests by Froyle Park Management unacceptable to residents of the However FPC continues to liaise with local management and is seeking a meeting with EHDC's Environmental Health and Licensing Departments.

FPC are concerned about the new permissive footpath running down Hen and Chicken Hill inside the boundary wall. The path has been poorly constructed, is now covered in sheep droppings and the exit at the bottom back onto Ryebridge Lane is already beginning to crumble. All of this renders the path unsafe to use. FPC have asked the EHDC Planning Department to raise the matter with the Nicolas James Group (NJG) and seek remedial action. The footpath was included in the 2013 planning permission for the development Treloar School site and has not been built in line with the planning document submitted by NJG.

NJG has resubmitted an application for a car park at the top of the Avenue to include 62 parking places. EHDC granted permission for the car park in

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2016. The new application seeks to rescind the unilateral undertaking by NJG to remove the car park at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill and return it to agricultural land. FPC has objected to this application on the grounds that the removal of the overflow car park was mitigation for the parkland that will be lost when the new car park is constructed. FPC have asked EHDC to consider the following when determining the application: the Planning Guidelines adopted by EHDC after lengthy consultation with residents that sought to keep traffic arising from the development out of Upper Froyle; to consult with FPC over a Traffic Management Plan for the venue as previously promised; to ban the future use of the Avenue for Parking. A new sign has been erected at Gate A the entrance to the Linden Homes Estate discouraging visitors to Froyle Park from entering. A temporary sign has been put up at Gate D to deter wedding guests from entering Froyle Green.

Earlier this year FPC responded to the public consultation on the EHDC Draft Development Plan. In particular FPC objected to the proposal by NJG for an 800-house development at Northbrook Park on a wide variety of grounds. FPC also made comments on the proposed changes to the settlement boundary in Upper Froyle and the introduction of a settlement boundary in Lower Froyle. In August EHDC published the results of the consultation and these can be read here

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Summary%20of%20Responses%20to%20draft%20Local%20Plan%20Consultation%20%28Reg%2018%29.pdf> See page 40 in particular.

EHDC are now proposing a second round of consultation starting in September on the individual sites including Northbrook Park and further information can be found here <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/draft-local-plan> FPC will again respond and would welcome comments from residents. Please email or write to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Still on planning, FPC has received a scoping document from Veolia who operate the recycling facility on the A31. This proposes the reuse of the site for the construction of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF). This would burn 330,000 tons of refuse and generate 30 MW of electricity annually. This is nearly three times the amount of refuse handled currently. The incinerator would require two chimney stacks estimated at 90m so would have a significant impact on the landscape. Hampshire County Council (HCC) have asked FPC for comment on the proposal by 5 September. You can download

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the document here.....We need an address. .. Please email the Parish Clerk if you would like to comment.

EHDC are consulting on 'Dog Control in Public Spaces'. Residents who would like to take part should visit. www.easthants.gov.uk/takethelead. All responses are anonymous. The consultation closes on 9 September.

FPC have learned with regret that the application for judicial review of the decision by the CAA to support the extension of the air space used by Farnborough Airport has been rejected.

FPC is investigating ownership of the bus shelters in the parish.

FPC will chase progress on installing 'unsuitable for heavy goods' signs with HCC.

FPC will discuss with EHDC Enforcement and Conservation Departments recent work on the wall of the Froyle House walled garden to ensure this is in line with the planning permission.

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council will be held on Monday 9 September at 7.45. Residents are very welcome to attend. There is a lot to discuss.

The Great Froyle Quiz Night

Its 15th Outing will be on

Saturday October 12th

7.00 pm for 7.30 start.

Table maximum of 6 players

£10 per person (this includes supper)

Cash bar and raffle

To book your table please contact

June Trim 01420 23336





Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

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

News from the Village Hall

The dog days of summer drift on and, with most of the Village Hall Committee away, it has fallen to me to update everyone on the last couple of months' activity. The other highlight(?) of the month was the sight of the Treasurer and Chairman making ridiculously heavy weather of replacing the Hall keysafe - suffice to say that we don't think local builders need have any fear of losing business to this couple of er, handymen...

August has been its customary quiet self, but it has been pleasing to welcome back RAPP, even if they do often struggle for numbers. These are all day activity sessions for 4 - 11 year olds during the school holidays, organised by EHDC - a great idea and we are always supportive of anything that takes the pressure off parents during the long summer break. But if August bookings were a shade down on last year, it is pleasing to report that September's are currently some ten percent ahead. On a more specific note, as we said in the last issue, in the next few weeks we shall be digging up and replanting the border in front of the Hall, under the watchful and expert eye of Faith Richards, for which we are very grateful. Her low maintenance design will take

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Also the timber frame above the front door and the windows are due to be repaired and generally cleaned up; this too should all be completed before the onset of winter.

Up and coming dates include the Film Night on Friday, 4th October. We are also hoping to have a film for young children (approx 7 and upwards) at around 5.00 pm on the same day preceding the main event. Do let Karen Potter know if you have any thoughts about this and/or preferences for films etc on kwilson2525@btinternet.com

If you would like to receive reminders of events in the Village Hall, just send an email to fvhmailings@gmail.com and you will be added to the circulation list. And just to end on a story befitting the silly season: my wife told me she's leaving me because of my obsession with The Monkees; at first I didn't believe her, but then I saw her face...

David Robertson
pp Nick Whines
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk



The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019

Further details to follow in future magazines

Froyle 100 Club July Winners

1st – Charlie Findlay

2nd – Dolly Blanchard

3rd – Nigel Fisher

4th – June Fenn

Froyle 100 Club August Winners

1st – Karen Potter

2nd – Sue Sharman

3rd – Andrew Potter

4th – Linda Bulpitt

Congratulations to all the winners!

William Knowles 07775 928933
wbk@wbknowles.com



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am -11:45am (during term times)
Froyle Village Hall

5th September 2019	Ocean week
12th September 2019	Construction week
19th September 2019	Jungle week
26th September 2019	Cowboys and Indians week

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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.

Froyle Charity Golf Day Blackmoor Golf Club



12pm on Monday 7th 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 then contact Ian Whitmore on 22634 or at
ian.whitmore1@gmail.com

A NEW FUN CLUB FOR CHILDREN IN FROYLE

FRESH

A new concept for the village - A themed cafe for children of all ages, held once during each school holiday. There will be a tuck shop, food and drink available for the kids, plus tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. Keep an eye out in the village magazine for the themes and dates - I have plenty of ideas!

The first cafe theme is...

HALLOWEEN

Pumpkin Carving
Toffee Apple Making
Apple Bobbing
Halloween slime
Toilet Paper Mummies
Halloween Mystery Boxes

PER CHILD

£2

OCT 31, 2019 | 10AM-12PM | FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MOLLY ON 07595354619

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. We collect used stamps 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. Although we no longer collect plastic milk bottle tops, the Nationwide

Cake Bakers for September

6th	Margaret Stanford	Jenny Thomas	Mary Perryman	Sarah English
13th	June Trim	Marie Hayhurst	Alison Pincott	
20th	Sue Sharman	Clare McCullen	Kay Pogson	
27th	Susie Robertson	Sheila Cottingham	Lucia Liindblom	Sarah Roberts

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE . IF YOU COULD ALSO TELL US WHAT CAKE YOU ARE PLANNING TO BAKE, IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Kitchen Helpers for September

6h	JanElliott	Louise Marston
13th	Lori Taylor	Linda Bulpitt
20th	Kay Pogson	Linda Cooper
27th	David Perryman	Mary Perryman



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) gabbradley@gmail.com Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

The Meeting Place will be taking part in the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 27th. Please come and support this fantastic charity.



The Elizabeth
foundation

Helping deaf children
learn to listen and talk

www.elizabeth-foundation.org

The Wharfe family would like to say a huge thank you to The Meeting Place and all those who attended the coffee morning on Friday 12th July to raise funds for The Elizabeth Foundation, a deaf preschool attended by Theo Wharfe for the past two years.

A fantastic £320 was raised. This is enough to fund a parent and baby session for 10 families whose newborn children have been diagnosed with a hearing loss. We are extremely grateful for all your support. A particularly big thanks goes to Susie Robertson and all those involved in the running of The Meeting Place for being so accommodating and helping to facilitate the fundraising morning.

Theo has recently graduated from The Elizabeth Foundation as he starts 'big school' this September, but we will forever be grateful to this charity for the amazing support they gave Theo to kick start his hearing journey, and we are pleased to be able to support future families. Thank you so much for all your support!



The Froyle Games Club

After our summer holiday, the FGC is back in its 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.

And don't forget, even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards or any other board game including, for example, Scrabble – 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)



September News from The Froyle Archive

Church Cottage Revisited

Back in the May Village Magazine we featured some of Bill Elstow's memories of Church Cottage in Lower Froyle. A couple of months later Eddie Hatcher was doing some exterior re-painting and discovered an oddity with the finish which he brought to our attention. Although we have no photographs before the 1920s we have always understood that both cottages (*now combined into one*) were painted white as you can see from the 1960s photo on the right. While making good the render on the second (*rear*) cottage he noted that the



Church Cottage, Lower Froyle, in the 1960s



base stone had been painted a dark red! The online version of the magazine at froyle.com shows this colour clearly.

The only possibility might have been the presence of St Joseph's Church next door. This building, pictured below, was clad in corrugated iron sheeting which had an red iron oxide finish to deter rust. It was demolished in the mid 1960s by the new owners of Church Cottage.

Officially titled "The Mission Church of St Joseph", it was dedicated on Thursday,

March 18th, 1880. You can find the full report from the "Hants & Berks Gazette" at www.froyle.com/stjo.htm. In the background of the photograph below you can see, to



the left the outline of "Hodges Farm". If *anyone* can remember part of "Church Cottage" being painted red, **please** let us know!!!

Read more about the history of your village at www.froyle.com

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Froyle Fete and Flower Show 2019

Well, we were certainly blessed with good weather for this year's fete, not too hot, in fact a pleasant temperature and thankfully no rain. Feedback has been encouraging, with many people saying that it was an enjoyable day with maybe a record crowd. This was represented in the takings which were almost £500 up on 2018. Full details of takings by stall can be seen below.

There were a number of highlights. The Army Cadets were an excellent addition this year. They certainly involved the children in their drills and also helped throughout the day, so thanks to Mark Cray for organising their involvement and look forward to seeing them again next year. As always the dog show was both entertaining and occasionally even professional, with more action than ever. The Farnham Model Helicopter club added to their static display from last year with flying displays throughout the afternoon.

I use this magazine entry to thank those who helped set up, man stalls and help clear up again— this year in almost record time. Thanks to Bernie Wilks, we now have a new crockery smashing frame, and he has promised a putting green for next year. Special mention to the Kahn family who organised the children and chariot racing, as well as their daughters who then went on to help with the face painting. Also to Hannah Barry, who this year took over responsibility for the teas from Mary Chaplin, who we relied on for the previous 10 years. Thanks to those businesses— particularly the Anchor and Hen & Chicken, who helped stock the bar— and Jenkyn Place, who supplied the first prize for the dog show; and maybe Holybourne Stores for allowing us to use the story of their dog Stanley.

What was really pleasing this year was the amount of help we received from many of the newer residents, creating a mix of people— like Eddie Hatcher, helping in his 38th fete; and many new faces, some of whom weren't born when Eddie was helping at his first fete. So thank you to everyone: the fete wouldn't happen without you, and thanks to the committee for all their efforts in the organisation.

When we announce the date of the fete each year, there is always a flurry of activity on holiday websites. The award for the most extreme way of avoiding the fete has to go to Sarah Lovell after she and Martin were involved in a serious motorbike accident. Luckily, both are now on the mend. Well done to Kim Blake for not only taking over Jumble at short notice, but also increasing the takings!

It was also encouraging that there were significantly more people entering this year's Flower Show, and a few more exhibits than last year. Considering the weather it was not surprising that entries in many of the horticultural classes were very sparse. The domestic and children's classes made up for this. Full results are included on page 13.

Stall	Net Takings 2019	Net Takings 2018	Change from 2018
BBQ	567.40	547.50	19.90
Beat the Goalie	49.42	64.60	-15.18
Beer Tent	920.35	860.14	60.21
Books	189.40	187.30	2.10
Bottle Stall	267.45	220.00	47.45
Bouncy Castle	0.00	64.70	-64.70
Bric a Brac	194.02	247.50	-53.48
Coconuts	118.00	74.98	43.02
Crockery Smashing	181.40	138.00	43.40
Dog Show	140.00	128.19	11.81
Childrens Games	91.05	0.00	91.05
Face Painting	16.00	56.90	-40.90
Grand Raffle	1048.90	1069.80	-20.90
Hook-a-duck	41.05	32.70	8.35
Ice cream	288.50	280.00	8.50
Jar of Sweets	79.61	78.20	1.41
Jumble	264.56	206.70	57.86
Laser Quest	226.00	0.00	226.00
Teas	368.23	332.26	35.97
Tombola	177.20	122.30	54.90
Welly Whanging	0.00	19.50	-19.50
Sub Total	5,228.54	4,731.27	497.27

Advertising in the Froyle Village Magazine

The rates are as follows:

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

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

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

All advertising must be requested and paid for through the Parish Clerk at
maga-zine@froyle.com and copied to froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

We are pleased that local tradesmen and service providers advertise with us, and hope you support them. However, we don't check or endorse them in any way.

FROYLE FLOWER SHOW –13th July 2019
1 ST PRIZE WINNERS

SECTION A VEGETABLES & FRUIT		SECTION B FLOWERS	
1A Peas	Fergus Turvill	20. Specimen Rose	Mollie Court
1B Mangetout	Freddie Thorneycroft	21 Cluster-flower Rose	Rose MacInnes
2.Broad Beans	David Robertson	22.Three Roses	Rose MacInnes
3.Potatoes	Freddie Thorneycroft	23. Bowl of Roses	Cherida Cannon
6. Lettuce	Freddie Thorneycroft	24. Sweet Peas	David Robertson
7 Onions	Hugo Mills	25. Pinks	Tony Riley
8. Carrots	Freddie Thorneycroft	27. Garden Flowers	Anne Blunt
10. Rhubarb	Freddie Thorneycroft	28. Foliage	Tony Riley
11. Any other veg.	G. Turvill	29. Pansies/Violas	Tony Riley
12, Herbs	Freddie Thorneycroft	30. Clematis	Anne Blunt
13. Gooseberries	Anne Blunt	31. Pot plant in bloom	Tony Riley
14. Raspberries	Freddie Thorneycroft	32. Foliage pot plant	Tony Riley
15.Blackcurrants	David Robertson	33. Cactus	Susie Robertson
17. Any other fruit	Julie Southern	34. Succulent	Jim Bellis
SECTION C DOMESTIC		SECTION D FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	
40. Marmalade	David Robertson	60. 'A Country Basket'	Sarah Thursfield
41. Strawberry Jam	Tony Riley	61. 'Palette of Colour'	Beryl Webster
42. Jam (ex strawberry)	Tony Riley	62. 'It's a Small World'	Beryl Webster
43. Jelly	Anna MacInnes		
44. Chutney	Tony Riley	SECTION E CHILDRENS CLASSES	
45.Fruit Loaf	Tony Riley	70. Handmade article (Froyle girls):	Rose MacInnes
46. Flapjacks	Rose MacInnes	71. Handmade article (Froyle Boys)	Fergus Turvill
47.Fruit scones	Carol Blunden	72. 'Rocket Science'	Daisy and Lyla MacInnes (TIE)
48.Recycled item	Daisy MacInnes	73. Decorated Cupcakes	Fergus Turvill
49. Handmade card	Tony Riley	74. Flower arrangement in teacup	Amelia Kahn
50. Eggs	Sally Turvill		
51. Home-made drink	Daisy MacInnes		

TROPHY WINNERS

HOLLIS CUP for highest points in Section A Winner: Freddie Thorneycroft

GOSCHEN CUP for highest points in Section B. Winner: Tony Riley

BOOTLE-WILBRAHAN CUP for most points in Sections A and B. Winner: Freddie Thorneycroft

DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP for Judge's Choice in Section D. Winner: Beryl Webster

DR.LEWARNE CUP for best table decoration. Class 60 Winner: Sarah Thursfield

ROBERTSON ROSE BOWL for exhibitor with most points in Section C. Winner Tony Riley

Trophy Winners Cont.....

CECILY ROBERTSON TROWEL for Best Homemade Beverage, Class 51. Winner: Daisy MacInnes

MRS LEWARNE CUP for best handmade article by a girl, Class 70. Winner: Rose MacInnes

BUSH CUP for best handmade article by a boy, Class 71. Winner; Fergus Turvill

GRAHAM BLUNT AWARD & DIPLOMA for best exhibit in Section A. Winner: Freddie Thorneycroft

DIPLOMA for best exhibit Section B. Winner: Cherida Cannon

SUE HARRIS GENERATION SHIELD for the family with most points gained in any classes by exhibitors of more than one generation. Winners: MacInnes family



Alton U3A, 19th September

Alton U3A starts the academic year with a truly topical subject for the first MONTHLY MEETNG of the year. Professor Tom Anderson, who has a degree in Ecological Science, will talk on “Global Warming & Climate Change”. The venue is, as always, the Community Centre, the time 2.00 pm, and the cost is £1.00, which will give you a cuppa at the end of the talk. This is open to all. Further information can be found in the Blue Book and online.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 1st	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 with Commissioning for Sam and Gemma
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's groups and Baptism
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship with Baptism
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5
Sunday 22nd	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's groups
	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
Sunday 29th	11.00am	Froyle	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

Church Round-up

Things to note about the September services:

1st September is the day on which our two new Pastoral Assistants, newly married Sam and Gemma, start with us in the Benefice. They will be welcomed into the Benefice at the Live@5 service in Bentley on that day. Do go along and support this – a good opportunity to see what Live@5 is all about, if you haven't been to one of these services before...! Sam and Gemma will be hugely important to us – in Froyle as much as elsewhere in the Benefice.

15th September is our Harvest Thanksgiving service, for which the church will be decorated as cleverly and beautifully as every year - see the notices on page 18. This service is a bit earlier in the autumn than usual.

29th September is the fifth Sunday in the month, and it is Froyle's turn to host the joint service for everyone in the Benefice. However, this is also the Benefice Away Weekend, when many in the Benefice, together with all our ordained ministers, will be frolicking elsewhere. So Yann's mum, who is ordained, has bravely volunteered to lead us in our service that day! So please do come along if you can.

Other things worth a mention....

Froyle Pet Service: it seems a long time ago now, but many thanks to all who organised this lovely service in July on the Recreation Ground, in lovely weather, and with lots of dogs in attendance. The dogs all learned much about the early training system for Guide Dogs for the Blind (not sure their owners understood much of it, though....).

Modernisation of Church facilities: this much discussed project has been reinvigorated over the summer by some very generous offers of funding, which have led us to think that we can, in the coming years, achieve all we have discussed by way of installing a kitchen, new lighting, new heating, replacement of the chairs (not pews), and, most ambitiously, replacing the lean-to structure on the far side of the church (the sacristy) with something bigger and better suited to a wider range of activities in our wonderful church – this replacement was first attempted in the 1980s! This is hugely exciting, but we need lots of help – with ideas and organisational skills as much as money, and from all who love what is special about Froyle, whether they go to church or not. The next issue of St Mary's News (see page 19) explains all this in more detail, so do read it and come along to hear it explained on 7th September at the church (details also on page [19]).

William Knowles

Mobile: 07775 928933

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

We've had the holidays and the fetes, we've eaten our fill of strawberries and cream, enjoyed the tennis and the cricket, but now it's time to start afresh. Summer is over and we have to leap out of bed when the alarm rings, go back to school and return to normal working hours.

Here in the Benbinfro team we've been talking about our memories of starting the new school term with new pencil cases, new shoes and in some cases, new uniform. But it's also reminded us that the first task in class at this time was often to write an essay entitled What I Did in My Holidays. So that prompted a discussion about how the change in routine that many of us can enjoy during the summer months, brings not only rest and relaxation and a recharge of batteries, but also new experiences and ideas which we can carry forward in our busy lives.

And some of us have been having rather more exciting new experiences than most. For instance we've been hearing about the GoMAD (Go Make a Difference) team from BenBinFro who had an amazing time in Tanzania where they worked on various projects. At one of the local secondary schools they repaired and decorated a residential building for girls who have to travel some distance to the school, so they can stay there and finish their education in safety.

Asking around the Benbinfro team, we've all gained from our vacations in one way or another. For one of us, it was a simple reinterpretation of the most well known prayer. At a Communion Service in a popular Cornish village, the vicar delivered a sermon on the subject of the Lord's Prayer. To give new insight into its meaning she reinterpreted its familiar, much loved lines in very personal, contemporary words, so 'Give us our daily bread' became, 'Please feed me, Daddy'. It was simple and many traditionalists might not like it, but it was certainly thought provoking, underlining how God loves us and truly cares for us.

Other members of the team have also learnt new skills over the summer and been reminded to use old gifts. I for one was reminded of the life giving and joyful experience of one to one prayer ministry - letting go and letting God - allowing the power of God to bring personal renewal and spiritual refreshment to the soul as well as the body and mind.

So here we all are at the start of this new term, with sharpened pencils, renewed energy and enthusiasm, praying we will receive a good report and can achieve even more than we did in the previous academic year, relying on His strength and wisdom, not our own.

***Blessings,
Yann & The Team***

FROYLE HARVEST SUPPER

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2019
FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

ADULTS
£10

CHILDREN
£5

For Tickets please contact: **Gill Bradley, 01420 520484**
Jenny Gove, 01420 23697

EVERYONE WELCOME

Harvest Festival - Decorating the Church on Saturday 14th September from 9.30 a.m.

The theme this year is garden tools with baskets of flowers, fruit and vegetables. We would particularly like fruit and vegetables which can be used for soup and crumbles for the Harvest Soup Lunch on Wednesday 2nd October in the Village Hall. at 12.30.

Sarah 23294/Gill 520484

Put our church in the frame!

Top prize of £5,000 and £1,500 Regional winners' prize

Our church insurance company is running a photo competition. For the chance to win up to £5,000, all you have to do is send a single photograph showing what you think makes our church special, before Thursday 31 October 2019. Get your camera or smartphone out and get snapping! Full details from www.ecclesiastical.com/parishpixels

St Mary's News

Our second issue of St Mary's News is on the way. Inside you will find information on the work we are planning to do to modernise our lovely church building, making it more flexible and more comfortable. St Mary's News is being delivered to those on the church electoral roll but is for everyone. Printed copies can be found at the back of the church and will be available at the Meeting Place. It can be downloaded from the Froyle village website or www.benbinfro.co.uk.

We also revisit a major project that was undertaken in the 1990s when the bells were re-tuned and the bell frame completely refurbished.

If there is anything you want to hear about just get in touch via media@benbinfro.org.

St Mary's Modernisation Plans

Saturday 7th September at St Mary's Church

Wine and nibbles served from 5:30 pm

6:00 pm Hear about our plans and progress so far



Would you like to help St. Mary's by striding, cycling, riding or driving to as many churches as you feel like on September 14th? Ride and Stride is organised by Hampshire & Islands historic churches trust. Half of the money raised will go to St. Mary's and the other half to support local churches and chapels of all denominations. We have sponsorship forms and lists of the churches taking part. Anyone feeling less energetic - we'd be grateful for help pouring cold drinks for those who visit St. Mary's. Please contact janemacnabb@hotmail.com, nigel.bulpitt@btconnect.com

Are you caring for someone?



Carers are people who provide unpaid practical or emotional support to a family member, a friend or another person who needs help to manage daily activities. Some people don't realise they are carers and simply think they are performing their roles as a husband, wife, parent or friend.

Caring for someone can get really tough but there is help available.

Hampshire County Council provides support for carers, as well as the cared-for person. You can ask for a *Carers Assessment* which will assess what help the council can offer but they will also tell you about other organisations and services which may be helpful to you. **Call them on 0300 555 1386.**

Carers Together is a local charity offering support to carers. Their Listening Line is open 365 days a year, Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. They offer information, advice, training, support and advocacy. **Tel: 08000 323456.**

The **Princess Royal Trust for Carers** offer an Emergency Plan which offers peace of mind should you be unwell and unable to care for your loved one. The service provides 48 hours of emergency care and is free of charge.

For more information see www.carercentre.com or phone **01264 835246.**

Tell your GP that you are a carer. You can register your details with your doctors practice so that your notes are tagged to show that you are a carer or that a patient is a cared for person. This will help your GP be aware of your responsibilities and any potential impact of these responsibilities on your own health.

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent,

Madeleine on 23371

Village Agents are volunteers who can help you find information and local services that will enable you to stay living safely and independently.



Round up of events – In June we visited Noar Hill near Selborne where we enjoyed seeing the wonderful array of wild orchids that thrive there on the thin chalky soil. Common Spotted, Chalk Fragrant and Pyramidal orchids were everywhere we also saw Common Twayblade, Musk and a couple of Frog Orchids. There were many other wild flowers too

including Knapweed Broomrape, Dragons Teeth (*Tetragonolobus maritimus*) Kidney Vetch, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Meadow Vetchling, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Milkwort, Yellow Rattle, Salad Burnet, Rockrose and Wild Thyme to name a few. Butterflies such as Small Heath, Marbled White, Painted Lady, Common Blue and Small Blue skipped amongst the flowers but perhaps it was the Dark Green Fritillary that stole the show!



Dark Green Fritillary butterfly on a pyramidal orchid.

Wildlife pond: At the 'drop-in' day in July 24 visitors came to see the wildlife pond and surrounding meadow near Gid Lane. Great Crested Newts have bred there again this year with several sightings of newt larvae in the water. The wildflowers looked splendid especially the purple loosestrife, knapweed and hedge bedstraw. Unfortunately, the weather was overcast and breezy so not the best conditions to see insects, however amongst others six species of dragonfly a handsome Ichneumon wasp and ten species of butterfly were noted including a painted lady which was new to the site bringing the total number of butterfly species recorded there to 23. The most unusual sighting of the day was a Kingfisher flying past.

Old Winchester Hill: Eight of us ventured forth onto this lovely National Nature Reserve complete with ancient Hill Fort, stunning views and wonderful flora and fauna. We didn't see it at its best as shortly after we'd set off the rainclouds burst and hardly let up during the next two hours! However, we pressed on to the Hill Fort and saw many pretty flowers such as round-headed rampion, harebell, fairy flax and yellow-wort. Luckily everyone took the walk in good humour and we did see two beautiful wasp spiders before the deluge.

Sue Clark

Pond Dipping:

Thank you to everyone who came along for the pond dipping at the Wildlife pond in August. It was lovely to help some keen young wildlife watchers meet the inhabitants of the pond. Some highlights included two beautiful young Smooth Newts, many Greater and Lesser Water Boatmen, pond skaters (although it was breezy so most were sheltering not skating!) and lots of diving beetles. Submerged were dragonfly larvae, water snails and see through phantom midge larvae. In flight we saw stunning Emperor Dragonflies, a Southern Hawker Dragonfly, Small Red-eyed damselflies and a Painted Lady butterfly enjoying the wildflowers. All in all it was a wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

Jenny Mathews

Fancy trying your hand at traditional scything? Join us at our work party on Saturday 7th September 10am-12 at the pond area. We'll be cutting selected areas of the meadow as part of the annual maintenance. Also there a few nettles to pull so that they don't encroach on the wildflowers. Contact 01420 23520 for more information.



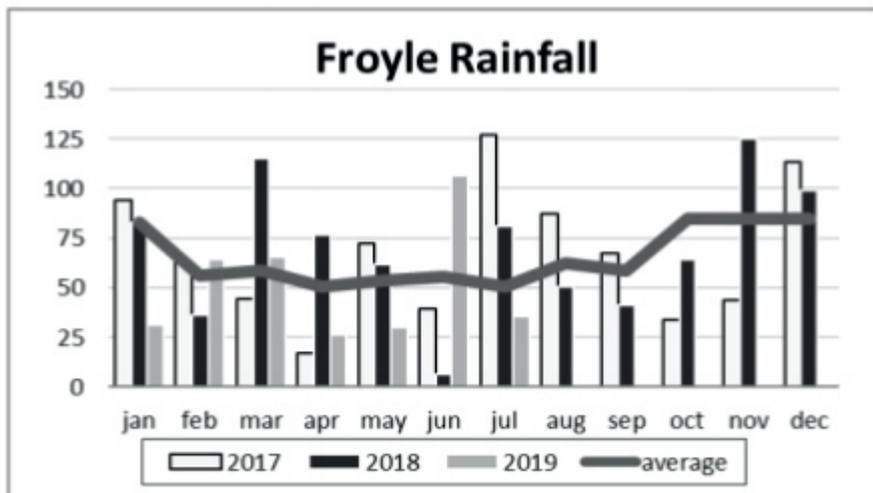
Do send in your entries now for the **Froyle Wildlife photo competition**, it is open to all, entries by 30th September to info@froylewildlife.co.uk. Photographs must have been taken within the parish of Froyle and could include whatever you enjoy about local nature. See froylewildlife.co.uk/froyle-wildlife-photo-competition-2019/.

Date for your diary: Friday 18th October 7pm, AGM and a talk by Jon Stokes '**Ancient and Heritage Trees**'. Important for biodiversity and as natural landmarks for centuries.

Barry Clark

Froyle Rainfall for June and July 2019

	June		July	
This year	106.5 mm	4.2 ins	35.5 mm	1.4 ins
Last year	6.5 mm	0.3 ins	81 mm	3.2 ins
Wettest (2012/2007)	155.5 mm	6.1 ins	139.5 mm	5.5 ins
Driest (1995/2013)	5 mm	0.2 ins	10 mm	0.4 ins
Long-term averages-4th driest and driest month	55.3 mm	2.2 ins	50.5 mm	2.0 ins



With the second week of June delivering rainfall of almost biblical proportions, it is not surprising that, as can be seen from the chart, there have only been four wetter months than June in the last three years and only three wetter Junes in forty years. Even so, **the second quarter still ended up being only marginally ahead of the long-term average**, due to very dry April and May. And looking back as far as the late seventies, **almost invariably an average second quarter leads to at least an average second half**, even if 2019 as a whole is likely to be down, especially after a dry-ish July and early August.



“The Umbrella Man”



Weather was kinder for the garden visits arranged for July and August. They were well attended and enjoyable evenings. The main event was the Froyle Flower Show. It was good to have an increased number of entrants this year and new names amongst the prize winners. Again young Freddie Thorneycroft gained many more points in the vegetable and fruit classes than any of the adults! Considering the heat and dry weather it was

not surprising that cut flowers were rather sparse in some classes but the flower arrangements brought a great splash of colour as one entered the hall. Overall entries were up on recent years thanks to great competition in the cookery and children's classes. See results on next page.

Thanks to all those who provided plants and managed the stall raising £128, a good help towards the expenses of the show. Also thanks to the team who worked hard to ensure that everything ran smoothly in the hall.

We are now thinking of our Autumn Show on Saturday 7 th September. Schedules are at the Meeting Place and Bramlins (in box at door). Classes are Open to all. Entry forms need to be handed in by Wednesday 4 th 7-8pm at the Village Hall, or before that time to Anne Blunt at Bramlins, Lower Froyle, or ring 01420 22262.

Once more we would appreciate plants and produce for sale at the show

After this Autumn Show trophies will go to be engraved. Please let us have any trophies from the July Show that are engraved, together with your name and phone number.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

Do join us for the

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 7th September 2.30 pm

Froyle Village Hall

PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

Prize giving 4.00pm

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL

Village Events September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am HC	2 Recycling & Glass	3	4	5 9.45am Toddler Gp	6 10am Meeting Place	7 6pm St Mary's Modernisa- tion Plans
8 11am HC	9 Refuse & Garden Waste 7:45 pm Parish Council	10	11	12 9.45am Toddler Gp	13 10am Meeting Place 7:00 Harvest Supper	14 9:30am Church decorating for Harvest Festival
15 11am HC	16 Recycling	17	18	19 9.45am Toddler Gp	20 10am Meeting Place	21
22 9:30am HC with Children's Group 6:30pm Evensong	23 Refuse & Garden Waste	24	25	26 9.45am Toddler Gp	27 10am Meeting Place	28
29 11 am Joint Benefice HC	30 Recycling & Glass					

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

- Clerk to Parish Council*Philippa Cullen Stephenson* - 520102
www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk
- District Councillor ... *Tony Costigan* - 07770 666896 tony.costigan@easthants.gov.uk
- Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman*David Robertson* - 520820
www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/
- Froyle Gardening Club *Anne Blunt* - 22262
- Froyle Vestments Group *Sarah Thursfield* - 23294
www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
- St. Mary's Flower Rota *Sarah Thursfield* - 23294
- Froyle Archive *Chris & Annette Booth* - 22364
www.froyle.com
- The Meeting Place *Susie Robertson* - 520820
- Froyle Wildlife..... *Barry Clark* - 23520
www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
- Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern *Madeleine Black* - 23371
- Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (*transport to medical appointments*)- 23440
- Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team *PCSO 12658 David Nops*
Call **101 (999)** in an emergency) or email: david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- Wildlife Crime Officer*PC Scott Graham*
Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- NHS non-emergency****111**
- The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....www.benbinfro.co.uk
- Froyle Facebook Groupsimon@watmore.com

NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday 20th September 2019

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

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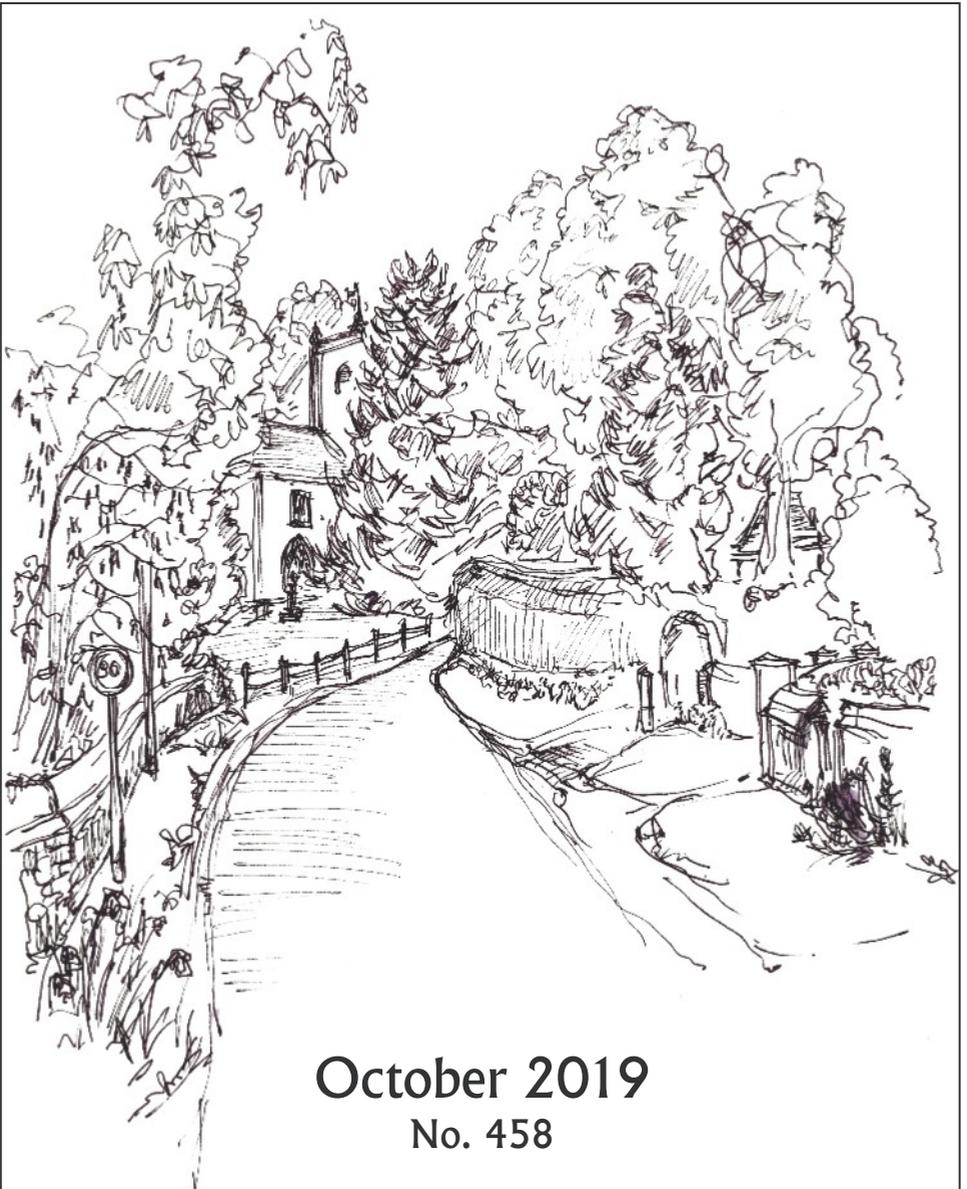
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Report from Froyle Parish Council

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on the 9th of September 2019.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Anfield and District Cllr Costigan. Sadly we were notified that Cllr Anfield is standing down from the Council due to his work commitments. We thank him for his years' service and wish him well. Our Parish Clerk, Philippa Cullen Stephenson, is also retiring on 30th September after 16 years in post and was presented with a framed picture of two beautiful vistas of the village together with some Garden Centre vouchers with our grateful thanks. Philippa has completed great service to the Council and will be missed. Interviews are underway for her replacement.
2. As we are approaching November and Remembrance Sunday, it was agreed to replace our 4 'Tommy' Silhouettes in the same positions as last year. It is intended that this work happens around the last weekend in October. We have now completed out work to restore the War Memorial by replacing the old cracked concrete surround with a new gravel surround. Please do go and have a look, it's looking very smart. The Council are grateful to Ian Deans, Ian Macnabb, Nigel Southern, Mark Carr and Royston Annible who did all of the hard work. We have been discussing replacing what appears to be a somewhat random lump of concrete that sits on the War Memorial base to hold the Wreath but it has been suggested that this may be something more significant, possibly even something brought back from the War. If anyone has any knowledge of the origin of the post we would be very grateful to hear it.
3. A working group continues to progress renewal of the Sports Hut. We are putting together detailed costings for its demolition and replacement which is exciting news for us all. We have also agreed to repair and smarten up the basketball pitch.
4. It was agreed to seek meeting with Cllr. Costigan (EHDC) to discuss various outstanding issues including the poor state of the newly constructed path to The Hen & Chicken and BP Garage Shop, down Rybridge Lane on the field west of the Linden Development. Cllrs. Heyhurst and Anfield have been involved in this and Cllr Heyhurst has met with EHDC Planning Officer Jon Holmes, on-site, as the path appears to be unfinished. NJG do not agree with our assessment so unfortunately it seems we will have to continue to fight to get a path that is suitable for year round use. We will also raise the flagrant breach of planning conditions which resulted in an excessively wide part of the listed wall at Froyle House being demolished. Whilst this is now being reinstated it is far from clear that the work

will be done to an adequate standard if the history of development on this site is anything to go by. We will also want to understand Cllr Costigan's view on the frightening proposal to possibly construct an Energy Recovery Facility on the current Veolia Waste Recovery Facility as well as the proposed large scale development at Northbrook Park. Given the possible impact of both of these proposals we will continue to seek to work with neighbouring Parish Councils to share learning and pool resources where appropriate.

5. Complaints from Residents continue to be raised regarding the behaviour of wedding guests at Froyle Park. Unfortunately it is clear that there is inadequate supervision of guests particularly once they have left Froyle Park. We have raised this point several times at our meetings with Froyle Park management but unfortunately so far they have not taken any action to provide additional supervision of events. Problems continue to include noise, the flight path of drones, trespassing onto private property, litter in the Treloar Memorial Garden and parking on the Avenue. If you are affected, please continue to let the Parish Council know but importantly also send your complaints to Environmental Health at EHDC.
6. No members of the public were present at the meeting and the next meeting was agreed for 14th October 2019 at 7.45pm.

Simon Maher
simon.maher@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk



The Great “Froyle Pizza” Topping Competition

As most of you know the Barn Pizzeria has recently opened at the Hen & Chicken. So we thought it would be a good idea to organise a fun competition.

To enter, you merely have to **email your ideal topping for a stone-baked Pizza, no later than 16th October, to magazine@froyle.com ...and don't forget to NAME it!**

The competition will be judged by Kevin and Laura from the Hen & Chicken. Then, as well as the prize of winning “Pizza for two” at the H&C, the Pizza will be renamed the “Froyle Pizza” and will be on the menu at the Barn Pizzeria for the whole of November.



**Froyle
Bonfire
Party**

**Tuesday
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 3 November at 9.30am**



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



'HIDDEN FIGURES'

*A superb film!
Nominated for 3 Oscars*

STARRING

Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer,
Janelle Monáe & Kevin Costner

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the unbelievably true life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers", we follow these women as they quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return.

Froyle Village Hall

Doors open 7 p.m.

Film starts 7.30 p.m.

Price = £8.00

(payment in advance would be appreciated)

includes a sausage bap

(to be available before the film starts)

Pay Bar available

Rated PG

For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:

Karen Potter (01420 520294)



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

News from the Village Hall

The border in front of the Hall has been cleared, top dressed and planted up and is looking full of potential. – see the photographs following. It will take a while to bulk up but will then look splendid. Thanks are due not only to Mick and Gareth Wells and team for digging out the old bushes but also particularly to Faith Richards and Gordon Mitchell for designing, plant-ordering, compost-laying and planting. The Village Hall Committee is extremely grateful to them for their hard work and has even splashed out on a new hose to make watering easier.

Our grateful thanks are also due to the Fete Committee for its donation of £2,000, £1,000 of which we agreed to use to fund the garden makeover, and then reflect on how best to spend the rest.

There has been some discussion about a new colour scheme for the Hall. However at the recent meeting the Committee voted unanimously to continue as we are. Over the next few weeks the windows will be repaired and re-stained. At the same time the rot in the beams over the front door will be sorted out.

Don't forget we are holding another **Film Night on Friday 4th October and will be showing 'Hidden Figures'** which received extremely good reviews when it came out in 2016. It tells the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who played a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Doors open at 7pm and the ticket (£8) entitles you to a hot dog and an ice cream. (We had been planning to show a film for the young and the young at heart earlier that same day but for various reasons we decided to shelve the idea for the time being).

The following night, **Saturday 5th October, is the Great Froyle Quiz** and we hope to see the hall packed. It's usually a brilliant evening. See page 8 for more information.

The Village Hall operates an email list which we use to let people know what's going on locally. We make the list available to the Parish Council. If you would like to join please email the Chairman on DARinfroyle@aol.com. We won't overload you with messages and you can unsubscribe at any time if you don't find it useful. However with plans to build a new village at Northbrook Park and a huge incinerator on the Recycling Centre site not to mention the redevelopment (eventually) of the football hut, it's quite important to stay in touch.

Autumn draws on – ho ho - and **Bonfire Night on Tuesday 5th November** is approaching. As usual, 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.

Contributions to the bonfire are welcome but please only from Monday 7th October. Please ensure that pallets, wood and brush/garden waste are kept separate and piled as neatly as possible on the Rec between the gate and the playground. We shall install a combination lock for the Rec gate as last year and the code will be available from Committee officers, David Robertson 520820, Nick Whines 23130 and Charlie Findlay 22109. Please lock the gate when you leave. **BUT PLEASE DO NOT BRING PLASTIC OR METAL OR ANYTHING WHICH WILL NOT BURN AND WHICH HAS TO BE TAKEN TO THE TIP.**

And if you are free, do come and **HELP BUILD THE BONFIRE on Sunday 3th November at 9.30 am.** It usually takes no more than a couple of hours. Wear gloves and boots with thick soles to protect you from splinters and nails and don't try to carry too much. Safety first!

Bonfire Night recalls an attempt to blow up Parliament and in that spirit we would welcome effigies of your favourite/ least favourite politician to take pride of place on the bonfire. Or perhaps not!

Nick Whines, Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall (23130)

The new Village Hall border starts to take shape...



(Faith Richards and her undergardener hard at work...)



(The plants are in, now all they need is some water. “Where is that Umbrella Man when you need him...?”)



Medicine for the Soul More on audio books



Following my article about audio books at the beginning of this year, I have had a couple of enquiries about the best way to get them. You can still get **CDs from the library** but **audio books need to be downloaded off the internet.**

There are two sorts of websites, ones from which you can get audio books for free – good for literary classics - and ones you pay for.

For **free audio books websites**, check out:

<https://bookriot.com/2016/09/15/11-websites-find-free-audiobooks-online/>

For **a list of the five best pay websites for audio books** see:

<https://www.techradar.com/uk/best/the-best-audio-book-sites>

You typically pay a monthly subscription of £7.99 for one book per month; I personally use Audible, (which comes with my Amazon Prime subscription) and has apparently the best selection.

Hope that helps...!

PS A couple of recommendations of audio books:

“The Honorary Consul” by Graham Greene, read by Tim Pigott-Smith;

“This is going to Hurt (Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor)” by Adam Kay, read by the author.

David Robertson (520820)



The Froyle Games Club

Next Meeting: Monday, 7th October
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Having re-christened ourselves the Froyle Games Club, we continue to **meet on the first Monday of the month at 2.30pm.**

The charge will be £2 per head to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

And even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing board games (ie not just cards) including, for example, Scrabble – 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 Great Froyle Quiz Night



Its 15th Outing will be on

Saturday October 12th

7.00 pm for 7.30 start.

Table maximum of 6 players

£10 per person (this includes supper)

Cash bar and raffle

To book your table please contact

June Trim 01420 23336



HARVEST SOUP LUNCH

Wednesday, 2nd October at 12.30



in the Village Hall

Thank you to all who supported a very successful Harvest Supper and thanks to those who brought flowers, fruit and vegetables and helped to decorate the church on Saturday. The next date for your diary is the **Harvest Soup Lunch on Wednesday 2nd October at 12.30 in the Village Hall** when we shall be serving soup and fruit crumbles made from Harvest Festival Produce. Donations in aid of charity.

Gill Bradley 520484



Froyle Charity Golf Day

Blackmoor Golf Club



12 pm on Monday, 7th October

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, then contact Ian Whitmore on 22634 or at ian.whitmore1@gmail.com



Armistice Lunch



The Anchor Inn, Monday, November 11th 2020

For the last 12 years, the Anchor with the assistance of a number of Froyle residents, has hosted an Armistice Day Lunch for Service Veterans. Initially the majority of those attending were WW2 veterans but, over the years, their number have significantly reduced, but veterans from other conflicts have continued to attend in numbers.

Hampshire British Legion continues to support the event and organise the invites to veterans and some current serving soldiers. In the last couple of years, **The Anchor has been keen to identify veterans from Froyle and this year they are again keen to invite anyone in the village who has served in the military.** So if you qualify and would like to attend, please contact Ian Whitmore at ian.whitmore1@gmail.com



St Mary's Christmas Fair

to be held on Saturday, 23rd November

St Mary's Church, Upper Froyle

11.00am - 2.00pm

Join us for coffee, tea or a lovely soup .

Excellent selection of stalls for your Christmas Gifts.

Further details to follow in the next magazine.



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place continues in the Village Hall every Friday morning from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to join us for homemade cake, coffee, tea and good conversation. We sell the local paper and postage stamps and often have local produce for sale. We collect used stamps for charity. There is also a selection of books to borrow.

N.B. The RNLI will have their usual annual sales table on Friday 4th October, selling Christmas cards and small gifts.

Cake Bakers for October

4 th	Sue Carr	Maureen Fry	Janet Dobson	Helen MacDonald
11 th	Ann Nethaway	Jenny Gove	Jane Stewart-Smith	Sally Turvill
18 th	Gill Bradley	Elizabeth Sealey	Jill MacKenzie	Jo Mills
25 th	Harriet Wharfe	Susie Robertson	Chris Muddeman	Corinna Whines

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE . IF YOU COULD ALSO TELL US WHAT CAKE YOU ARE PLANNING TO BAKE, IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Kitchen Helpers for October

4 th	Sheila Cottington	Gillian Pickering
11 th	Kay Pogson	Philippa Cullen Stephenson
18 th	Jill MacKenzie	Linda Hagan White
25 th	Chris Muddeman	Nigel Southern

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) gabradley@gmail.com
Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*

“Helpers and Cake Makers” for 2020

A big THANK YOU to all the ladies and gentlemen who have given, and continue to give, generously of their time helping in the kitchen on Friday mornings, and baking those wonderfully naughty but delicious cakes.

We are already thinking about next year and the rosters for our lovely volunteers. If your name is on the 'helpers' or 'bakers' lists, and you are happy to continue, you need do nothing, and you will receive your roster as usual at the beginning of December. But if you're not a volunteer yet and you feel that you would like to join us, we would really love to hear from you.

Helping in the kitchen is good fun and is just a couple of hours 2 or 3 times a year. Also, the popularity of the Meeting Place means we can never have too many cakes. So an extra BIG call-out to all you Bake-Off fans out there. We would love your cakes, cookies, tray bakes, cup cakes etc....Let your imagination fly. If you are new to the village (or not), you would be a very welcome member of the team. If you have any questions, please contact me.

And, finally, even if you can't be a helper or baker, then, please do just come along..... chat, laugh and have fun. This is a wonderful part of our village life, a way to exchange news and information but mainly to enjoy good company.

Lori Taylor

lorijntaylor@hotmail.co.uk 01420 22148 (only available till 12th Oct)



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45 am -11:45 am (during term times)

Froyle Village Hall

3rd October 2019	Autumn week
10th October 2019	Dear Zoo Week
17th October 2019	Goldilocks and the Three Bears Week
24th October 2019	Recycling Week

**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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.**

UPDATE: FRESH Froyle youth cafe on 3 1st October 2019 has been postponed. Sorry for the change, will keep you updated.

October News from The Froyle Archive

Ena Westbrook, My Farmer Sister

(written in 1982 by Lilian Smither, eldest daughter of the Westbrook family)

“Her birth occurred two months after our only brother died. One can imagine the hope that the new baby would be a boy, to replace, in some measure, the little lad of seven years, who died the previous February. The baby arrived at Sylvester’s Farm, Lower Froyle, on April 20th 1906, a girl who was christened 'Ena'. Why 'Ena'? Rumour has it that Mr Westbrook was sent to Alton to register the birth of EVA, and got it wrong!!

The Westbrook name occurs in the Froyle Church Registers in the 16th Century, and they were always farmers and later hop growers: hence the great desire for a boy. Ena was the youngest child in a family of four daughters.

With her sisters, she attended Froyle Village School; at the age of 12 she cycled with sister Grace to Eggars Grammar School in Alton. The distance from our home to the Grammar School was four miles, and the road through the village was rough and stony. These two young girls cycled in all weather, wet or dry. Two or three other Froyle children also cycled with them. Ena found the academic side of life at the school most interesting and she enjoyed every minute of it and certainly did her best in work and play, particularly netball.

There was one event which stood out in her mind. She should have received a message from mother to call at the veterinary surgeon’s house in Alton for a “drink” for a sick cow. Not having received the message she arrived home without it and was promptly told to re-cycle the way she had come and collect the said medicine. It was getting dark but without any hesitation, she turned round and cycled, quite alone, back again, lighting her cycle lamp in the Beeches (*local people will know that spot*). I trust she saved the cow! This would be about 1920 and so began her initiation into the farm. No doubt previously she would have helped to feed the chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc.

It was taken for granted that she remained at home with mother and father to help in any capacity at the farm, indoor or outdoors, as required. She spent many hours with the poultry and watching mother make butter and kill and prepare poultry for the oven for various customers. Father died in 1936 at Rock House Farm, Lower Froyle, but fortunately he bought Ena a car in 1934 and she learnt to drive. Father never did, he preferred to drive a horse in



the trap and wagonette, with the entire family, going to market or visiting relations and friends. How slow the pace was in those days!

One day, during the war, Auntie Ena called in to see us in Alton after her usual trip to market. We were chatting with friends about the bombs which had dropped nearby in the night. 'Well, I can't stand here talking' Auntie said, 'I've got a load of logs to move', and off she went. A friend of ours remarked 'Hitler doesn't stand a chance - not while there are people about like your Aunt!'

Mother continued to farm with Ena's help after Father's death and built the house "Sylrock" where Ena and her sister Grace lived. Because we were all girls we did not inherit the Westbrook property after Father's death. Grandfather's will directed this and "Rock House Farm" passed to our male cousin.

Ena loved the outdoor life and continued to farm after Mother's death in 1943, with the same carter and cowman. She organised the hay making and harvesting in due season year after year; turning the hay with a two pronged long handle fork and putting the corn in stooks. She worked long hours, all the hours of daylight. Farming was her first love, but she was also very interested in the two churches in the village; St Joseph's, which stood on the corner of Well Lane and St Mary's in Upper Froyle.

She made butter, reared poultry, killed and plucked them just like Mother did in her day. When the cowman became too old to milk the cows, she did this job also, by hand of course, no milking machines for Ena. The next thing she tackled was the tractor, as shown in the photograph. Now at the age of 76, she rears poultry and looks after other people's horses when necessary, in the meadow adjoining the house. So the baby girl, who should have been a baby boy was certainly the next best thing!"

Ena passed away in 1980.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

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U3A Alton

The Monthly Meeting for October will introduce the intriguing subject of Smuggling. Malcolm Nelson has worked for HM Customs for 40 years, mostly at Heathrow Airport. His talk is entitled "Smuggling Part II", held as usual **in the Community Centre on October 18th at 2.00pm.** A charge of £1.00 will give you a cup of tea following the talk. Further information can be found on the U3A web site.

Bentley CE Primary School - Recycling Initiatives

Last year in school Bentley pupils were set eco-challenges inspired by the organisation WWF (World Wildlife Fund). Two passionate eco-warriors and staff members, Mrs Krempel and Madame Jones, promoted these challenges in school.

Their discussions with the children inspired two of our pupils, Olivia and Sophia, to request their special responsibility for Year 6 to be as our Eco Leaders. They are spearheading a renewed resolve in school to be more mindful of our beautiful planet, and to all do our part to sustain it.

“We want to make the world a better place for people and animals,” said Olivia, “so we all need to use less plastic.”

Through a number of initiatives at school we are making everyone aware of the small things we can do to make a big difference. We are collecting clean crisp packets at lunchtimes and sending them off to be recycled, we ensure lights are turned off in classrooms if they are not being used we even collected all the plastic ‘glasses’ from our recent PTFA event to be washed and reused.

With support from our catering staff we have three ‘special’ bins in the dining hall. A ‘non-recyclable plastic’ bin, a ‘recyclable plastic’ bin and an ‘all other recyclable materials’ bin. The children have been actively seeking out which bin their rubbish should go in. Whether that’s been a cheese-string wrapper, a cereal bar wrapper or the ice cream pot or plastic drink carton & straw from their school meal, it’s been great for them to have a visual to the amount of plastic we use briefly before then throwing it away.

Did you know **we collect:**

used batteries; old or unwanted coins or bank notes; clean, plastic milk bottle tops; UK and foreign stamps; and used printer cartridges.

In addition, we have a clothing bank at school which accepts clean and bagged clothing; towels; sheets; blankets; curtains; and shoes.

We are keen to involve the whole community in our recycling efforts and invite everybody with any of these items to drop them into school.

Not only will you be doing your part to reduce your carbon footprint, you’ll also be helping our school as all of these recycling projects give funds back to the school in return.

As Sophia says, “We should keep trying to make a difference – it all helps our planet.”

The Admin Team,

Bentley Church of England Primary School, 01420 525010



AGM and talk 'Ancient and Heritage Trees, Friday 18th October, Froyle Village Hall.

Join us for our brief AGM at 7pm, then a talk by Jon Stokes from the Tree Council to tell us about our wonderful aged trees. Many will remember Jon who gave an entertaining and knowledgeable talk on Wildlife and Hedgerows 2 years ago. Find out why they are important for biodiversity and have also been natural landmarks for centuries. Local trees mentioned in the Woodland Trust's inventory include the Yew in Bentley churchyard, girth 3.97m and the Neatham Manor Oak, girth 9.08m. All are welcome and refreshments 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 free for members, £3 non members. For more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.



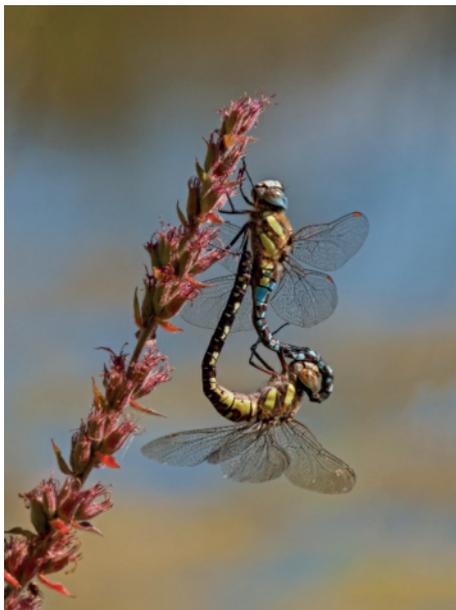
Our nearest SSSI is **Bentley Station Meadow** and Butterfly Conservation organise winter work parties there as part of habitat management. Meet once a month from October to March, starting 10am on Wednesdays **16th Oct, 6th Nov, 4th Dec 2019**. Come and get involved with hands on nature conservation, see www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php.

Last chance to send in your entries for the **Froyle Wildlife photo competition**, it is open to all, entries by 30th September to info@froylewildlife.co.uk. Photographs must have been taken within the parish of Froyle and could include whatever you enjoy about local nature. See froylewildlife.co.uk/froyle-wildlife-photo-competition-2019/.

Barry Clark

A few Froyle sightings -In the spring *Andrena flavipes* and *Andrena cineraria* (Solitary mining bees) were reported in a number of locations in Froyle by walkers in the area. A cuckoo bumblebee *Bombus barbutellus* and Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar were photographed in Lower Froyle gardens and a Scarlet Tiger moth in an Upper Froyle garden. Also reported were Slow-worms, Weasel, Hummingbird hawk-moth and Barn Owl.

A Great Crested Newt was found in a garden small pond in Lower Froyle, the first record located in LF as far as we know. Bee Orchids and Common Broomrape were reported growing on lawns in LF. Finally a Toadflax Brocade moth caterpillar was photographed on Purple Toadflax in a LF garden - a Red Data Book species!



Wildlife Pond area 2019: The species list continues to increase with Painted Lady and Small Heath noted this year making a total of 24 butterfly species. Migrant Hawkers brought the dragonfly total up to 15 and two moth nights provided and extra 35 moth species. The striking day flying moths - Mother Shipton, Scarlet Tiger and Humming Bird Hawk-moth were great to see and together with a few others brought the moth total seen at the pond area to just over 100 species. We still have many hoverflies beetles, bugs and other photographs to go through and identify.....watch this space!

Sue Clark



Froyle Gardening Club – report for magazine October 2019

This year's Autumn Show on 7th September was a good one with more entries in the flower, fruit and vegetables sections than in July, thanks no doubt to some heavy rains in between. But where were all the cooks that competed in July?

A thank you to everyone who contributed towards the variety of plants and produce on our sales stall and to all those willing helpers who always come forward and get everything quickly cleared away at the end of the show.

Our programme of Friday evening meetings during the winter months starts again on **11th October at 7.30pm when Peter Herring will be speaking on the History of Winkworth Arboretum.** Non-members welcome - £2.

The flower arrangers continue to meet in the village hall on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month with a small group at 10.30 am and another at 7.30 pm. If you are interested feel free to drop in to see what we do, on **16th October or 20th November.**

*For further information please contact me
Anne Blunt (22262)*

Froyle 100 Club September Winners

1st – Marge Heyhurst

2nd – Shirley Bellis

3rd – Caroline Bush

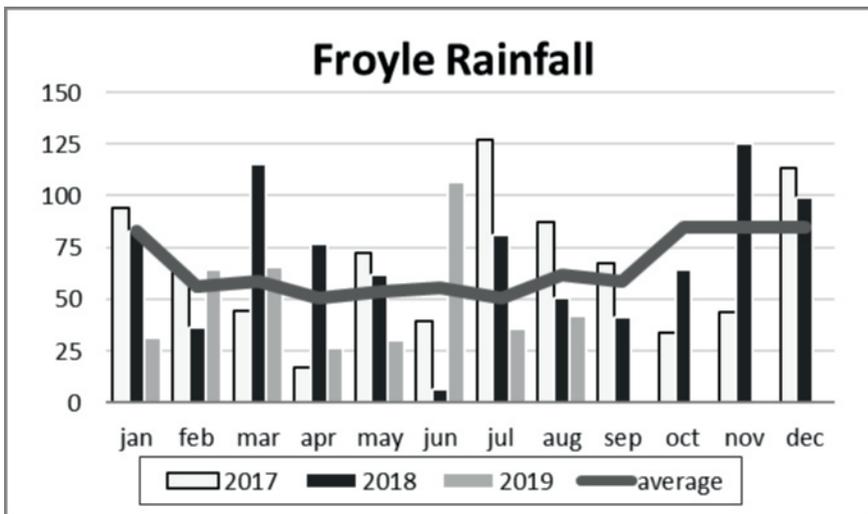
4th – Linda Bulpitt

Congratulations to all the winners!

*William Knowles 07775 928933
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Froyle Rainfall for August 2019

This year	41.5 mm	1.6 ins
Last year	50.5 mm	2 ins
Wettest August (2001)	134 mm	5.3 ins
Driest August (1995)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for August, the 5 th wettest month	61.9 mm	2.4 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	401.5 mm	15.8 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	469.6 mm	18.6 ins



As can be seen from the chart, Q3 has started off very low and indications are that it could be as much as a third below the average of around 170mm. But as I said last month, **almost invariably an average second quarter leads to at least an average second half**, which would imply 300mm plus in Q4 vs the average of around 250mm. So suggest we all make the most of this autumn sunshine...



“The Umbrella Man”



“Poppies”

by Jane Weir



Three days before Armistice Sunday
and poppies had already been placed
on individual war graves. Before you left,
I pinned one onto your lapel, crimped petals,
spasms of paper red, disrupting a blockade
of yellow bias binding around your blazer.

Sellotape bandaged around my hand,
I rounded up as many white cat hairs
as I could, smoothed down your shirt's
upturned collar, steeled the softening
of my face. I wanted to graze my nose
across the tip of your nose, play at
being Eskimos like we did when
you were little. I resisted the impulse
to run my fingers through the gelled
blackthorns of your hair. All my words
flattened, rolled, turned into felt,
slowly melting. I was brave, as I walked
with you, to the front door, threw
it open, the world overflowing
like a treasure chest. A split second
and you were away, intoxicated.
After you'd gone I went into your bedroom,
released a song bird from its cage.
Later a single dove flew from the pear tree,
and this is where it has led me,
skirting the church yard walls, my stomach busy
making tucks, darts, pleats, hat-less, without
a winter coat or reinforcements of scarf, gloves.

On reaching the top of the hill I traced
the inscriptions on the war memorial,
leaned against it like a wishbone.
The dove pulled freely against the sky,
an ornamental stitch. I listened, hoping to hear
your playground voice catching on the wind.

Please give generously to the Poppy Appeal

Jamie Stewart-Smith

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 6th

8.00 am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Bentley	Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm

Sunday 13th

9.30 am	Bentley	Harvest Service with Children's Church
11.00 am	Froyle	Holy Communion
3.30 pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School

Sunday 20th

9.30 am	Binsted	Harvest Service and Hog Roast
11.00 am	Froyle	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Bentley	Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm
6.00 pm	Froyle	Remembrance Concert

Sunday 27th

8.00 am	Binsted	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Bentley	Holy Communion with Children's Service
6.30 pm	Froyle	Evensong

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

We've been talking a lot about communication recently in the BenBinFro office. Yes, that grand word communication and what it means. It used to mean yakking on the phone to colleagues or sending a letter...who on earth does that, nowadays? In fact these days we use far more methods of communicating than we ever did. With the development of the internet, not only are we sending instant messages in the form of emails, we're also using Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat and What's App. And we think we've kept everyone up to date with progress on our businesses, our personal lives and our opinions, but as so much of this is instantaneous and sometimes impetuous, it is not always as well considered as a good old-fashioned letter might be.

So within BenBinFro we are always reviewing how we can coordinate the messages we wish to communicate to our parishioners and the wider community. We are trying to make sure our website is always up to date, not only with basic information about services, but with details of policies, events and developments. This magazine is still a very important means of reaching everyone as well, particularly those who are not internet users, but with space in this publication at a premium, we obviously can't publish everything we are doing.

Our churches are also sources of information. As well as being hospitable and welcoming at all times (at least that's what we do our best to achieve!), all our Sunday services end with refreshments and a chance for everyone to mingle and catch up on news. Binsted is famous for its lemon drizzle cake, Bentley for its brownies, and Froyle for its glorious combo of sherry and cheese straws! But sometimes, we just have to get everyone together and have a good old conversation about all that is happening in a more structured manner. To this end, we are having **a formal public meeting in Binsted at the Wickham Institute at 7.30pm on Friday 25th October** to continue our discussions on how we can ensure Holy Cross Church meets the needs of its congregations and the community now and in the future.

We all love our beautiful building set within the most wonderful countryside and some people believe that it is perfect as it is, while others think improving its facilities will encourage greater use by all parishioners and ensure it is fit for the future. The backdrop is depressing - the Church of England saw a decline of 15% in adults and 24% in children attending church on Sundays between 2007 and 2017. We are blessed to be bucking that trend in Bentley, Binsted and Froyle, but we must actively resist complacency and ensure our legacy to future generations is a thriving, healthy, relevant church. By sharing all our views openly, we will be able to better understand the best way forward. After all, God's presence resides not just in its buildings made of stone, bricks and mortar, but even more so in the people themselves - as you know, I'm always boring everyone on this point, when the Bible refers to church, it is only ever referring to people rather than buildings. So whatever our plans and strategies, ensuring that the Fellowship of the Church grows and thrives is the answer to the future survival

of the Church. As Jesus prayed: “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:20-23)

Blessings, Yann & The Team

Church Notes

Harvest Thanksgiving:

I'm sure all who attended will agree we had a wonderful Harvest Supper and a great Harvest Thanksgiving service in church – a huge thanks to all involved in organising and preparing the Harvest Supper and in decorating the church so magnificently for the service. As is no doubt mentioned elsewhere in this fine publication, the produce used to decorate the church will be turned into a **soup and crumble lunch which will be served to all who come along at the Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd October from 12.30pm**, so don't miss it!

Modernisation of church facilities:

Many thanks also to all those who came to hear about the plans for modernising the church facilities. If anyone, whether you came to that meeting or not, wants any more information or has any concerns about what we are planning to do, do talk to someone involved – there are of course a number of us, but probably best to contact either Nigel Southern or me in the first place. There will be an update on developments in the November magazine.

Evensong:

Please note that Evensong will continue to start at 6:30 pm throughout the winter, rather than at the earlier time we moved it to last winter.

William Knowles
Mobile: 07775 928933

Put our church in the frame!

Top prize of £5,000 and £1,500 Regional winners' prize

Our church insurance company is running a photo competition. For the chance to win up to £5,000, all you have to do is send a single photograph showing what you think makes our church special, before Thursday 31st October 2019. Get your camera or smartphone out and get snapping! Full details from www.ecclesiastical.com/parishpixels

FROYLE RESIDENTS' FACEBOOK GROUP

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group continues to grow and is 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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BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

Dr Melanie Way, Dr Abigail Evers, Dr Iona Moore, Dr Natalie Smith

The surgery is open from 8.00am – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday
and the dispensary from
8.30am – 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday
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Tel: 01420 22106 www.bentleysurgery.org.uk

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Village Events in October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12.30 VH <i>Harvest soup lunch</i>	3 9.45 VH <i>Toddler Group</i>	4 10.00 VH <i>Meeting Place</i> 7.00 VH <i>Film Night</i>	5
6 8.00 <i>HC</i>	7 <i>Refuse & Garden</i> 12.00 <i>Charity Golf Day</i> 2.30 VH <i>FGC (Bonfire contributions start)</i>	8	9	10 9.45 VH <i>Toddler Group</i>	11 10.00 VH <i>Meeting Place</i> 7.30 VH <i>Gardening Club Talk</i>	12 7.00 VH <i>Great Froyle Quiz</i>
13 11.00 <i>HC</i>	14 <i>Recycling</i> 7.45 VH <i>PC Meeting</i>	15	16 10.30/7.30 VH <i>Flower Arranging (Pizza Competition closing date)</i>	17 9.45 VH <i>Toddler Group</i>	18 10.00 VH <i>Meeting Place</i> 6.30 VH <i>Wildlife AGM & Talk (Magazine Deadline)</i>	19
20 11.00 <i>HC</i> 6.00 <i>Remem- brance Concert</i>	21 <i>Refuse & Garden</i>	22	23	24 9.45 VH <i>Toddler Group</i>	25 10.00 VH <i>Meeting Place</i>	26
27 6.30 <i>Evensong</i>	28 <i>Recycling & glass</i>	29	30	31		

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team	<i>PCSO 12658 David Nops</i> Call 101 (999 in an emergency) or email: david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
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NHS non-emergency	111
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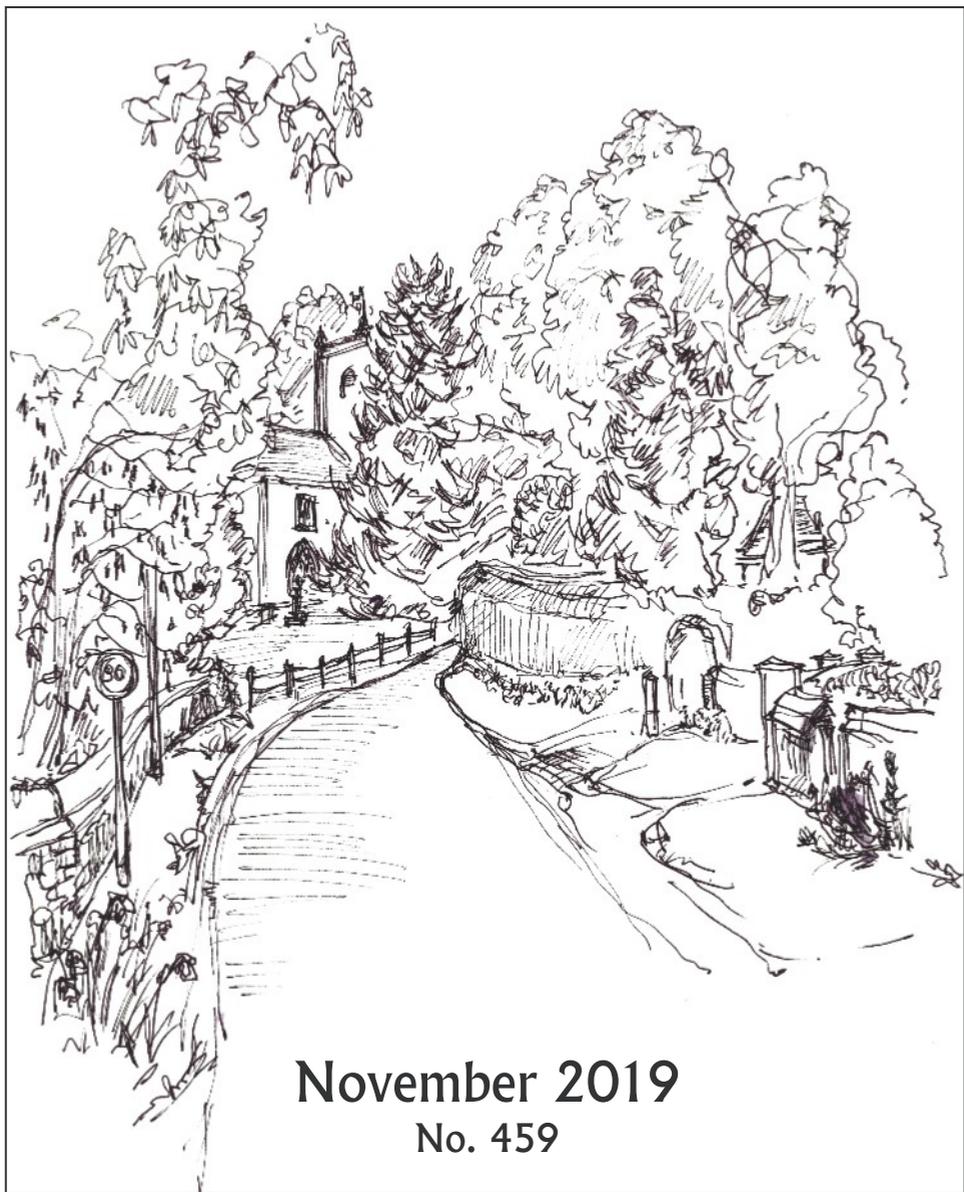
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Friday, 18th October 2019

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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Report from Froyle Parish Council (FPC) Meeting Monday, 14th October 2019

1. Apologies were received from Andrew Potter, Cllr Deans and District Cllr Costigan. One member of the public was present.
2. The Council received a number of excellent applications for the post of Clerk. Following interviews Andrew Potter was appointed. The Council wishes him great success in his new role. Andrew lives in Lower Froyle with his wife Karen and will be well-known to many. Please note the new contact details for FPC which can be viewed at the top of this page.
3. Amanda Maher has been asked to assist with the development of a new web site.
4. FPC has responded to EHDC's consultation on the large sites that could be included in the Local Development Plan with a detailed critique of the proposal to build 800 houses at Northbrook Park. Among the issues raised are sustainability, impact on landscape and infrastructure, impact on the neighbouring district of Waverley and the risk that many more houses will be built on or close to the site. The response will be placed on the Froyle website for anyone who wishes to read it in full. FPC has formally complained to EHDC about the fact that some EHDC councillors who are members of the Planning Committee and who have possible large sites in their wards are actively lobbying in favour of the Northbrook site. EHDC has yet to respond.
5. FPC has written to Hampshire County Council objecting strongly to the proposal to site an Energy Recovery Facility on the site of the Veolia Waste Facility on the A31.
6. FPC has met with the management of Froyle Park to discuss a number of ongoing issues. Among the topics raised were the condition of the Avenue, the future of parking on the Avenue once the new car park has been built, litter, drones, smoke bombs, mess left in the Treloar Memorial Garden etc. It was suggested that many problems could be avoided if there was more supervision of guests particularly in the area round the front gate. The Managing Director of Harbour Hotels agreed to write to FPC with their response to the request for more supervisory staff. FPC have been told that some residents, irritated by the behaviour of guests attending Froyle Park, have taken retaliatory action including attaching bags of dog excrement to the gates. This is not acceptable and must stop. It greatly

weakens the Council's position when it tries to negotiate improvements in the management of the venue. If you have a problem involving Froyle Park please report it at once to the FPC Clerk, to Environmental Health at EHDC and if necessary, the police. Do *not* take matters into your own hands!

7. Since the meeting with Froyle Park management, there have been developments regarding the new car park to be built at the top of the Avenue. Permission for the car park was granted in 2016 by EHDC on the understanding that the car park on the top of Hen and Chicken Hill would be removed and grassed over as mitigation for building on parkland. The Nicolas James Group (NLG), which owns Froyle Park, has resubmitted the application for the new car park without the mitigating condition, therefore leaving the land on Hen and Chicken Hill available for future development. FPC have objected to this application on the grounds that, without the element of mitigation, the application should be refused. FPC are concerned that, if the old car park is retained as a brown field site, sooner or later there will be pressure to develop the site.
8. The meeting discussed progress to create a footpath to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill inside the Froyle Park boundary wall. In the view of councillors, the work completed so far is of poor quality and the bridge over the ditch has already partly collapsed. Cllr Heyhurst has had two meetings on site with EHDC and NJG and some improvements have been agreed but have not yet been completed. FPC will continue to press for a path of an appropriate quality and in the meantime anyone using the path should take particular care when exiting the field and walking over the bridge.
9. Silhouettes will be redeployed around the village in advance of Remembrance Day.
10. Repairs to the village hall patio will be deferred to the spring when we are confident of a reasonable spell of dry weather.
11. FPC have been in contact with the EHDC Compliance Department over work on the Froyle House listed walled garden wall, drawing attention to several breaches of the conditions associated with the planning permission.
12. EHDC have approved a grant to fund the cost of a speed indication device for the Speed Watch Group.
13. District Cllr Costigan has approved a grant from his personal allocation to fund a willow dome on the recreation ground.
14. FPC are considering a plan to demolish the football hut and replace it with a Parish Office which could also act as a small multipurpose meeting room. The meeting agreed to bid for additional funding for the building from the iGas Community Fund.
15. Parish Council meetings are open to all members of the public and in future there will be an opportunity for residents to speak or ask questions at the start of each meeting.
16. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 11th November at 7.45pm.



**Froyle
Bonfire
Party**

**Tuesday
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 3 November at 9.30am**



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

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

News from the Village Hall

First, apologies for confusion over dates in last month's report. We failed to observe that cardinal rule of good journalism to check the facts and then check them again. Second, apologies to any residents who were recently inconvenienced by the outside lights remaining on all night: a sensor had broken but this has now been mended.

Access to the Village Hall is obtained by a key which is kept in a key safe to the right of the front door. Can we remind all hirers of the importance of returning the key to the key safe at the end of a session and scrambling the key code numbers.

The Committee has decided to **trial the use of a bank card reading machine** - otherwise known as a payment terminal - due to the ever-increasing number of Hall users who do not carry cash. This could prove immensely convenient on occasions such as the Race Night, Froyle Open Gardens and probably regular events too. So watch this space; (amazing isn't it, the Village Hall Committee actually moving with the times...!)

The Village Hall operates an **email list** which we use to let people know what's going on locally. We also make the list available to the Parish Council so they can pass on important information, for example details of the recent road closure in Lower Froyle. If you would like to join email darinfroyle@aol.com. Please let us know if you find this service helpful.

There was a good turn-out for **Froyle Film Night**, when we showed 'Hidden Figures', the true story of the African-American mathematicians who worked on the American space programme in its early days. By common consent it was very well received by all who attended. That said, the Committee did discuss whether watching a film in the Village Hall remains an attractive option when you can do much the same thing from the comfort of your own couch. But we believe it is a completely different experience: the thrill of anticipation as the lights go down, the collective intake of breath when danger threatens, and the communal chuckle that ripples round the audience, whilst not forgetting the hot dog, the choc ice and of course the cushions, all add to the sense of something shared. We are able to put on such a show because we only budget to break even. We are therefore delighted to say it that it is the Committee's intention to continue organising this biannual event for the foreseeable future. So do please continue to support us if you can, and if you have a suggestion for a film for our next show do let anyone on the Committee know.

By the time you read this **Bonfire Night** will almost be with us. It is a complex operation involving a great many people and the Committee is very grateful to everybody who rallies round and plays their part. In recent years the event has become increasingly popular as we are almost alone in providing a free, family-friendly event on November the Fifth. Again we try to work on a break-even basis with a bucket collection and the sale of food, drink, sweets and glow sticks defraying the cost of the fireworks.

If you want to contribute material for the bonfire the padlock code can be obtained from Nick Whines (23130), David Robertson (520820) or Charlie Findlay (22019). **We plan to leave the gate open on Saturday 2nd November between 10am and 4pm for last minute bonfire contributions but NO PLASTIC OR METAL PLEASE.**

And the following day, **Sunday 3rd November, from 9.30 am, come and help build the bonfire**, which usually takes a couple of hours. Wear gloves and boots with thick soles to protect from splinters and nails and don't try to carry too much. Safety first!

On the night, we start serving food (burgers and hot dogs) and drink (mulled wine and cider, beer and hot chocolate) at 6pm and the bonfire is lit shortly after. Timing the fireworks is always tricky because it depends how well or otherwise the bonfire burns but we usually wait until it has died down a bit so the fireworks can be fully

appreciated. This year we have increased the budget so they should be at least as good as previously. If you bring children please ensure they respect the safety barrier and use the play equipment safely. We discourage sparklers and don't sell them. Please make sure all the rubbish goes in the bins provided. Eat as much as possible and give generously to the bucket collection. Have a great evening!

Then there is **the morning after, Wednesday 6th November, from 10.00 am, when volunteers are needed to help rake up the fire, make sure that everything that can be burnt is burnt and tidy up generally.** Please bring boots, gloves, shovels and rakes.

Nick Whines, Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall (23130)

WANTED!!

for the St Mary's Christmas Fair

Saturday, 23rd November

(for full details see page opposite →)

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

Deli Stall - fresh savoury or sweet dishes, cakes, biscuits, home-made chutneys, jams and marmalade and other goodies wanted for this stall please. Jo Mills 22384

Shout if there are any questions!

Caroline Findlay (22019)

Froyle Golf Day Report

On a very wet October day at Blackmoor Golf Club, 31 players trudged their way around 18 holes, all attempting to win one of the most prestigious prizes in golf, namely the Froyle Village Silver Salver.

Before announcing the overall winner, we must congratulate the team winner which was the Andy Winch team in which Graham Cranstone came overall second on countback.

Nearest the Pin winner was Dave Cousins and Longest Drive went to Barry Riglar.

The reason for hesitating to declare the overall winner is that with 35 points the organiser and writer of this report was the winner. His prize according to a few of the other players should have been a bandana.

Ian Whitmore



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



2019

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPPER FROYLE

SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER



11 am – 2 pm



Come and enjoy Soup Lunch, Tea and Coffee



Exciting selection of stalls for Christmas gifts

Jewellery, Pottery, Fudge, Doggy Delights,
Selborne Lavender, Paper Furniture, Photos,
Cards, Beauty Range, Knick Knack Emporium,
Deli, Gifts, Raffle, Christmas tree tombola.





The Froyle Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 4th November
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Hold the Front Page!!

The Froyle Games Club's numbers are growing, slowly admittedly, but growing nonetheless, which is great news.

Our regular slot is the first Monday of the month at 2.30pm.

The charge is £2 per head to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

We play anything and everything, **cards or any other board game including, for example, Scrabble.**

So why not join us on the 4th Nov and see what all the fuss is about!



Caroline Findlay (22019)

David Robertson (520820)



The Great Froyle Quiz Night

What a fun night this was for everyone who came. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who made it so, from the great team who organised it (especially Gordon the quiz master with his quick repartee) to the helpers, servers and friends who gave their all to make it a super evening. Of course none of it would have worked if all the tables had been empty, so A BIG THANK YOU also to all of you who attended to make it such a success.

The Charity chosen this year for the donation was The British Red Cross, who came to our aid so swiftly the night of the fire at Highway Cottages. They were marvellous. The two gentlemen who actually came to us from the charity that night also attended the quiz and thoroughly enjoyed their night. It gave us a chance to also thank them personally. A wonderful total of £663.50 was raised and as I write is being organised to be sent to The British Red Cross. Here's to the quiz next year!

Julian and Lynda Ben-David

November News from The Froyle Archive

Following last month's story from the pen of Lilian Smither about her sister Ena, we continue with a feature she wrote in 1963 about Jack Day who had worked for the Westbrook family for over 80 years at the time of her writing (Jack died in April 1965)

Jack Day



A high-piled hay-wain stood in one corner of the yard, geese and mandarin ducks strutted in the weak October sun, there was a sound of sawing. "He's in the wood shed," said Miss Westbrook, who, together with her sister, owns Syrock Farm, Lower Froyle. The sound of sawing stopped and from the shed came William John Day, perhaps the oldest active farm worker in Hampshire, certainly the Union know of none with longer service.

Jack, as he is known to the people of Froyle, put on his jacket, took his stick in his hand and walked over to his favourite seat in the garden. He limps a little now, but at 84, and after a serious accident, he is remarkably agile. He is a Berkshireman by birth, born at Earley in 1879, the son of a carter. Sitting on his seat, he began

to talk about the old days.

He began work at the age of nine, driving and ploughing with his father. The carters were often a little touchy on Monday mornings, remembered Jack, having run out of tobacco over the weekend. On one occasion a carter pulled Jack's ears so hard that they bled, "only because he had no baccy." Market days were a special treat for Jack. At holiday time he would go out to mix a little business with pleasure with his father and the rest of the village, and quarter days he particularly favoured. The farmers and labourers would gather in the square and all eyes would turn to the hats. The men seeking employment would carry the symbol of their trade in their hats the shepherds would carry wool, the carters whipcord, the labourers corn and the cowmen cow-hair. Sometimes he would walk to Basingstoke Fair. He would wear his usual clothes, an apron (*he never wore a smock*) and his cap back-to-front. "Fairs were really fairs then," he recalls, "not like they are now." In an age of heavy drinking, when deals were often concluded over a bottle of whisky, these occasions were a good excuse for a drink. "In those days a pint cost a penny and an ounce of tobacco threepence. You could have a real good evening for a shilling," said Jack. He and his friends always used the tap room, sitting on the wooden seats around the fire in winter and outside on the grass in summer. There they would sit and sing traditional country songs and tell their tales well into the night. Often after a drink the young men would fight; "it was our

exercise,” laughed Jack, who still drinks a bottle of stout each morning. “In those days we did everything ourselves - we had to,” he said. Thus every Friday Jack would churn the butter in an old end-over-end churn. He was in the copse at the appropriate season, cutting wattles for hurdles, or pea sticks and bean poles. In summer he would often work long into the night, using a hurricane lamp when the sun set. Although a cowman, he was, and still is, able to tackle any job on the farm (*although he will have no truck with machinery*). He can thatch a rick in the old manner, using straw and hazel wands, and lay a hedge in a way that makes a wire fence look puny.

Jack was a cowman until 1947 then “Rosy,” one of his cows, trod on his leg and injured him so badly that he had to give up heavy work. However, Jack admits that it was his fault, “I had her on too short a rope,” he said.

Jack spent half a century with the Westbrook family, of Froyle, first with Mr. G. Westbrook, then with his daughters. He moved with them from Sylvester’s Farm to Rock House Farm, and is now at Sylrock Farm. In all this time he has lived in the farm house. He still gets up at six every morning and sees to the jobs around the yard, but seldom ventures outside the farm gates now. In the evening he sits in his own corner of the kitchen, by the old range. He has his own table for his things under the stairs which lead to his own room and he sits there, pipe in hand, a merry twinkle in his blue eyes, as he recalls old times. The radio is nearby and he listens to “The Archers” each evening before going to bed at about 7.30. “I like their dealings,” he says. “I like Ned Larkin and old Walter Gabriel best.”

Jack himself could well be a character out of the story, and even Froyle has an Ambridge-like atmosphere. He is everyone’s image of the old countryman, peaceful and timeless as the land itself, almost a part of the soil

“A long life,” said Jack Day, “comes with a happy and contented mind”; and after 80 years of doing things worth doing in the Hampshire countryside, that is what he has.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

NEWS from Bentley CE Primary School

PTFA Apple Picking

Each year the PTFA arrange apple picking sessions in and around Bentley to raise money for the school. The apples are then pressed and returned to us to sell with all profits going to the PTFA.

WE NEED YOUR APPLES!

If you have any windfalls that you wish to donate to the school please do so by leaving them by the two trees in the staff carpark.

Alternatively, if you know of any local gardens or orchards that would welcome a 'pick' please get in touch with either Cress or Kathleen at bentleyschoolptfa@gmail.com

We appreciate your support.



BENTLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS A SERIES OF

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

MINI SHADE FAIRY LIGHT GARLAND



TUES 19TH NOV
8-10PM £25

CHRISTMAS WILLOW CRAFT



TUES 26TH NOV
8-10PM £25

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING



THURS 5TH DEC
8-10PM £30

ALL BOOKINGS VIA THE PTFA WEBSITE OR THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE 01420 525010

ALL PROFITS TO BENTLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1046944



SPORT AT BENTLEY

We had some brilliant results last academic year in our sporting achievements; second overall in the Cross Country for our cluster, winners of various interschool competitions and I was extremely proud to take our hockey and tennis team to the final of the Hampshire Games. Pitted against 2,000 children from across the county, we were placed fourth in the hockey and tenth in the tennis. A simply wonderful achievement for our small village school!



We are very proud to have maintained our School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success again last year.

It is our goal to maintain and increase participation in competitions as well as sport for life. Our hope is for every child to find a sport (or two!) and to raise their awareness that a healthy lifestyle and a healthy body helps to keep a healthy mind.

The children are already repeating their good habits from last year and showing great commitment towards their training sessions. I fully expect their good sportsmanship, noted by many of the other sports leaders we encountered last year, to be repeated again in the 2019/2020 season.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular competitions at different levels to give all children an opportunity if they desired. Across the year we offer hockey, rounders, basketball, netball, cricket, football, dodgeball, tennis, judo, gymnastics, dance and a host of other sporting activities. Within the school day and at our before and after school clubs, we hope to give the opportunity for all our children to find something sporting to love! We have a Runtastic programme in place for each class where the children run around the playground for ten minutes and all of our Infant children take part in the five-a-day challenge; an energetic, in-class, warm-up session designed to get the blood pumping!

Our fabulous PTFA have raised enough money to pay for some new playground markings which will encourage all the children to get active at break time and we have some great new equipment which the children are already enjoying.

Last year 203 of our 207 children represented our school at a sporting competition of some sort. Our challenge this year is to get every child to represent us at something! I love to see enthusiasm from all the children for sport – not just from those who take part in extra-curricular sport, but I am keen for every child to ‘give it a go’.

We are delighted to report this year has started off particularly well with our Year 6 hockey team making it through to the second round of the Hampshire Games. Check out the school website, www.bentleyprimaryschool.com for updates on their progress!



Year 6 Hockey team



Some of our cross-country runners

Miss Sam Kirby, Sport & PE Lead



November Report for the Froyle magazine

Those that braved the weather last Friday evening (11th October) were treated to an enthralling talk by Dr. Peter Herring, about the legacy of a remarkable man, Dr. Wilfrid Fox. He was the man with the vision of colour-planting the 130 acres he had bought in 1937 and donating the Arboretum

to the National Trust in 1952 for all to enjoy. It was a truly enjoyable evening about the man and Winkworth Arboretum, which he created.

Eddie Hatcher

At our **next meeting, on 8th November**, Geoff Peach will give us 'A Gardener's Look at Ireland'. Geoff was the judge at our last Spring Show and is Chairman of the Surrey Horticultural Federation to which we are affiliated.

The monthly competition is 'A vase of berried shrubs' – in profusion at the moment – will the birds leave them for us?

The Flower Arranger's meeting on 20th November has had to be cancelled, a new date for the Christmas workshop will be arranged.

Anne Blunt (22262) a.blunt247@btinternet.com



The Great “Froyle Pizza” Topping Competition Winners!!

From what was quite definitely some very eclectic entries, Kevin and Laura from the Hen & Chicken decided on not one but two winners, each of whom wins free pizza for two people at the Barn Pizzeria.

The joint winning entries, which will be on sale at the Barn throughout November, were:

The Ionian Pizza from Gillian Pickering

“A topping of chopped tomatoes and onions with marjoram, artichoke hearts, black olives, pine nuts and feta cheese”; and

Bananas in Pizzamas from Charlie Robertson

“Banana, peanut butter and raisins, topped with chocolate buttons (added after it is cooked)”.

Many thanks to Kevin and Laura for judging and of course generously sponsoring the competition, congratulations to Gillian and Charlie and ...

Buon Appetito...!

U3A Alton

The **November Monthly Meeting** will be presented by Trevor Vidler. Following a career in the Armed Forces and then the NHS, Trevor joined HANTSAR in 2005. He is Team Leader and a First responder and the title of his talk is “Hampshire Search and Rescue”.

The date is **November 15th**, the venue The Community Centre at 2.00 pm. Admission is £1.00 and open to all. Further information can be found on the U3A Web Site.

Penelope Kennedy (85888)

Now where, oh where, could that be...?

Just a bit of fun, so no prizes, but see how well you know your Village by guessing where these photographs were taken



1. We're on a road to nowhere...



2. The long and winding road...



3. Park life

We are indebted to our very own Annie Leibovitz, Gillian Pickering, for tracking down these lovely views; you will find the answers on page 17, but NO PEAKING...!



Armistice Lunch The Anchor Inn



Monday, 11th November

For the last 12 years, the Anchor with the assistance of a number of Froyle residents, has hosted an Armistice Day Lunch for Service Veterans. Initially the majority of those attending were WW2 veterans but, over the years, their number have significantly reduced, but veterans from other conflicts have continued to attend in numbers.

Hampshire British Legion continues to support the event and organise the invites to veterans and some current serving soldiers. In the last couple of years, **The Anchor has been keen to identify veterans from Froyle and this year they are again keen to invite anyone in the village who has served in the military.** So if you qualify and would like to attend, please contact Ian Whitmore at ian.whitmore1@gmail.com



A Round-Up of Nearby Events

On **Wednesday 6th November, 7.30 pm – Energy Alton/Alton Climate Action & Network** - Discussion about setting up the forthcoming “Free Food Shop” in Alton, and redistributing surplus food. Alton Community Centre. Free.

On **Saturday 9th November 2.30 pm – Alton Climate Action & Network** - 2nd Open Meeting re tackling the climate crisis. Alton Community Centre. Free.

On **Saturday, 23rd November** at The Anvil, Basingstoke at 7.45pm, Basingstoke Choral Society will perform Haydn’s best-loved choral work The Creation. Tickets available from The Anvil Box Office: 01256 844244 or from anvilarts.org.uk

On **Monday 2nd December**, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care will be holding its annual Light up a Life service, in the grounds of the Hospice building (situated on Waverley Lane in Farnham) and will start at 6.30pm.

Froyle 100 Club October Winners

1st – Linda Bulpitt

2nd – Diana Snow

3rd – Phil Roberts

4th – Gill Bradley

Congratulations to all the winners!

William Knowles 07775 928933 wbk@wbkknowles.com



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place continues in the Village Hall every Friday morning from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to join us for homemade cake, coffee, tea and good conversation. We sell the local paper and postage stamps and often have local produce for sale. We collect used stamps for charity. There is also a selection of books to borrow.

Cake Bakers for November

1 st	Anne Blunt	Sue Sharman	Caroline Findlay	Bea Sword
8 th	Ann Roberts	Madeleine Black	Kim Blake	Charlotte Inskip
15 th	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sheila Cottington	
22 nd	Jane Dunn	Sue Lelliott.	Jennie Thomas	Julie Southern
29 th	Corinna Whines	Jenny Matthews	Sarah Basey	Katie Rath

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE. IF YOU COULD ALSO TELL US WHAT CAKE YOU ARE PLANNING TO BAKE, IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Kitchen Helpers for November

1 st	Lauraine Bourne	Caroline Findlay
8 th	Kim Blake	Mark Carr
15 th	Sue Sharman	Jenny Topping
22 nd	Kerris Edmondson.	Jan Elliott
29 th	Maureen Fry	Corinna Whines

The Meeting Place took part in the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 27th. We raised £250, so many thanks to all our loyal and generous visitors.

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.

On November 1st, the RNLI will be attending the Meeting Place with gifts and merchandise for Christmas. In addition, on November 15th, we will be hosting Treloar school with a Christmas sale table (See the page opposite →). Please do come and support these two marvellous charities.

Gill Bradley (520484) gabbradley@gmail.com

MEETING PLACE – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th



There will be a Treloar Table at the Meeting Place, with all the latest cards, gifts and wrapping paper – plus a few surprises!



Pheasant and Partridge from the Froyle Shoot to buy

With the shooting season under way, there are packs of frozen pheasant or partridge breasts available to buy. In each pack there are either 4 pheasant or 6 partridge breasts, each costing £3 per pack. It is also possible to buy fresh packs by prior agreement.

Anyone interested should contact the keeper, Paul Edwards, on 07719914850.

PS For a great website about cooking and eating game see:
<https://tasteofgame.org.uk/why-you-should-eat-game-meat/>

Jenny Gove

Dog Poo

Over recent years, there has been a huge increase in the amount of dog poo left on the tracks around Upper Froyle. It appears that some people also think it acceptable to bag up the poo, but then hurl it over the nearest hedge into someone else's land.

Both these activities are filthy, antisocial and unacceptable. They are also illegal.

PLEASE either put your bag of poo in the bin at the top of Hen & Chicken hill, or take it home to put in your own bin.

Jenny Gove

Now where, oh where, could that be...? ANSWERS

3. The pond on Gigg Lane
1. The stile at the top of Sainbury Hill; 2. Bamber Lane; and



Froyle Wildlife

Where are the Notable Trees in Froyle?

Over the next year we plan to gather an inventory of trees in the Parish that you value for either their age, size, prominence or magnificence. Do let us know about your favourite trees in Froyle.



Hillside cedar in Froyle

Think of an ancient tree and words that might come to mind are gnarled, knobbly, huge, bent and hollow. These sorts of characteristics are just as important as the actual age of the tree.

The Ancient Tree Forum <http://www.ancienttreeforum.co.uk/resources/ancient-tree-guides/> has information about the descriptions of old trees, whether they are Ancient, Veteran, Heritage, Notable or Champion. All support a wide range of wildlife including fungi, invertebrate, lichens and birds. The y are irreplaceable in our lifetime.

A 1771 survey of woodlands and coppices on estates in Froyle is archived at the Hampshire Record Office and can be downloaded from <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/recording/past-surveys/>. Locally there are no trees in Froyle mentioned in the Woodland Trust's inventory. The nearest Ancient trees are the Yew in Bentley churchyard, girth 3.97m and the Neatham Manor Oak, girth 9.08m. It would be brilliant to find trees in Froyle that could be added to this national inventory.

Photo Competition

Results of our 2019 competition of photos, all taken in Froyle. After judging, congratulations to Nick Whines, 1st for a stunning Small Tortoiseshell; Gillian Pickering, 2nd with a busy bee; and Jenny Matthews, 3rd for a lovely landscape of fields. Visit <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/photo-gallery/2019-photo-competition/> to see some of the images.



A 2020 photo calendar is available now containing superb images of Froyle's wildlife and includes a selection of competition entries. Don't miss out on your limited edition copy for £5, order by email from info@froylewildlife.co.uk or phone 01420 23520. View a sample calendar at the Meeting Place on Fridays.

Barry Clark (23520)

HOW TO STAY SAFE

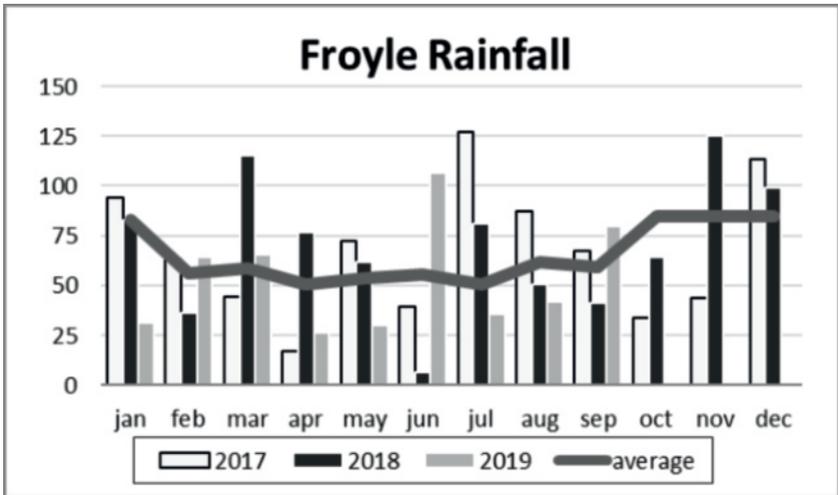
(PCSO David Nops has agreed that this article, from the October edition of Which? Magazine, particularly insofar as unsolicited telephone calls are concerned, is worthy of inclusion...)

“Follow Faye Lipson’s [*Investigative Journalist - Fraud, Scams and Data Privacy*] expert advice to avoid becoming a victim:

1. If you receive a request for money, personal or banking details – whether by phone, letter, online or in person – don’t respond straight away. Fraudsters will try to rush or panic you into complying, before you have a chance to think clearly. Hang up, shut the door or walk away from the screen and take five minutes to reflect.
2. Verify what you’ve been told through trusted contact details. For example, if a caller claims to be from your bank, call the bank back using the number on the back of your debit card. If they claim to be from the police, call 101.
3. Fraudsters can keep a phone line open for up to two minutes after talking to you, and play a false dialling tone to trick you. Wait at least that long before using the same phone, or use a different phone.
4. Don’t trust your caller display – it can lie to you. Fraudsters can easily make it look like they’re calling or texting from a trusted number (like that of your bank). Always take some time to verify what you’ve been told.
5. If a deal or investment sounds too good to be true, it is. Seek advice from a registered, FCA-authorized financial adviser. And only invest what you can afford to lose.
6. If you find out about a scam, don’t just keep it to yourself. Tell two people – then ask them to tell two. If we all tell two, we can break down the wall of silence and shame that scammers rely on.
7. If money is taken from your bank account without your authorisation, banks will refund you in almost all cases. If you did authorise the payment, it’s more complicated but there’s still hope. See which.co.uk/scams for more information on reporting scams.
8. Always report fraud to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or on 0300 123 2040. Doing so can help police see the bigger picture and stop the scammers.”

Froyle Rainfall for September 2019

This year	80 mm	3.1 ins
Last year	41 mm	1.6 ins
Wettest September (1995)	150 mm	5.9 ins
Driest September (2003)	7 mm	0.3 ins
Long-term average for September – the 6th wettest month	59.4 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	481.5 mm	19 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	529 mm	20.8 ins



September 2019's rainfall was one third above the long-term average, which may seem high but it has been exceeded three times in the last twenty-odd years.

And interestingly, what each of those three years had in common was that the bulk of the rain, ie more than half of it, unusually fell within little more than a week; in 2019's case, should anyone need reminding, the last one; and which, as we all know, continued deep into October.



“The Umbrella Man”



The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle
invite you to

Advent by Candlelight

Froyle church
Saturday 30th November
6.30pm

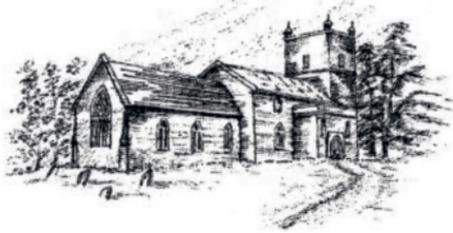
This candlelit service of Advent
anthems, hymns and readings in Froyle
church is a beautifully atmospheric
occasion.

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 NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 yann@benbinfro.org

Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail admin@benbinfro.org



Churchwarden:

Mr. William Knowles

Park Edge

Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

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November Services

Sunday 3rd

8.00 am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Bentley	Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm

Sunday 10th - Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am	Bentley	Remembrance Service
10.50 am	Binsted	Remembrance Service
10.50 am	Froyle	Remembrance Service (meet at War Memorial)
3.30 pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School

Sunday 17th

9.30 am	Binsted	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Froyle	Holy Communion
5.00 pm	Bentley	Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm

Sunday 24th

8.00 am	Binsted	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Bentley	Holy Communion with Children's Church
6.30 pm	Froyle	Evening Worship

Saturday 30th

6.30 pm	Froyle	Advent by Candlelight
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We warmly welcome you to join us for

Christmas at Froyle Church

Saturday 30th November at 6.30pm - Advent by Candle Light

Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm - Carol Service

24th December at 5.30pm - Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11pm - Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 11.00am - Holy Communion

The lead up to Christmas across our 3 churches:

Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm - Christmas Songs & Tales with
Jonathan Veira at Bury Court Barn

8th December at 3.30pm - Messy Church at Binsted School

13th December at 6.30pm - The Real Nativity at Binsted Church

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Sometimes, when the team puts its thinking cap on to write this letter, we Google a key word to focus our minds on a possible theme and this month it was – ‘Autumn’. And as well as references to the richness of the harvest, we found there were many gloomy quotes, particularly by poets, dwelling upon the shortening of the days and the sense of entering a period of cold darkness.

But looking out of the Benbinfro office, with its view of apple trees still bearing fruit and the golden brown of the recently cut wheat fields, none of us felt that this season is a time of impending doom, as D.H.Lawrence implied in these lines from ‘Ship of Death’ – ‘Now it is autumn and the falling fruit

And the long journey towards oblivion ...’

Actually the more well-read amongst us ignored Google and flicked through the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, coming up with some lines by the novelist Elizabeth Bowen, which we felt more accurately describe the sudden switch from the warm days of late September to the crisper weather of these months:

‘It is about five o’clock in an evening that the first hour of spring strikes – autumn arrives in the early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day.’

Yes! we all said, reading those words. We know autumn is finally here when we wake one morning to see a chilly mist hovering over the fields, a light frosting on the grass and probably a slick of ice on the car windscreen as well. But that doesn’t mean it’s a gloomy time for us. With the final flourish of dahlias and asters, surrounded by vibrant leaf colours picked out with bright sunlight on many days, autumn is a time of riches, especially if we have been lucky enough to harvest apples, beans, blackberries and late raspberries. And as the leaves fall and the colours fade, although our gardens and the countryside may become stark and almost monochrome, the strong structure that underlies all that seasonal lush growth is revealed in its simple beauty. Bare trees silhouetted against a wintry sunset or dawn are one of the most beautiful sights to be seen in this benefice.

But for anyone who does feel downcast by autumn and the onset of winter, what words of comfort can we give? We all feel it helps to see this as a time to take stock of what has been achieved in the year that has nearly gone, to rest and reflect like the plants and animals in Nature in a period of dormancy and to plan for a new year ahead. As it is said in Ecclesiastes 3:1 – ‘For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.’

So we are determined to enjoy the frost, the rain and the snow to come (yes, even on mornings when even the dog is reluctant to venture out) knowing that it is part of the pattern of our wonderful world and knowing too that ‘The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.’(Isaiah 40:8)

***Blessings,
Yann & The Team***

Church Round-Up

Fourth Sunday in November

Since our wonderful choral Advent service (advertised elsewhere in this issue) will be held on Saturday, 30th November, there will be no choral service on the previous Sunday, 24th November, despite it being the fourth Sunday in the month. Instead, there will be a short, reflective service of evening worship held at the normal evensong time of 6:30 pm. This falls the day after the Christmas Fair in the church (also advertised elsewhere in this issue) – we are coming up to a busy period in the church calendar....

Modernisation of church facilities

We have now formally started the application process to the Diocese for permission (a ‘faculty’, as it is called) to upgrade and refit the vestry to include proper kitchen facilities and improved storage arrangements. The goal is to start this work as early as possible in the New Year, depending on how the faculty application process goes, and to time the work to cause as little disruption as possible to the normal use of the church. The first part of the work, however, before the contractors move in, is for us to clear the vestry of its present contents and find a temporary home elsewhere in the church for those contents. Nigel Southern and Jan Elliott, who are managing the vestry upgrade project, will be looking for lots of help with this at some point early in the New Year!

Those of you who were at the meeting in the church in September will recall that we were considering combining the vestry refit with the renewal of the church lighting. The PCC decided in the end that it was too ambitious for us to handle both projects together, so the lighting replacement will follow, probably early in 2021.

These are the first phases of our plans for modernizing the facilities in the church. These plans have been made possible by some extraordinarily generous donations. More funding will be required, though, as our plans progress – so you will be hearing more from us on this, I’m afraid! We also hope that as many people as possible will get involved in shaping the future phases of the plan, particularly when we come to replace the sacristy, which is a major challenge ahead of us – a project which was first attempted in the 1980’s, when it proved too difficult. We now have the opportunity in the next few years to address this....!

William Knowles
Mob: 07775 928933



LOVE IN A BOX APPEAL 2019

Why not get prepared early to give a young person a gift this Christmas. You simply fill a shoe box with items suitable for whichever age group you decide to choose, attach a leaflet and give a £4 fee to cover postage.

What to put in boxes:

Boys 3 □ 5 years old: Toy cars / Ball / Jigsaw / Picture Book / Soft Sweets / Crayons / Pencils / Soft Toy / Soap / Flannel / Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Hairbrush / Comb / Hat / Gloves.

Girls 3 □ 5 years old: Toy dolly / Everything else as above.

Girls 6 □ 11 years old: Toy Dolly / Skipping Rope / Jewellery / Ball / Playing Cards / Sweets / Book / Felt Tip Pens / Pencils / Paper / Soft Toy / Flannel / Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Soap / Hat / Scarf / Gloves.

Boys 6 □ 11 years old: Toy car / Yoyo / Everything else as above.

Boys 12 □ 15 years old: Marbles / Travel games / Juggling Balls / Baseball Cap / Playing Cards / Geometry Set / Note Book / Pens / Pencils / Soft Toy / Sweets / Soap / Flannel / Toothpaste / Toothbrush / Gloves / Scarves.

Girls 12 □ 15 years old: Hair accessories / Jewellery / New make up / Perfume Stick / Talc / Deodorant / Dolly / Skipping Rope / Everything else as above.

Boxes should be delivered to Green Farm by 5th November or left at the back of Bentley Church by 3rd November.

Leaflets can be found at Green Farm; Bentley School; Bentley Church; Bentley Village Shop; Bentley Village Salon Hairdressers and Binsted Church; Binsted School and Froyle Church.

Any queries, please contact: Glenda Powell on 077119871614 or glenda.powell@btopenworld.com

(Love in a Box 2019 is raising money in aid of Mustard Seed Relief Mission, which has been supporting orphanages, schools and churches throughout Eastern European countries for the last 27 years. To find out more visit www.msrm.org.uk)

Village Events during November, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10.00 VH Meeting Place (RNLI)	2
3 8.00 Church HC 9.30 The Rec Bonfire building	4 Rubbish & Garden Waste 2.30 VH Cards Club	5 6.00 The Rec 	6 10.00 The Rec Bonfire tidying up	7 9.45 VH Toddler Group	8 10.00 VH Meeting Place 7.30 VH Gardening Club	9
10 10.50 Church Remem- brance Service	11 Recycling & Glass 12.45 The Anchor Armistice Day lunch 7.45 VH PC	12	13	14 9.45 VH Toddler Group	15 10.00 VH Meeting Place (Treloars)	16
17 11.00 Church HC	18 Rubbish & Garden Waste	19	20	21 9.45 VH Toddler Group	22 Magazine press date 10.00 VH Meeting Place	23 11.00 Church Fair
24 5.00 Church Evensong	25 Recycling	26	27	28 9.45 VH Toddler Group	29 10.00 VH Meeting Place	30 6.30 Church Advent by Candlelight

VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman	<i>David Robertson</i> - 520820 www.froylevillagehall.co.uk/
Froyle Gardening Club	<i>Anne Blunt</i> - 22262
Froyle Vestments Group	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294 www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk/
St. Mary's Flower Rota	<i>Sarah Thursfield</i> - 23294
Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth</i> - 22364 www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson</i> - 520820
Froyle Wildlife	<i>Barry Clark</i> - 23520 www.froylewildlife.co.uk/
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black</i> - 23371
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	- 23440
Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team	<i>PCSO 12658 David Nops</i> Call 101 (999 in an emergency) or email: <i>david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
Wildlife Crime Officer	<i>PC Scott Graham</i> <i>Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
NHS non-emergency	111
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle	www.benbinfro.co.uk
Froyle Residents' Facebook Group	<i>simon@watmore.com</i>

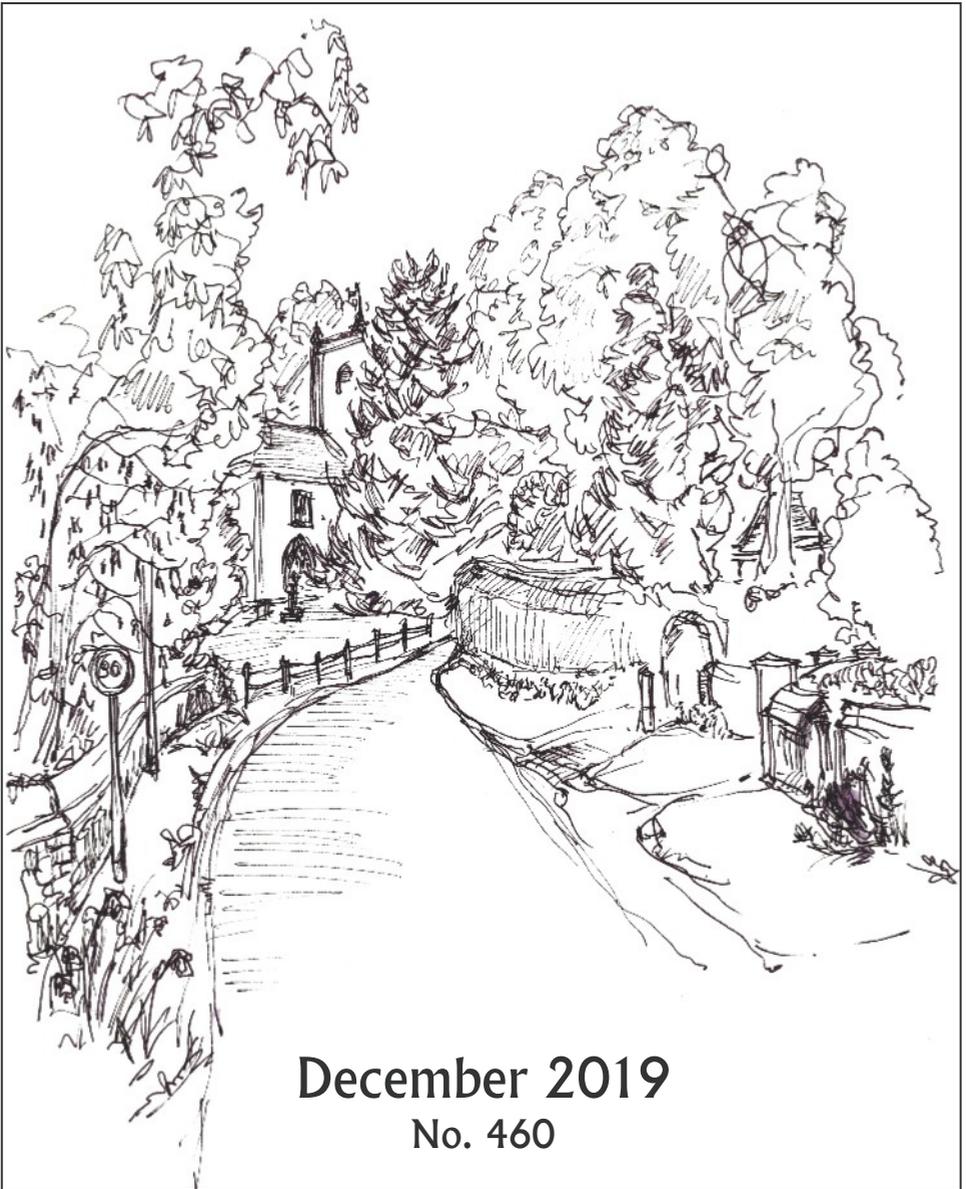
NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday, 22nd November 2019

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined on page 29. All booking enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to: *magazine@froyle.com* and copied to *clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.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>**

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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Andrew Potter - 01420 520294

Email: clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk.

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Froyle Parish Council (FPC) news round-up

The FPC met on Monday 11th November and welcomed Andrew Aldridge to his first Council meeting as a Councillor. Many residents will remember Andrew when he previously lived in the village and am sure you will look forward to engaging with him and his family again.

Councillors were very pleased to support the **Froyle Archive** and the **Baby & Toddler group (B&T)** with the provision of grants.

- The Froyle Archive is an extremely valuable resource capturing the life and times of Froyle which is maintained by Chris & Annette Booth. You will no doubt have enjoyed the regular articles published in the Parish Magazine and are encouraged to visit the Froyle.com website to further explore the fascinating history of the village, its residents and infrastructure.
- The B&T was reformed last year under the guidance of Molly Scotton. Molly provided an insight into the number of families now attending and the type of activities being undertaken. This grant is specifically to provide Molly with funds to develop a book corner.

Village infrastructure continues to be addressed with work ongoing by the Council to investigate the ditches in the village and seek to improve water flows after heavy rains.

Resident concerns were raised at the meeting with respect to the quality of the grit bins as winter approaches and the deep mud on the footpath just before the turning into Westburn Fields. Actions to address these issues were agreed although it was pointed out that neither the bins nor the particular footpath are owned and maintained by FPC .

Jason Smith presented his vision to establish a **Froyle Youth football team**. This was considered to be an excellent community initiative which was warmly supported by FPC. In order to proceed, Jason identified storage for goals and other equipment as a key requirement and expressed his concern that this might not be available under the plans for the football hut redevelopment. It was agreed that such storage should be incorporated into the design specification for the football hut redevelopment given the potential benefits that this initiative would provide to the Froyle community especially the younger age group.

Froyle Park activities received some attention with Councillors keen to better understand both the work that had commenced (and now been deferred) on the Froyle Park kitchen

extractor and the Ryebidge Lane carpark. Still on the subject of Froyle Park, the quality of the footpath that has been constructed inside the wall down Hen & Chicken Hill is still considered to be unacceptable. FPC will continue to press NJG to finish it to an acceptable standard but our protestations would be strengthened if residents could raise any concerns they have directly with Lee Jackson of NJG (lee@njg.co.uk). Please copy the Parish Clerk on any email.

It is **budget** time again and the FPC challenged itself to review expenditure to ensure that this continued to be focused on ensuring that the FPC was effective in delivering matters that made a difference to the community as well as covering the cost of efficient administration. It was recognised that the increase to the precept in your 2019/20 Council Tax bill was above inflation and the Council is keen to ensure that any increase requested for 2020/21 is consistent with our needs and at a level per household comparable with neighbouring villages.

FPC meetings are open to all and residents are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have regarding village life and facilities either at a FPC meeting, with a Councillor or via the Parish Clerk. **The next FPC meeting will be held at 19.45 on Tuesday 10th December in the Village Hall.**

.... and in the wider community

Do you have a 4 year old? HCC is reminding parents of children who are 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2020 that they can start school in September 2020. For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

The Wheels to Work scheme provides assistance to 16+ in East Hants who need help getting to work, interviews or vocational training. For details call 01425 482773/07896 212198 or email www.hants.gov.uk/wheels-to-work

Do you want a postal or proxy vote for the upcoming general election then get in touch with EHDC Election Team on 01730 234350 or email electoral.services@easthants.gov.uk and ask for an application form. Postal vote applications must be returned by 5pm on Tuesday 26 November 2019 and applications for proxy votes must be returned by 5pm on Wednesday 4 December 2019.

Those not currently registered to vote should make sure they are by Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Scam warning. Hampshire Constabulary have warned of two new scams going around. If you receive an email purporting to be from **Paypal** do not click on any link in the email to access your account but use your usual log in routine. An email is also being sent out advising people that **Action Fraud** have money for recipients. Under no circumstances would Action Fraud or the police ask you to make a payment to recover money that you may have lost.



**FROYLE
CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS**



MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER
MEET IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK
AT 5.00 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS GATHERED
AROUND THE TREE
FOLLOWED BY
MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES**

**Should the weather be poor we will
simply sing in the hall!**



EVERYONE WELCOME



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

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

News from the Village Hall

Once again November the fifth saw another successful Froyle Bonfire Party which attracted a large crowd from far and wide. The event takes a good dealing of planning which started as far back as September. Our risk assessment has to be reviewed, task lists and shopping lists drawn up, licenses obtained, pallets ordered, the BBQ cleaned, police, fire brigade and insurance company consulted. In October the village join in bringing vast quantities of brush and timber for the bonfire.



With a week to go there is a great deal of shopping to be done: beer, burgers, cider and wine, mustard and ketch-up, paper cups and napkins. Two days to go and we build the base for bonfire out of pallets and timber. One day to go and the high loader arrives to add the brush. On the afternoon of the party the pace of activity increases. The bonfire is cordoned off to keep the audience at a safe distance. The fireworks are set out carefully and precisely.

No-waiting cones are heaved into position. Picnic benches are moved off the patio onto the grass. Tables are set out from which to serve the food and drink, sweets and glow sticks. Mulled wine and cider are stirred, hot chocolate heated, the BBQ is fired up and cooking begins. As the light fades and clouds gather we watch the sky anxiously for signs of rain. At least the wind is from the north which will take the smoke away from the hall. At six pm the bonfire is lit. The crowd doesn't arrive so much as materialises out of the darkness. One moment there is nobody the next there are hundreds. Some queue patiently for the food, some make themselves comfortable round the picnic tables, others gather at the cordon where you can feel the heat as the fire gathers strength and blazes up into the night. The playground hasn't been this busy since this time last year as children swarm onto the apparatus. At seven the patio lights dim and the first firework bursts overhead and the bang echoes back from the hills. Seven minutes later with a final flourish of golden stars it is all over for another year. The crowd lingers to finish off the burgers and beer and then melts away happily into the night pausing to contribute to the bucket collection for next year's party.



But the work goes on. Next morning the fire must be raked together. The cordon removed. The litter (very little) picked up. The dustbins emptied. The picnic tables returned to the patio. And then when the fire is finally out there is ash to be barrowed into the hedge. Our magnet-on-wheels picks up nails by the bucketful which must be taken to the tip along with all the metal hinges, hooks, handles and latches which have survived the fire. Finally when the site is cleared grass seed is sprinkled and raked in.

So it goes without saying that there are a large number of people to thank for making the party such a success. Thank you one and all.

It says a great deal about the village that so many residents are prepared to work so hard to make it happen. And it says something about the event that so many people attend and give so generously in the hope that we will do it all again next year.

I'm pleased to report that we again more or less broke even.

The hall has continued to be busy during November hosting a wide variety of events and activities including art classes, baby ballet, shoot lunches, flower arranging and a party of home-learners.

External redecoration of the windows is now complete along with running repairs to some of the windows. The store has recently been tidied. Please make every effort to keep it tidy.

Carols round the Christmas Tree will take place on Monday 23 December at 5.30 pm. Please come. New residents particularly welcome. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served.

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee can I thank you for supporting the hall during 2019 and wish you a very happy Christmas.

Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall (23130)

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 home made cake, hot drinks and to catch up with the local news.

As from January 2020, there will be a small increase in our prices. Cake and filter coffee £1 each. Tea and instant coffee 50p.



THE CHRISTMAS MEETING PLACE

Friday 20th December 10-12.00 noon

As well as the usual tea and coffee, we shall be serving mince pies, cakes and nibbles, washed down with something seasonal! Hopefully we shall not be too overcome to stop us from singing some carols, and there will be a grand Christmas raffle and quiz. We will be asking for donations to the Winchester Nightshelter.

Cake Bakers for December

6th	Susie Robertson	Clare McMullen	Mary Chaplin	Sarah English
13th	Marje Heyhurst	Caroline Findlay	Helen MacDonald	Ann Netherway
20th	Jenny Gove	Madeleine Black	Jo Mills	Lisa Bowler
27th	Freezer cakes			

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE. IF YOU COULD ALSO TELL US WHAT CAKE YOU ARE PLANNING TO BAKE, IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Kitchen Helpers for December

6th	Marje Heyhurst	Yvonne Irvine
13th	David Robertson	William Knowles
20th	Meeting Place Team	
27th	Jane MacNabb	Ali Maude

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) gabbradley@gmail.com
Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

Meeting Place continued

ROSTERS for 2020

To all our Cake Makers and Kitchen Helpers.....your rosters for next year will be emailed to you at the beginning of this month (those few who have requested a hard copy will also receive theirs).

Should you not receive your list by 7th December please let me know and I shall make sure that you get one.

Once again a BIG Thank You to you all. And a Merry Xmas and Happy Baking New Year.

Lori Taylor (22148) lorijitaylor@hotmail.com



**The Froyle Games Club
2019 Christmas Party!!!
Monday 2nd December
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall**

In November we were delighted to have a record number of players, which really is wonderful news; the word is spreading...! We play any card or board game that anyone would like to play; our regular slot is **the first Monday of the month at 2.30pm**; as usual, the charge is only £2 per head, to include tea/coffee and biscuits and of course, because it's Christmas, something bubbly!!! So why not come along on the 2nd and join us for some really good old-fashioned fun.



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



Happy Christmas from The Froyle Archive



A seasonal photograph this month to wish you all a Happy Christmas and preview January 2020's story about a building that stood on the corner of Well Lane. The "Mission Church of St Joseph" in Lower Froyle was demolished in 1967 and we believe this photograph was taken around 1900. *See the full story next month.*

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

U3A Alton

There is no Monthly Meeting in December, but instead a date for your diary is December 20th at 2.00pm. Come and enjoy a festive cup of tea and mince pie, to celebrate Christmas, at the Community Centre. There will, no doubt, be a song or two and even a quiz, come and relax and prepare for the spirit of the Time of Year! More information can be found on the U3A Web Page.

On behalf of The Committee may you have a peaceful Christmas and a Knowledgeable New Year.

2020 will start with John Stubbington talking about how Winston Churchill used information gleaned from the Enigma machines. What a brilliant start to the years Monthly Meetings, on January 17 at 2.00pm at the Community Centre.

Penelope Kennedy (85888)

Armistice Day: D Day Veterans at the Anchor Inn



On Monday 11 November the Anchor Inn at Froyle hosted its annual Remembrance Event in support of the Royal British Legion. Veterans attended a short service of remembrance and then enjoyed a three-course meal, hosted by staff from the Anchor and volunteers from the village.

On the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, amongst those attending were Joe Parker from Alton and Pops Chandler from Holybourne, both D-Day RAF Veterans. Pops was a flight engineer on Lancasters and was in action over the beaches on D-Day. Joe Parker landed on Juno Beach, supporting the 3rd Canadian Division. Both veterans were awarded the Legion D' Honneur by the French Government in recognition of their service, on that critical day, in the liberation of France.

Other veterans attended, representing those who have served in almost every conflict of the last 70 years, including Korea, Suez, Malaysia, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Bosnia, the Gulf War, as well as Iraq and Afghanistan.

DECEMBER TEA @ 3



We will be holding our annual Craftermornings throughout December at Bentley Church Hall each Monday in December from 3.00pm-5.00pm.

Along with the usual delicious cakes, healthy fruit & welcome tea you will find mince pies & other festive treats.

There will be festive crafts for children and adults alike. Tell your friends.

We would love to see you...



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am -11:45am (during term times)
Froyle Village Hall

5th December 2019	Christmas crafts - cards and decorations
12th December 2019	NOGROUP!!! - General Election
19th December 2019	Father Christmas visit!

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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



December Report for the Froyle Magazine

Our speaker last month, Geoff Peach, has spent many holidays exploring the south west corner of Ireland and his talk gave us an in depth insight of the atmosphere and character of that region.

Photos showed us coastal and inland scenery, villages, stately homes and gardens, wild flowers and fauna, much of which the average tourist would not get to see.

This month our meeting on 13th December at 7.30pm is our AGM, followed by our own Geoff Hawkins with his talk and pictures of the Italian Lakes.

Subscriptions for 2020 (£10) are due and membership cards available at this meeting.

Anne Blunt (22262) a.blunt247@btinternet.com

Stay warm this winter

Heating your home can be expensive and sometimes difficult.
Get help with staying warm and well with the **Hitting the Cold Spots** advice line, open to all Hampshire residents.



Freephone: 0800 804 8601

Email: staywarm@environmentcentre.com

Hitting the Cold Spots can provide:

- Home visits from Advisors offering advice and practical support.
- Support with temporary electric heaters if you are without heating.
- Help to access funding where available for insulation and heating repairs and replacements.
- Eligibility check for the Warm Home Discount and local energy efficiency schemes.
- Assistance to switch your energy provider or fuel tariff to help save money on your fuel bills.
- Information about other help available, such as benefits and debt advice, home safety visits and healthy living services.

How to stay warm at home:

- Several thin layers of clothing will keep you warmer than one thicker item.
- Drink regular hot drinks and make sure you have at least one hot meal a day.
- Keep active; even when you are sitting down arm and leg exercises can help your circulation.
- When you are sitting still, fingerless gloves, thermal socks, a blanket and a hot water bottle will all help to keep you warm.

Be prepared for cold weather and check the forecast. Look out for friends and family who might be vulnerable to the cold and may not be able to get out so easily in bad weather.

For more information, contact your local Village Agent,

Madeleine on 23371

Village Agents are volunteers who can help you find information and local services that will enable you to stay living safely and independently.





LOVE IN A BOX APPEAL 2019

It is with great pleasure that I have to tell you that on Tuesday 5th November, we sent off the grand total of 79 “Love in a Boxes” to orphanages and hospitals in Moldova; thanks to the support of families and friends from Bentley and Binsted Schools; and the congregations of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Churches.

I should love to see the smiles on the faces of the 79 children/teenagers who receive the shoe boxes. Can you imagine the excitement as the large truck arrives containing the shoe boxes? These disadvantaged children would not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

I should like to say a big “THANK YOU” to all those who took part in the Love in a Box scheme; and also my personal thanks go to Lynda Cake (Farnham Rock Choir); Cathy Winter (Farnham Computer Course); Ann Wilson; Val Gill; Kathy Ogilvie Thompson; Jill Kiely; Mary Desmond; Belinda Barfoot; Katy Pinchess; Jane Tasker, all of whom gave up their valuable time to help me plus Bentley and Binsted Schools and Bentley; Binsted and Froyle Churches who gave us tremendous support.

A very Happy Christmas to you all.

Love and Blessings,

Glenda Powell

GOOD NEWS

I would like to thank those who sponsored me on my 'bicycle sojourn' round a number churches in Hampshire on the Ride and Stride day last September. Ride and Stride is one way in which Hampshire and The Islands Trust raise money for grants they give to churches. On this occasion we raised £435 of which half comes directly to St Mary's and the other half goes to the Trust.

This has led to another piece of good news. As some people will know we are planning to improve the lighting in St Mary's in the near future and we have been applying for a number of grants. I am very pleased to say that the above charity, Hampshire and The Islands Trust, has just awarded us along with the Hampshire County Council, a Grant of £7500 towards this project.

So with the thought that the £200+ from our share of the Ride and Stride day is just about enough to buy a dishwasher for the proposed 2020 kitchen project in the Vestry, and the £7500 from the Hampshire and Islands Trust towards the lighting, it turned out to be a very worth while bicycle ride in September!

Linda Bulpitt



Medicine for the (Christmas) Soul 2019



A few favourite books for your Christmas list:

For all those nostalgic for the Sixties:

“Rock Stars Stole My Life” by Mark Ellen

(who was brought up in Fleet and believe it or not actually mentions going to parties in...Lower Froyle...!!!);

A gripping spy thriller with a difference:

“Transcription” by Kate Atkinson;

An inspiration...how nature does best when left to itself:

“Wilding: The Return of Nature to a British Farm” by Isabella Tree;

A murder mystery and much more, from the Italy’s Patricia Highsmith:

“The Bishop’s Bedroom” by Piero Chiara.

(All are available in audio book form as well as hard copy)

(ex libris Dusty Tomes and Inky Pages)

Pheasant and Partridge from the Froyle Shoot to buy

With the shooting season under way, there are packs of frozen pheasant or partridge breasts available to buy. In each pack there are either 4 pheasant or 6 partridge breasts, each costing £3 per pack. It is also possible to buy fresh packs by prior agreement.

Anyone interested should contact the keeper, Paul Edwards, on 07719914850.

PS For a great website about cooking and eating game see:

<https://tasteofgame.org.uk/why-you-should-eat-game-meat/>

Jenny Gore

Froyle Wildlife



We welcomed Hugh Milner in October for an informative talk about our wonderful Ancient Woodlands and trees. Hugh worked for many years at nearby Alice Holt for the Forestry Commission as Head Forester. He told us that ancient woods have been his passion for nearly 30 years and with sympathetic management they can create ecological impact, enhance biodiversity and benefit ancient trees.

The age of a woodland can be estimated by surveying for indicator species such as spindle, butcher's-broom, wood-sorrel, hart's tongue fern and by physical features such as ditch and bank boundaries. Ancient semi-natural woods are woods that have developed naturally, often managed for timber and other industries over the centuries they have had woodland cover for over 400 years. Hugh had also visited some of the woodlands in Froyle, many of which are SINC's (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation).



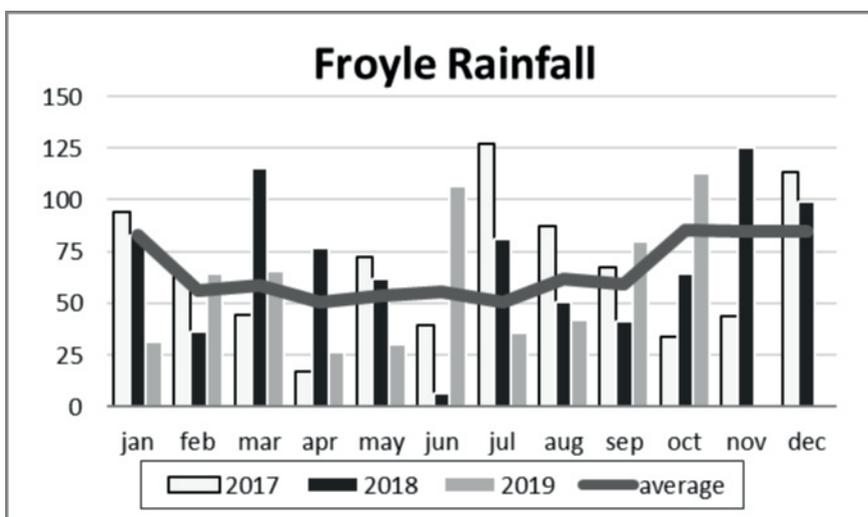
Wood-sorrel

Froyle Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and we held our AGM prior to the talk. Members had been sent the Trustees Report and there was a short pictorial review of the year's events with slides. For more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/about-us/>.

Barry Clark

Froyle Rainfall for October 2019

This year	112.5 mm	4.4 ins
Last year	64.5 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest October (1987) – the wettest ever month	226 mm	8.9 ins
Driest October (1978)	7 mm	0.3 ins
October long-term average – the wettest month	85.5 mm	3.4 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	594 mm	23.4 ins
Long-term average for the year to end October	614.5 mm	24.2 ins



Back in September, I suggested that, following an average second quarter, this was likely to continue into the second half, which is currently almost exactly where we are. Perhaps surprisingly then, the recent seemingly non-stop deluge will have to continue until the sound of Auld Lang Syne is ringing in our ears for us to have even an average year's rainfall (as a whole) in Froyle...



“The Umbrella Man”

History & Geography at Bentley CE Primary School

Bentley has a wide curriculum which allows children in every year group – from Year R to Year 6 – which includes access to History and Geography throughout the year. Both subjects help the children to develop their knowledge of people and places and the processes that create and affect them. Our inclusive school values of ‘Community, Love and Courage’ reflect the philosophies we teach in these subjects.

We promote a skills-based, enquiry approach to history and geography, encouraging our children to be curious; to question, discuss and problem solve, and provide opportunities to develop their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. The Junior history curriculum is chronological. Our school visits enrich all the children’s understanding and are extensions for learning outside the classroom. Here is a taster of what has been going on.

Our youngest class, Reception, take part in local walks around the community, learning about where they live. They learn about the weather patterns and seasons through the year. During their most recent trip to Alice Holt, they followed the Stick Man trail, taking with them stick men they had made from sticks gathered during their weekly outdoor learning time. Later this month, they will make their first trip to St Mary’s Church to learn about the history of the building and see the amazing lime trees outside. Arundel Castle is the destination for Year 1 in the summer where they will enjoy the beautiful architecture and learn about the historical importance of the castle and its features.

The Royal Victoria Military Hospital at Netley gave our Year 2 children the perfect chance to gain hands on experience of Florence Nightingale’s job – they bandaged limbs and scrubbed floors just as she had done – and were able to see just how influential her work was in nursing today. “She must have been very brave”, said Phoebe.

With an Iron Age Day at school later in the year and a visit to Butser Ancient Farm, Year 3 are embracing the past, learning about how communities were formed and covering many interesting historic times right through to the Roman settlements in the UK.

Year 4 recently visited Dapdune Wharf in Guildford to build on their river studies undertaken at the Gordon Brown Centre during their residential visit last year. Their visit included a boat ride on the Dapdune Belle, a towpath walk and a scientific experiment involving oranges being dropped into the River Wey to see if the middle or the edges of the river move faster. “The activities were amazing and the staff were really friendly” said Eva.

Residential visits later in the school year to the Calshot Activity Centre in Southampton will provide the perfect opportunity to study the coast and physical geography for our Year 5 and 6 classes.

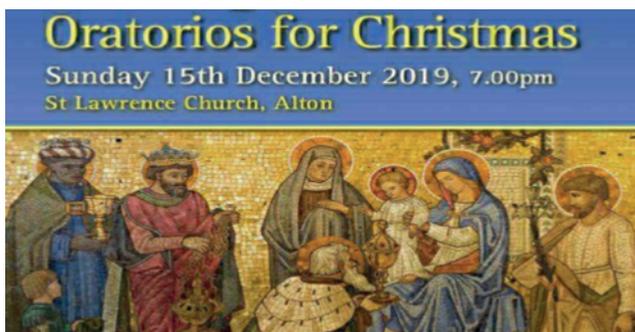


Year 6 spent a really interesting day at the Houses of Parliament; their tour included both the House of Lords and the chance to watch a debate in the House of Commons. It was a great opportunity to see democracy in action and have a Q&A session with our local MP, Damien Hinds. Charlie was fantastic in his role as the Speaker of the House during their workshop!

We feel our curriculum reflects our school - we embrace our small rural community but we endeavour to encourage our pupils to explore the world around them and beyond.

Miss Hand, History & Geography Subject Leader

WAVERLEY SINGERS with the Covenant Youth Choir and Covenant Training Choir, Alton



Extracts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Handel's Messiah

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- ∂ Online (no card charges) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers>
- ∂ **Tickets on the door £17**

Froyle 100 Club November Winners

1st – Paul Cousins
2nd – Gill Bradley
3rd – Maureen Fry
4th - Madeleine Black

Congratulations to all winners!

....**AND PLEASE NOTE, ALL FROYLE RESIDENTS** (particularly anyone in Upper Froyle and others who may not know about this very non-exclusive village ‘club’) that the beginning of the calendar year is subscription time for the 100 Club.

Any adults living in Froyle are welcome to take part and be allocated a number. The subscription cost is £12 a year. Half the subscription money is paid out in prizes under a monthly draw at the Meeting Place – no need to be present to win (although it is a good reason to come along to the Meeting Place on the first Friday of the month). The other half goes to help finance the Village Hall.

Each year I promise myself I shall be more efficient in

- (a) collecting the loot from those of you who do not pay by standing order, and
- (b) providing details to those of you who would like to pay by standing order but to whom I have failed to provide the details.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, anyone who is not a member and would like to join, do please get in touch with me - preferably by the end of the year (although you can join at any time).

The 100 Club supports the Village Hall and the odds of winning something back are pretty good (currently four prizes a month, £30 for the first prize).

William Knowles Mob: 07775 928933 wbk@wbknowles.com

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

The Big Day will soon be here, with all the feverish anticipation that accompanies preparations for Christmas. And here in the Benbinfro churches, we try hard to offer moments of peace, reflection and fun amidst the flurry of preparatory activities, to help us think about the real meaning of Christmas. We have some wonderful engaging events in our benefice, such as the beautiful candle-lit Advent Service in Froyle, the Christingle service in Bentley and in Binsted we enact The Real Nativity, often with a real baby as well as a real donkey (or two!).

But none of these well attended, much loved activities can truly convey the reality of the birth of Jesus. Those of us who are parents, can never forget the excitement, trepidation, joy and sometimes sadness that accompanies the birth of a child. Even with the help of modern midwifery, we are all aware that complications can arise. And around the world there are many mothers and babies exposed to risks in childbirth much more akin to those Mary would have faced, giving birth without the help of her own mother or another knowledgeable helper.

Let's imagine for a moment, her reaching the end of an uncomfortable and arduous journey, not to a clean hospital or even to a familiar home, but to a damp stable, spread with straw, smelling of animal dung. She was heavily pregnant, tired and almost certainly frightened as she faced the birth of her first child. The location was not hygienic and there was probably no way of heating water or providing warm clean towels. She had not attended ante-natal classes, bought a layette for her baby or been given second-hand outgrown clothes and a baby bath. She had nothing to sustain her but her husband, her faith and the knowledge that she was carrying a very important child, for as she had been told by the Angel Gabriel, *'you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.'*

We don't know how long she was in labour, but we know her child arrived in the world and was loved by both his parents. Mary had also been told by the angel that her baby *'will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.'* But significant as these words were, how could she have fully understood their meaning and the impact that her son's life would have?

There she is, a new mother, resting after a tiring journey and a painful labour, checking that her newborn has all his fingers and toes, holding him and kissing him and falling in love with him, as we all do with our children. She cannot know what the future holds for him and her blissful ignorance is very beautifully captured in the lovely worship song, 'Mary Did You Know, which contains extremely poignant lines, including: 'Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? When you've kissed your little baby, then you've kissed the face of God.'

Think about those words this Christmas and feel wonder that Mary, a young first-time mother, gave birth and loved her baby, so that He might die for us.

**Blessings,
Yann & The Team**

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December Services

Sunday 1st

8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm
6.00pm	Binsted	Advent Vigil

Sunday 8th

9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School

Friday 13th

6.30pm	Binsted	The Real Nativity
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Sunday 15th

9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live @5 with food served at 4.30pm

Sunday 22nd

8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bentley	Holly Communion with Children's Church
6.30pm	Froyle	Carol Service

Tuesday 24th - Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Bentley	Christingle
5.30pm	Froyle	Crib Service
11.00pm	Bentley	Holy Communion
11.00pm	Binsted	Holy Communion
11.00pm	Froyle	Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th - Christmas Day

9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion

Sunday 29th

11.00am	Bentley	Joint Benefice Service
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Church Round-Up

St Mary's Church Froyle - Christmas Decorations

The theme this year is BELLS - big ones, little ones, coloured ones, shiny ones, knitted ones, cardboard ones, fabric ones - your choice. We would also like holly, ivy and any other suitable greenery, also red and yellow flowers.

We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday 21st December from 9.30am and look forward to having your help!

Church Flower Rota

We shall be compiling the list for next year in December and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join our little team. We usually ask volunteers to do 2 consecutive weeks, probably once a year.

If on the other hand, you are already on the list but no longer wish to be, please let us know.

Sarah Thursfield 23294 / Gill Bradley 520484

Continued from Church Round-Up

St. Mary's Church - Churchyard clean-up

We are planning a churchyard clean-up on Sunday 19th January starting at 2.0p.m. Please join us to help weed, cutback, remove moss etc. etc. and possibly have a bonfire. Please come equipped with gloves, secateurs, fork, trowel or whatever is your favourite tool.

Many hands make light work so we hope to see as many of you as possible.

Jenny Gove 23697 / Gill Bradley 520484

Froyle Church Christmas Fair

This annual event, held this year in Froyle Church on Saturday 23rd November, requires a huge commitment of time, both from stallholders and from organisers. The church is transformed into a warm, bustling mix of happy social chit chat, the search through the wide variety of Christmas goodies displayed on the stalls – something for everyone - and the serving and consumption of yummy soup, mince pies and other delicious stuff. The atmosphere this year, as always, was lovely – Froyle at its best.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all involved in making this happen, and particularly to our 'team leaders', Nigel and Linda Bulpitt. If you weren't there, you missed a wonderful event!

William Knowles

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Christmas Services

St Mary's Bentley

Christmas Eve 4pm - Christingle Service

Christmas Eve 11pm - Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 9.30am - Holy Communion

Holy Cross, Binsted

1st December 6pm to 9pm - Advent Vigil at Binsted Church

8th December 3.30pm - Messy Church at Binsted School

13th December 6.30pm - The Real Nativity

Christmas Eve 11pm - Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 9.30am - Holy Communion

St Mary's Froyle

Saturday 30th November at 6.30pm - Advent by Candle Light

24th December at 5.30pm - Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11pm - Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 11.00am - Holy Communion

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>8.00 Church HC</i>	2 <i>Rubbish & Garden Waste 2.30pm VH Games Club Christmas Party</i>	3	4	5 <i>9.45 VH Toddler Group</i>	6 <i>10.00 VH Meeting Place</i>	7
8 <i>11.00 Church HC</i>	9 <i>Recycling & Glass</i>	10 <i>7.45 VH FPC meeting</i>	11	12	13 <i>10.00 VH Meeting Place 7.30 VH Gardening Club AGM + talk</i>	14
15 <i>11.00 Church HC</i>	16 <i>Rubbish & Garden Waste</i>	17	18	19 <i>9.45 VH Toddler Group</i>	20 <i>10.00 VH Christmas Meeting Place</i>	21 <i>9.30 Church Decorating</i>
22 <i>6.30 Church Carol Service</i>	23 <i>Recycling 5pm VH Froyle Carol Singing</i>	24 <i>5.30 Church Crib Service 11pm HC</i>	25 <i>11.00am Church HC</i>	26	27 <i>10.00 VH Meeting Place</i>	28
29 <i>11.00 Bentley Church Joint Service</i>	30	31 <i>Rubbish</i>				

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