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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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

The Froyle Parish Council has decided to hold any news over until next month but, in the meantime, would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents for their continued support throughout 2016 and to wish everyone good fortune in 2017.

At the same time, the Magazine's Editorial team would like to express its gratitude to the PC for its continued support. Whilst advertising goes a long way to offsetting the production costs, there remains a financing gap. Not only does the PC fill this unwaveringly but also gives us unfettered editorial independence. Furthermore, we continue to take comfort in the knowledge that, for the foreseeable future, there is no prospect of the Magazine being anything other than free to all households in Froyle.

We hope that you have liked the small changes and new items that have appeared over the last 12 months, such as publishing an increased number of photographs of Village life, the extracts from the Froyle Archive and the "I was there..." Column. During 2017, we will continue to look at ways of further improving the quality and variety, whilst still providing information on past and future events. But any ideas, requests, criticisms or just general comments anybody would like to make, do please get in touch on magazine@froyle.com. We do have regular editorial meetings - all right, admittedly in the pub - but nevertheless, all contributions, comments and ideas really do get discussed in depth between pints, so we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, our job of editing the Magazine, despite the odd frustration, is ultimately satisfying because we do eventually get to see the physical fruits of our labours. But there they would stay were it not for the unstinting efforts of our distributor team, which tend to go unnoticed until, very rarely, something goes awry. So, at this time of goodwill, could we take this opportunity to thank them all, particularly Jane Macnabb, for their hard work, and not forgetting Chris Booth, who puts the whole thing seamlessly on to the website; we really couldn't do this without you.

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

The Editors



Bookings: Jo Mills
01420 22384
www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

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

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter. (@froylevhall)

PLEASE NOTE:

**THE FROYLE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM 3rd - 15th JANUARY, 2017**

**WHILST THE FLOOR IS BEING REFURBISHED
AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY.**

**IT WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN
FROM 20th - 23rd FEBRUARY, 2017
FOR RE-DECORATING.**

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Defibrillator

If you have been past the village hall recently, you may have spotted an illuminated green and yellow box projecting from the wall. Froyle now has its own AED or automated external defibrillator. Inside is **a very clever piece of electronic kit which can be used to diagnose and correctly treat someone who has suffered a heart attack..** Of course we very much hope it will never be necessary to use the defibrillator but its very presence will be a comfort to many.

In an emergency the first thing to do is always to ring 999 and give your location. You will then be given the code to open the cabinet. As mobile reception around the hall is not always good we will take advice on making sure that a number of residents, including all village hall committee members, are aware of the code.

The device is designed to be used by an untrained person as the system provides audible instructions but, at the time of writing, the Village Hall Committee is arranging to undergo basic training with the ambulance service. More training can be provided if other residents are interested.

The cost of the purchasing the defibrillator has been c£3,000, jointly funded by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. We are grateful to our district councillor Glynis Watts who has contributed a grant of £700. Thanks also to David Andrews who installed the system.

Village Hall Refurbishment

The village hall will be closed for the first two weeks of the New Year, reopening on Monday 16th January with a fully refurbished floor. It will then close again between 20th and 23rd February for redecoration. We are not neglecting the outside either and you will notice we have now replaced all the gutters and down pipes which were showing their age. All this maintenance is expensive so I very much hope as many residents as possible, old and new, will support **our fund raising 'Film Night' on Friday 27th January and 'Race Night' on Saturday 11th February.** If the past is anything to go by, they will both be great evenings! (See pages 7 and 8 for further details).

Finally, if you have thoughts, suggestions or ideas about the hall, do please let me know. Froyle Village Hall is a registered charity set up to provide, manage and maintain a community hall for all the residents of the parish of Froyle. It is run by a Committee of trustees who are elected each year in April at an Annual General Meeting; on behalf of them all, may I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Nick Whines (Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall)

All the fun of the St Mary's Church



Well, it was different, wasn't it? And there was lots of interesting 'stuff' to buy, lovely refreshments and a warm and hospitable atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Deli and Gifts stalls and those who came, helped and supported us. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we and the team did. And what a

Christmas Fair, 3rd December 2016



team! – thank you Caroline, Jan, Jane, Julie, Karen, and William (and ‘PJ’, our dog biscuit taster). The team will now focus on the programme for 2017. We’re sure you’ll enjoy what we have planned.

Nigel and Linda Bulpitt

Froyle 100 Club Results

For November 2016

1st Janet Dobson 2nd Jill McKenzie
3rd Jennifer Evans 4th Anne Andrew

...and December 2016

1st Caroline Findlay 2nd Annette Booth
3rd Maisie Pritchard 4th David Robertson

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles

...AND TO ALL *NON-* MEMBERS OF THE FROYLE 100 CLUB.....

...especially new residents: Do you know about the Froyle 100 Club..?

1. Any adult resident of Froyle can join – the more members we have, the more money we raise for the Froyle Village Hall, and the more cash we hand out in prize money at each monthly draw.
2. We have well over 100 members, and it would be really wonderful if everyone in Froyle joined. Membership costs £12 per year, and is renewed as from 1st January each year, so now is the best time to join!
3. Upon joining, you are assigned a number and entered in the draw made at the Meeting Place in the Froyle Village Hall on the first Friday of each month (no need to be present to win).
4. We pay out half our takings in prize money - a pretty good bet - with the balance going to the village hall. Each month in 2016 there have been four prizes, with a top prize of £30.
5. You can subscribe in cash or by annual standing order. Just contact me, William Knowles, by telephone (23164 or 07775 928933) or email: wbk@wbknowles.com, preferably before the end of 2016 – the first draw for 2017 takes place on 6th January!



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



'ABOUT TIME'

Starring
Bill Nighy and Rachel Adams

Directed by
Richard Curtis
Creator of Love Actually and
Four Weddings and a Funeral

Friday 27th January 2017

About Time is a 2013 British romantic comedy-drama film.

At the age of 21, Tim discovers he can travel in time and change what happens and has happened in his own life.

His decision to make his world a better place by getting a girlfriend turns out not to be as easy as you might think.

Rated - R

Froyle Village Hall

Doors open 7 p.m.
Film starts 7.30 p.m.

Price = £8.00
(payment in advance would be appreciated)

includes a sausage bap
(to be available before the film starts)

Pay Bar available

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:
Karen Potter (520294) or Jo Mills (22384)**

FROYLE RACE NIGHT

An evening of fun!



SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY
GATES OPEN 7.00pm
FIRST RACE 7.30pm

At the Froyle Village Hall

TICKETS £8 PER HEAD, WHICH INCLUDES SUPPER.

WINE AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE DURING THE EVENING.
BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR BETTING.

HOW THE EVENING WORKS:

- * WE WILL BE SHOWING EIGHT FILMS OF ACTUAL HORSE RACES, EACH WITH EIGHT NUMBERED HORSES.
- * PLACE A BET (MINIMUM £1) AT THE TOTE TABLE ON WHICHEVER HORSE YOU THINK WILL WIN THE RACE.
- * YOU CAN BET ON AS MANY HORSES AS YOU LIKE.
- * YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET FOR EACH BET. HOLD ON TO THIS, YOU WILL NEED THIS TO CLAIM YOUR WINNINGS!
- * WHEN ALL BETS HAVE BEEN PLACED THE RACE WILL BE SHOWN.
- * IF THE HORSE THAT YOU BET ON IS THE WINNER, COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS FROM THE TOTE TABLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A RACE (OFFERS INVITED) AND/OR BUY AND NAME A HORSE (£2 EACH) PLEASE ASK HEAD STABLE GIRL JO MILLS FOR DETAILS. IF YOU BUY A HORSE AND IT WINS ITS RACE YOU WILL WIN A PRIZE!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JO MILLS 22384 or joannamills@yahoo.com
DEADLINE: MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY.



HAPPY RACING!



The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place continues every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30 am - 12 noon. If you are new to the Village or have an hour to spare, 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 would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers etc.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETING PLACE
ON 6th AND 13th JANUARY WHILE THE VILLAGE HALL FLOOR IS
BEING REFURBISHED**

Cake Bakers for January.

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Jan 20 Bea Sword | Nelle Pratt | Sue Lelliott | Corinna Whines. |
| 27 Kay Pogson | Alison Pincot | Jo Mills | Sarah English. |

Kitchen helpers for January

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan 20 Elizabeth Sealy | Jack Watts. |
| 27 Kay Pogson | Margaret Stanford. |

If you need to swap dates, please contact the helper direct to arrange this. If you could please be at Village Hall around 10.00am we would be grateful..

IT IS AN ENORMOUS HELP TO BE TOLD WHAT YOU ARE BAKING EACH WEEK TO AVOID DUPLICATION. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE VERY GRATEFUL IF ALL THE CAKE BAKERS COULD LET US KNOW WHAT THEY ARE BAKING A COUPLE OF DAYS IN ADVANCE.

**MANY THANKS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.**

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



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

The A G M was held on Friday 9th December and was quite well attended. Thankfully we now have Jim Bellis as a new committee member but unfortunately we made a loss last year so we must try harder to find ways of covering our expenses. We are going to try to advertise the club and its activities to a wider audience. We are of course delighted to welcome new residents to Froyle to join us.

**On January 21st we will have our New Years party at lunch time,
12.30 for 1.00 pm at the Village Hall.**

There will be the usual wonderful feast and quizzes, all for only £5.

Tickets available from Mollie Court on 23141.

This would be a good time to come and meet us .

Brenda Milam



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

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise. We have great wooden toys to play with: a dolls house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017 EVERYONE !!!!

*Please note that due to the floor being refurbished, the Village Hall is closed for a couple of weeks so **there will be no toddler group until Thursday 19th January, 2017.***

Do join us then for lots of playing and running on the new floor

January meetings in the Village Hall are on Thursdays 19th and 26th.

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

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Froyle Poppy Appeal

Thank you all for your very generous contributions to this year Royal British Legion Poppy appeal, for which we raised :

£1, 335.12



I would particularly like to thank the house collectors who do raise the majority of the funds, **Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Linda Bulpitt, Mark Cray** and **Ron Figgins**.

My sincere thanks also go to the local businesses who support this great cause, namely **the BP Petrol Station, the Hen & Chicken Inn, the Anchor Inn, Froyle Park** and **Froyle Church**.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

(John McCrae)

(Jamie Stewart-Smith)

Bentley CE Primary School News from the Autumn Term

This term is always a busy one with lots going on. By Christmas it seems hard to remember that in September everyone felt very new as staff changed year groups and children ‘moved up’ or joined the school as a new pupil. Four months is a very long time in ‘school time’ and we have certainly packed a lot in! Here are a few highlights mentioned by the staff and children as they looked back over the term.

“In September we had a team of painters on site to repaint the outside of the school. We made the decision to have the bright yellow sections repainted in a more 21st century grey but the royal blue areas still remain. We think they did a great job and the school looks really smart again. Whilst the Hampshire county painters were on site we had an INSET day and several brave staff were given a treat to have a turn on the cherry picker! We took some great pictures of the school which looked a little different from above”.
Mr Simon Cottam, Finance Officer

“Lots of people learn to play different musical instruments at our school. All sorts like the piano, flute and violin and recorder. My favourite day this term was doing the Rock Steady concert. My group were practising for a long, long time – all term actually and now we are much better. I play the guitar!”
Will Day, Rock Steady member, Year 2

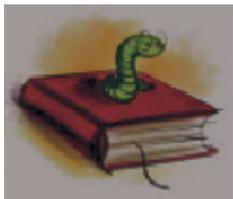
“One of my favourite days this term was going to Basingstoke to represent our school. Both me and Rose were chosen from all the Junior pupils to be our school Juniors Road Safety Officers and we attended a conference. That meant we went along and talked to lots of other children from different schools all about Road Safety. We have brought back our ideas to share with Bentley pupils to help people to make good decisions when they are out and about”
Henry Driver, JRSO, Year 5

“We have done a lot of brilliant things at school this term like going to the Houses of Parliament, studying Harry Potter and visiting Jenkyn Place and seeing what was behind the old wall! One of my most fun experiences is being a member of Science Club where we take part in lots of different types of projects and meet lots of interesting people who use Science in their work. One day we had a Robot War like they have on television. It was a lot of fun! My robot was not so lucky!”
Evie Kennett, Year 6

“It has been really good this term because my brother joined Bentley Primary too. I like having him in school and what is also good is that now at lunchtime we all mix up so we get to play together then too. At playtimes we still have Infant and Junior breaks which is good too because then you can play with people in your class or do things that

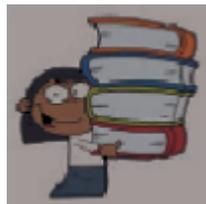
the older or younger children don't want to do so much. I love having my brother here with me”
Jasmine Annible, Year 4





Medicine for the Soul

Book Review
A Village Called Sin
by Guy Bellamy



Guy Bellamy, who died in 2015, was a local author who lived most of his life in Farnham. Rumour has it that he was known to sit in local hostelrys listening to the regulars to get ideas for his mainly humorous novels. Where he was visiting to get the idea for *A Village Called Sin* published in 1991 is anyone's guess.

The story is based in the fictional Compton Sinbury, an idyllic village off the M3. The story involves a number of characters who may or may not reflect the life of any village in the early 90's, the city trader who commutes daily, his wife whose drink problem is well-known and the Vicar and his attractive sister whose nudity on the lawn of the vicarage is also well-known. Then there is the property developer whose relationship with the local council is also well-known. Finally the local reporter whose doesn't know a secret that most of the other villagers know.

This is a novel that is not to be taken seriously, it is fun and, if any of the characters bears any likeness to anyone you know, that would best be kept to yourself.

Ian Whitmore



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 8th January

from

3.30 - 5.30pm

In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village

for a time of

Fun, crafts, celebration & food

All are invited - young & old alike, adults, children,
teenagers, carers, grandparents, come as friends, families or partners, or
come on your own,
everyone is welcome.

If you are a child you will need to bring an adult with you.

Just come !

Entrance free

Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861

messychurch@benbinfro.org



Better Balance

After the Christmas break we meet on
Wednesday 18th January to loosen up again!
2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Then the following dates up to Easter:

February 8th, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & April 5th

If you would like to join the class contact Sue 22603

Do you want to learn more about using your iPad or tablet? or smartphone or laptop? **Age Concern Hampshire runs computer classes for ages 50+, with one-to-one tuition at the Rosefield Day Centre, Odiham Cottage Hospital. The next session starts on 11th January** for an hour on Wednesday mornings, for up to 8 weeks. Why not call 01252 843639 now to enrol? £4.50 per class.

Madeleine Black, Village Agent for Age Concern, Hampshire, 23371
ACH Information and Advice line 10am-3pm Mon-Fri: 0800 328 7154
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk>

We have been asked to reprint this piece from the November 2014 edition of the magazine because, amazingly, it is still going on - we can only presume that our readers are not the guilty parties...

...and a Special Plea to all Dog Walkers

Bags of dog poo are being thrown onto the verge along Hussey's Lane. We recently cleared the verge and we had no less than 30 bags, some of which were in the drain/run offs.

This is a disgusting habit - and a vile desecration of the countryside. Please take it home with you and put it with your *own* rubbish or in a dog poo collection bin. What is the point in picking it up and then anti-socially dropping it by the side of the road? In the case of Hussey's Lane, it might block the drainage ditch and culvert, or end up floating in the pond and possibly poisoning the ducks, etc. Please will all be on the alert to spot and identify anyone doing this.

Residents of Hussey's Lane

January News from The Froyle Archive



On November 27th 2016, there were big changes at Sylvesters when the two Scots Pines were cut down due to safety concerns. A fungus, *phaeolus schweinitzii*, which causes rot on the roots, had been discovered, and this put both houses at risk from the trees, which could fall without warning.

The trees, whose Latin name is, interestingly, “*Pinus sylvestris*”, were quite old, as the photographs below show. They can live to between 150 and 300 years old.

A persistent theme in the folklore of Scots Pine is their use as markers in the landscape. In the Highlands there is a recurrent theme that they were used to mark burial places of warriors, heroes and chieftains. In areas further south, where the sight of Scots Pine may have been more unusual and their use would have stood out more, they can be seen to mark ancient cairns, trackways and crossroads. In England they were commonly used to mark not only the drove roads themselves, but also the perimeters of meadows on which

passing drovers and their herds could spend the night. There is also the possibly more fanciful suggestion that Scots Pines were planted in England by Jacobite farmers or sympathisers.

“Sylvesters” in its present shape dates back to 1674, which is right in the Jacobite ‘era’, so could the trees have replaced originals planted around that time, and given their name to the house? We shall probably never know!

The photograph below, left, from the Sale Catalogue of the Froyle Estate in 1915, shows that the trees were pretty tall then, while the other picture, taken in the 1880s, shows the Knight family outside “Sylvesters”, with one of the trees just visible to the left, which is still some considerable height. In fact, they seem to have not grown much more in the past 100 years!

Prompted by this event we will hopefully find out some more about this strange connection with the past.

Chris & Annette Booth





I was there...

The day we got our first TV!



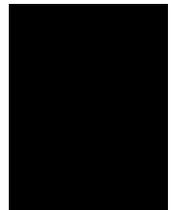
I can vividly recall being age eleven and the awe and excitement that followed for my younger brother and I on the day my father came home with our first television.

It was in the run up to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. My mother was most keen to travel to London from our home in Yorkshire in order to experience the excitement and be a part of the crowd celebrating such an historic occasion. Given that my father was busy working and we lived a considerable distance away, she was however naturally disappointed to be constrained by having to look after my brother and I.

Determined not to completely miss out on such a momentous royal event my mother persuaded my father to buy a television for us all to enjoy the Coronation on screen instead. I can recall being impressed at my mother's manipulative powers. Given the long run up to the day itself mother had a good lead time to start sowing the seed so persuasively in a period when there was certainly not a great deal of disposable income and a television was a considerable cost. I suspect the fact that the TV arrived just ahead of the Grand National, prior to the Coronation might have had something to do with it!

(Christopher L)

**Have *you* got a similar story?
If so, why not let the Village know about it?
Just put it in an email to
magazine@froyle.com
We'd all love to hear it...!**



SPEEDWATCH – after a year...

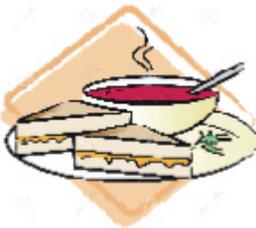
As most of you will have noticed, over the last 12 months or so, we have been conducting sessions using the Speedwatch kit borrowed from the Alton Police. We have done these outside the Village Hall, by Park Lane, and outside Brocas Farm and Manderley and **the good news is that we do appear to have been having an effect.** However, we are unable to recommend anything – by way of initiating a more permanent solution – for the moment until the East Hants Traffic Management Department of the County Council comes back to us – we have been waiting on them since May!. So until we hear, some interesting and useful facts that we have gleaned from our sessions:

- Froyle Road carries more (through) traffic than Ryebidge Lane;
- Afternoons are mostly busier than mornings;
- The Village Hall in percentage terms has more notifiable speedsters than elsewhere – because the road there is wider perhaps?
- Overall speeding appears to be a morning problem – hurrying to work/school run, maybe?
- It would appear that there has been a reduction, depending on the time and location, in the numbers speeding excessively; this was particularly marked at the Village Hall and outside Brocas.
- Bare numbers suggest that, whilst the number of motorists exceeding 35mph has halved to around 7% currently, those doing between 31 and 35mph has also come down, but is still around the 20% mark.

All this data has been put together by our intrepid leader Gordon Mitchell, to whom we are extremely grateful.

PS As we have said before, we would greatly appreciate any more who would like to join us; please contact Gordon, for further details on champersg@hotmail.com

“Nipper of the Woodyard”



Lent Lunches 2017

Our Lent lunches **start on Ash Wednesday,**
which this year is on March 1st.

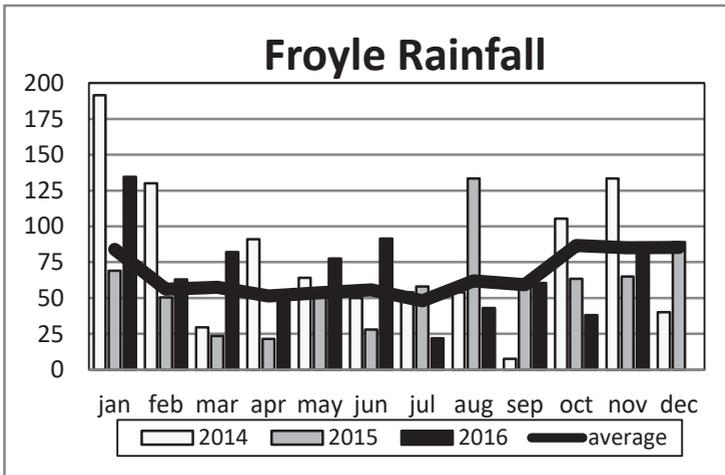
Each lunch comprises home-made soup, bread and cheese, to which all are welcome; donations go to the charity chosen by the hostess.

The lunches are from **12.30 to 2.00 pm**, and further details of venues will be in the next Magazine.

If anyone needs a lift, would like to offer a lift, or has any queries, please call Jenny Gove on 23697.

Froyle Rainfall for November 2016

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|---|----------|----------|
| This year | 87 mm | 3.4 ins |
| Last year | 65 mm | 2.5 ins |
| Wettest November (2009) | 198.5 mm | 7.8 ins |
| Driest November (1978) | 18 mm | 0.7 ins |
| November long-term average– the 3rd wettest month | 84.9 mm | 3.3 ins |
| Total rainfall for the year so far | 661.5 mm | 26 ins |
| Long-term average for the year so far | 699.2 mm | 27.5 ins |



A pretty average month towards the end of what is increasingly looking like a pretty average year, and of course all the while it has remained un-seasonally warm, with the leaves still firmly on the trees. So, turning to The Old Farmers Almanac for guidance, it states that “Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.” And going back somewhat further into the Dark Ages, according to ancient weather lore: “If leaves fall not by Martinmas Day, a cruel winter’s on its way.” So don’t say you haven’t been warned...!



“The Umbrella Man”

Which Wine with Which Food?

an update



Just to remind you this evening of good wine, food and informative conversation is still very much on the cards for a Friday or Saturday late February, early March, in the Village Hall, but final date TBC.

Guy Nightingale of Louis Latour has indicated that he would be delighted to host the event, which is excellent news.

But it's sad that we will be without his advice for our Christmas and New Year dining. In the meantime, you could do a lot worse than pick up a bottle of **Estevez Chilean Pinot Noir from, you guessed it, Aldi, for an unbelievable £4.79** - it should go really well with your turkey...



David and Susie Robertson (520820)

The Alton branch of the U3A

wishes all the members an intellectual and stimulating New Year
and invites members to
**start the year with
an amusing look at CHEESE.**

John Pearson has been an International cheese judge and has visited dairies all over Europe (for M & S). He will tell of hilarious and sometimes embarrassing encounters with suppliers.

Entitled "**Blessed are the Cheesemakers**", his talk will educate and entertain.
There will also be a cheese tasting.

It will take place on **January 20th 2017**
at the Alton Community Centre
at 2.00pm.
All are welcome.

From time to time we receive accounts from Froyle residents of their various trips and excursions both far and near which we are more than happy to publish.

We are therefore delighted to reproduce this account of Jamie Stewart-Smith's walk to the First World War battle sites in October this year.

Army Benevolent Fund Frontline Walk 2016

From 6th to 8th October with two great friends we walked 100kms along the old British Frontline to raise monies for the Army Benevolent Fund. Thanks to your generous contributions we managed to raise a staggering £15,000 between the three of us and nearly £2000,000 as a group.

We set off from Wellington Barracks Wednesday morning some 97 strong and arrived in Arras late afternoon. Our party included Andy, a remarkable young man who lost two legs and his right arm in Afghanistan a few years ago. The Charity has helped him and his family enormously. Each of the following 3 days saw us assemble at 0600 for a fortifying breakfast followed by a coach ride to our starting point.

On day one our 38km walk got underway from Lochnagar Crater, the largest mine crater which contained 60 tons of explosive and was detonated on 1st July 2016, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Some 21 km later we arrived at the iconic Thiepval Memorial. This was my third visit and it was as moving as before. Should you not have visited this memorial ,which bears the names of some 72,000 soldiers of the British Armies who have no known grave, I urge you to do so. That afternoon we walked to The Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial and then on to The Sunken Lane, passing the Memorial to the Accrington Pals and ending at Gommecourt Wood Military Cemetery.

Our second day started at Neuville Saint Vaast, the largest German cemetery in France containing almost 45,000 graves, including 129 headstones for Jewish soldiers who fell fighting for Germany. We visited a great number of cemeteries over the trip and lunch was at Notre Dame de Lorette, the largest French military cemetery. The recently completed Ring of Remembrance lists the names of those who fell in that area, including 5 with whom I share my surname. So I now have some research to do! The walk on the second day was 37km and ended at Vimy Ridge, the site of the magnificent memorial to all Canadians who served during WW1.

On Saturday we left Arras for Belgium and began our walk from Ploegsteert Cemetery. As you may know, Churchill served here in the first war with the 6th Royal Scots Fusiliers. Later in the morning we passed the Khaki Chums 1914 Christmas Truce Memorial, shortly followed by the New Zealand Messines Ridge Memorial and the Spanbroekmolen Mine Crater, usually referred to as the Pool of Peace. In the afternoon we passed several more cemeteries over our walk towards Ypres and our penultimate stop was Caterpillar Crater and the Hill 60 Preserved Battlefield. From there we walked in procession to the Menin Gate, attracting much encouragement and

applause from locals and tourists alike. Visiting The Menin Gate and attending the ceremony, which takes place every night at 2000, is in my opinion a 'must do' and no one can fail to be moved by spending some time perusing the names of some 55,000 men who died between 1914 and August 1917, whose remains were never found. As I mentioned previously, I did this walk with two close friends, one of whom was given the honour of laying a wreath at the ceremony on Saturday evening in front of a crowd which must have exceeded 2000.

In some regards the 102 km walk was demanding and quite a few succumbed to blisters, fatigue etc but most of us completed the challenge with pride. We were accompanied throughout by a military historian who has an encyclopedic knowledge of WW1. As you will have gathered, I have visited many WW1 sites over the last few years but one thing I have taken from this walk is a greater understanding of the suffering of so many people who gave their lives for their country, the most appalling conditions, the carnage and in many respects the futility. I can tell you, this was a most humbling experience and it makes one realise just how much one has to be grateful for.



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Happy New Year to you and yours!

2017 has arrived and once again we find ourselves wondering where 2016 went. And some of us may well once again be reflecting on last year's broken New Year's resolutions. But last year's disappointment will be put well and truly behind once more as once again we resolve to lose weight, get fit, be kinder to our neighbours, etc. We will no doubt be determined to fix our shortcomings and areas of failure... once again.

Christmas reminded us that it was to a world of failed hope that Jesus came. In other words, God comes to us as we are – however well disciplined (or not!) we may be, full of grace and truth.

As one who was without fault, His presence highlighted people's failures and shortcomings, as well as their strengths. But his presence also changed people and continues to do so. His presence can renew us, redeem us and transform us. Christ reveals to us our inner selves. But he also shows how we can be saved. It may take a long time to receive the saving power of Christ. It may be a troublesome journey with highs and lows. We may be distracted on the way. But Christ will not leave us alone, however hard our personal journey may be. And in the end we will come into the fullness of his presence and know that the only response is gratitude and praise.

So at the beginning of this New Year which, no doubt, will may bring with it troubles and sorrows, as well, of course, as joys and delights, let us resolve to keep our eyes turned to Christ. He brings real hope to a struggling humanity, to a struggling world and he brings it to our own personal struggles so that we may be saved by his loving, penetrating and transforming presence.

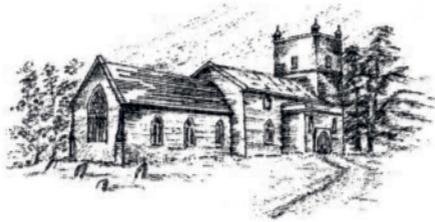
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***Blessings,
Yann***

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| Sunday 1st January | 11.00am | Binsted | Joint Benefice Service |
| Sunday 8th January | 11.00am | Froyle | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Bentley | Morning Worship |
| | 3.30pm | Binsted | Messy Church |
| Sunday 15th January | 11.00am | Froyle | Holy Communion |
| | 5.00pm | Bentley | Live@Five |
| | 9.30am | Binsted | Morning Worship |
| Sunday 22nd January | 6.30pm | Froyle | Evensong |
| | 9.30am | Bentley | HC and Children's Church |
| | 8.00am | Binsted | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 29th January | 11.00am | Froyle | Joint Benefice Service |



**The Salvation Army Band will be joining us for
Songs of Praise on Sunday 26th February at 4.00p.m.**

We would like you to suggest your favourite hymns so that the most popular will be included in this Service. There will be lists for you to add your selection at the Meeting Place and in the Church.

Choices must be made by the beginning of January.

(Gill Bradley)



**Froyle Good Neighbours
Seasons Greetings from The Froyle Good
Neighbours Scheme.**

We have been running for three years now and this is a timely reminder to those who know of us and may even have used us and an introduction to those new residents of Froyle who have not heard of us. **All residents of Froyle can phone a number and get help with any small emergencies that may arise. The help includes simple repairs/DIY, help with shopping and gardening, snow clearance and short-term help with pets.** The help will be provided by our band of volunteers who should be able to solve most problems. When it is not possible for us to do this, because the problem involves approved trades such as plumbing and electricians, we will put the client in touch with local trades people who can provide their services. The Scheme is meant to provide short-term assistance for those residents that cannot help themselves and in this season of (supposedly) inclement weather we may prove to be a lifeline!

Our primary contact is Linda Hagan-Wilkie, on 01420 520292. Should Linda be unavailable, please call Gill Bradley: 01420 520484, Karen Potter: 01420 520294 or John Sexton: 01420 520098/07885 620011.

(John Sexton, Chairman)

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| 8 <i>11.00 HC</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <i>11.00 HC</i> | 16 <i>FVH re-opens today</i> | 17 | 18 <i>2.30 Better Balance FVH</i> | 19 <i>9.45 Toddlers & Babies FVH</i> | 20 <i>9.30 Meeting Place Magazine deadline</i> | 21 <i>12.30 Gardening Club New Year party FVH</i> |
| 22 <i>6.30 Evensong</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 | 19 <i>9.45 Toddlers & Babies FVH</i> | 27 <i>9.30 Meeting Place 7.00 pm Film Night FVH</i> | 28 |
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