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(PC) met on 15th November and draft minutes are available on the PC website.

The PC welcomed Geoff Woollen of the Bentley Station Road and Weybank Community action group to brief the PC on the proposed Bentley station crossing closure and new footbridge. similar design

to the one at Alton station. The action group do not object to the crossing being made safer but would like other solutions to be considered by Network Rail such as lights and bells or an underpass before accepting the proposed bridge and lifts which has its own safety issues due to the station being unmanned. Some residents may have attended the second National Rail public consultation on 23rd November but if not, further information can be found on the action group's website at <https://stationroad.net/level-crossing>

The PC approved a quote for hedge cutting and bramble removal along Ryebridge Lane up to the Village Hall. This work along with cutting the Recreation Ground hedge along Ryebridge Lane should have been completed by the end of November. It was also agreed to replace the gate into the Recreation ground which is starting to rot.

The PC will follow up with the landowner to implement the agreed works to reduce the risk of flooding on Ryebridge Lane in Upper Froyle. This was deferred to the autumn but is now becoming urgent as groundwater levels rise and flooding is occurring again after heavy rain.

The PC agreed to accept the quote from SSE Networks to disconnect the electricity supply from the football hut in preparation for its demolition. Discussions were held on provision of the community facilities that were to be delivered by the hut renovation project. Priority will be given to developing a covered seating area and an accessible toilet with the additional storage being provided when the needs have been reassessed. Proposals will now be progressed in conjunction with the Village Hall. As residents will appreciate, the future use of the hut location has been a difficult issue to resolve over the years and hopefully with the action taken to demolish it, fresh opportunities can now be considered and actioned.

An eco strategy is being prepared for discussion by the PC in January and residents views would be welcome. Please pass these to the Clerk or any PC member.

Around the village – three new planning applications were received since the last PC meeting. Two of these were for tree felling and the third a rear extension in Lower Froyle. The PC agreed not to comment on any of these applications.

Concerns were expressed about an application to ‘create a new highway access, area of hard standing with a turning area to support an existing agricultural use’ on the land along Froyle Road and Main Road, Bentley opposite the A31 slip road. The PC’s concerns will be followed up with Bentley PC and an objection raised. Details can be found, and comments submitted via the EHDC planning portal and searching for application 51579.

EHDC have approved the application by Froyle Estate (Belport) for a grain dryer at Round Wood in Upper Froyle. This approval came with a number of conditions including HGV movements on Colthouse Lane. These conditions have addressed many of the concerns raised by the PC when it reviewed the application. The decision and conditions can be found on the EHDC planning portal and searching for application 59263.

District Councillor Costigan reported that he had been advised by Harbour Hotels that the planning application for the new extractor system at Froyle Park will be resubmitted to EHDC for approval before the end of November. The PC will alert residents living adjacent to the venue when it has been submitted. In an ongoing attempt to improve signage and address the problem of ‘lost guests’, the PC has written to Froyle Park suggesting that their website is updated with improved directions and a finger sign is installed at the top of Hen & Chicken Hill

District Councillor Costigan was asked about the status of the Chawton Park housing development. He advised that this was not now the preferred site with others, including ones that had previously been rejected, being reconsidered possibly with a split allocation over more than one site. The A31 corridor is a prime candidate for development to meet EHDC’s housing allocation from Government because a significant proportion of EHDC is within the South Downs National Park so site(s) for the full allocation of houses have to be found elsewhere. The basis of allocation is being actively challenged with Government by EHDC and local MP’s.

Residents who have previously objected to Veolia’s proposed incinerator will have seen that a further public consultation was held during November. With this consultation closing on 29th November, it is thought unlikely that the application will be considered at the next Regulatory Committee meeting on 15th December. As reported in the Alton Herald and on BBC South Today, HCC’s Landscape department formally objected to the location of the incinerator but HCC did not make this public as they are obliged to do.

Hampshire County Council have updated their **Wheels to Work** scheme to include motorised scooters and issued information on **September 2022 school admissions**. Please see posters on the noticeboards or contact Clerk for details.

Please note that the next PC meeting has been rescheduled and will now be held on **Wednesday 15th December** at 19.00 in the Village Hall. For information about PC meetings, useful contacts and events around the village visit the PC website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

The PC website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk and Facebook page provide useful information about PC activities including meeting minutes and annual accounts, village events and is a useful directory with links to local contacts and activities.

From the Quiz organisers-

A very successful Annual Charity Quiz was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th October. An account of the evening is to be found in the Froyle Village news roundup. (see page 5)

As outgoing winners from the last quiz two years ago, our team were mandated to organise the next quiz, after a slight, COVID-induced, hiccup, in 2021. The team was reduced for various reasons, but with a lot of help from willing helpers a very interesting evening ensued.

We chose as a beneficiary charity, Cardiac Rehab Alton: not without coincidence, considering the demographic of the participants!

Their response was very rewarding:

Thank you very much to you, and the Froyle Quiz Night attendees, for supporting our work with your recent donation of £450.00.

The Cardiac Rehab Centre is now fully operational with over 50 hours a week of supervised exercise sessions at the Centre, outdoor and online, incorporating classes, independent exercise sessions and steady and strong falls prevention. We are also operating normally in terms of the social side with classes gathering in reception and supporting each other as before.

However, not everyone has been able to return and so our aim in the coming months will be to re-build and rejuvenate the Cardiac Rehab service. We are working with GPs to identify patients who would benefit from Staywell and seeing a steady flow of referrals. We have also developed a long COVID rehabilitation programme to help those in need of physical re-conditioning after COVID.

Every penny really does count to ensure that the Cardiac Rehab Centre can continue operations, and so thank you once again for your support.

So well done quizzers. Next year's quiz promises a more youthful interrogation. Watch this space.

Back by popular demand! FROYLE'S FLYING CAROLS

Wednesday 22nd December

To celebrate the greatest story ever told, the Froyle Flyers' Magical Christmas Sleigh will be touring the village.

Singing will be (s)led from:

Miller Lane playground, Upper Froyle, 6pm

The Village Hall car park, 6:30pm

Hodges Farm, Lower Froyle, 7pm

Hussey's Lane, Lower Froyle, 7:30pm

Vote for your choice of carols on the Froyle Residents' Facebook group, or text your favourite Christmas tune to

07896 840168.

Then pop along to hark the heralding and join in with gusto.

PLEASE STAY SAFE

- Bring a torch and lashings of common sense
- Dress warmly





Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

It's been a busy month at the Village Hall. The Froyle Quiz returned with ten unlikely named teams battling for top honours: Nerd Immunity, Not So Great Expectations, Frank Einsteins among others. The evening began with cheese and biscuits, pork pies, pickles and cheesy anagrams which defeated all but a few (resolute cubed log?). Questions on art, sport and geography followed and were nicely judged to rack the brains. A round on initials and acronyms caused the most difficulty (What does 'FLOTUS' stand for?). Questions on cities were the easiest (15 miles south of the equator?) and curiously that's when six teams played their joker doubling their score for that round. At half time Six No Trumps were ahead by a single point. Following further delicious refreshments questions on science, food and drink, and musical gardens followed maintaining a brisk pace. In the last couple of rounds Slower Froyle pushed through to a clear and convincing victory. So well done the Carrs, the Pickerings, Sheila Cottington and Ian Whitmore. Solace perhaps for losing the tug of war at the Festival. Upper Froyle may have the brawn but the brains

Thanks are due to Gordon and Faith for organising such a jolly evening which they ran so professionally and to Susie, Jo, Caroline, Charlie and others who kept everybody well fed and watered. And thank you for everyone who took part. The event raised a total of £450 for Cardiac Rehab in Alton. Traditionally the winners of the Quiz organise it for the following year. However instead, lots (jokers) were drawn and out of the hat came The Beech Boys and Girls. (And that's not a spelling error Ed.)

Next came the November the Fifth bonfire party. In light of a more than usually careful reading of the small print of our insurance policy we made some decisions: to limit the number of those attending by not advertising the event, to limit the size of the bonfire and once the event is over to keep watch over the fire until the morning. As a result we had to stop the collection of garden waste much earlier than usual and we apologise to any families who were inconvenienced by this. This year there was a shortage of pallets and you need pallets to create enough heat to dry out and burn the brush. While searching for pallets we met up with Powerup Events a company operating out of the West End Farm industrial estate who offered to set up at cost lighting



and a PA system for the event. This they did and it made a huge improvement as everybody could see each other. At six o'clock we lit the bonfire with just two visitors present but over the next hour as the fire blazed into life more and more people materialised and the queues for mulled wine, draught bitter, hot chocolate, burgers and sausages grew ever longer. Meanwhile a vast number of children descended on the playground making full use of all the equipment. At seven the lights were turned off, the record crowd counted down and the first firework burst overhead. The display was short but spectacular and the pyrotechnicians deserved the round of applause which followed. The lights came on and the last of the food and drink were consumed. It was a very happy event and much appreciated by those who came and who donated nearly £900 into the bucket collection 'for next years fireworks'. Normally we plan to break even but this year we made a loss of approximately £400 as a result of an increase in our costs. We think this was money well spent. Thanks are due to the large number of people who made the event so successful including Mick, from Tom Porter's farming team, who operated the high loader used to build the bonfire and the night watchman. It may interest you to know the fire was still burning more than a week later. However, by the time you read this the ash will have been cleared, all the nails and screws removed and the ground reseeded.



For the last few years the Village Hall has hosted and supported a Baby and Toddler Group organised very successfully by Molly Scotton. Molly has now decided she must step down. We are very grateful for all the work she has done for both the hall and the village and pleased that she intends to remain on the committee and will continue as our Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer. Molly writes:-

After a fantastic 3 1/2 years, I have decided it is time to move on from running Baby and Toddler Group. It has been a time filled with lots of fun, paint, messy play, singing, parachutes, climbing and socialising. During this time we have grown the group to have over 200 families, of which about 40 attend each week. We have massively increased the selection of toys during my time here. Brilliant memories have been made, for myself, for the mums, dads, nannies and grandparents, and of course for the children.

I am looking for people to continue my role from January 2022. I will be available to help and support you during the transition. Please contact me on the Froyle Baby and Toddler Group Facebook Page or email me at mollyescotton@gmail.com if you are interested in this role - it's a lot of work but very rewarding and a great way to get to know more people around the village.

I am looking forward to the next chapter of Froyle Baby and Toddler group, and to continue being heavily involved in the village hall. Thank you all for letting me have this opportunity, I've loved every second!

We very much hope someone will step forward to continue the work of the Baby and Toddler Group.

The stain on one of the ceiling tiles which was noticed at the AGM turns out to be rather more serious than we had hoped. It looks as if the flashing round one of the solar panels has failed and is allowing rain to get through the roof. Given that the installers no longer do and the manufacturer has been bought we are unsure how this will be fixed. Clearly it needs to be.

If you spot a problem in the hall or have a suggestion for an improvement please do let me know or any member of the committee.

Finally a plea to all hall users: if something gets broken or damaged, please report it. We know that accidents happen and are usually very understanding provided we are told. Please take your rubbish with you. We simply do not have enough bin capacity if you don't. Before you leave ensure that the floor is swept, tables, chairs and other equipment are stacked neatly, all windows and doors are shut, and all lights turned off. Then double lock the front door and return the key to the safe.

Having said that, the speed and efficiency with which the hall was tidied up after both the Quiz and the Bonfire was impressive. A great example of many hands making light work. Thank you.

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk



**See you at the Meeting
Place on Friday**



**On the 3rd of December
Treloar's will bring to you
- a table with surprises, a
chance to win some
prizes - and a Christmas
present or two!**





The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10.00 am - 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation.

Treloar's will be having a stall on 3rd. December, so please come and support the school and college and buy some original Christmas gifts.

There will be no Meeting Place on 10th December but instead a party to celebrate the life of Donald Sword from 11.00am - 1pm.

December Kitchen Helpers

3 rd	Sue Carr	Jan Elliott
10 th	No Meeting Place	
17 th	Brian Jones	Gillian Pickering
24 th	Christmas Meeting Place	

Please organise swaps yourselves, but do contact us if necessary.

December Cake Bakers

3 rd	Corinna Whines	Clare McMullen	Mary Chaplin	Sue Sharman
10 th	No Meeting Place			
17 th	Jo Mills	Madeleine Black	Phoebe Aldridge-Lopes	Ann Blunt
24 th	Susie Robertson	Janet Dobson	Jenny Gove	Tina Massam

It's always helpful to know what cake you are making, and if you can't bake for any reason, do please let us know. Cakes can be left in the porch at Wykeham House, Lower Froyle on Thursdays or bring to the hall after 9.30 am on Fridays.

(Gill Bradley 520484 Jenny Gove 23697 Susie Robertson 520820)

DONALD SWORD

PARTY

The Sword family would like to thank the many people in Froyle who sent such kind messages when Donald died.

We are having a party on Friday 10th December in Froyle Village Hall to celebrate his life and his many happy years at Yarnhams.

If you would like to raise a glass to his memory, please join us, between 11am and 1pm.

Donald loved a party- do come!

Bea Sword





December in the Potting Shed

This is a good time of the year to prune plants such as laburnums, maples, birch and limes. The reason being that at other times of the year they can bleed after being cut. This could then be a concern as disease could get into the wounds. Grapevines are another plant that will bleed and so they too can be pruned at this time of the year.

When purchasing plants such as cyclamen, poinsettia and azaleas for Christmas use in the house make sure they have not been standing in a cold market stall or a hot greenhouse/shop window as they will soon show signs of stress. They are plants that need to be kept in a temperate environment and not in cold draughty or hot spots. If the leaves go yellow, sorry they will not recover in time for Christmas. Do not forget that a real Christmas tree should be treated the same as any cut flower. As soon as you get it home, cut a couple of inches off the base of the tree and put that fresh cut into water to let it soak up as much water as possible before putting the tree into the house. Keep the base in water to prolong the life of the needles. It is also a good idea to get as fresh a tree as possible. Some trees will have been harvested in November and so have been standing around for a long time.

Keep an eye on the Brussels sprouts and stake if they look as though they are going to fall over. Rhubarb can be divided and the outer younger crowns planted. Some people leave the crowns on the surface to get frosted before planting, but it is not necessary.

If we do get a proper winter with snow and ice, keep the pond open with floating tennis balls or larger balls. Knock any snow off shrubs, especially evergreens before they break the branches and also check any cages that still have netting on the top as heavy wet snow can bend the poles or even break them.

It is always nice to bring in a bouquet of flowers and foliage from the garden over Christmas to lift our spirit at this time of the gardening year.

Have a good Christmas and a Safe New Year -

Geoff Hawkins

Last Meeting

On Friday evening, we were treated to a most informative talk by Geoff Hawkins entitled 'The answer Lies in the soil' followed by a lively Q&A session. In his presentation, he talked about the soil makeup and how it can be improved etc. He also outlined how the soil can be an important asset in helping to combat global warming. By composting and planting, we can return carbon to the soil. We would like to thank Geoff for taking the time to share some of his, what can only be described as 'encyclopaedic' knowledge with us. -

Eddie Hatcher

Diary Dates

10th December 7.30pm AGM followed by a quiz . John Negus is planning a quiz for all to enter, multiple choice so you can guess if you do not know the answer. There will be prizes!

Subscriptions for 2022 will be due, £10 for membership card and programme.

22nd January New Year Buffet Lunch. Tickets £8 for this always popular event will also be available at the AGM.



History of the Poppy Appeal in Froyle

At the turn of this century, I was asked to take over the running of the Froyle Poppy appeal from Johnnie Wilcocks. He gave me a folder which contains records of the Poppy Appeal going back to 1938 in which Mrs Summer, Miss Maude, Mrs Castle, Miss Westbrook, Mr Knight (School) and Mrs Greville raised £24, 5 shillings and 10 pence.

The Poppy Appeal continued throughout the Second World War and as far as I can see Froyle village has contributed each year since.

The most we have ever raised is £1,771.50 in 2018 which was the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

A special mention must go to Mrs Maureen Fry who has been collecting for the Poppy Appeal in Froyle since 1959 which is outstanding service to the Royal British Legion.

With Remembrance Day fresh in our minds - we are looking for volunteers in both Upper and Lower Froyle to spare one day a year to do a house to house collection to continue this fine tradition of raising monies for injured service men and women. Could you help?

Please do contact me by email: stewartsmithjames@gmail.com if you are interested.

Best wishes

Jamie Stewart-Smith



Froyle Wildlife

The Holly and the Ivy

The words of this traditional Christmas carol are thought to have Pagan origins and could date back over 1000 years. Holly (*Hedera helix*) and Ivy (*Ilex aquifolium*) were taken indoors during the winter, the hope being that the occupants would endure the cold season just as these hardy plants do. In addition, they are both brilliant for wildlife, their flowers benefit pollinators and their berries are eaten by birds.

Stroll past any ivy clad wall or tree on a sunny day in late summer and early autumn and you will see a myriad of bees, flies, wasps and butterflies attracted to the rich nectar and pollen offering. A study by Sussex University demonstrated how significant ivy's presence is to insects. During September and October they showed that the majority of pollen pellets collected by honey bees were from ivy. Hoverflies were also observed to be particularly frequent visitors. Ivy even has its own specialists, including the Ivy Bee (*Colletes hederae*).



Ivy bee



Holly Blue

The Holly Blue butterfly (*Celastrina argiolus*) generally has two generations each year the first in early spring emerging well before other blue butterflies. It tends to fly high around bushes and trees, whereas other grassland blues usually stay near ground level. It is by far the commonest blue butterfly to be found in gardens with a second generation flying July to September. The larvae feed predominantly on the flower buds, berries and terminal leaves of Holly in the spring generation, and on Ivy in the summer generation.



Although holly berries are often ripe by autumn, birds such as song thrushes, blackbirds, fieldfares and redwings don't usually feed on them until late winter. The dry pith of ivy berries contains nearly as many calories, weight for weight as Mars bars! In most cases, while the bird digests the pith and juice, the seeds travel undamaged through the bird's gut, and may be dropped many miles from the parent plant.

Barry Clark

AGM Talk

At the AGM on 21 October, held on zoom, we heard a fascinating talk by Tom Mabbett from Naturetrek, on My Favourite British Wildlife Locations. Lavishly illustrated with an impressive range of photographs, Tom took us on a tour of England and Scotland – and had time allowed could no doubt have included Wales and Ireland as well.



He started on the Ardnamurchan Peninsula, which stretches out to Ardnamurchan Point, the most westerly in Scotland, lying just north of the Isle of Mull in the Highlands. Its remoteness, and proximity to the sea, means it hosts an abundance of wildlife of all types: otters and pine martens (which seemed remarkably used to humans, visiting barns and sheds to find food), red deer and highland cattle; golden and white-tailed eagles, both native to the area and visitors from Mull, and great skua; in the sea there are occasionally basking shark, as well as common and bottlenose dolphins, and

minke whales. There are also fantastic views of the Outer Hebrides and beyond that, the Atlantic Ocean, as well as rugged mountain scenery. Getting there can be quite a journey, but well worth it.

Closer to home Tom told us about the Forest of Dean, in Gloucestershire: home to a tremendous array of bird and other animal life, including wild boar (to be viewed with great caution as they can be large, as well as wild), fallow deer,



pine martens (again); kingfishers, hawfinches and many other more common woodland birds.

Heading south he took us to the Somerset Levels, known most for its birds, including flocks of starlings (and if you're lucky you could see a murmuration as huge flocks swoop around in the dusk before settling down to roost), various sorts of wildfowl and waders, as well as the more exotic, and less common, cranes and bitterns – though bitterns are hard to see as they are notoriously shy and amazingly well camouflaged.

But Tom reminded us that there's plenty to see in our own area, citing Alresford Pond as a good place to go "patch birding" – ie finding a spot and making regular visits there to see what happens and what you can see.

His last stop was on Spurn Point, in East Yorkshire, which is a great place to watch all kinds of birds coming to the UK from Europe as they migrate. Spurn Point is quite hard to get to and access is controlled, but Tom's pictures suggested it would be worth it when you got there.

All in all it was a fascinating and enjoyable talk which could have continued for longer as there was so much to see and hear about.

Jonathan Pickering

Bentley Village Surgery Revised Dispensary Opening Hours

Monday	09:00 - 12.30pm 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	09:00 - 12.30pm 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Friday	09:00 - 12.30pm 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Weekend	CLOSED

Effective from 22nd November until further notice.



Christmas at Bentley CE Primary School

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! So say the teachers at Bentley in late September when Mrs Miffling, our super deputy headteacher, mentions Christmas cards! We have a longstanding tradition of children creating beautiful designs, which are whisked off to the printers and turned into fantastic Christmas cards for friends and families. The Christmas music goes on in the classrooms, the glitter comes out and a very early festive moment is enjoyed!

There may be the odd PTFA Christmas fair planning meeting or some Nativity songs heard but it would be fair to say in a Church of England village school we fully embrace Christmas from the 1st December. Each year group builds on previous learning and we prepare with Advent prayers and preparations.

I spoke to the children about their most favourite Christmas school memories;

"Christmas jumper day when we all have lunch in the dining hall" (This is also a big favourite with our Governors who come in and serve lunch to the children wearing festive hats. We all enjoy the special lunch created by our HC3S Cooks – it's delicious!).

"Having a Christmas countdown in class with advent candles or an advent calendar where we take turns. One year we did a good deed every day for Advent. We like Sam and Gemma's St Mary's advent online too".

"My favourite part of school Christmas is the Nativity story. I think the Kings with the gifts is my favourite part. It was amazing that they went to see a humble baby. It makes you think". (All of the children remembered the roles they had had in previous Nativity plays at school. They remembered the tea towels involved in their costumes and how it felt to perform to the audiences).

"I love it when we decorate the classroom. One year there was an Elf on the Shelf and they hid and did naughty things, it was funny!"





"The PTFA Christmas Fair is always amazing and Year 6 get to be elves. It is like having a shop at school and it's so busy with lots of games and treats. I liked it when the Grinch came but also when you can visit Father Christmas".

"The Christmas postbox is fun – it only comes out in December. The whole school looks different and I love the plays as well". (This is a busy but much enjoyed part of Christmas for staff too - the sports hall looks amazing as it becomes a 'West End theatre'

with props and backgrounds begged, borrowed and created by Mrs P and her team of helpers).

We very much hope to have parents and family back into school this year, for many of our traditional Christmas celebrations but rest assured the staff and children will be fully involved and Christmas 2021 will be a fantastic one!

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2022 from the pupils, staff and parents of Bentley CE Primary School.

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



The festive season is nearly here. Huge amounts of extra household rubbish are generated during Christmas, including an estimated 910 million metres of wrapping paper (enough to go round the world 22 times). So what can you do to be more eco-friendly this Christmas?

First of all, choose your wrapping materials wisely and try to include recyclable or compostable papers where possible. You may think any old wrapping paper can be popped in the recycling bin, but that's not quite the case. Those decorated with foil, glitter, heavily dyed or laminated, not to mention paper covered in plastic sticky tape, will inevitably head to landfill or an incinerator. So make sure you remove any sticky tape before you recycle (this also applies to the packing tape on cardboard put out in the black bins).

There are plenty of environmentally-friendly papers around which can be accessorised with paper tape (try washi tape), ribbons (made from raffia or cotton) and paper tags

(try making these from last year's Christmas cards). There are also plantable seed papers, reusable fabric wraps and boxes that'll last long past Christmas.

According to the UK Greeting Card Association, 1 billion Christmas cards were sold in the UK in 2017. That's 100 million single cards and 900 million in boxes. So choose your cards carefully – FSC certified/recycled/non-glitter/no plastic/vegetable-based inks/charity-supporting. If you can't find any truly environmentally-friendly cards then at least charity cards will be doing some good, somewhere. Recycle the backs of the cards if the fronts are unsuitable for recycling, but the basic advice for both wrapping paper and cards is they cannot be put in the black bin if they have plastic or foil on them.

Sustainable Christmas papers and cards can be found pretty easily. Some places to look online include: re-wrapped.co.uk, ecovibe.co.uk, vera-bee.com, paperchase.com, goodthingsgifts.co.uk. Don't forget your crackers too – there are many versions that do not contain any plastic and can be completely recycled.

Happy Christmas!

Alex Roberts and Anthea McRiley, alex.roberts@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

INCINERATOR DECISION DELAYED AGAIN

If you objected previously to Veolia's application to build an enormous incinerator in the rural Wey Valley, Hampshire County Council will have notified you that they had extended their consultation to November 29, 2021. This is because HCC had omitted to ensure that all information submitted by the applicant on air quality and habitats was publicly available.

A copy of the application documents may now be seen on the HCC Strategic Planning website at <https://planning.hant.gov.uk/33619/007>.

No Wey Incinerator is pleased that all of Veolia's most recent claims are being subjected to public review and is working with the campaign's consultants to examine this information carefully. We will issue advice to our supporters in adequate time if we consider that further public objection will be helpful. We may yet need our supporters to tell HCC once again that this proposal is the wrong solution, in the wrong place and is not needed. We believe that this delay means the application is unlikely to go before the HCC Regulatory Committee before Christmas.

Past public consultations have led to over 5,000 objections from local residents and businesses, backed by two MPs, three local planning authorities, two town councils and 19 parish councils.

Thank you for your continued support.

December News from The Froyle Archive

CHRISTMAS 2021

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.



St. Joseph's Church, Lower Froyle, around 1900.

Over the past year we've covered such diverse subjects as
Ghosts, Censuses, Ponds, Pubs and even our own garden!

In 2022 we'd like **you** to tell **us** what you would like to read about each month.

Just email your requests to chris.booth@froyle.com
and we'll try our best to accommodate you.

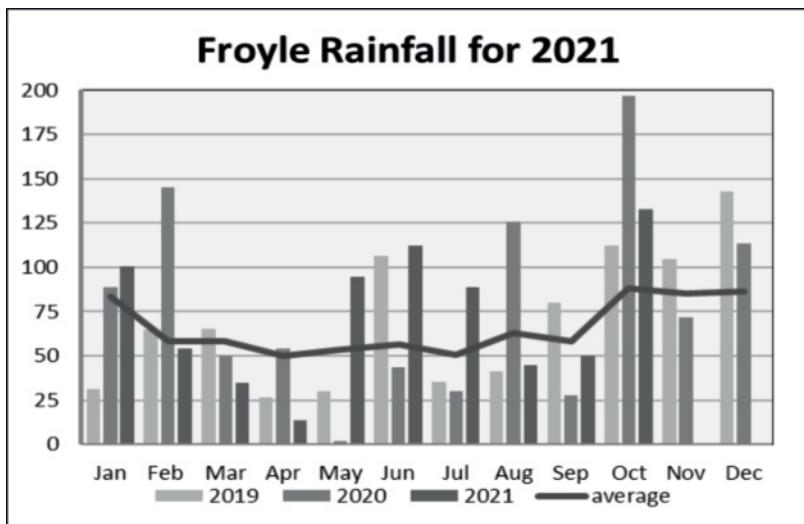
Once more, a very Happy Christmas from us both.

Find out more at www.froyle.com

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Froyle Rainfall for October 2021

This year	132.5 mm	5.2 ins
Last year	196.5 mm	7.7 ins
Wettest October (1987) – the wettest ever month	226 mm	8.9 ins
Driest October (1978)	7 mm	0.3 ins
October long-term average – the wettest month	89 mm	3.5 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	725 mm	28.5 ins
Long-term average for the year to end October	619.3 mm	24.4 ins



October 2021 may not have been anything like as bad as last year - the 3rd wettest month ever, since my records began - but it was still the third October in a row that has been way over the long-term average. More significantly, when this is the case, 85% of the time the final quarter as a whole is heavy; and given we are already just 65 mm short of the expected outturn for the year, will 2021 be any different...?



“The Umbrella Man”



Beware of scams

Scams are criminal tricks, designed to deceive people, to gain access to their money, possessions or personal details. Scammers are taking advantage of people's fear – particularly during Covid – so don't be caught out!

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 3. **Asking for cash upfront** – never give bank details or money up front, genuine companies may ask for a deposit once a contract has been signed, but will not ask for full payment
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Scams to be aware of:

Tradesperson scams – doorstep cold caller, offering to clean your driveway, patio or paths; make repairs to your home; and/or offering to tidy your garden

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Covid-19 doorstep scam – doorstep cold caller, looking to gain access to your property, claiming to be carrying out Covid testing on behalf of the NHS or your GP

You can contact Madeleine, Froyle's Community Information Volunteer, on 23371 or enquiries@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk



Lower Froyle - Full Fibre Broadband

GOOD NEWS!

We have completed the "Collect Commitments" stage in terms of households and businesses pledging their Government gigabit broadband vouchers to our community scheme. This means we are one step closer to Full Fibre Broadband being installed in Lower Froyle.

OpenReach is now working with the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on validating the Government funding for our scheme.

What's the next step? Everyone who has signed up will be contacted by DCMS via email and asked to "Confirm Commitments". This involves completing a short form on the DCMS website. When we know the emails are on their way we will contact you with advice and guidance on this. (We don't expect to hear from DCMS before Christmas).



There is a way to go but we have achieved a great milestone. Thank you everyone who has signed up.

Charlie Findlay, Michelle Essenson, and Mike Blanche *The Froyle Fibre Campaign Team*
www.froylefibre.com

The Plant Stall Hussey's Lane

The plant stall in Husseys Lane is going to be put to bed for the winter . Thank you to everyone who has contributed or donated to it - £491 has been raised which will be sent to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham .

The stall will return next year.....!

Sue Carr

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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DECEMBER SERVICES

Sat. 27 th Nov.	6.30pm	Froyle	Advent by Candlelight
Sun. 5 th Dec.	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship w/ Children's Church
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Holy Communion
Sun. 12 th .	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Big Praise
Fri. 17 th .	6.30pm	Binsted	Real Nativity Singalong
Sun. 19 th .	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Village Carols @ Bentley Memorial Hall
	6.30pm	Froyle	Family Carol Service
Weds. 22 nd	6.00pm	Froyle	Flying Carols (see page 4 for details)
Thurs. 23 rd	6.00pm	Binsted	Carols starting at Holy Cross Church
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm	Bentley	Christingle Nativity Fancy Dress
Fri 24 th	5.30pm	Froyle	Crib Service
	10.00pm	Bentley	Midnight Communion
	11.00pm	Froyle	Midnight Communion
	11.30pm	Binsted	Midnight Communion

DECEMBER SERVICES (Continued)

<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.30am	Bentley	Christmas Day Communion
Sat. 25 th	9.30am	Binsted	Christmas Day Communion
	11.00am	Froyle	Christmas Day Communion
<i>Boxing Day</i>		Binsted	Benefice Communion Service
Sun. 26 th			

For further details, see the benefice website at www.benbinfro.co.uk;
YouTube - BenBinFro Churches

**We are continuing to provide online Sunday services at 9.30am
and weekday Thought for the Day videos at 6.30am.**

IMPORTANT NEWS

A Notice of Glad Tidings

Festive Services are returning!

We are delighted to throw open our beautiful church doors and welcome all in the village during the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. Please remain safe, and if in any doubt do a lateral flow test before you attend any of our services, as we rather hope and expect to be busy! We suggest you note in your calendars now the services you wish to attend that are featured in the greetings card inserted in this month's magazine.

Calling all young readers & bakers

In addition to Froyle's Flying Carols, where church travels around the village, (see separate entry on page 4) we are able to gather again to enjoy the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday 19 December at 6.30pm. Aided by candlelight, Christmas lights and more we require 8 or more younger members of our community to read the first 8 Lessons, with our Vicar reading the last. Please make yourself known to Sarah Roberts if you would like to participate in any way – reading, setting up the church, welcoming the congregation, handing out service sheets, serving mulled wine, baking mince pies or cheese straws, church decorations. We are also looking for an organist.

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Lighting Our Future

A team of talented PCC members and others have for some time been planning and executing major renovations in the church. The vestry now houses a beautiful kitchen, it's a joy and has enabled serving and tidying up of refreshments after our services and during other events in the church. Next is the essential rewiring and new lighting installation, the expenditure for which the PCC have recently approved. This major task, including redecoration afterwards, will require the church to be closed for a three month period, commencing early January. The fundraising team, supported by a small number of very generous donors, have enabled this expenditure, but there is always room for more giving as sadly costs have risen as a result of Covid. Please contact our treasurer, Nigel Bulpitt if you are able to make a donation or have a great fund raising idea for 2022. Full details of the services available in other parishes during this period will be published in January in our church, in the January magazine and on the Benefice website.

Nigel Bulpitt (22725)

Adieu Rev Yann Dubreuil

Yann, Hannah and their family, after 11 years of serving our Benefice so well, will be leaving for pastures new in nearby Headley in February of next year. Recruitment for the next incumbent is underway, but meanwhile let's make sure we give the Dubreuil family the send-off they deserve. Due to the closure of Froyle Church in early 2022, Yann's last services in Froyle will be the Crib Service on Friday 24 December at 5.30 pm and our 11 o'clock on Christmas Day itself.

Froyle PCC

Decorating St. Mary's Church

We shall be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday 18th starting at 10.00. There is a carol service on Sunday 19th. The suggested theme this year is Christmas Carols but anything Christmassy would be very acceptable. We look forward to seeing you.

Sarah Thursfield 23294/ Gill Bradley 520484

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

When even the hymns in one of our Benefice services reflect the concerns of COP 26, you know that the issue of climate change has truly hit home. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned, we lustily sang on October 31 in Froyle, feeling extremely conscious of the threats to our immediate locality. It is a minute to midnight for the whole world and for us too.

We are so fortunate to be living in such a beautiful area, where we can enjoy stunning views on our walks and marvel at magnificent sunsets over the woods and the whole of the Wey Valley. Yet even here we are becoming aware of the threat to our surroundings, as well as to our planet. The proposed Energy From Waste incinerator, which at the time of going to press is far from decided, would generate 330,000 tonnes of CO₂ per annum if it goes ahead. That's the equivalent of an extra 100,000 cars on our roads. Just imagine all those extra vehicles causing not just greater chaos on our highways, but creating emissions which would add even more to our greenhouse gas problem.

The Wey Valley, the location for this controversial development, has long been an important transport corridor. St Swithun's Way, the long distance footpath from Winchester to Farnham, roughly following the route of the Pilgrims' Way, runs through this landscape, which is appreciated and valued by visitors as well as local residents. In one of his famous Rural Rides, the most famous local inhabitant, the reformer, writer and MP William Cobbett (1763-1835), born and raised in Farnham, wrote: "The vale between Alton and Farnham is the finest ten miles in England. Here is a river with fine meadows on each side of it, and with rising grounds having some hop-gardens and some pretty woods". The renowned Selborne resident and naturalist, Gilbert White (1720-1793), also wrote in his journals about the landscape in admiring terms.

But can we do as the words of the hymn said and ban what would not only ruin this resource, but also increase the planet's greenhouse gas problem? Many within our benefice are already making valiant efforts. We are seeing marvellous work from Binsted Eco Network, offering practical advice on how we can recycle, reuse and make the most of our local environment. In the town, Alton Climate Action Network has been holding events to motivate and help residents asking what they can do. And East Hampshire District Council held its own COP26 in the Maltings in Alton in October, involving local groups and schools to share practical solutions for action on climate change. The operation of the Wey Valley incinerator, the fourth such development for Hampshire, would exceed EHDC's carbon budget by the late 2020s, so local government is rightly concerned.

(The View from the Vicarage, continued)

As the lines in that recent hymn reminded us, caring for God's creation is our responsibility. As it says in Genesis, God saw what He had made, and, behold, it was very good. We know that it is no longer very good, but we can try to ensure that it is still good and beautiful. And maybe that is the best Christmas present we can offer ourselves – a promise to protect and appreciate the wonderful gift God gave us - our world.

**Blessings,
Yann and the team**

Church Administrator & PA

Location: St Mary's Church Office, Bentley

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The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle is seeking a Church Administrator and PA. The role will include administration of activities within the Benefice and co-ordination with the various volunteers and Churchwardens in each of the parishes. The Administrator will also act as the first point of contact for pastoral enquiries to the Benefice. A key part of the role will be to act as a Personal Assistant to the Vicar, helping them to make the best use of their time, by dealing with administrative tasks.

This will be a part time post for two mornings per week (8 hours) and occasional work outside these times. It is an occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian.

For further details and a full Job Description please contact Steve Fice, Operations Manager of the Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle, by email: bentleytreasurer@benbinfro.co.uk

Interviews will be held in early December 2021. Final date for applications is Sunday 5th December. Invitations for interview with details of times will be posted by Tuesday 7th December.





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Ho! Ho! Ho!



Members of the u3a can belong to any group that interests them as well as enjoying our Monthly Meetings which are always on the first Wednesday of the month, so our December 1st meeting couldn't be any earlier!

We start our festivities off with **Graham Harrison: A Christmas Entertainment**, a performance of classic Christmas songs from the Golden Age of Hollywood musicals combined with humorous stories about the artistes. Our groups celebrate the festive season by often adding a beverage/tipple, mince pies and other tasty treats to their meeting, while, no doubt, reminiscing about the last year and the real pleasure that comes from being able to meet again, face to face.

News from some of our groups

As a change from their monthly meeting Wings & Wheels organised a visit to the Brooklands Museum at Weybridge as it covered all the bases! The visit also included a simulated flight, with the seats designed to give the sensation of the engines and the afterburners at work.



Exploring Towns & Villages has just had their last guided walk for 2021. November's walk was around Alresford and their wonderful guide Andrew Negus was excellent as always. Their next guided tour will be in February to Winchester College.

Family History has been listening to accounts of members own research, e.g. could the fact that one's ancestors' location, living in Essex in the 1500's, have been influenced by Queen Mary living in the Palace at Beaulieu and her religious views? The group also works with individuals and organisations who require help with research. The most recent being with Professor Rebecca Probert, a leading authority on marriage law.



Painting & Drawing enjoyed a visit from artist Ria Cornall. Ria demonstrated a landscape including trees and water. She used a limited palette of acrylics, but her demonstration included advice on colour mixing which applied to all mediums

Have a Happy Christmas and maybe your New Year resolution will be to try a taster session if so, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Contact: membership@odihamu3a.org.uk

Our website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

Phyllis Tuckwell's Santa Fun Run Is Back!

Phyllis Tuckwell will be organising one festive Fun Run this year, which will be held at Wavell School in Farnborough, on 12th December. It will start at 11am, and will see participants walk, jog or run two laps of Queen's Avenue Playing Fields, which is approximately 5k in total. Phyllis Tuckwell will also be offering a virtual version too, so you can choose the location, distance and who your fellow Santas are, anytime over the weekend of 11-12th December.



For further details and to register, please visit - www.pth.org.uk/event/virtual-santa-fun-run

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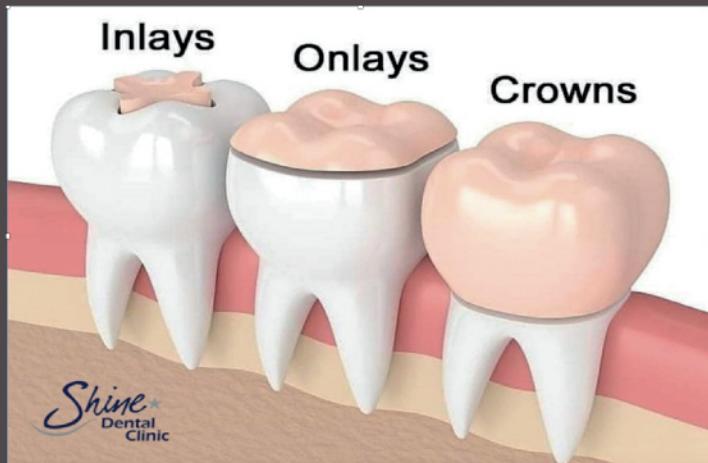
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