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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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

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

REPORT FROM FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APRIL EVENTS

Church Spring Jumble Sale

Saturday 7th April 2.00pm, Froyle Village Hall

Our annual Jumble Sale raises much needed funds for the church and is a good opportunity for the village to get together. **Donations for all stalls will be very gratefully received** as would new ideas or offers of help. Contact stall holders below if you would like a house collection, or bring your donations to the Village Hall from 11.00am on The Day.

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

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

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

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

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

Raffle – We are looking for some good quality donations, Barbara Starbuck 22180.

Julie Southern (520620) & Sarah Roberts (520041)

St Mary's Supporting the Community

Saturday April 7th

Open at 2.00pm.

Entrance 20p

JUMBLE SALE



Froyle Village Hall

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

In aid of St Mary's Church, Froyle.

ALL WELCOME

APRIL EVENTS (continued)

Froyle Gardening Club

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

Brenda Milam (22216)

Froyle Village Hall

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

Froyle Parish Council

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

Froyle Wildlife

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

Barry Clark (23520)

FUTURE EVENTS

Froyle Open Gardens 2018

Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd June

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

Nick Whines (23130)



72nd Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 14th July, Village Recreation Ground

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





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FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

'CALL MY WINE BLUFF'

Based on the TV Quiz 'Call My Bluff'



Come and join us on
SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

7 p.m.

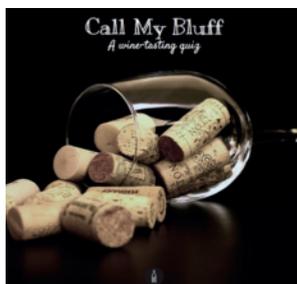
at which the Village Hall will be hosting a
fun-filled evening of wine and bluffing

Tickets - £20.00 per head
to include supper

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

WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH??

The table who guesses the most correctly wins the prize.



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

We expect this event to be very popular so

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

Advance notice of The Village Quiz 2018

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



Bookings:
Susie Robertson
01420 520820

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

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)**

News from the Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Froyle 100 Club Winners for April

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

William Knowles

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise. We have great wooden toys to play with: a dolls' house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop!

There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

The April meetings will only be on Thursdays 19th and 26th because of Easter.

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

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Babysitter
needed tonight!

Anyone missing
a dog?

Free kids
bike!

Come to
our party!

Stolen parcel!
See anything?



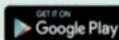
Please join your Bentley Binsted Froyle neighbours on Nextdoor

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

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

Ryan France-Moore, Isington Road

Sign up for Nextdoor today.



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Invite code: WLHXYP



The Meeting Place



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

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

Cake bakers for April

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

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

Kitchen Helpers for April

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

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

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

The Meeting Place at its best.....

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

Joan Ezzard

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

William Knowles

Better Balance

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

The dates for April are Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

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

Sue Sharman (22603)

Let Diet Put A Spring In Your Step

25 April 2018 11.30am – 1.30pm

Froyle Village Hall GU34 4LG

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

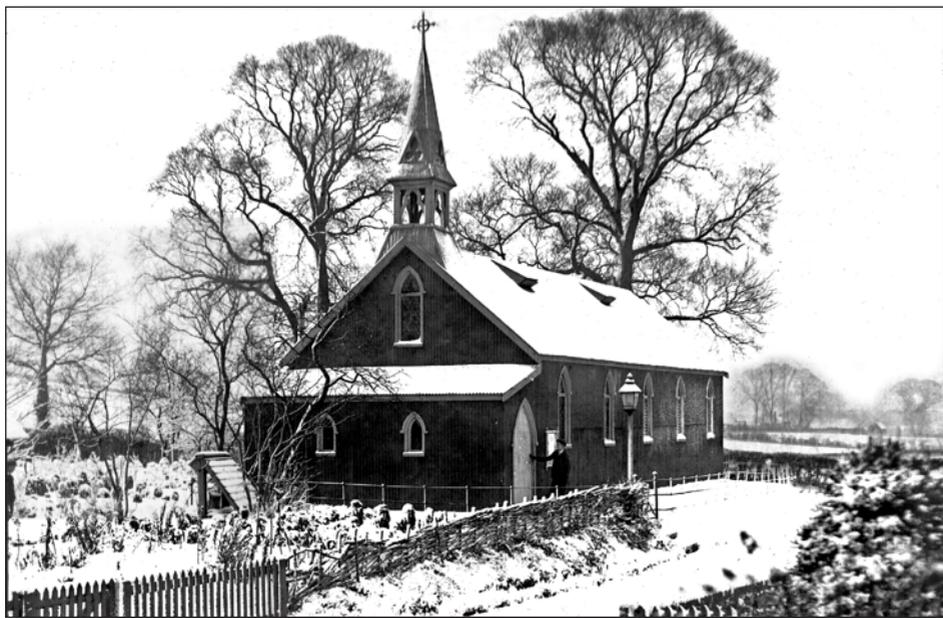
After Sarah’s talk, we will produce a light lunch using some of the foods Sarah has discussed.

Talk and lunch £20.

Please apply to Jo Mills (joannamills@yahoo.com) for tickets.



April News from The Froyle Archive



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

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

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

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

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com

GAMES AND PUZZLES

SUDOKU

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

NEW WORDS

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

What is the word?

DRY

SET

LIGHT

TRAP

BLOCK

SPOT

WORDS

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

AMPLE, JOLLY, FORCE, CHEST, SHEET

MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

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

Answers on page 26

We have received this notification from the Patients Participation Group:

Please Note — any queries to be addressed to: almitchinson@gmail.com

Annual Health Fest 2018

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone welcome regardless of which Practice you normally attend.



Talk - “Hampshire’s Amphibians and Reptiles”

Thursday 19th April 7.30pm, all welcome.

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

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



All welcome, entrance £2 members of Froyle Wildlife, £3 non members. For more information visit www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news.

Sue Clark (23520)

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

Madeleine Black

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



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

Barry Clark (23520)

Froyle Golf Day

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

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

More information in future months.

Ian Whitmore (22634)

No walking in Hampshire

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

R Ambling



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

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

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

SPRING SHOW
FRIDAY APRIL 13th
7.00pm
(staging 6.00-6.45)
PLANT STALL
RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS



Dates for the Diary

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

Brenda Milam (22216)

(IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

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

1 After the plague

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

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

"No – what was it?"

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

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

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

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

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

"Could have been."

"What does that mean?"

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

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

MOCKTAILS FOR SPRING

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

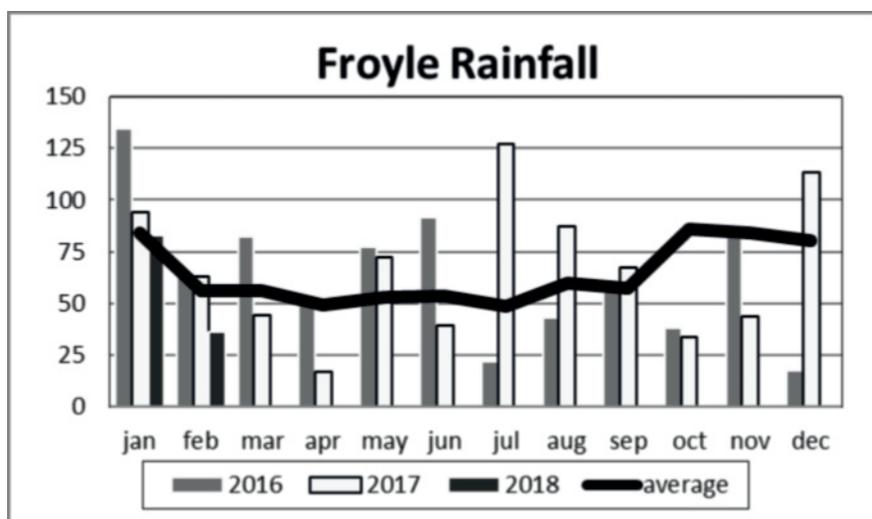
4. Chocolate Mocktini for Easter -- Fun for kids, too.

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

Mary Knowles

Froyle Rainfall for February, 2018

This year	36 mm	1.4 ins
Last year	63 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.2 ins
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for February – the 5 th driest month	55.8 mm	2.2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	119.0 mm	4.7 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	141.3 mm	5.6 ins



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

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



“The Umbrella Man”

EASTER EVENTS IN THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY BINSTED AND FROYLE



Maundy Thursday – 29th March

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

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

Good Friday – 30th March

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

Easter Saturday – 31st March

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

Easter Day – 1st April

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

9:30 am: Communion services at Bentley and Binsted

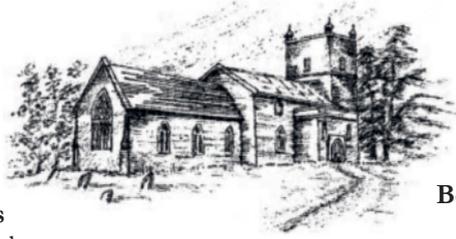
11:00 am: Communion service at Froyle



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APRIL SERVICES

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

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For I know I always can trust you.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Froyle Church Annual Meeting (APM/APCM)

Come to hear and discuss what the Church has been up to and our thoughts for the future. A formal notice and agenda will be posted on the Church notice boards the week beginning 1st April. **Thursday 19th April from 7.00pm** for a glass of wine before formal proceedings.



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



Great Holidays for Young People

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

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

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

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

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

David Perryman

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

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

GAMES AND PUZZLES – SOLUTIONS

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NEW WORDS

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

SUNdry SUNtrap
 SUNset SUNblock
 SUNlight SUNspot

WORDS

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

MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

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

Bentley CE Primary School April News

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

The Inspector, Mrs Sally Jenkins, noted:

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

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



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

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

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

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



The full report is available on the school website www.bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk.

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

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

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

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

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