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New Cover

Welcome to the April 2019 edition of your Froyle Village Magazine. As you will see we have changed the cover design, which highlights the work of local artist Anna MacInnes. The view is of the lane leading through Upper Froyle looking south-west. Many thanks to Anna for letting us use her drawing.

Don't forget that you can also read The Froyle Village Magazine online at

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

PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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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,
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Tickets £10 per head
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Wine and soft drinks will be available to buy during the evening
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A Talk
By
EDWARD HEPPER

**What does it mean?
Why is it important?**

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(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)

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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.

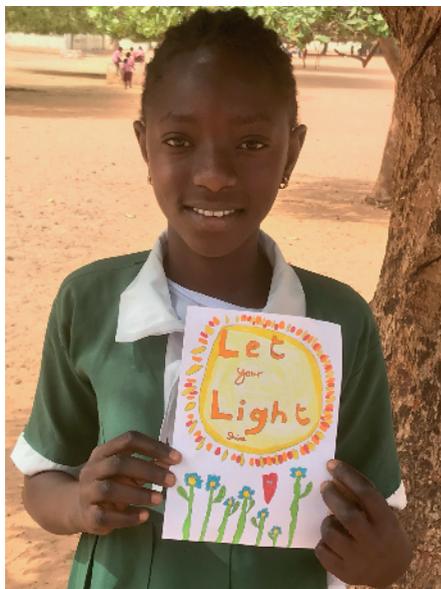
Work in the gardens is already under way and anxiety levels are beginning to rise that we will be ready in time. So we are on the lookout for volunteers to bake cakes, help with the teas in the village hall, organise the parking on the rec, sell tickets, put up and take down signs, distribute posters, 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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“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.

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- Vulnerable due to circumstance
- Disabled
- Victim of household crime

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

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



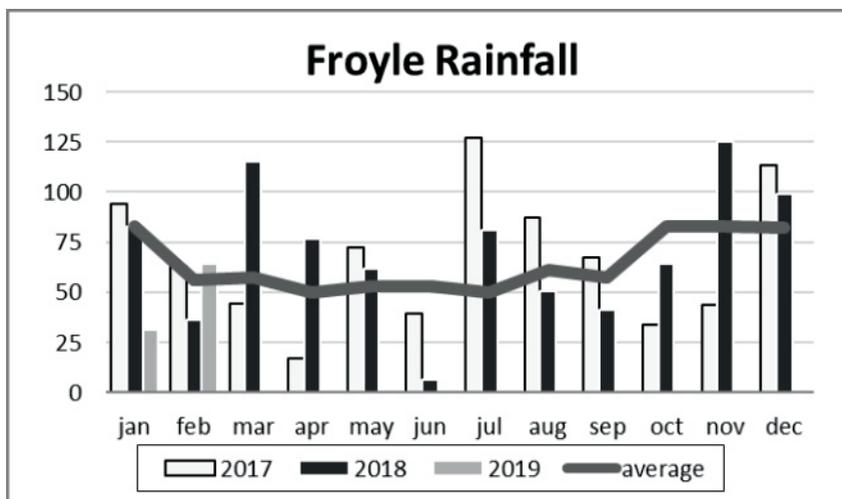
Planning has already started for this year's fete with plenty of fun for young and old alike.

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.

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St Mary's Supporting the Community



You are warmly invited to
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Mothering Sunday Service at Froyle Church

On Sunday 31st March
At 11 to 11.45am

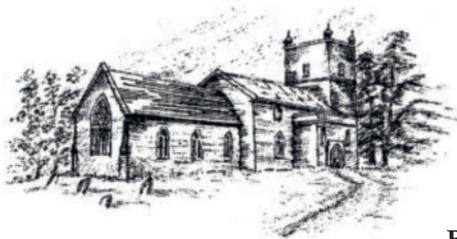
Please join us for this family-focussed service led by Yann.
Bring your mums, grandmothers, aunties and all the special
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given posies of flowers to hand out to their mums and other
women in the congregation.



ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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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

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Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861

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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.

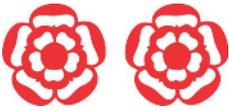
But now the news of the party had dried up and they were overdue. Farnham wasn't that far away and there was nothing to suggest that they should have been delayed, certainly not by a whole day. It would be extremely awkward if anything befell Falco, or the money: and if the Bishop were to return early 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?

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when the surgery is closed please call 111

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VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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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
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