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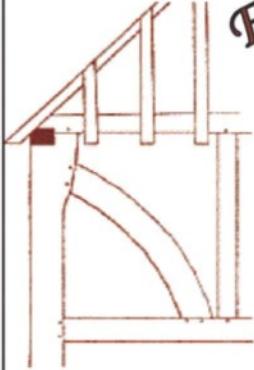
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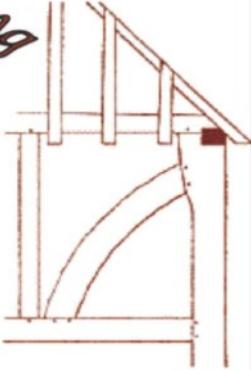
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Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Monday 13th March 2017

1. Froyle Park

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

The Council's investigations have included the following:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is what EHDC told the Planning Inspector:

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

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

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

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

3. The Playground and Pavilion Project

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

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

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

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

4. Speedwatch Report

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

5. Litter Bins

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

6. Trees

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

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

7. Date of next meeting

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

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

Ian Macnabb

Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for March were

1st - Roz Packett 2nd - Anthea McRiley

3rd - Beverley Morgan 4th - Angela Wimshurst

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles

April News from The Froyle Archive

“More that meets the eye” (*Part 2*)



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



Clive Barter Cabinet - current display

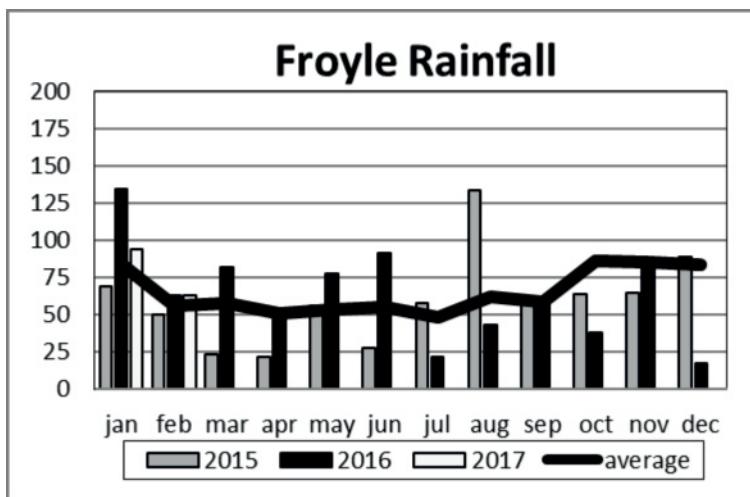
Until Easter, the display features the graves of the Messenger family, maltsters & brewers, in Lower Froyle. Have you ever looked at these particular graves - they are quite unique!

Chris & Annette Booth

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

Froyle Rainfall for February, 2017

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



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

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

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



“The Umbrella Man”



Bookings: Jo Mills
01420 22384
www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

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

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

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

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

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

You are invited to

The Froyle Village Hall Annual General Meeting

at 7.30pm, followed by

The Froyle Annual Parish Meeting

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

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

DO PLEASE COME. RESIDENTS OLD AND NEW ALL WELCOME.

The Meeting Place

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



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

Cake Bakers for April

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

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

Kitchen helpers for April

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

Many Thanks

*Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com
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FOR YOUR DIARY

FROYLE FILM NIGHT

2017 DATES



The dates for the next 2 Froyle Film Nights are:

Friday 16th June 2017

and

Friday 20th October 2017

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

Froyle Wildlife

www.froylewildlife.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Barry Clark

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Jenny Matthews

Butterflies - In February we welcomed Dr. Andy Barker of the charity Butterfly Conservation to speak about the Butterflies of Hampshire. We learnt there are 46 species of butterfly that breed in the county with most of the scarcer species relying on special habitats such as deciduous woodland, chalk downland and heathland. This is due to the exacting habitat requirements of many species including the presence of specific larval foodplants. Richly illustrated with photographs and graphs, the latter showed the serious declines over a number of years of many of these beautiful insects with the Pearl-bordered Fritillary nearly extinct in Hampshire due to loss of coppiced habitat. Success stories include the recreation of wild flower chalk grassland at Magdalen Hill Down near Winchester.



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

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

Garden Butterfly Survey Make your garden butterfly sightings count by noting what you see each month online, something for the whole family.

<http://www.gardenbuttersurvey.org/>

Sue Clark

Lent Lecture in Froyle Village Hall on 2 March

“Loitering with Intent – The Role of Police Chaplaincy”

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

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

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

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

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

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

William

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Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

Spring Show

Friday 7th April

Froyle Village Hall

Entries(for members only) 6.00pm –6.45pm

Visitors very welcome from 7.00pm

Refreshments and Raffle

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

A reminder please return any trophies from any show for engraving

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

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

Dates for your diary:

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

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

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

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

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

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



Better Balance

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

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

ACH Information and Advice , 10-3 Mon - Fri, 0800 328 7154

ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Madeleine Black



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

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

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



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

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

Sue Carr

E Mail susancarr80@gmail.com

Passover Meal and Maundy Thursday

Thursday 13 April – 7.15 pm, Froyle Village Hall

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

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

+++ Church Spring Jumble Sale +++

Saturday 22 April 2.00pm, Froyle Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



I was there...



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

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

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

Ian Whitmore

Quiet Day Before Holy Week At Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP Saturday, April 8th 2017

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

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

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

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

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



Which Wine with Which Food?



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

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

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

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

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

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



David and Susie Robertson (520820)



The Production Of Stained Glass, plus

An Introduction To Heraldry

Saturday 6th May, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

St Mary's Church, Froyle

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

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

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

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

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Benefice Pastoral Care: Gill Thallon (23528)

Prayer Chain: Nick Carter (472861)

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

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Fake news or Good News?

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

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

We all need the truth. But what is it?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St Marys Church, Froyle - Kneelers

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

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

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

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

Sarah T 23294 Gill 520484 Jenny 23697

St. Mary's Church, Froyle – Easter Decorations

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

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

Our Church Roof

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

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

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

Mike Starbuck

Froyle Church Annual Meeting (AGM/APCM)

Thursday 27 April 7:30 pm in Froyle Church

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



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

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

Challenge, debate or simply listen



Bentley CE Primary March News

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

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

Year 1 Barnaby Bear

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

By Miss Vogel, Class teacher



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

By Charlotte Lucas Year 1



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

By Esmond Westlake

(Contd)

Year 4 The Happy Prince

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

By Mr Goddard, class teacher

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

By Bea Curtis

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

By Sam Kent

London Marathon for Treloar's

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

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

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

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

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