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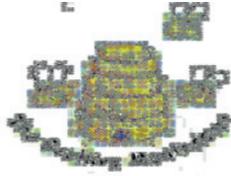
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*[magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com) and copied to [froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk)*

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk* - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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

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

## Report from the Parish Council Meeting

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday 12 November. Apologies were received from Cllr Alex Roberts and District Councillor Glynis Watts. Three members of the public were present.

Work began on preparing the budget for 2019-20. It was agreed to increase the amount of money available for grants to local groups.

A grant of £750 was agreed for the Froyle Archive as a contribution to running costs and a grant of £500 was agreed for the Baby and Toddler Group to fund new equipment and toys.

East Hants District Council (EHDC) are seeking further information about the proposed development adjacent to the Oast House in the Froyle Park Estate and will re-consult with the parish council.

EHDC have agreed that the failure to construct the footpath from the new estate to the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill is potentially a compliance matter and have asked the relevant officer to investigate.

A sign has been erected at Gate A, the entrance to the Linden Homes estate, to discourage guests of Froyle Park from entering. The sign is not at present optimally positioned.

Following further discussion between the Chairman of FPC and Sandy Hopkins the Chief Executive of EHDC, the Chairman of FPC has written to Ms Hopkins seeking clarification over issues relating to the planning permission and the premises licence for the Froyle Park venue. Residents are reminded that all instances of nuisance arising from the operation of the venue should be reported to the EHDC Environmental Health Officer ([chealth@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:chealth@easthants.gov.uk)).

FPC are reviewing the operation of ditches in the parish and instances of flooding during heavy rain. Residents who have concerns or knowledge of the various culverts and water courses and whose responsibility they are, are invited to contact the Parish Clerk.

A good crowd of residents and friends took part in the Remembrance Day ceremony in front of the newly refurbished war memorial which looked splendid in the bright sunshine. Further improvements to the area surrounding the war memorial are planned for the new year. Copies of Annette Booth's book about Froyle and the Great War 'Lest we forget' are available from Simon Maher ([simon.maher@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:simon.maher@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk)), price £10.

Minutes of FPC meetings along with other information can be found at [www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/)

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council will be held in the village hall at 7.45pm. on Monday 10 December. All residents are invited to attend. If there are matters you wish to raise please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above.





Bookings:  
Sarah Zorab  
01420 520361

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

## Hiring the Village Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks' accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door. Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know. Further information about the hall can be found at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

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

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## News from the Village Hall

The Froyle Quiz returned with a real bang and re-established the event as a regular feature of the 'Froyle Season'. The questions were well-considered (challenging but not too difficult) and the food was delicious. 13 tables competed enthusiastically and a second tie break was needed to decide the winners. Well done Kim Blake and friends!

*See overleaf for a message from Kim.*

The Bonfire Party on 5 November was once again a great success. A fine evening and a large crowd enjoyed a spectacular bonfire. Thanks to Tom Porter for his artistry with a top loader. The fireworks were better than ever so thanks to Nigel Southern and his fellow pyrotechnicians. There was plenty to eat and drink. The playground was very popular with the children. The bucket collection was conducted vigorously and raised just over £800 which ensured a modest surplus to go towards next year's party. Far too many residents helped with the event to mention by name but we should single out Karen Potter who is an organisational phenomenon or should that be phenomena. The burnt patch of grass has been reseeded.



**Message from Kim Blake:**

HUGE thanks to everyone who came and supported the quiz at the Village Hall on Saturday October 27th which raised an incredible £870.56 for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

The pressure not to win was off as next year's organisers had already volunteered so team FLOWER POWER went home with the trophy.

Extra thanks go to Ian Whitmore, who apart from running the bar, helped enormously with the organisation, and Sarah Lovell who ensured that the kitchen ran like clockwork.

**Nelson's Column**

and

**The Sydney Opera House**



came joint first in the Playdoh Famous Buildings Challenge. Next year the quiz will be organised by The Gardening Club. Once again, many thanks to all who came and took part.

*Kim Blake (07768 273858)*

*News from the Village Hall, continued*

Froyle Film Night featured 'Journey's End' the recent production of the famous 1928 play by R C Sherriff. It proved a fitting accompaniment to the remembrance celebrations for the end of World War I. It was not an easy film to watch but a good audience of over 50 found it a moving experience. Our next film night will be in early spring. Suggestions for a good comedy are welcome. We are grateful for all those who booked in advance as this makes it much easier to cater. The committee appreciates that the hall chairs are not the most comfortable for a long sit but having considered providing cushions the problem remains one of storage.

The store room has recently been tidied. Could we encourage all users to help keep it that way by placing tables in the correct trolleys and stacking chairs as directed?

## *News from the Village Hall, continued*

The new front doors have been refitted with flanges to make them much more weather tight. The key code has been removed and the new locks work easily with no need to shoulder barge the door. Please treat gently and ensure that the single key is returned to the key safe after use.

Unfortunately the key safe is directly under a down pipe with a tendency to block so we apologise to those who have got soaked recently trying to access the hall. The pipe has now been unblocked. Apparently we have the wrong sort of moss on the roof.

There have been reports of intermittent hot water which is annoying for washer-uppers. We finally tracked down the problem but sadly this coincided with a major issue with the boiler. Faced with the choice between an expensive repair and a new boiler with a long guarantee the committee opted for the latter. The new boiler a 'Which' Magazine best buy was installed within four days which we think is something of a record. We then discovered that our control system which allows the Secretary to set the heating from the comfort of his bed was incompatible. Fortunately the new control system will be more efficient and use less gas thanks to a feature called 'weather compensation'. In due course we will explain what this is once we have worked out what it means.

Our insurance this year is over £1,300. That is a lot of £25 sessions. But the good news is that if the Chairman of the committee is kidnapped, the insurer will pay out £250 a day for forty days. But exactly who to is not completely clear.

The committee welcomes Molly Scotton to their ranks. Molly is doing good work getting the Baby and Toddler Group going again. Please encourage any Mums you know to join. Meetings are held on Thursday mornings.

**Finally we hope all residents will join us at the village hall on Friday 21 December at 5pm for carols, mulled wine and mince pies. Happy Christmas.**

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

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## MEETING PLACE FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER



There will be a Treloar table laden with gifts at The Meeting Place. Discover what Treloar's can do and pick up a present or two.

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**FROYLE  
CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS**

**FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

**MEET IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

**at 5.00 p.m**

**Christmas Carols gathered around the tree  
mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Should the weather be bad we will simply sing in the hall!**



# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am-12 noon. All are welcome to join us for delicious homemade cake, hot drinks and to catch up with the local news. There are books to borrow and any surplus local garden produce will be found a good home.



## THE CHRISTMAS MEETING PLACE

**FRIDAY 21st December 10am - 12.00 noon**

As well as the usual tea and coffee, we shall be serving mince pies, cakes and nibbles, washed down with something seasonal! Hopefully we shall not be too overcome to stop us singing some carols, as well as holding our grand Christmas raffle and maybe a visit from Father Christmas.

**Offers of raffle prizes gratefully received.**

### **Cake Bakers for December**

It is an enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by **Thursday** it would be much appreciated.

7th	Susie Robertson	Jenny Dundas	Mary Chaplin	Sarah English
14th	Brenda Milam	Caroline Findlay	Helen Macdonald	Ann Netherway
21st	Jenny Gove	Madeleine Black	Jo Mills	Jenny Matthews
28th	Cakes from the freezer			

Please let us know if you are unable to bake for any reason and if you would like to claim reasonable baking expenses.

### **Kitchen Helpers for December**

7th	Jan Elliott	Yvonne Irvine
14th	David Robertson	William Knowles
21st	The Meeting Place Team	
28th	Corinna Whines	Marje Heyhurst

Please arrange swaps amongst yourselves, but do let us know if there are any problems. *With the later start time, there is no need to be at the hall before 10.15am.*

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

## 100 Years at The Meeting Place

At the end of October we celebrated a very special birthday at the Meeting Place; Maisie Pritchard's 100th! Born in Lake, Sandown, IOW, she came to Froyle as a bride 75 years ago. She first lived with her in-laws in one of the Church Cottages before being offered one of the brand new Swedish wood houses in Westburn Fields.



She remembers her first visit to Froyle, an unhappy week's holiday, but after moving here she would not now live anywhere else!

A few days later we celebrated Maisie's introduction to Reuben Hornsby (with proud Mum, Jess), born on 11 November - the Meeting Place welcomes young and old alike!



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### Froyle 100 Club Winners for November

The 100 Club winners for November were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Jeanette Cray

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Elliott

3<sup>rd</sup> – Shirley Bellis

4<sup>th</sup> – James Hudleston

Congratulations to all winners.

AND..... two important things to bear in mind as we approach the New Year, when subscriptions to the 100 Club are renewed:

First: Many of you have asked to set up regular direct payments but have not had any follow-up from me on it, because I keep forgetting.... Now is the best time to put a regular payment mechanism in place, so that it takes effect from the New Year, so please do remind me in the first week or two of December – it is much easier to set up regular payments than it used to be, and the more people who pay by direct transfer the better.

Secondly: To anyone in Froyle who is not currently a member of the 100 Club, do join in time for the New Year! It costs £12 a year, for which you will be allocated a number which goes into a monthly draw made on the first Friday of the month at the Meeting Place at FVH – you do not have to be present at the draw to win. We pay out half our subscription money in prizes over the year, so everyone has a good chance of winning – the other half goes to the village hall. There are currently four prizes a month, with a top prize of £30. The more members we have, the greater the prize money, the more the Village Hall benefits and the more entertaining it all is, so join now for 2019!

*William (07775 928933) [wbk@wbkenowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbkenowles.com)*

# Thank you

Janet, Katy and Nicola would like to thank everyone for their continual support and love over the last year as we nursed John through his illness. Thank you to everyone who gave flowers to decorate the Church and to Karen and the team who arranged them. John's funeral was a celebration of his life and the bright colours reflected his love of life.

Janet Dobson

## The Froyle Card Games Club – a participant's view

This group is great fun – it clears away any Monday blues! We meet once a month and the numbers vary but there are always enough people so every one gets to play. There are choices of games which are nearly all 'family favourites'. Caroline and David do a great job with all the admin so that we all just get to play – and enjoy tea or coffee and a nibble of something too. I'm not actually a resident in Lower Froyle but a family member, and am made to feel most welcome, so I feel sure that anyone who comes to join in will be made welcome too. Do come and 'have a go' – the first Monday of the month, 2.30 – 4.30, and £2 well spent.



### The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall



**It's the Card  
Club Christmas  
Party!!!**



The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee), biscuits and maybe even a bit of Christmas cake.

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

**But any card or board game can be played, Uno, Scrabble, Rummikub...you name it, we'll play it...**



Caroline Findlay (22019)  
David Robertson (520820)





# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

## FROYLE GARDENING CLUB

Our October meeting was held on a particularly wet night but the meeting was quite well attended. Our speaker Mr David Cheston gave us a fascinating talk on his life as a gardener in the 1950s at Waddeston Manor. He was also able to show us illustrations of the garden and the 50 gardeners who cared for the stunning Victorian garden in the early 1900s. Some of the colour schemes were quite interesting! For those of you who haven't been it is well worth a visit. Very interesting if rather "over the top".

On 14th December we will hold our A.G.M. I will be resigning but Anne Blunt has bravely decided to continue. I would like to take this opportunity to point out how lucky we are to have Anne as president. She pays great attention to detail so she maintains a high standard in everything, she takes such an active interest and does many tasks she would not normally be expected to carry out. Her devotion to the Floral Art workshops is amazing, only charging for expenses. She now has 2 workshops instead of one on the same day, we are just so fortunate. So many thanks Ann.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*



## Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family.  
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots of soft toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call Molly on 07595354619



6th December	Christmas week	Make christmas cards and wrapping paper
13th December	Christmas week	Mulled punch and mince pies anyone?
20th December	Christmas week - you can never have too much christmas!	Salt dough handprint decorations

# December News from The Froyle Archive

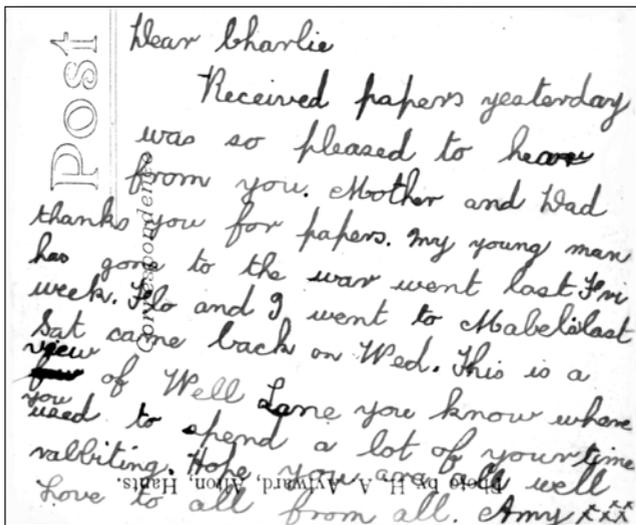
## World War One - The Well Lane Postcard



In 1998, one of our earliest website updates told the story of this postcard. The picture on the left shows Well Lane, which leads from

Lower Froyle, starting opposite “The Old Malthouse”, formerly the “Prince of Wales”, to the small hamlet of Well. We believe the photograph was taken around 1912, but the card was posted in 1914. The postmark is quite clear - August 23rd 1914 - 19 days

after the start of World War 1. It was sent to a Mr. Charles Taylor in Walthamstow, Essex by his sister, Amy, the daughter of James & Agnes Jane Taylor - who also had a son Charles Frederick, baptised three years earlier on January 15th 1893. This would put Amy as 18 or 19 in 1914. The family were living in one of the cottages in the Rockhouse Farm area. At the time we did not know who Amy’s ‘young man’ was, or if he survived the War, but the Church Records did show that on 24th April 1916, Amy Louisa Taylor married Thomas George Tindale at St. Mary’s Church, Upper Froyle. A happy ending, maybe?



Twenty years after that update, on the evening of Armistice Day 2018, we received an email from a descendant of the Taylor family who confirmed that both Thomas Tindale and Charles Taylor survived the war. We know now that this particular story *did* end happily!

*A Very Happy Christmas to you all from The Froyle Archive*

*Chris & Annette Booth*

*Visit us at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)*

# Preparing for Winter



*Help yourself to stay safe and well in cold weather and look out for friends and neighbours who might be vulnerable to the cold or who may find it harder to get out and about.*

**Get your heating system serviced annually.** Ask your landlord if you are a tenant. Claim all the financial support you can to help with heating bills. You may be eligible for Cold Weather Payments Winter Fuel Payment or the Warm Home Discount Scheme. Contact the Environment Centre for more info on 0800 804 8601.

**Prepare for freezing temperatures** – if water pipes freeze they can burst. Do you know where your water mains stopcock is? Keep extra food items in cupboards and freezer in case it is too cold to go shopping.

**Keep your paths and steps clear in icy weather** – keep a mix of salt and sand handy, available from DIY shops. Keep an eye on the weather forecast so you can prepare in good time. Sign up for free flood warning from Floodline on 0345 988 1188 if your area is liable to floods.

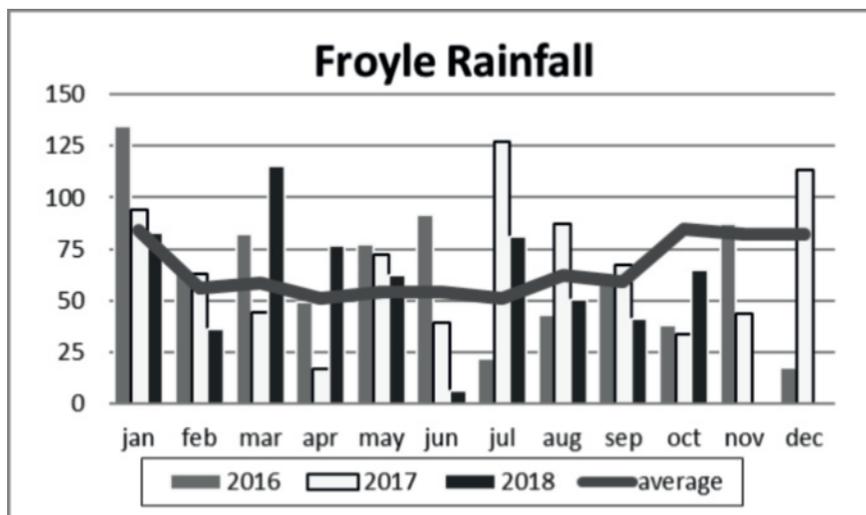
*Village Agents are volunteers supported by Age Concern Hampshire to help older people to find information and services in their local community.*

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



## Froyle Rainfall for October 2018

<b>This year</b>	64.5 mm	2.5 ins
<b>Last year</b>	33.5 mm	1.3 ins
<b>Wettest October (1987) – the wettest ever month</b>	226 mm	8.9 ins
<b>Driest October (1978)</b>	7 mm	0.3 ins
<b>October long-term average – the wettest month</b>	84.8 mm	3.3 ins
<b>Total rainfall for the year so far</b>	616.5 mm	24.3 ins
<b>Long-term average for the year to end October</b>	615 mm	24.2 ins



Having looked like being wetter than usual, October ended up being some 20% below the average, which makes it the fourth such October in a row, and we haven't had in living memory. In fact, the last time we had such an occurrence was seven in a row from 1969 to 1975 and in most of those years the total rainfall for the year was way below the long-term trend



**“The Umbrella Man”**

### The Robin – Britain’s Favourite Bird



At this time of year robins can be seen everywhere and not just in gardens and woodlands. The characterful little birds adorn Christmas cards, wrapping paper, cakes and more. They have been a symbol of the Christmas season since Victorian times because their



distinctive rusty red breasts were compared to the red waistcoats of Victorian postmen.

Despite their cheerful appearance, robins are highly territorial. In the springtime males allow females into their territories and nests are built from leaves, moss and hair. Nests are sometimes built in unusual locations such as old wellies, teapots and even jacket pockets. Robins typically lay 4-6 white eggs. The young eventually grow pale brown speckled feathers, ideal for camouflage.

Robins eat seeds, fruit and invertebrates such as insects and worms. You can encourage robins to your garden by feeding them from the ground or bird tables because it can be difficult for them to perch on feeders. Vine House Farm sells bird feeders and food specifically for robins, which you can purchase online. Alternatively you may wish to try the recipe below – it’s a little messy so it’s great if you have some helpful children about!

#### **Bird cake**

Ingredients: bird seed, raisins, grated cheese, suet or lard.

Equipment: yoghurt pots, string, scissors and mixing bowl.

1. Attach the string to the yoghurt pot by threading it through a hole made in the base.
2. Ensure the lard is at room temperature, cut it into small pieces and add it to the mixing bowl with the other ingredients.
3. Squidge the mixture together and then push it into the yoghurt pots.
4. After cooling the pots in the fridge, hang them out on tree branches or push into hedges.

For the full instructions and pictures see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-a-speedy-bird-cake>.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**  
**Saturday 1 December at 6.30 pm**  
**Froyle Church**

Those of you who have been to this in previous years will know what a special event this is. This candlelit service of Advent comprises a mix of anthems sung by the choir, hymns sung by everyone and readings given by various people. It is one of the most atmospheric and inspiring events in our church calendar. It is both a solemn and a happy occasion. Do come along, particularly if you enjoy choral music – or just to get a special foretaste of the Christmas season to come.



**St Mary's Church Christmas Decorations**

The theme this year will be Red and Gold. We shall fill the church with greenery, holly, ivy etc on **Sunday 16th** at 9.30am prior to the Carol Service in the evening. Then we shall add flowers and other decorations on **Sunday 23rd**, again starting at 9.30am. All help and contributions will be most welcome.

*Sarah Thursfield (23294) and Gill Bradley (520484)*



***The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle***  
***would like to invite Senior Residents to an***  
***Advent Lunch***

***on Thursday 6th December from 12.15pm at Bentley Church Hall***  
***Soup and rolls***

***Please contact Gill Thallon Tel: 23538 Email:gill.thallon@btopenworld.com***

***Lifts can be arranged.***

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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

## Churchwarden:

**Mr. William Knowles**

Park Edge

Upper Froyle

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



## Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23538)

## Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

## Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke  
(07519 046593)

## DECEMBER SERVICES

<b>Saturday 1st</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Advent by Candlelight</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Friday 14th	6.30pm	Binsted	The Real Nativity
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
Friday 21st	6.30pm	Bentley	The Road to the Stable
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	11.00am	Bentley	Joint Benefice Service with Children's Groups
<i>Christmas Eve</i>			
<b>Monday 24th</b>	4.00pm	Bentley	Christingle Service
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
	<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	11.00am	Binsted	Joint Benefice Service

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

**Dear all,**

As the copy deadline for this magazine is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication, I often find that when I finally get around to writing my letter, I am somewhat preoccupied by recent events, rather than those about to come. So at the moment, as I'm preparing for this year's Remembrance Day services, Peace is very much on my mind. November 11<sup>th</sup> will bring our 100 days of prayer for Peace and Reconciliation to a close and I hope that some of you will have seen our prayer stations in Binsted, Froyle and Bentley and shared in our prayers on our Facebook page.

However, much of the time leading up to this date has been anything but peaceful, with the tricks and treats of Halloween, closely followed by the fiery rockets of Bonfire Night. And much of the season to come is far from peaceful for many of us, with frantic Christmas shopping in crowded stores, tiring journeys to far flung relatives, fractious children and excesses of good food and alcoholic drinks.

Yet, in the midst of all this jollity and mayhem, if we can seek moments of peace, we can reflect on what Christmas really means. Think of the carols and hymns we know so well and how in addition to praising the wonder of the Nativity, they frequently mention peace... *Peace on earth and mercy mild... peace to men on earth... Peace on the earth, good-will to men... Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!*

Of course peace can mean many things to us. For some it is a quiet early morning, before the bustle of the day begins, for others it is when we escape the clamour of our families to walk the dog or, better still, when the family walks the dog and we have a chance to read and relax. And when we share the Peace in our church services, we are not asking for quiet as we move from pew to pew shaking hands and sometimes embracing, we are pledging to share the peace that comes from being reconciled with God and encouraging each other to be on peaceful terms with our neighbours and friends.

Peace is a central theme in the Bible, Jesus often using the greeting "Peace be with you", a translation of the Hebrew *shalom aleichem*. *Shalom*, most usually translated with the English word 'peace' can also be translated as harmony, wholeness, completeness, welfare or tranquility. *Shalom* can describe both the peace between two entities (especially between man and God or between two countries), and the well-being, welfare or safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

And so I hope that all of us, this Christmas, will enjoy true peace - one of harmony, wholeness, well-being and completeness. If we are besieged by friends and family and begin to feel fractious may we be tranquil; if we are alone over the holidays may we experience completeness and may others offer friendliness. And praying that we will find some kind of peace at Christmas, we will be better able to face the challenges of the year ahead with mental and spiritual calm.

**Blessings,  
Yann**

## Centenary of the First World War Armistice in Froyle



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 saw many moving commemorations across the United Kingdom, Europe and the Commonwealth to mark the century of the Armistice: the common theme was the importance of a spirit of reconciliation. In Froyle, both at the War Memorial and later in St Mary's Church, many were also moved. The conclusion of the service marked the end of our special tribute over the last four years to the 30 men of Froyle

who left their homes and families in the village never to return. It was particularly poignant to have two currently serving soldiers living in Froyle recall the names, service details and relationship with the village of all those who died. It was doubly poignant that the great niece of the Aitcheson brothers joined us. Thanks to all, and special thanks to Lt Col David Hunt and Capt Marius Reeves.

**We will remember them**

*Sarah Roberts*

# Transcending Time

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## ONE STAR HOTEL

The young couple had hung on as long as they could in the village a few miles out. She was expecting her first. Inexperienced as they were they could tell that the baby was nearly due. "It's time to go" she said, but her husband was already collecting their few belongings together, throwing them in a bundle over his shoulder.

There had been a fine road into the city's outer suburbs but now it was pitted, potholed, cratered by months of shelling and mortar fire. They trudged painfully, each with a burden, towards the faint glow reflected by the clouds over the western end of town.

It had been a fine hotel until the war, attracting many holidaymakers from North West Europe, always fully booked. Now much of the roof sagged across the swimming pool at a crazy angle, and its red tiles had cascaded into the tennis court. The second storey bedrooms were open to the sky and from directly above the picture would have been of a breeze block maze. The hotel was full. There were three times as many occupants as there were in pre-war glory days, but these were in the main irregular soldiers, defenders of a beleaguered city. A self-styled Colonel seemed to have assumed casual command.

The young couple looked without much hope for space in the once luxurious lounge, now damaged beyond repair yet occupied by what were clearly family groups, huddled together for warmth. The Colonel gestured to a companion who asked their names and could hardly fail to notice the young woman's condition. "You'll have to go with the others in the garage" he said, "they'll find a corner for you". The garage was huge and almost intact, built to protect the pre-war tourists' Mercedes. The young man stood hesitantly in the entrance. A woman from his own village looked up, and relieved perhaps at finding something positive to do, busied herself and a friend making space and some sort of comfort for his pregnant wife. Women silenced their children and bustled to such effect that a shrapnel-scarred mattress and blankets were found. A communal pot yielded some warming soup. A young boy, following whispered words from his mother, left the garage, to return after a hazardous climb to the upper rooms with torn sheets, which his mother folded into ordered shape and handed to the new arrivals. "For the baby" she whispered.

Two hours later the village woman smiled up at her former neighbour. "You got here just in time. You've got a boy". A buzz went round the garage, and some clapped their hands, gently, falteringly. Curious, attracted by the sounds, the Colonel looked in, saw what had happened, grinned briefly, and went back to his bunk in the hotel. There seemed to be some activity on the hill, so the Colonel sent a message for the perimeter guards to bring in the two cows and the goats. Their hooves rattled on the garage floor in the far corner. The guards strolled over, curious to see the child, smiling, nodding to the proud parents, and made off looking for coffee grounds to boil up for a third time, stacking their weapons within reach.

From across town the three observers had made their way westward towards the city's outer boundary through desultory gunfire. They had frequently to backtrack in the truck and seek an alternative route because of the state of the roads. The Major was not well-pleased, he could have done with some sleep, but Intelligence had said that something was going on in

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the Colonel's sector. Needs must as advisers to investigate. The Colonel met them on the hotel steps, assured them all was quiet, found a bottle of brandy.

"Nothing happening tonight then?" asked the Major. "Well, someone had a baby. Life goes on! What a start in life... Mother and baby doing well?" grumbled the Corporal who didn't sound all that interested. "Let's go look" said the Lieutenant.

They took in the garage scene, smiled and nodded to the young couple, and touched the baby bundle, awkwardly, as men do. "There must be something in the truck" said the Major. The Corporal came back with some Gold Blend, some flour and some milk. Powdered, but milk all the same. The young couple beamed. The women beamed and began to busy themselves with these precious gifts. The advisers looked awkward again, embarrassed. "We ought to get back, I suppose" said the Major, making for the truck, swapping a steel helmet for his blue beret, though the night, nearing morning, was strangely quiet. Even the spasmodic mortar fire from the hill to the South had stopped. As the Corporal got into the driver's seat he could hear a drift of song and a guitar, faint at this distance from the Hotel. The young Lieutenant climbed in beside the driver. "I wonder what they'll call him" he said. The three case-hardened advisers were oddly subdued.

"I wonder what he'll make of himself" said the Major, opening his journal to a new blank sheet, hunting in his thigh pocket for a biro. He turned back a page under the dim light in the rear of the truck to remind himself of the date and, with an upright hand, headed up the new page "Sarajevo, 25<sup>th</sup> December 1994".

*Ted Crowhurst (23156)*



## CHRISTMAS Messy Church Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

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Entrance free.

Messy Church Team Co-Ordinator: Nick Carter (01420 472861)  
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## News from Bentley Church of England Primary School

Music has always played a huge part in life at Bentley Church of England Primary School. We host some absolutely fantastic and inspiring music teachers who offer a great breadth to the pupils at our school with lessons offered in school - piano, violin, flute, rock group with Rock Steady, guitar and recorder. Just as with learning to read in English or persevering with long division in maths, or working to master your favourite game online, learning an instrument is a BIG commitment. It is a real delight year on year to see how many resilient young learners are inspired to learn and we have the joy of music throughout the year with our very best musicians being invited to join our Orchestra.

Our wonderful school choir regularly perform at school.

They visit Bentley Lodge to sing Christmas carols each year and our Year 6 children visit Pax Hill to join them in a Carol concert, something I know all the residents look forward to each year.



*2017 X Factor winner*

In the Autumn term we hold an *School choir at Bentley Lodge* 'X-Factor' singing competition which our Upper KS2 pupils are invited to audition for, the finals taking place in front of the whole school and the winner is selected by our panel of judges, including a professional musician. The final is always an exciting event and provides an excellent chance for the children to perform in front of an audience.

All of the children have the opportunity to audition for our bi-annual B-Fest music festival held every other year in the summer term. This year's festival saw over 120 children audition – from soloists, to duets, to bands – performing current chart hits, songs from musical theatre and even one piece of original music and lyrics composed by one of our pupils. It was an amazing event and truly showcased the fantastic talent and bravery of our children, with the final 40 acts performing on stage for an audience of over 500 visitors to our festival. We even had a surprise performance from the Staff Band!



*Rock Stead Band performing at B-Fest*

Next January 60 of our children will be performing 16 songs at the Young Voices concert at London's O2 Arena, along with 7000 other children – an experience we are sure they will never forget!

All our classes have music lessons with their class teachers. At the moment we teach instrumental work using recorders in Years 3 and 4, and across the school using the

glockenspiels and also voice. We would like to expand our teaching with ukuleles as several members of staff enjoy this instrument and it would add a stringed instrument, and our PTFA are currently fundraising to purchase these. For many pupils the class lessons lead onto take up of an individual instrument as they move into either juniors or into secondary school.

From the blues to classical pieces to the current chart music, most of us have a favourite piece or two and we encourage children to learn more about music through our class composers and performing artists. For example Year 4 have studied the work of ABBA, Year R have listened with great enjoyment to Tchaikovsky and Year 1 have learnt to spot the musical compositions of Mozart. All great to build up a musical repertoire and appreciation of a wide range of genres.

*Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher*

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## **Christmas Crackers!**



In keeping with the traditional ‘awful’ Christmas cracker jokes, you may enjoy these soundbites from various church newsletters. It’s amazing what a difference a little proofreading would have made!

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled owing to a conflict.

The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water”.

The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus”.

The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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Potluck supper, Sunday at 5.00 pm – prayer and medication to follow”.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare’s Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: “I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours”.

# BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP

## Christmas and New Year closures 2018/2019

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group hospital car service will not be available over the Christmas/New Year period. This is an annual occurrence as most people are able to ask for support from family & friends at this time.

The closure will be from 5.00pm on Friday 21st December 2018 until 9.00am on Wednesday 2nd January 2019. We hope this does not cause undue problems for our clients.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients, past and present, and our volunteers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy & peaceful New Year.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Cathy Smith, Secretary, on 01420 520169.

## Annual General Meeting

The 2018/19 Annual General Meeting of the Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, at 12.30pm, in the Wickham Institute hall in Binsted.

The meeting will be followed by a buffet lunch and everyone is very welcome.

For further information please contact Cathy Smith, Secretary, on 01420 520169.

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## WATCH YOUR SPEED

The Froyle Speedwatch Group continues its break over the winter. Please do get in touch if you would like to join the team in the spring. In the meantime, here are a few more reminders of the dangers of speeding, taken from the ROSPA Road Safety Fact Sheet.



*Gordon Mitchell, Froyle Speedwatch Coordinator  
champersg@hotmail.com 01420 89728*

**FACT**

The difference in stopping distance between travelling at 30 mph and 35 mph is 6.4 metres (21 feet) or more than 2 car lengths.

**FACT**

If average speeds were reduced by 1 mph the accident rate would fall by approximately 5%.

## Partridge or Pheasant

If anyone wishes to have a pack of partridge or pheasant breast, please let *Jenny Gove* know on 23697 (there is an answerphone) by any Thursday evening, and they can be picked up the next day, Friday, at 11am from the Meeting Place.

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## Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group is fast approaching 50 members and is becoming a useful resource for community discussion, photography, walks, meetings and other events in our area.

We would like to extend a welcome to all residents within Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle to join and participate in this growing online group. To become a member, please search Facebook for "Froyle Residents" and select the button to Join the Group.

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*Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)*

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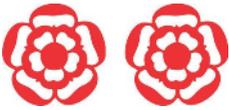
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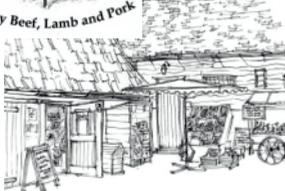


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