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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

Froyle Parish Council (FPC) met on Monday, 14th January. All councillors were present with the Parish Clerk. Two members of the public attended.

Among the issues raised by residents were:

1. The state and future of the old car park at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill. FPC understands that there is a legal agreement that the tarmac will be removed and the plot grassed over. We will attempt to establish when.
2. The loss of trees in the village. While the loss of trees is often a matter of regret FPC takes the advice of the District Council Tree Officer when considering applications to remove or prune trees.
3. The condition of the Avenue (road surface, ruts on the verges and litter). This will be raised with Froyle Park local management. At a meeting before Christmas issues of odour and signage were again raised. FPC has been told that the condition of the Avenue will be addressed when the new car park is built.
4. The adequacy of the litter bin at the top of Hen and Chicken Hill which was recently found to be overflowing.
5. The need to remove estate agents' signs once property has been sold. FPC will liaise with Charters.
6. The gravel which has accumulated at the bottom of Bamber Lane by the bus stop. PC will arrange to have it cleared. Please note that residents can help by reporting problems like this directly to *Hampshire Highways* themselves but always let us know what action you have taken so if necessary we can follow up. See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>
7. Litter on the A31 near the recycling centre. This is a perennial and intractable problem. Residents who notice material blowing off lorries entering or leaving the site are encouraged to report this immediately to the Parish Clerk with the date and time of the incident.
8. Progress on refurbishing the football hut has slowed but not stopped. We are currently preparing a document against which we can invite tenders. FPC has raised a complaint against Castle Water over the supply and billing for the football hut. This is currently under investigation.
9. FPC is grateful for advice and information concerning the operation of drainage ditches in the parish and the problems which arise when these get blocked.

10. FPC continues to press for the construction of a footpath between the Linden Homes Estate and the bottom of Hen and Chicken Hill. We are chasing the matter with EHDC via our district councillor and, whilst no enforcement action has been taken, the planning officer is expecting details of work to be submitted shortly by the Nicolas James Group (NJG) and has promised to chase again if nothing has been received by the end of the month.
11. FPC is considering its budget for 2019/20 and any increase to the precept. **Now is therefore a good time to suggest future projects that will benefit residents. Please contact the Parish Clerk.**
12. Night time disturbance has been reported recently in the countryside around Froyle, possibly involving illegal hare coursing. FPC is aware that the police are doing their best to contain this problem. For advice on reporting incidents, see p.11.
13. FPC understands that EHDC will grant permission for a single house on a site adjacent to the Oast House in Upper Froyle behind the Manor House. FPC has asked that conditions include a method statement that will minimise and control disruption during construction. The planning officer has confirmed that this will be added.
14. Before Christmas, FPC again wrote to the outgoing Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of EHDC, Sandy Hopkins, regarding Froyle Park. Although no written reply has been received, there was a long conversation with the Chair of FPC, during which Ms Hopkins explained that she had held meetings with the owner of Froyle Park and had fully briefed the Leader of EHDC, Richard Millard, and the incoming CEO, Gill Kneller, as to the steps being taken to address the issues. FPC agreed to write to Ms Kneller and seek an early meeting.
15. Two members of FPC attended a seminar at EHDC about the Local Plan Review and how to comment effectively and usefully. The consultation process starts on 6th February. Once adopted the Plan will have a major impact on development locally for many years to come. It will impact all residents to some extent. The plan suggests a settlement boundary will be added to Lower Froyle. At the moment the village is viewed as country side and therefore has greater protection from unsuitable development. A good place to start is <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/local-plan-made-easy> .
16. The term of the Parish Council ends in May when a new council will be elected or the old one re-elected. An election will only be held if there are more than eight candidates. **If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Clerk or talk to a councillor.**
17. Minutes of FPC meetings, contact details of councillors along with other information, can be found at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/
18. **The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council will be held in the village hall at 7.45pm. on 13th March 2019 (TBC). All residents are invited to attend. If there are matters you wish to raise, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above or speak to individual councillors.**



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



‘ENOUGH SAID’

A romantic comedy

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Froyle Village Hall

Doors open 7 p.m.

Film starts 7.30 p.m.

A divorced and single parent, Eva (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) spends her days enjoying work as a masseuse but dreading her daughter's impending departure for college. She meets Albert (James Gandolfini) - a sweet, funny and like-minded man also facing an empty nest. As their romance quickly blossoms, Eva befriends Marianne, her new massage client. Marianne is a beautiful poet who seems "almost perfect" except for one prominent quality: she rags on her ex-husband way too much. Suddenly, Eva finds herself doubting her own relationship with Albert as she learns the truth about Marianne's ex.

Price = £8.00

(payment in advance would be appreciated)

Includes a sausage bap

(to be available before the film starts)

Pay bar available

Rated 12A

For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:

YVONNE IRVINE (01420 520502)



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Village Hall

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

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

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

I have been accused of producing fake news! A keen reader of this column has spotted the fact that I have a slight tendency to report things which haven't yet happened. An example was the Carols round the Christmas Tree which was indeed an enjoyable event as I described it in last month's Magazine before it happened. However, had aliens arrived half way through 'Oh come all ye faithful' and carried off all the children, I would have been well and truly caught out.

So what to do about "VILLAGE HALL WEEK - 22-28 JANUARY" which occurs between the Magazine deadline for the February edition and its delivery through your door? It would be nice to report a grand party with speeches recognising the contribution that village halls make to community life and the enormous amount of volunteer effort that goes into sustaining them. It would be even better to report that the government had recognised this contribution and had finally removed VAT on village hall expenditure. However as we only learned about this national event a week

or so ago and the government has been distracted, celebrations are likely to be more muted. But at least you now know about “VILLAGE HALL WEEK” and the reason for it, even though you have most probably missed it.

I wonder if reporting things which are not going to happen is worse fake-news-wise than reporting things before they happen.

Moving to safer ground, **Froyle Film Night returns on Friday, 15th February (doors open 7pm)** with a showing of the well-reviewed romantic comedy “Enough Said”: it’s all about love in later life and just how difficult dating can be a second time round. If Valentine’s Day turns out to be a bit of a disappointment, this is the film for you. It would help the organisers enormously if you booked early and don’t forget the ticket price of £8 also buys you a hot dog and a choc ice. There’s also a pay bar. Bring your own hanky in case there are some sad bits. (See ad on page 3.) And we suggest you bring your own cushion if you find the village hall chairs uncomfortable for a longish sit. (Incidentally, we are currently planning to trial some padded chairs and cushions to see if we can improve our seating.)

Some hirers have experienced difficulty using the online booking system. We plan to include more instructions online to make things easier but it is also possible to book direct with Sarah Zorab on 520361.

We try to keep the hall as clean and tidy as we can, because that way we believe hirers will look after it. In the next month we plan a deep clean of the kitchen and a thorough clear out of the store room. (If you do have anything left in there, please remove it as soon as possible.) Accidents do happen but it is difficult to work out how; since Christmas two of the ceiling tiles got badly stained and will probably have to be replaced. **If damage does occurs when you are in the hall, please report it in the book provided, don’t just leave it for us to find.** Similarly would hirers please **take rubbish away with them.** This is a condition of hire. We simply do not have the bin capacity to cope unless you do.

The new heating system is working well. If you find you are cold, you can press the wine glass symbol on the thermostat in the hall and this will boost the heat for one hour (20 degrees is the maximum) Press it again and you get a further hour of heat.

As ever, suggestions for events and activities in the Hall are always very welcome.

Finally, one more date for your diary: **the Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th April;** try to contain your excitement!

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



Froyle Wildlife

House Sparrows – On our north facing wall we have two house sparrow terraces, each of which has 3 nest boxes, and a neighbouring house has many suitable places under its eaves for nesting. At the moment, around 25 sparrows come down to feed on sunflower hearts and suet pellets thrown out or vie with goldfinches on the hanging seed feeders. Being gregarious, the sparrows gather in an old evergreen *Lonicera nitida* hedge intermingled with ivy just outside our back door, which every so often bursts into a cacophony of chirrups; every one of the sparrows seemingly has something to say. What are they doing in there? Squabbling for the best perch, chatting up prospective mates? We don't know but we do know how important that hedge is to these birds. It's not smart or modern but no matter, it is part of their habitat and provides safe dense cover and a good place to roost on cold nights and we wouldn't be without it.



The House sparrow is a UK Bird of Conservation Concern and on the Red List. The BTO reports that house sparrow populations in the UK have declined by nearly 71% since 1977. There are 67 birds on the red list including grey partridge, lapwing, cuckoo, skylark, starling, song and mistle thrush, linnet, and yellowhammer.

National Nest Box Week; 14th -21st February. Are you thinking of putting up a nest box? If so the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) is the place to go for advice on what to look for when buying a box, where to place it and how to look after it. There are also plans and instructions for making your own. See www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw for more information.

Butterflies –Butterfly Conservation reports that the year got off to a flying start this month with sightings of five species on New Year's Day! Look out for **Brimstone, Red Admiral, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma.**

Date for your diary: **Friday March 25th 7.30pm, Talk by Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.** More on this, plus the full 2019 Froyle Wildlife programme, will be in the next newsletter.

Sue Clark (23520)



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home-made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow.

We always welcome surplus local produce, especially eggs, vegetables and flowers.

Cake Bakers for February

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.

1 st	June Trim	Mary Perryman	Barbara Starbuck	
8 th	Madeleine Black	Louise Marston	Marje Heyhurst	Maureen Fry
15 th	Lisa Bowler	Clare McMullen	Jennie Thomas	Sally Turvill
22 nd	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM FOR ANY REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

Kitchen Helpers for February

1 st	David Perryman	Mary Perryman	
8 th	Julie Southern	Marje Heyhurst	
15 th	Linda Bulpitt	Ali Maude	
22 nd	Louise Marston	William Knowles	

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.

The Meeting Place team would like to take this opportunity to thank *everyone* who helped make the 2018 Christmas Meeting Place the best yet. In particular, to Jane for playing the piano for the carol singing; to Maureen and Janet for the stupendous raffle; to Father Christmas for his surprising mode of transportation ... and to all of you who were so generous with your donations.

A big THANK YOU and ... looking forward to 2019!

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

Bentley CE Primary School - Charities Update

Each year, as well as holding events to raise money for our own school through the PTFAs, we select charities to support with special fundraising events. These charities are chosen by the children from several suggested by the School Council

Last year, with the support of our families, friends of the school and local community, we raised over £4,200 for our chosen charities - MacMillan Cancer Support, CLAPA, Sport Relief, Children in Need, Crisis, The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the NSPCC. We made donations to the Alton Food Bank during our harvest festival, donated shoe boxes full of gifts for under privileged children in Eastern Europe through Love in a Box, sponsored Kallie the Hearing Dog and bought six new toilets in Africa for Water Aid.

The chosen charities for this school year are Kaira Konko, RSPCA, WWF, and Red Nose Day. For each of these charities we have a special event planned for the Spring or Summer Term.

In addition, we chose to support Crisis, the charity for the homeless, at our end of term service and raised £441.43 in donations. This great total helped to feed 16 people over Christmas. Our After School Club held a hot chocolate and biscuit sale in aid of Hydestile Animal Rescue raising over £80. Our Poppy sales raised a huge £305 this year for the Royal British Legion and, once again, we donated lots of food from our Harvest Festival to the Alton Food Bank to help local families.

Kaira Konko Scout Active Support

This charity, started in 1989, is part of Hampshire Scouting and they have been fundraising to help the people of Soma in The Gambia, West Africa.

To support this, there will be a mufti day for all children with an International Flag colour theme and we will be collecting pencils and donations.

RSPCA

The RSPCA is a community based charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection.

The school will hold a day to research and learn more about this topic. There will be an 'Animals and Pet Show' one afternoon and we would ask for any available pet owners to put themselves forward to bring their pet in once we know the date for this event.

Red Nose Day

Comic Relief spends the money raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and Africa.

Bentley will have a dress up day with the theme of 'super silly and super heroes' and there will be an 'old fashioned' sweet shop running at playtime.

World Wildlife Fund

WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of our planet's natural environment, and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

Bentley pupils will hold a month of child pledges to help to protect our world. There will be a mufti day with Years 5 and 6 running fun games at playtimes for the pupils to take part in.

Raising money for charities chosen by the children at events like these help to cement our school values of Love, Faith and Courage. The children love not only helping to choose the charities but also taking part in the events.

Thank you!

The school would like to say a huge thank you to the Froyle Parish Council for the generous donation towards the school's PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) who are urgently fundraising for a replacement minibus. As a rural school this minibus enables our pupils to continue to have the rich and varied curriculum opportunities which governors and staff know contribute to the children's' future success.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher



Medicine for the Soul

Being somewhat slow to catch on to exciting, new trends, I confess I have only just discovered the joy of **audio books**. There is something about being read to, particularly



either by the author himself or else a talented and well-known actor, that helps to bring a book alive.

So far I have enjoyed that marvellous classic "**The Leopard**", by **Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa**, that chronicles the changes in Sicilian life and society during the Risorgimento; and am currently half-way through "**The Pigeon Tunnel**", **John le Carre**'s amusing and inciteful autobiography. I can recommend both of them whole-heartedly, but particularly when being read by, respectively, David Horovitch, and the author himself, be it my own book at bedtime, whilst on a long train journey, or even walking the dog.

Believe it or not, at least two thirds of all books bought are not read; I can only say that with an audio book, for me anyway, not only is that much less likely to happen, but I'm also saving trees and at a cost which is no more than the average paperback.

David Robertson



Lent Lunches 2019



These run **from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Wednesdays**, and are simple fare: home-made soup, bread & cheese. The host/hostess chooses the charity to which the donations on the day will go. Everyone welcome; and if anyone needs directions, please ring me. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Ash Wednesday, **March 6th at Badgers Bank**, in aid of Cardiac Rehab.

Lauraine Bourne 22159

Wednesday, **March 13th at Stowell**, in aid of 'The gift of Sight'.

Cherida Cannon 520470

Wednesday, **March 20th at The Old Dairy**, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Sarah Roberts 520041

Wednesday, **March 27th at Wykeham House**, in aid of Piam Brown Children's Ward at Southampton Hospital

Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday, **April 3rd at Brewery House**, in aid of Cardiac Rehab.

John & Vivienne Sexton 520098

Wednesday, **April 10th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment Conservation

Jenny Gove 23697

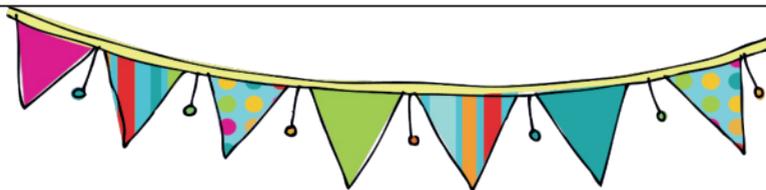
To ALL DOG WALKERS...

The ditch along Husseys Lane was cleared to ensure a smooth run off of rainwater and not for mindless and thoughtless individuals to deposit their dog poo. At least 20 bags have been seen both in the ditch and now even thrown into my hedge. If you pick up after your dog please take it home; residents will certainly be more vigilant in trying to identify who doesn't and naming and shaming is certainly an option.

Ian Whitmore

EARLY MAGAZINE DEADLINE ... AGAIN

Please note that we have another early closing date for contributions for next month's Froyle Magazine, namely Friday 15th February.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45 am -11:45 am

(during term times)

Froyle Village Hall

7th February 2019	King and Queen week	Make a crown and rule your kingdom!
14th February 2019	Number week	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5!
21st February 2019	NOGROUP THISWEEK - HALF TERM	
28th February 2019	Bird week	Make your own bird feeder

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

Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619

Hampshire Constabulary local update

PC Scott Graham has recently transferred from the New Forest as **East Hants Wildlife Crime Officer, dealing with all rural and wildlife-related crime and incidents.** He is very approachable and has been spending a fair bit of time in Froyle recently. Poaching and driving across open access fields is one of the biggest issues at this time of year and has been particularly active in the past couple of weeks. There has been an increase in reports of hare coursing and criminal damage to farmers' fields and property recently. Hare coursing is illegal under the Hunting Act 2004. It is the pursuit of hares with dogs, often for the purposes of betting, on open land. Threatening behaviour and intimidation can be encountered if they are challenged. **If you see or hear anything suspicious that you think may be associated with the above, or any other illegal activity, please report it, with as many details as possible, to 101, with emergencies to 999.** Come March, April and May, it will be Nesting Birds and Dog Worrying Livestock offences. The most important message is that everyone in our rural environment and communities is responsible for reporting all crime and suspicious activity to the Police.

Scott is contactable by email on Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. Froyle's local community officer, David Nops, can be contacted on David.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

Alex Roberts

February News from The Froyle Archive



The outdoor staff from the estate working at Sir Hubert's home, "The Shrubbery", on what is now the A31.

Froyle Place in 1921



The Froyle Place Estate encompassed most of Upper Froyle with many of the houses in the village accommodating workers on the estate. As a result it required a lot of management and staff.

In late 2013 we were fortunate to be loaned a ledger of duties carried out by the 'outdoor' staff of Froyle Place. This book had been passed down through the Robinson family from Gerald Robinson (*left in the picture above*), who worked for Sir Hubert Miller for many years. His grandson, also named Gerald (*Gerry*), had brought the book to our attention while researching his family history. Sadly Gerry passed away suddenly just before Christmas 2013, which was a great shock to the entire village. The ledger has recently been passed on to The Froyle Archive by the Robinson family so that it can remain in the village for posterity. You will find some of the many entries below:-

- January 1905** Richard Stent repairing Munday's Cottage. He was also assisting Glazier and cementing windows at Froyle Church.
- February 1905** Stack wood Gig Lane @ 10s per stack T.Robinson, J Stent, J Broomfield, G.Neale, J.Faulkner, A.Nash, J.Brooman, J.Frost, J.Hall. G.Neale managed 1 whole stack, the rest only $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and even $\frac{1}{4}$.
- March 1905** Frank Robinson removing fence by River Wey – "to make it easier for Col Murray to fish."
- June 1905** Benjamin Caines, trimming graves in Froyle Church Yard 2/6.
- July 1905** David Collins, trimming & hoeing.
- August 1905** T.Robinson, 5 days erecting new wash house at G.Robinson's cottage @ 4/- a day

Chris & Annette Booth

Read more about this at www.froyle.com/ferecords.htm



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

Our year began with the annual New Year Lunch Party enjoyed by members and friends. Thanks go to the committee and members who provided the usual spread of delicious dishes. Thanks also to John Negus, who organised the quiz, and Maureen Hunter, who by request agreed to entertain us again with her rendition of Pam Ayres' poems.

On February 8th at 7.30pm, our speaker on 'The Garden in Spring' will be Patricia Elkington. Several years ago we had a club visit to her lovely garden in Crawley, near Winchester and for many years Patricia was the County Organiser for the National Garden Scheme.

The monthly competition will be 'An indoor flowering plant'.

Our club is affiliated to the Surrey Horticultural Federation, whose annual talk will be on March 10th, 2.30pm at Normandy Village Hall. The speaker is Nick Bailey (Gardeners' World presenter) with his new talk 'Revive Your Garden'.

Tickets are £7.50 in advance, £10 on the day.

Please contact me if you would like tickets in advance or would like to join or renew club membership. Visitors are always welcome.

A Happy New Year and good gardening

Anne Blunt (22262)

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.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the group.

Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club
Next Meeting Monday 4th February
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards or other games do drop by for some very unserious fun.

We play lots of different games, both card and board...you name it, we'll play it... and as we now have eight regulars there's always enough to play several.

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and a biscuit or two.



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)



The Froyle 100 Club Winners for January

The winners for January 2019 were:

1st – Caroline Bush; 2nd – Andrew Pritchard;

3rd – Maureen Fry; 4th – Gillian Pickering;

..and Congratulations to all the winners!

William (07775 928933) wbk@wbk.nowles.com

Interested In Cricket?

Rory Butler, aged 9, is, and he believes lots of other children in Froyle may be too! He would like to get a team together for a one-off cricket match. To do this he knows we need to raise money to enable Froyle to have the right equipment.

He would like to organise a sponsored fun run in the Spring for all ages (1,3, 5k) - as his parents we've suggested we firstly ask the children of Froyle to actually show an interest in playing cricket for the village and challenging another village one day in the summer.

If you're interested (U9-U13) please email bella@westendflowerfarm.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Vicar: The Reverend Yann Dubreuil Tel: 07777 684 533 yann@benbinfro.org

Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail admin@benbinfro.org

Churchwarden:

Mr. William Knowles

Park Edge

Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 23164

wbk@wbknowles.com



Benefice Pastoral Care:

Gill Thallon (23538)

Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

Anna Chaplain:

Jonathan Rooke
(07519 046593)

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 3rd	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 24th	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion and Children's Church
	5.00pm	Froyle	Choral Evensong

Church Clock

You may have noticed the church clock has been saying the same time for a few weeks now. It is not the fault of our intrepid little elf who winds the clock each week but the poor clock has 'saggy' wires and keeps getting itself in a terrible twist. But never fear we are on the case, a church clock expert has been and we are now waiting for them to return with their equivalent of 'clock botox' and then our clock will have new taut wires – not a sag in sight - for the next 150 years – we hope !

Linda Bulpitt

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Sometimes less is more, don't you think? I know many of you will have tried hard to stick with the concept of 'dry January' after the excesses of Christmas and New Year, and in March we are about to face the rigours of Lent, but I'm not thinking only about cutting down on food and alcohol.

It's struck me on my regular dog walks around the parish, that at this time of year, when the trees are starkly bare and the borders are devoid of flowers, that there is beauty, a purity even, in the little that we have around us. We are so lucky to be surrounded by the most stunning countryside, but in the depths of winter it can seem bleak and cold. Yet go out and look at the scenery, as I do when I walk the dog, and the tiniest detail can offer great joy.

I think what has epitomised this concept for me is the snowdrop. Today I noticed how many have emerged and I stopped to marvel at how simple, yet how exquisite they are. Because although I say simple, each flower was magnificent in its detail. The petals are the whitest white, their edges scalloped like a petticoat. And as if white alone was not enough, Nature had painted a tiny brushstroke of green on the inner frilled petals, just as a finishing touch.

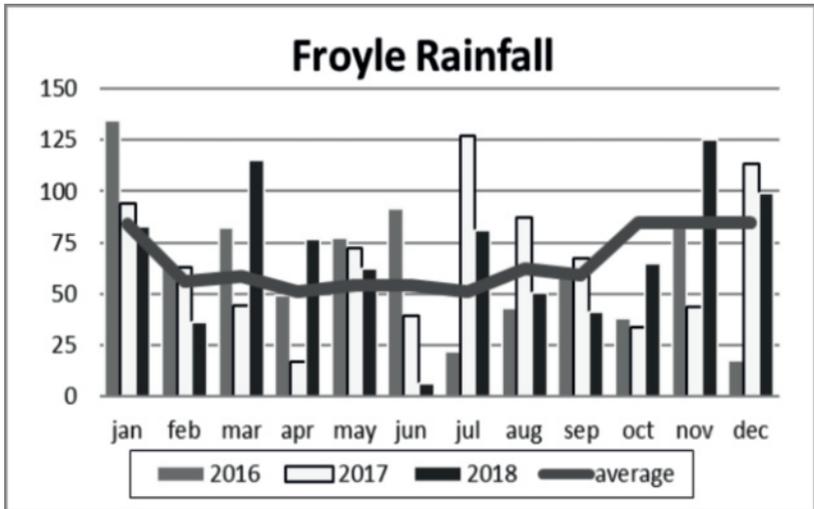
Now although I love many of the flowers in the garden in the height of summer, highly scented roses and sweet peas with their colours and perfume being among my favourites, none of these are as simple as a snowdrop. The clematis growers and dahlia lovers among you out there will be clamouring that your beloved cultivars are more deserving of a place in the garden than the common snowdrop, but the more I study this simple flower, the more I begin to understand why there are snowdrop fanatics. Galanthophiles, as they are known, rave about the subtle variations in this well-known species and rare bulbs can exchange hands for hundred of pounds.

Now I'm quite happy to enjoy whatever variety of snowdrop is popping up in the Rectory garden, so I'm not going to splash out on a handful of bulbs, but I rather admire these enthusiasts for being so fanatical about such a plain little flower. It has no scent, it is only available in white and green and it is one of the smallest flowers grown in our gardens. But, and this is an important but, it is one of the first to emerge not long after the shortest day and the longest night. Those fingers of green leaves bravely push through the frosty soil, to reveal a tightly closed white bud. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin and yet they bring us joy and hope. So let us celebrate the simple and the pure in our lives, let us embrace less is more and let us be touched by the green signs of life emerging from the darkness of the earth.

***Blessings,
Yann***

Froyle Rainfall for December 2018 and for the past year

This year	99 mm	3.9 ins
Last year	113.5 mm	4.5 ins
Wettest December (1989)	167 mm	6.6 ins
Driest December (1988)	17 mm	0.7 ins
December long-term average – the 3 rd wettest month	84.6 mm	3.3 ins
Total rainfall for the whole of 2018	840.5 mm	33.1 ins
Long-term average for the year as a whole	784.5 mm	30.9 ins



As you can tell from the chart, 2018 was a year of three(!) halves: a pretty much average middle six months sandwiched between soaking first and last quarters. Interestingly, the last time we had a similar year was way back in 1994, the end of which was followed, in 1995, by almost the wettest first quarter in the last 40 years (316 mm).



“The Umbrella Man”

(In)consequential Tales

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

The story so far:

Father and son, Adam and Joshua, freemen of Hampshire, have been chased from their small holding into nearby woodland by a mysterious band of horsemen, led by Boyes and Fletcher, who work for the Constable of Winchester and are accompanying a carriage with a foreign dignitary on board at the time. Now read on...

5. Turning tables...?

From the relative safety of the trees Joshua saw the three horsemen chase his father into the woodland some two hundred paces from where he was. He was mightily relieved to see they could go no further than the edge as their animals reared up refusing to try and find a way through the heavy branches.

As he watched, he then saw them returning to the track from whence they had come, joining the others and the carriage they were escorting. But now he was witness to a most peculiar sight. A head popped out from behind the curtain on one side of the covered carriage and started shouting at the horsemen in a tongue he did not recognise. What could this be about? He could only surmise that, as the sun would soon be down, the passenger was remonstrating that their fruitless chase had taken up so much time they would not reach their destination before nightfall. "Hmm!" he thought, "I wonder, as payback for their threats, there might not be some fruit to be picked from this particular tree..."

Lost in thought, he was surprised by the sound of snapping branches nearby. Raising his wooden plough in readiness, he was grateful to see it was his father, Adam. "Father," he said. "Let's follow this carriage and see where it is heading. It will be dark within the hour by which time they will be well short of the nearest manor at Alton Westbrook, which it would seem is where they are heading"

Knowing the fields and tracks as well as they did, it did not take them long to catch up with their quarry. With the light fading fast and thousands of swallows criss-crossing the sky above them, Adam and Joshua saw the carriage and horsemen moving gently downhill towards the River Wey. Did they realise where they were heading? Did they know that the closer they got to that water, the more treacherous underfoot the surrounding land became?

In the deepening gloom, father and son were now less than half a field away when they heard the sound of neighing horses and panicky voices. Carefully they approached, only to see the carriage up to its axles in mud, horses struggling to free themselves and the dignitary, whose head they had seen earlier, trying desperately to drag himself and a large box now glinting in the moonlight to safety.

Will Adam and Joshua move to save the seemingly doomed band? Or will they grab the box for themselves and leave the carriage, the nobleman and his escort to their fate?

To be continued...



Plus ça change
Extracts from
the Froyle Village Magazine
In years gone by



40 years ago (February 1979):

Amongst items mentioned in the three-page, advertisement-free, Parish Magazine was a moving tribute to Paul Bush, who had died on 18th January 1979; "...quiet, courteous and dependable...a great countryman, full of knowledge and wisdom about country things and country ways."

Meanwhile, the Methodists Ladies Group was organising a pantomime visit - to which one though was not mentioned; a Christmas Whist Drive had raised £128 towards the cost of new showers for the football club; and the Gardening Club Annual Party "was a friendly cheerful gathering much enhanced by the mulled wine which started the festivities, and the delicious food that had been prepared by various members, under the experienced guiding hand of Mrs Blunt", but much more importantly, the Quiz Team had taken on the Farnham Gardens and Allotments Society ... and won!

...and 25 years ago (February 1994):

The ten-page, newly-named, "Village Magazine" was launched this month under the editorship of Annette Booth and contained just one advertisement - from Roger Milam, for his property and plumbing maintenance business. "Don't forget - this is YOUR Magazine!" were the finishing words to the first editorial.

Much space was taken up with details of road closures in connection with the Bentley bypass and a planned extension to Bentley School (the PC agreed to give two grants totalling £500 towards it); the 100 club only had three prize winners in those days; the Froyle Ladies Group Christmas Party was apparently "very poorly attended"; the Gardening Club was again in full swing with the announcement of a Gardeners Question Time to be chaired by Geoff Hawkins; the Fete Committee - Ted Crowurst, Linda Bulpitt, Maureen Fry, Jill Mackenzie, John Cresswell, Janet Dobson, Roy Cranford & Lee Robinson - was looking for a new Chairman (Lucille & Percy Chorley were resigning); and for the first time there were a couple of useful telephone numbers, including the Alton Police (Alton 82244).

And finally there was a lovely article by Annette about the history and traditions of Valentines Day, including "that the first man seen by a woman on February 14th must be her Valentine, whether she likes it or not."

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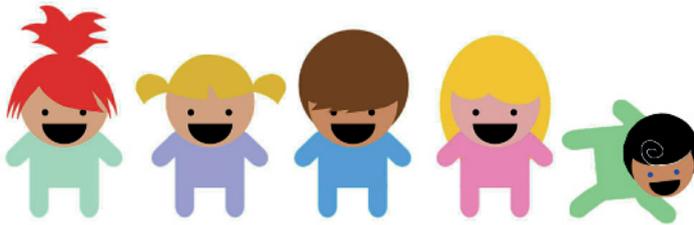
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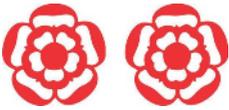
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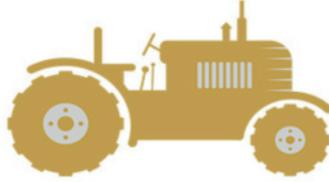
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