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will meet on 15 December after this issue of the Magazine has gone to print so little news to report. The Parish Council (PC) is pleased to welcome Charlie Inskip as a new Parish Councillor from 1 January and looks forward to working with her and the new perspectives that she will bring as a resident in Froyle Park. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor there is another vacancy to be filled so please contact the Clerk for details.

It has not been a typical year in Froyle with lock downs followed by a gradual opening up but this has not stopped us enjoying the beautiful countryside around us. Many of the Froyle community events were held, albeit with some restrictions on how they were organised compared to previous years, but others such as the Fete regrettably fell victim once again to the Covid restrictions.

Although off to a slow start, 2021 has been a memorable year in many ways with the Froyle community pulling together as it always does in providing support to neighbours and other residents when needed by shopping, collecting prescriptions, providing lifts to vaccination centres, organising collections for Alton Food bank and many more. The Parish Council wants to extend its thanks to all Froyle organisations and residents for their time willingly given. Froyle's community spirit has remained alive through the kind deeds of individuals, many of which go unnoticed other than by those who were so grateful for them, and the tireless efforts of organisers and volunteers who ensured that the events held for the whole village were such a success.

The post lockdown year kicked off in June with Froyle Open Gardens in support of the National Gardens Scheme raising £8,000 for NGS charities and over £1,000 in plant sales by the Gardening Club. Pride of place goes to the owners of the seven gardens that opened this year who worked tirelessly to bring their gardens to a peak condition for the weekend. Their efforts were supported by an army of volunteers both in the Village Hall serving teas and outside directing traffic. This was followed in September when the Froyle Festival event allowed all residents young and not so young, long standing and newcomers to get together and join in a celebration of the lifting of the restrictions we had been living under. The afternoon events were varied with many taking part in the activities that were put on especially the tug of war between the villages (almost literally given the numbers who took part!). The evening hog roast and dancing to the ceilidh band was much enjoyed by all who attended. It was great to see so many people at bonfire night with the enjoyment of the magnificent bonfire and fireworks being enhanced by the wide choice of food and drinks available. Despite no film nights being possible the Village Hall held a virtual quiz night in April with the annual quiz night also being held in October. The other Froyle societies have restarted their programme of activities and talks. Ongoing throughout the year was the Meeting Place on a Friday morning (held inside and outside the Village Hall as needs

demanded!) which continues to provide an opportunity for residents to catch up with friends new and old over a cup of coffee and delicious home-made cake. Events in the Church must also be mentioned with the incredible Froyle Ark, Harvest Supper and more recently the Christmas Fair.

A decision was finally taken earlier after months of agonising not to proceed with the renovation of the football hut as the proposed community benefits were not considered to be value for money. The hut will be demolished in 2022 and the PC will work with the Village Hall Committee to provide many of the community facilities elsewhere.

So what we ask does 2022 have in store for us in Froyle? Despite the current uncertainties about the impact of the Omicron variant, it must be hoped that the whole Froyle community can build on the foundations laid in 2021 and support all village events including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a return of Froyle traditions such as the Fete. We look forward to seeing all residents enjoying life in Froyle and demonstrating the spirit that is such a hallmark of our community.

Around the village – two new and two amended planning applications have been received since the last PC meeting. One of the new applications was for the felling of a tree within the Upper Froyle Conservation Area. Guided by the village Tree Warden, the PC objects in principle to the felling of any healthy tree within a conservation area and has suggested to the case officer at EHDC that an arboriculturist's report be provided to determine whether felling is the only course of action available. The second new application is for an oak framed car port in Upper Froyle which the PC will consider at its next meeting. The two amended applications relate to an extension to a property in Upper Froyle, and a change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian, new stable block etc. in Lower Froyle. Both applicants have submitted new designs and additional information to support their applications, and these are being considered by the PC.

The next PC meeting will be held on **Monday 10 January 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.

In conclusion the Parish Council would like to wish all residents and their families a happy Christmas and a safe, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our readers



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

A very happy New Year to everybody. Let's hope it's a good one: a group of volunteers is progressing plans for the Jubilee Celebration in June and some dedicated gardeners are already preparing for Open Gardens the following week. If 'the usual suspects' haven't exhausted ourselves, July may see the return of Froyle Fete. Covid permitting, the Committee must find a way of restarting our film shows and more generally increase the usage of the Hall.

Working with the Parish Council, another important challenge for the coming year is to think about what additional facilities the Hall can offer residents. At the AGM we considered a glazed roof over part of the patio or, less ambitiously, an awning. Could we find a way of adding another loo accessible from the outside? Is there a more productive use for the space at the far end of the patio outside the storeroom? And what about activities inside the hall. In the past we have considered investing in a bowling alley. Do we need a better piano? There must be enough musicians in the village to form a scratch band. Would anyone enjoy a table tennis evening? Given the enthusiastic dancing which was such a feature of the Froyle Festival, what about a monthly hop. At least we wouldn't need the heating on. The Village Hall Committee is always ready to support and encourage residents who have ideas for new uses and groups of users for the hall. Despite Covid and partly because of it, 2021 has been a very busy year for all those who help run the hall. We are pleased that we have recruited some younger residents to help share the load but we will need more volunteers if the Hall is to remain at the heart of the community.

I write this in early December with Storm Barra propelling sheets of rain against the house. Yet again I ring our roofing contractor and explain that the flashing on the Village Hall solar panels has come adrift and water is leaking through the ceiling and forming a puddle on the floor. They are sympathetic as usual but I sense we are no longer a priority. I am promised a call back as I was last time. I have begun to doubt the wisdom of buying high tech integrated panels which form part of the roof rather than the more conventional ones which are installed above the roof tiles. Aesthetically they look much better but if they leak Perhaps this is why the contractor no longer fits them. I make a call to the National Federation of Roofing Contractors who for 125 years have been maintaining standards in the roofing business. However no one in their large and extensive membership combines expertise in roofing and



solar and might be able to offer assistance. Given that every existing and yet-to-be-built south facing roof has the potential to help mitigate the impact of climate change, I find this extraordinary. But then I hear about increased workloads, shortage of skilled labour, scarcity of materials and escalating costs. For the time being the only option appears to be a strategically placed bucket.

2022 is also the year when the Village Hall Committee along with everybody else is committed to finding ways to reduce our so called carbon footprint. In other words we must try to make the hall more energy efficient. We have made a good start. The walls and the ceiling are insulated. We have installed LED lighting. We have double glazing. Our boiler is relatively new. However our leaking solar panels while earning an income do little to lower our fuel consumption. The problem is that on a sunny day when we are generating lots of electricity we need neither heating or lighting so the electricity is just fed back into the grid. We could install a battery. But the cost is very high, the technology is likely to change and finding impartial expert advice on what to buy is very difficult. We should certainly investigate air or ground source heat pumps which would use the electricity we generate. Such systems operate at much lower temperatures than our existing gas central heating so we would need a much greater surface area of radiator. Ideally we would dig up the floor and lay heating pipes underneath. Can you imagine the cost, the disruption and ongoing maintenance? But we will have to bite this bullet when we are no longer able to replace the gas boiler. Perhaps some new technology will be invented which provides an easier solution. Let's hope so.

Meanwhile we have a relatively sophisticated system for controlling the heating, at least I thought so initially. Over the internet from the comfort of my study I can set the heating to turn on and off according to the usage of the hall. But the erratic use of the hall creates problems. If the hall is not used for several days and the heating is off it gets progressively colder. To then raise the temperature to say 20 degrees for a booking, the heat has to be turned on the day before to avoid overtaxing the boiler. I have more or less to guess at the offset. What puzzles me is why the system with a bit of artificial intelligence can't work it out for me as it knows when I want the temperature to be 20 degrees. It knows the temperature in the hall and outside the hall. (We have weather compensation!) It knows or should be able to work out the heat loss of the hall and the solar gain when the sun shines. There should be an algorithm to calculate it all, but as far as I am aware there isn't. So we compromise. When the heating is off I set the temperature so it doesn't drop below 16 degrees and when it is on it shouldn't rise above 20 degrees. This means that when you arrive for your booking the hall should be warm on all but the coldest days. It also explains why the hall will be found to be fairly warm on days when it is not in use. We are trying hard not to contribute more to global warming than we feel we have to. Comment welcome, particularly from heating engineers.

As I suggested above, one conclusion is that during 2022 we should try to increase the usage of the hall. To that end we have revised the tariff to permit shorter bookings for which there is some demand. We have slightly increased the cost of weekend hire. We have done our best to keep down the cost for residents. To book the hall please go to our website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk . The new tariff can be found on page 22.

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

STOP PRESS

Hurray! The roof has been mended. Bother! The new Covid regulations specifically require masks to be worn in village halls.



The Meeting Place

Happy New Year everyone, and thank you all for your continued support in these challenging times.

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.

January Kitchen Helpers

7 th	Yvonne Irvine	Pam Green
14 th	Tim Watkins	Chris Muddeman
21 st	David Robertson	William Knowles
28 th	Corinna Furse	Marje Hayhurst

Please organise swaps yourselves, but do contact us if necessary

January Cake Bakers

7 th	Shirley Bellis	Brian Jones	Sue Lelliott
14 th	Zoe Townend	Charlotte Ranson	Katie Rath
21 st	Lisa Bowler	Alison Pincott	Deborah Addison
28 th	Katherine Gilmour	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman

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.

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2022 ROSTERS

To all our volunteer Helpers and Cake Makers.....

The rosters for this year were sent out to you by email in December.

If you haven't received your lists, please contact me and I shall make sure you get a copy.

Thank you again to all of you without whom the Meeting Place could not continue.

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FROYLE 100 CLUB

The 100 Club winners for November (sorry they weren't in the December magazine), and December, were:

November

- 1st – Maisie Pritchard
- 2nd – Eva Brambley
- 3rd – Alex Roberts
- 4th – David Court

December

- 1st – Tony Riley
- 2nd – Ted Crowhurst
- 3rd – William Knowles (!)
- 4th – Nigel Mills

Very sadly (and unbeknown to me), Tony Riley died on 14th November. Some of you will have known him as an unusually talented flower arranger, longstanding and active member of the Froyle Gardening Club and as a lovely man. Among other things, he helped to make our church flower arrangements so exceptional – his involvement continued well after he left the village. There will be a special flower arrangement in his memory in church over Christmas (for those of you reading this early!), and any of his prize money left over will go to a suitable charity. This has all been arranged in discussion with Tony's daughter.

With the New Year upon us, annual 100 Club subscriptions (most paid by standing order) fall due, and New Year resolutions on the part of the 100 Club administrator abound: he has resolved (1) to regularise the monthly draw by always holding it (as pre-Covid) on the first Friday of each month at the Meeting Place; (2) to be more vigorous in reminding those who do not use standing orders to let me have their annual cash subscriptions; and (3) to provide bank details to those who would like to pay by standing order.

AND FOR ANY FROYLE RESIDENTS WHO ARE NOT YET MEMBERS OF THIS VERY NON-EXCLUSIVE VILLAGE 'CLUB', THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR IS A GOOD TIME TO JOIN. Any adults living in Froyle are welcome. For £12 a year you will be allocated a number and take part in the monthly draw at the Meeting Place – no need to be present to win (although it is a good reason to come along to the Meeting Place on the first Friday of the month). Half the subscription money is paid out in prizes. The other half goes to help finance the Village Hall. So it's a good cause, and the odds of winning something back are pretty good (currently four prizes a month, £30 for the first prize). **Anyone who is not a member and would like to join, do please get in touch with me.**

Thank you for your continued support.

William Knowles

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Lent Lunches 2022

It seems an age since we enjoyed our traditional soup & cheese Lent lunches, which were impossible to hold last year for obvious reasons. I am going to assume that things will be relatively more normal next year, and am therefore hoping for hostesses/hosts to volunteer their efforts soupy beginning on Ash Wednesday March 2nd!

Do please get in touch and thank you in anticipation.

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Froyle Baby & Toddler Group

Thank you to Molly Scotton for running the Baby & Toddler Group so energetically and well for the last few years. She's handing it on to Claire and Immy - see below.





Last January I set out to get through the year without buying any clothes. It wasn't a New Year's resolution, but after a year of lockdown I was aware how much I had in my wardrobe that had not been worn because I hadn't been going into work. My online meetings only required me to wear something comfortable and I would add a knitted poncho if it was cold. There were also other motivations; the knowledge that 10% of the world's carbon emissions are due to the fashion industry; but I have never been into fast fashion so surely the responsibility for that CO2 can't lie with me?

Pretty early on, before the end of January, my first oversight came to light... socks. I would have put these on my Christmas list if I had given this year proper consideration. I bought 5 pairs of work socks and a couple of fun pairs too. This didn't feel like a failure because it was such a little and necessary purchase, I could easily justify it.

I was reaping the benefits of being in the mindset of someone who does not buy clothes. I was deleting so many marketing e-mails without opening them. I had regained the time that I would otherwise have spent browsing clothes online. All was good and I began to think "I can do this long term".

All went well until August when my jeans developed a hole. Again, easy to justify replacing an item from my long-term wardrobe that has become worn out. I purchase a new pair of jeans - after all they are an essential... I also purchased a new top. I have never hummed and hawed so much about buying a top before, and I had never felt a sense of failure when buying a top. It was sustainably produced, and I am getting a lot of wear from it.

Another benefit of my year of shopping abstinence had come to light: I was forced to tackle the creeping weight gain of lockdown or risk having nothing to wear when returning to work in September.

All continued well up to the necessary purchase of a replacement pair of waterproof trousers in October. Somehow these didn't even feel like I was buying clothes, it was more 'equipment'. But I had to resort to buying online and it is very difficult to gauge just how much noise you will make walking in a pair of waterproof trousers when purchasing online - and for that I apologise to my wet weather walking companions. Rustle, rustle.

I slipped up again in the last two months of the year with another jeans and jumper spend. But at this point, rather than feeling my purchasing was a failing, I was able to reflect on how much I had altered my habits. I think that my habits will be altered long term and I feel better for it. I'm grateful that I have sufficient, and I have become more thoughtful in my consumption.

So, what does 2022 hold in store? I wonder if I can reset my relationship with Amazon.

Anthea McRiley, anthea.mcriley@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk



December in the Potting Shed

This is the time of the year we make our New Year resolutions and there is no better place to start than in the garden.

The first one is to make plenty of compost. Anything you have grown in the garden can be chopped up and put into the compost heap. A small dalek type of compost heap will produce masses of compost which

can be put back onto the garden.

If you are making compost then why not try the No Dig method in the vegetable garden. Just let the compost and worms make their own way into the soil. All you have to do is plant into the compost without having all that heavy digging.

The next resolution could be to raise the mower blades on the lawn. The longer the grass the better it is for holding moisture, it will have a better root system and it will look greener. You could also include the No Mow May into this as well. Hopefully this will allow some of the weeds in the lawn to flower and allow pollinating insects the chance to have a good feast.

Following on from this you could start a wild flower area in the garden. If you only have a small area around some shrubs, that will be great for pollinating insects. If you are unable to do that, then plant some wild flowers into the borders or at least grow single flowers that will have nectar and pollen available for the insects. You can also plant wildflower seeds in pots and window boxes. It all helps.

There are many more resolutions that you could add to this list, but the final one for me would be to make sure you have the time to sit and enjoy the garden and all the joy it can bring.

Geoff Hawkins

Last Meeting

The AGM took place on 10th December with a good attendance despite the introduction of the Covid 'B plan'.

Geoff Hawkins was elected as the new President and warmly thanked for sharing all his expertise with us for many years. John Negus had devised a quiz for this meeting but was unable to attend so once again Geoff came to the rescue as the Quizmaster. The multiple-choice horticultural quiz was won by Eddie Hatcher. (He said it was all guesswork bar one!)

Plans are going ahead for the New Year Lunch Party on Saturday 22nd January. Tickets £8 for members and friends. If you wish to attend please contact Gill Bradley no later than Monday 17th January, on 01420 520484 or gahbradley@gmail.com .

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy 2022

Anne Blunt



Froyle Wildlife

How do butterflies survive the winter?

When the weather turns cold, you may wonder what happens to these insects. Winter poses a problem for butterflies as they cannot get warm enough to become active. They enter a dormant phase either as an egg, larva, pupa or adult insect, dependent upon species. This isn't simply a random choice but is a way of ensuring that the insect's awakening the following year corresponds with the peak availability of its main food source. Amazingly the Painted Lady avoids

winter conditions completely by migrating long distances to regions in North Africa and the Middle East.



Red admiral on snowdrop

Eggs, larvae and pupae tend to be hidden away, though you may find Large White pupae attached to the walls of your house. Those species that overwinter as dormant adults include Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Comma. The Red Admiral, which has become a common sight in British winters of late, doesn't enter a proper dormancy but can become active on any suitable sunny days.

The Comma has its name written on the underside in the only white marking, which resembles a comma. When resting with wings closed this butterfly has excellent camouflage, the jagged outline of the wings giving the appearance of a withered leaf, making the butterfly inconspicuous when resting on a tree trunk or when dormant in winter.



Comma

The sea urchin-shaped eggs of the Brown Hairstreak are laid singly on the bark of blackthorn, typically on one- or two-year old growth that is in a sheltered area exposed to the sun. Within the 1mm pin-head sized egg, the larva partially develops before entering hibernation for the winter. Overwintering eggs are particularly vulnerable to hedge-trimming since they are laid on the youngest growth of the foodplant.



Brown hairstreak egg



Orange tip chrysalis

The Orange Tip pupa (or chrysalis) is formed on an upright plant stem that provides a suitable overwintering site, attached by a silk thread girdle. Green when first formed, the pupa turns light brown to match its surroundings more closely. Several crucifers are used as foodplants, especially Cuckooflower in damp meadows and Garlic Mustard along road verges. It also lays its eggs on Honesty and Sweet Rocket in gardens. The chrysalis will not survive winter if the plant stems are cut down before the adult butterfly emerges in spring. Leaving part of your garden naturally unkempt helps to benefit other wildlife as well.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Simply count the birds you see in your garden for one hour between 28th and 30th January 2022 and send the results to the RSPB, www.rspb.org.uk. In 2021, more than one million people took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, all coming together to look out for birds. Why not join in and be one in a million for 2022? Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife. In Hampshire the five birds most often seen in gardens last January were Blackbird, Robin, Woodpigeon, Blue Tit and House Sparrow.

It's always good to hear of your wildlife sightings in Froyle - keep them coming in by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or www.instagram.com/froylewildlife/

Barry Clark

Down your New Year's Country Way

A New Year Walk - time: 1½ hours

Right: you've had a good Christmas and are determined to lose a few pounds, so here is a good walk that should help. The walk combines tracks, roads and across fields so appropriate footwear is advised.

Starting at the village hall, walk to Husseys Lane, either around the road or across the recreation ground and down Park Lane. Walk all the way up Husseys Lane; it becomes a track after the last house; keep going until you come to the road, and turn right.

Follow the road past Isnage farm on your right and again keep on this road, probably for approximately a mile until you come to a tee junction on a tight bend; turn left and follow the road and then the drive to Bury Court; just before the gates of Bury Court Barn turn right and follow this path; this takes you through an avenue of trees up to Bentley Church. When you get to the Church turn immediately right and follow the road past a cottage on the left and onto the tee junction by Jenkyn Place.

At the tee junction turn right and then immediately left; go through the parking area for the cottages on your left, follow the path around the barn and then follow the edge of the field with the vineyard on your left; this part of the walk can be muddy. Keep going and when you reach the field fenced for horses follow the path as directed, and then go through a gate along a narrow path; then turn left on Pax Hill Drive.

Just before the first house, take the stile into the field on the right; follow the defined path across the field and then through the gate; continue to Coldrey Drive, follow the drive up to the next gate, go through and then keeping Coldrey Cottages on your right, return to Froyle Road.

Turn right and then return to the village, avoiding any thoughts of stopping at the Anchor which you pass on your left. Remember the reason for the walk, but if the magazine reaches you before New Year then this could be used as an excuse.

There are also some nice walks in the wider area. Obviously we all know of Alice Holt but you could try the Hogmoor inclosure www.deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk, Kingsley Common or Weston Common. All provide parking and Hogmoor inclosure has plenty for children as well as decent walking and even cycling.

Depending on the weather many of the walks around Froyle during the winter are not the most pleasant to walk, so maybe I'll suggest some alternatives in the area during the winter months.

R Ambling



Staying well this winter

As the colder weather starts to set in, there are many things you can do to boost your immune system, stay healthy and keep your mind active:

- **Stay active** – try to move around once an hour, even if it's only for a short walk to and from the kitchen to put the kettle on
- **Eat well and regularly** – make sure you have plenty of food at home or have arranged meal deliveries
- **Keep hydrated** – there is still the risk of dehydration even in the colder months
- **Keep warm** – layering is the best way to keep warm and set your heating timer to ensure your home is warm when it is coldest
- **Keep to a routine** – routine is a great way to give us some certainty in uncertain times and helps us plan for the week ahead
- **Keep connected** – stay connected with family and friends, such as regular visits (Covid restrictions allowing) or phone/video calls
- **Get help** – if you are finding things particularly tough, are feeling lonely/isolated or need help, reach out to family, friends or your GP
- **Do something you enjoy** – find time for hobbies you enjoy or try a new hobby

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



January News from The Froyle Archive

Happy New Year



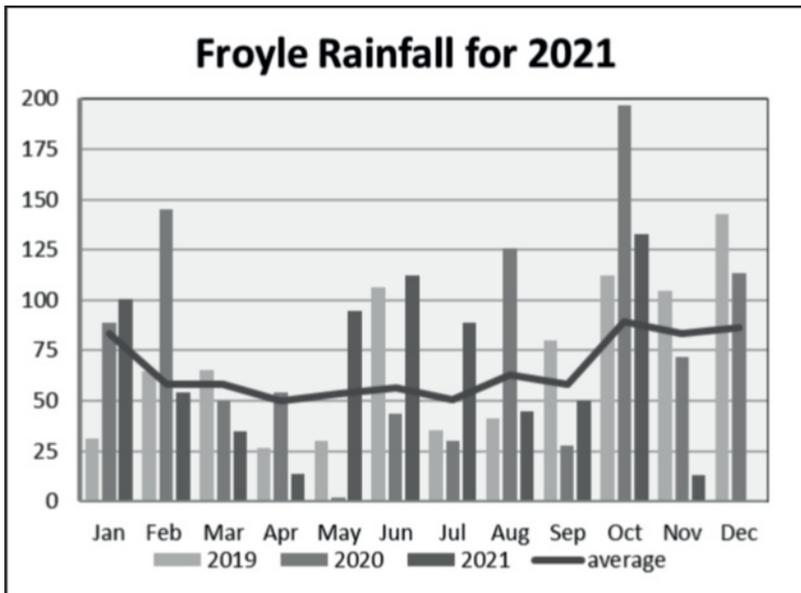
In the late 1880s the Rev. A.E. Wright (*Curate of the Parish of Binsted between about 1880 and 1895*) took a trip around the area and produced a set of some 103 hand tinted lantern slides which he used to show his parishioners in Waterlooville where he became vicar in 1896. This particular slide is of the children from Froyle School skating on the pond behind St Mary's Church. The slides, 3¼" x 3¼", in various states of preservation, were discovered in Binsted Church in 2001. They were donated to The Hampshire Record Office, but we were allowed to copy them before they were handed over. The good ones, as you can see, were very good, but some needed a 'bit of work'. We tried various methods of copying them - they were too thick (*in their mounts*) to scan directly - and in the end the copy above was obtained by pointing a digital camera at the slide with a diffuse light source held behind it. As you can see in the smaller picture, the actual image is circular, and the hand tinted picture is sandwiched between two sheets of glass.



To see the slide show in its original colour, along with the script The Rev Wright would have read out, visit <http://www.froyle.com/binslide.htm>.

Froyle Rainfall for November 2021

This year	13 mm	0.5 ins
Last year	72 mm	2.8 ins
Wettest November (2009)	198.5 mm	7.8 ins
Driest November (2021)	13 mm	0.5 ins
November long-term average – the 3rd wettest month	83.5 mm	3.4 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	738 mm	29.1 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	703.8 mm	27.7 ins



Last month I mentioned that after a very wet October, bringing the total rain thus far to only 65 mm short of the expected outturn for the year, the final quarter was expected to finish in a similar vein. And then we go and have the driest November since ... 1945! All very curious, especially as Storm Arwen was ravaging the land in the final week.



“The Umbrella Man”



PE at Bentley CE Primary School

We are very keen on helping every child to find a sport they enjoy. Whilst some love team games, others enjoy solo sports such as running or multi-sports. We have always enjoyed competitive opportunities but balance this with encouraging each child to aim for a 'Personal Best'. This has served us well with creating a positive culture around physical exercise.

In the Autumn Term we were delighted to be able to return to some sports we were unable to offer last year due to Covid restrictions. Gymnastics and Swimming are both highly popular at our school and it has been great to build them both back into the curriculum. We have also returned to having all children take part in the same sports at the same time. This allows us to set mini challenges and to build team spirit!



Swimming is a sport we are very aware has suffered over the Lockdowns as many children were unable to continue with lessons and quite a few have now dropped out of the after school or weekend classes they did before. Water safety is always our first priority as a life skill but our Year 4 children made phenomenal progress this term with their swimming skills and we are looking forward to taking Year 3 for lessons next term.

We are very fortunate in having some terrific Sports Coaches who come and work with the children at school. Some run clubs before or after school, from gymnastics to judo, street dance in Boppin, to football and team games. We always have lots of great opportunities to stretch the skills of our super sporty children or get a child interested in a new sport.

Every Wednesday each class has coaches from CMSports to teach them. The team come in with great enthusiasm and give children a good chance to work on their speed, agility and teamwork, using a multiskills approach. It is great for children to have additional opportunities and different teachers and CMSports have helped to talent spot and train up many a Bentley pupil, as well as to give a lot of fun and enjoyment to all pupils. The coaches run our most popular club after school each week and about a third of the school takes part in Football Club, which interestingly is popular with a growing number of girls. At the start of next term, the coaches will be running an in-school Football tournament which children are really excited about.

Visitors often comment on the full cabinet of shiny trophies at the front of school and I am often asked how we do so well, being such a small school. The answer is simple. All Bentley children are encouraged to 'give it a go' and by taking part and getting involved, the children often amaze themselves with what they can achieve. I am hugely proud of them all. Two sporting highlights in December have firstly, been the whole school 'Elf Run' which certainly



got everyone on the move, running laps of the Recreation Ground. Secondly our Bentley basketball team beat all the local East Hants competition and we are through to the final of the Hampshire Games. Great news and well done to the team! Please wish them luck for the final...

K. Pinchess, headteacher

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Once the tinsel is down and the pine needles have been swept away, does it sometimes feel as if there is very little to look forward to in January? The resolutions have been made and maybe some have already been forgotten, the last Quality Street chocolate or slice of Christmas cake is long gone, so do the days ahead seem somewhat bleak or are you relieved to have time to rest?

After the frantic rush of preparing for Christmas, with all the entertainment, church services, present wrapping and, for some, huge amounts of cooking, some of us welcome the first month of the year as a time of recuperation. Or perhaps we should call it hibernation; time to reflect and recharge our batteries. Maybe not quite like hedgehogs, living off the fat of Christmas, but more like seekers of truth and spiritual enlightenment seeking to retreat from the hustle and bustle of an increasingly stressful world.

For how often in our modern lives, do we turn away from social media and the babble of rolling news? Many of us are never free of constant contact by mobile phone, nagging us through calls, emails and WhatsApp. How can we ever find the quiet and solitude to seek peace and the inner voice of hope if we are constantly available to others?

Some of us are able to find a degree of calm in the silence found in gardening, dog walking or fishing, but don't we sometimes just need to stop whatever we are doing and allow ourselves space to think? In our busy lives it can seem selfish to demand that we need time alone, but those of us who seek out moments for contemplative prayer know what an enriching experience it is. When we pray together in scheduled services, we are united in our church community, but when we are alone and listening in silence, we may hear truths about our lives that will make us calmer and stronger.

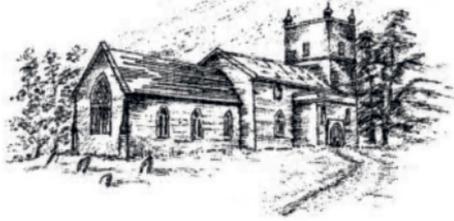
So perhaps January is the perfect month in which to practise withdrawing from the world a little, to think, to meditate, contemplate and to pray. And perhaps, as in the words of that lovely hymn, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, we might then hear 'the still, small voice of calm' and feel all the better equipped to face the challenges of life.

***Blessings,
Yann and the team***

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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JANUARY SERVICES

Sun. 2 nd Jan	11.00am	Froyle	Benefice Communion Service
Sun. 9 th Jan.	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Big Praise
Sun. 16 th Jan.	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 iPad
Sun. 23 rd Jan.	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 YumYum
Sun. 30 th Jan.	11.00am	Bentley	Benefice Service

For further details, see the benefice website at www.benbinfro.co.uk;
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As described more fully overleaf, St Mary's Froyle is closed from 3 January until early April to allow for the replacement of the lighting system and subsequent redecoration.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT AND LIGHTING PROJECT

As many readers will know, we have been looking at the lighting and electrical installation for the church. This process started three years ago when, after an inspection, we were informed that the current wiring was outdated, not fit for purpose and in need of replacement.

We have therefore decided to take the opportunity to update and reconfigure the electrical and lighting systems throughout the church.

We have commissioned a design that will increase the lighting levels throughout the building, will respect and enhance its architecture and character, and provide us with a space that will have greater flexibility for the future.

As part of this we will also be carrying out a much-needed cleaning and redecoration of the interior.

We are currently planning to start work in early January, with our last service being on the 2nd January. The church will then be closed until early April.

Hopefully the works will run to schedule, and we hope to reopen the doors of our refreshed and redecorated church in time for Easter with our usual programme of services from Maundy Thursday onwards.

We will of course, be able to worship at Binsted and Bentley and this is a great opportunity to experience and enjoy our neighbouring church communities and make new friends.

Simon Marshall

St Mary's Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to be back in the church this year for St Mary's Christmas Fair. Thank you to all those who attended whether as a stall holder, a shopper or a helper. There was a terrific array of gifts and produce and the kitchen really came into its own for the teas/coffees and soup lunches. Special thanks too to everyone who helped set up and take down, a real team effort. The magnificent sum of £2,587.92 was raised, setting the bar high for next year.

Caroline Findlay

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The volunteers act either as coordinators - who take calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements; or as drivers who take the clients to their appointments. There is no regular commitment required: when asked you simply offer to help when you can, even if this is only two or three times a year. You can choose to do either the short or the longer journeys.

Expenses are paid to all volunteers - telephone expenses for coordinators and mileage expenses for drivers.

The help the Car Service gives to those in need is greatly appreciated, so if you feel able to volunteer, in any capacity, no matter how little time you have available, it is a great way of supporting your community.

Please contact Cathy Smith on 01410 520169 if you can help.

Book Review: **THE HOPI GUIDE TO SAVE OUR EARTH** by **James Robertshaw**.

After watching the realpolitik approach of China and Russia at COP26 to matters that affect all our futures and the hairshirt strictures of radical environmentalist groups, James Robertshaw offers a more humane vision in his book HOPI GUIDE TO SAVE OUR EARTH.

Robertshaw, an expert on the world view and philosophy of life of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, draws on his understanding of the Hopi Sinam (meaning “the people who live wisely”) to suggest how we may all live beautiful and fulfilling lives in harmony with nature on this planet of ours.

The Hopi, an agrarian people living in peaceful communities, have occupied land in Arizona for over two thousand years, the longest historically authenticated occupation of a single area by any of the American First People. He sets out a vision of people living graciously but sustainably at peace with their neighbours that we can all learn from, listing practical choices we can all make in our everyday lives to avoid climatic disaster. A really interesting contribution to the climate debate. Visit his website at www.nativeamericanculture.co.uk to learn more.

Mashud Darlington

Poppy Appeal 2021

Thank you again for your kind generosity which raised £1,323 for the Royal British Legion. I would personally like to thank the collectors: Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Mark Cray, Linda Bulpitt, David Robertson and Jane Stewart-Smith, together with the Landlords of the Hen & Chicken and Anchor Inn, the owners of the BP garage, and the congregation of St Mary's Church.

We are looking for a further collector in both Lower Froyle and Upper Froyle and do let me know if you are interested by emailing me (address below).

In France, Remembrance Day is a national holiday and the blue cornflower (Bleuet de France) is used symbolically rather than the poppy.

Jamie Stewart-Smith
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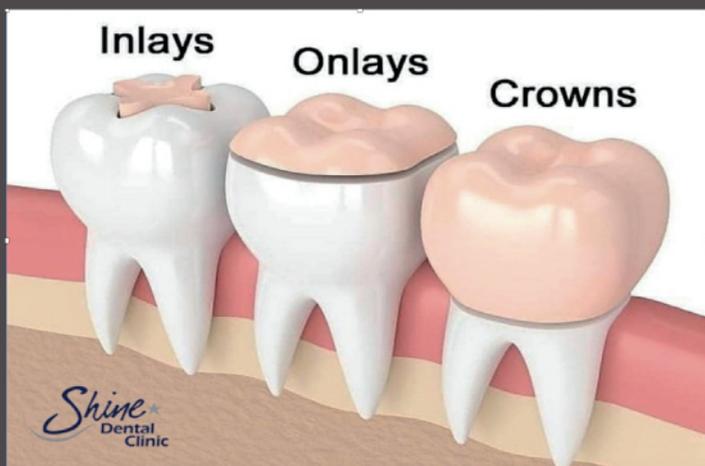
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