A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and cross-hatching for shading. It shows the River Test flowing through the village. Key landmarks include Shepwood Coppice in the north, St. Mary's Church, and several mills: St. Mary's Mill, Brockhurst Mill, Froyle Mill, Isington Mill, and Fulling Mill. The Anchor Inn is also clearly marked. The map includes various streets, paths, and fields, with the village name 'Froyle' prominently displayed in the center. A white rectangular box is superimposed over the top half of the map, containing the title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE'. Another white rectangular box is at the bottom, containing the date 'JULY/ AUG 2017' and the issue number 'No: 434'.

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson*

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## **Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting - Tuesday 13th June 2017**

### **1. Froyle Park**

Some of you may have seen the apology from FPC published in the Alton Herald following a legal complaint by Mr Roach. FPC will shortly be meeting with Mr Roach and it is expected that there will be regular dialogue with Ms Nikki Dorkings (manager) concerning the management of FP. If there are specific issues you wish to be raised with Mr Roach please write to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Residents will recall from the FPC's report in last month's village magazine that EHDC had informed FPC, following an investigation at FP, that they had concluded there was no breach of planning permission at FP - as an hotel FP is entitled to hold weddings and other events as ancillary to its hotel business. FPC believe that the number of weddings and events being held at FP makes them a primary activity but EHDC disagree and sadly have not been willing to provide any explanation or reasons for the conclusion they reached. FPC have considered legal action against this decision however the legal advice received suggests that the associated financial risks are too great for FPC to pursue the matter further at this stage. It should again be emphasised that the dispute (on planning processes for Froyle Park) has been with EHDC, and that FPC continue to hold the view that FP is used too intensively in regard to both its impact on its neighbours and for its conservation area location.

With regard to the personal letter FPC sent to each of the 44 EHDC councillors setting out the history of the development, a small number of acknowledgements have been received, but to date no substantive responses. This is disappointing.

### **2. The Playground and Pavilion Project**

Progress on the playground is behind schedule and although FPC hope that it will be complete by 8th July in time for the Village Fête, there remains much to be done. During week commencing Monday 26th June work at the playground will recommence preparing it for the equipment which is due to arrive also that week.

Meanwhile FPC are pleased to note that the funding for the joint programme has largely been successful and the following amounts have been granted:  
EHDC Cabinet Funds - £15,000; EHDC Open Space Developer Contribution - £29,000.

FPC propose that further consultation with residents should now be conducted. The funding submissions were broadly based on the scheme previously set out in the March village magazine, ie to improve the facilities on the playground and to demolish the football hut and to build a pavilion. A copy of the picture presented in the March village magazine of our thoughts on a pavilion is again shown here as it best summarises the current proposal – ie, to remove the old football hut but to retain the concrete base and to build, on this, an attractive three bay oak framed structure.

FPC would very much appreciate hearing from those residents who are interested in this part of the project and would like to contribute to the final design. They should contact either Nick Whines, Ian Macnabb, Alex Roberts or Toby Fay with their offer of help. FPC will report again to the village once final plans have been decided and a planning application submitted.



### **3. Stone Wall at Froyle House (the ‘White House), Upper Froyle**

Mrs Glynis Watts, EHDC councillor, attended the meeting and reported that the developer of Froyle House had been contacted and had agreed that the wall will be repaired within six weeks, otherwise enforcement action would be considered. A meeting scheduled for 13th July has been planned with the EHDC conservation officer to discuss the future of the walled garden and other local issues.

#### 4. EHDC / Froyle Parish Council

Whilst there is continuing frustration with EHDC (noted above), FPC hope to be able to meet the new EHDC leader to discuss planning matters and so will be seeking an early meeting.

#### 5. Internal Auditor

Last month's report noted FPC's thanks to Mr Phil Elliot for his many years' service as internal auditor, and would now like to continue to seek a replacement. Anyone interested in assisting FPC in this way should please advise the Froyle Parish Clerk.

6. **Date of next meeting:** 11th July 2017 at 7.45pm

*Ian Macnabb*

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### **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 doll 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.

**Meetings for July are on the 6th, 13th and 20th only.**

We will then have our summer break and will be back on 7th September.

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

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

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### **Froyle 100 Club Results**

The winners for June were:

1st - Linda Bulpitt	2nd - Karen Potter
3rd - Gillian Pickering	4th - Sarah Thursfield

**Congratulations to all.**

*William Knowles*



Bookings: Jo Mills

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## 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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## Hilda's Wheelchair

Hilda promised that she would bequeath her wheelchair to the Village Hall when she no longer needed it! We have now taken delivery and it is available for use in and around the Hall. *Thank you Hilda.*

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## Looking for a good home/ homes

Two beautiful white legbar cockerels. Home bred. About 3 months' old. Please contact Alex Roberts on 521099.

# The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come and join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks and all the local gossip!

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.

## Cake Bakers for July

07 July	Marj Robinson	Janet Dobson	Jenny Dundas	Ann Netherway
14 July	Sarah Roberts	Alison Pincott	Alex Roberts	Corinna Whines
21 July	June Trim	Sue Sharman	Helen MacDonald	Sarah English
28 July	Madeleine Black	Jenny Mathews	Kim Blake	Sarah Basey

## Cake Bakers for August

04 Aug	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealy	Lucia Lindblom	Blanchard bakers
11 Aug	Gill Bradley	Jane Stewart-Smith	Brenda Milam	Charlotte Baikie
18 Aug	Ann Roberts	Jenny Gove	Caroline Findlay	Shirley Bellis
25 Aug	Sue Lelliott	Pat Gasson	Mary Chaplin	Jenny Mathews

## Kitchen Helpers for July

07 July	Sarah Lovell	Jenny Dundas
14 July	Jane Macnabb	Sarah Roberts
21 July	Mollie Court	Mary Wilde
28 July	Kim Blake	Jenny Mathews

## for August

04 Aug	Sue Marriott	Gillian Pickering
11 Aug	Chris Muddeman	Judith Leslie Smith
18 Aug	Barbara Starbuck	Jenny Topping
25 Aug	David Robertson	William Knowles

If you need to swap dates, please contact helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10am.

*It is a great help to be told what you are baking each week and it would be much appreciated if you could let us know by Thursday. If you are short of inspiration, please get in touch too.*

**MANY THANKS.**

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Susie Robertson 520820 [sjrinfrayle@gmail.com](mailto:sjrinfrayle@gmail.com)



## Better Balance

Better Balance will run three sessions in July:

**Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th**

There will then be a break till September:

If you want to know about the class, please call **Sue 22603**.

For information or help with Attendance Allowance forms, please call **Village Agent Madeleine Black on 23371**.

Age Concern Hampshire Information and Advice 0800 328 7154 Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm, [www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)

*Madeleine Black*



## FROYLE GARDENS OPEN The final result...

WELL another huge success thanks to our wonderful village. For Walbury and Fords Cottage, this was our last year and we went out on a high as the early season meant all the gardens were at their best.

900 visitors came to us and £6,195 was sent to the National Gardens Scheme plus £66 to other charities like Thrive. The NGS money will be distributed to Nursing, and Gardening charities.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Susie Robertson and her team for their monumental efforts with the teas. Of course she needed cake so thank you to all those who provided goodies. We were fortunate to have Jim Bellis, Charlie Zorab and David Robertson keeping the parking sorted ably signposted by Toby Fay. We were particularly grateful for the use of the Dundas field which eased the traffic problem in Husseys Lane and also thanks to Vicki for cooperating by moving her horse to a smaller area. A final Thank You to Peter Bradley for counting the money again. The more we make, the worse it is for him. All in all everyone worked hard to make the weekend such a success. Now I am stepping back and Nick Whines is taking over.

*Good luck with future openings.*

*Brenda Milam*



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

We had some lovely outings in June and visited Forde Abbey in Dorset. Shame about the weather! However the Abbey was delightful, the nursery tempting with a good restaurant and a very pleasant garden. The Bog garden was at its best with Candelabra Primroses in abundance in fabulous colours. We also visited Sue Hough's garden in Four Marks.

On 14th July, we are visiting The Willows, Paice Lane, Medstead GU34 5PR, the home of Peter and Marjorie Hart. Meet there at 7pm.

## FLOWER SHOW 8th JULY

Please do not forget to enter at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th July between 7pm and 8pm or contact Mollie Court, Greendown, Lower Froyle, tel 01420 23141. Schedules will be at the Meeting Place or in the box on the side wall at Walbury.

We are also having a stall with produce/plants etc, so please do not forget to give us any jam, marmalade, rhubarb, plants, etc

## AUTUMN SHOW 16th SEPTEMBER @ 2.30pm

*Reintroduced this year!* Please try to support us. Entries at the Village Hall 7pm to 8pm, otherwise details as for Flower Show.

*Brenda Milam*

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## A message from the NGS District Organiser... to Froyle

On behalf of the NGS may I thank you very much for the fantastic amount you have raised at Froyle Gardens. It represents a lot of hard work by so many people as well as being blessed by the weather. The gardens looked lovely, many and various.

# 71st Froyle Fête, Dog Show and Flower Show Saturday 8th July 2017

All are welcome to the annual no frills but plenty of spills Froyle Fête.

The schedule below is subject as always to the weather but let's hope for a fine summer's day.

13:00 Open for lunch and drinks, fun and games, shopping and strolling  
13.45 Official opening (Long time local resident)  
14.00 Children's Races  
15.00 Dog Show  
16.00 Garden Prizes  
16:15 Grand Raffle (prizes include Apple ipad, Kindle Fire and much much more)

As with previous years we will be offering a range of food and drink, at the beer tent, at the bbq, ice creams and teas on the patio.

For the more active there will be welly wanging, coconut shy, mini golf, beat the goalie and crockery smashing.

The children's races, a 'children versus adults' tug of war and the very entertaining dog show form the entertainment in the main arena. There is also a display of classic and not so classic cars.

Throughout the afternoon there will be plenty of other attractions and stalls for adults and children alike including a farm and giant slide. So come along on 8th July - you'll be sorry if you miss it!

We can't promise that the sun will be shining, but you're sure to have a good time. If anyone has questions, ideas or donations, please call Ian (22634) or anyone else on the Fête Committee. And please join in with set-up and take-down.

We'll be coming around the village collecting for the Bottle Stall prior to the event so please give generously, if we had a pound for every time we're asked if we take empties we wouldn't need to hold the Fête to raise funds for charity. Remember this year we are raising money for the playground.



# A shaggy dog story and a tall tail

## The shaggy dog story...

Early on at last year's Fête, a lady with a shaggy dog walked up to the Jenkyn Place sparkling wine stall and asked Simon Bladon, the owner (whom she did not know), whether Jenkyn Place would give her a bottle of their fine bubbly if her woofers won the 'Top Dog' award at the Dog Show. Simon rose to the occasion and agreed, no doubt thinking his bubbly was pretty safe..... You can guess what happened.....

So this year, Simon has very generously decided not to wait to be asked, and is *offering a bottle of Jenkyn Place sparkling wine to whoever wins the Top Dog award!*

## The tall tail...

We said last month that we would include full details of the Dog Show classes, etc, in the July magazine when we had thought of them. Well, we haven't done much thinking since then. In fact, like our dogs, we are creatures of habit who avoid thinking wherever possible. So it will just be the usual chaotic stuff again this year.

All dogs entering the Dog Show will be encouraged to wreak a certain amount of controlled havoc in the arena with their handlers, while our discerning judge (from outside the village) attempts to sort out which dog is:

- the fastest,
- the scruffiest,
- the one which looks most like its owner,
- the most obedient,
- the most badly behaved,



...and of course which one is overall **TOP DOG**.

The one consistent feature of the last few years in which this event has been held is that the winners are always unexpected. So don't worry if you think your woofers will be no good at any of this. Badly behaved and completely useless dogs (and their owners...) tend to feel right at home at this Dog Show. You owe it to your dog to allow him or her to join in the entertainment! The exact format also depends a bit on the weather. There will be plenty of water bowls in case it is hot.

You can sign up at the Fête at any time before the Dog Show starts at 3pm.

*Ian Whitmore and William Knowles*

## ... and we are still collecting prizes for the **TOMBOLA STALL**

Just days now till the Froyle Fête, and we are still looking for small gifts, toiletries, sweets, jars of 'goodies', toys, in fact anything you think would make a nice prize for the stall.

The collection box is still at the Meeting Place for your donations. Or you can drop them off at Owl Cottage, Froyle Green, or phone if you need them picked up. We really do appreciate you taking the time to find little prizes for us. Many thanks.

*Lori (Taylor) 22148 and Sue (Sharman) 22603*

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**Froyle Vestments Group** thanks all who helped us stage our exhibition on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June. There are too many to list, but you know who you are. Tony Riley's tribute to Froyle gardeners deserves a special mention.

If you did not come into the church this year, why not pop in next year? You will be surprised at the collection held in this little village!

*Madeleine Black*

An enormous **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the **teas** in the village hall for **Open Gardens** weekend. A great team effort, lots of washing up and hopefully some fun as well. We did fantastically well, and had lots of positive comments from happy customers. I had no idea we would get through so many cakes!

You are all brilliant. Looking forward to 2018.....

*Susie Robertson*

**Cream Teas on Tuesday** in June at St Mary's have had another successful year and were much enjoyed by many. However we had a very special guest last week, a hoglet, who tucked into quite a good proportion of a scone and then a refreshing drink of water before waddling off through the grass – probably to sleep it off!



Thank you to everyone who came and see you in 2018.

*The Fund Raising Team*



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### Join in the Big Butterfly Count 14th July to 6th August

Download a handy butterfly chart, chose a place to spot butterflies for 15 minutes and submit your sightings! For more information see [www.bigbutterflycount.org/](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/)

*Barry Clark*

### Pond dipping on Sunday 20th August at 1.30pm and at 2.30pm

*Family fun* - join us for a 1 hour dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in a wildlife pond at Froyle. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. All equipment will be provided and numbers are limited so it is essential to book by emailing [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk).

*Jenny Matthews*

**“Cuckoo comes in April,  
Sings a song in May,  
Whistles a tune to the middle of June  
And then she flies away”**

Those who came to hear Edward Mayer’s talk on swifts last year in Froyle Village Hall, may recall him saying that in the past 20 years the number of cuckoos in this country have halved, and they are now on the red list of birds of conservation concern. He mentioned that our children/grandchildren are unlikely to hear a cuckoo in their lifetime. Hence, I am delighted that our three children aged 3, 6 and 8 years have all heard a cuckoo in the local area this year. We have recently enjoyed having our own natural cuckoo clock and have been woken by the sound of the cuckoo each morning. Something I can perhaps attribute to living on an organic farm, abundant in wildlife.

Cuckoos are remarkable birds. They have an unusual diet, in that the adults consume lots of hairy caterpillars which few other birds can manage because of the chemical deterrents in their hairs. However, the unusual characteristic of cuckoos which people will be most familiar with is their choosing of foster parents to hatch and raise their chicks.

This is not simply a case of finding a nest to lay her egg in. A mother cuckoo retains an egg in her body for a day longer than most birds, so development of the embryo is already well underway when she lays it. This together with the care she takes in selecting her hosts means that her chick will hatch just before the rest of the brood. Most birds will lay their eggs in the morning but typically atypical the cuckoo lays her eggs late in the day when her victims are more likely to be away from the nest feeding and she can then sneak in unseen. Each female cuckoo will use one species of bird for her foster parents but different cuckoos will use different species. The pattern on the cuckoo’s egg will be almost identical to that of the host, making it difficult for them to identify that they have been invaded. In the UK the main species are dunnocks, reed warblers and meadow pipits. It’s easy to think that a female cuckoo is taking the lazy option in getting other birds to hatch her chicks but this is not the case. She must lay her egg at just the right moment in the egg laying sequence of her host to ensure that the chick hatches at the right time. She spends hours watching to check that the nest is right for her next egg. It’s a risky business and if her hosts realise that they have received one of her eggs, they will tip it out if they can or may abandon the clutch and start again.

If not rejected, the cuckoo egg will hatch just before the other eggs are due to and within a day of hatching, this scrap of life still naked and blind will have ejected all of its siblings out of the nest. As it grows the chick makes a begging call which stimulates its parents to work as hard to feed it as they would an entire brood of their own babies. The parents are duped into rearing one monstrous baby with care and dedication which will eventually set off alone on its long migration to Africa without having ever seen its true parents.

*Jenny Shaylor*

## House Martins in Froyle

For the past two years I have been monitoring a colony of House Martins in Lower Froyle as part of the British Trust for Ornithology's House Martin survey. The aim is to shed light on how the UK population is faring and what might be affecting them. Over a thousand people across the country are taking part in the BTO survey, submitting records from over 4,600 nests. The Froyle site – our house - has over 20 nests, putting it in the top 3% of all sites being surveyed based purely on nest numbers.

Considering House Martins nest under the eaves of many houses across the country, relatively little is known about them. We know something about their numbers, a little about their diet, but hardly anything about their social life. Precise locations where they winter in Africa are not clear, largely because tracking devices are not yet available that can be carried by such a little bird. Some birds have been ringed but only a few have been recovered in winter, all in Africa. The oldest recorded bird is 15 years.

My first House Martin sighting in 2017 came on 16th April with the first arrivals after their long trip from Africa. Around 20 birds returned to the Froyle site this year. Numbers have gradually decreased in the 13 years we have lived here. In mid-May we had some rain following a lengthy dry spell for this time of year. This signalled the start of repairs to nests weather damaged during winter and three new nests were started. A thousand beak sized mud pellets are needed to construct a complete nest. Less than 50% of the Froyle nests were occupied at the time, so the need for additional nests is not clear.

House Martins have 2 or 3 broods during their time in the UK between April and September. One of my challenges doing the survey is trying to differentiate the young from the adults as they fly from and to nests. All the birds are black on top while the youngsters have brownish grey rather than white underneath, but they are so small and move at such speed that a clear identification is often tricky! I hope my observation skills will prove better tuned this year.

The House Martins are active much of the day, but the best times to see them are early mornings and in the evenings when they appear particularly active at varying heights catching insects. Also between May and August we are fortunate to be able to see (and hear) Swifts chasing around the sky. The sight of House Martins and Swifts sharing the sky on a warm sunny evening is one of Froyle's finest wildlife spectacles during the summer months.

*Alan Dyos*

# The Froyle Archive

## Gardens Open

In 1927 the National Garden Scheme, or NGS as we know it now, was born as a way to raise funds for district nursing all over the country. People were invited to tour certain local gardens for the cost of 'a shilling a head', with the money going to various nursing and caring charities.

In the first year, some 600 gardens were opened. Today, around 3,700 gardens – many of them privately owned and opened for just a few days each year – are listed in The Yellow Book, the annual guide published by the National Garden Scheme.

In 90 years the NGS has donated no less than £50 million to various charities, including The Queen's Nursing Institute, Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support, to name but three. Of that £50 million, £25 million has been donated in the last ten years. Froyle is proud to have several gardens open each year under the scheme, this year there were eight in Lower Froyle.

Until now we believed that the village had been associated with the NGS for some twenty years or so, but, researching for the Archive's display, in the Clive Barter Cabinet in St Mary's Church in Upper Froyle, we were surprised to discover that Sir Hubert Miller, the Lord of the Manor from 1868 until 1940, was one of the first to open his garden under the scheme.

This entry from the Western Gazette of July 25<sup>th</sup> 1930 states that "The Shrubbery House" garden would be open on August 6<sup>th</sup> that year. We wonder if this could be the first time as Sir Hubert's name was spelt incorrectly as Sir Herbert!

**AUGUST 6TH.—The Shrubbery House, Froyle (Sir Herbert Miller, Bart.). Rock garden and herbaceous border.**

"The Shrubbery House", shown right, was Sir Hubert's base in Froyle for his adult life. Situated on the modern A31, it was originally a river keepers cottage and, over the years, was greatly expanded.



The smaller photograph shows Gerald Robinson and other staff from Sir Hubert's Estate working on the gardens at "The Shrubbery House" in the 1930s. Gerald had been Gardener to Sir Hubert for many years and we like to think that he might actually be working on the garden in readiness for one of those first "Gardens Open".

*Chris & Annette Booth*

*Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com) and discover more about your village*



## ***I was there...***



Back in the 1990's I had the great fun of driving a Chieftain Battle Tank, an Armoured Personnel Carrier and a Stalwart 6 Wheel Drive Amphibian for a day. A rather clever birthday present from Nigel and far superior from the drain rods I got the year before!

Then came 1995 and what happened then - you may well ask? Well the Bentley Bypass was being built and I looked longingly at the excavations going on there and being intrigued by it all - and in retrospect rather stupidly I suppose - I scurried under the old road in a culvert they had built to take the rain water and came up the other side to see where it was all going on. An exasperated husband once again came up trumps and got in touch with the constructors, which I think were McAlpines, and they very kindly gave me a morning on one of their huge diggers digging up the bypass. It was a fascinating piece of machinery with two sets of hand controls each with a four way 'stick' which went every which way just to get a bucket at the end of a long arm to dig up a few feet of earth! The angle at which the machines can lean without toppling over is rather nerve wracking.

It was certainly an exciting experience and if a piece of the Bypass ever starts subsiding please don't look at me!

*Linda Bulpitt*

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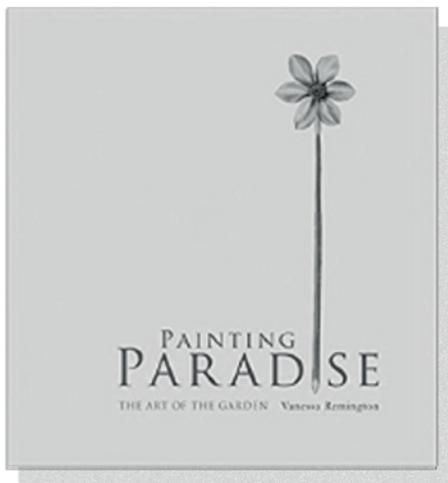
Following the death of their son Tom on 3 June,  
Nick and Corinna would like to thank all friends and  
neighbours for their expressions of concern and sympathy.

Tom had been suffering from cancer for eighteen months.  
He leaves behind a wife and three children.  
He was only 37.

Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

*Nick and Corinna Whines*

# ST MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE



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<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	<b>08.00am</b> 05.00pm 09.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley Binsted	<b>Holy Communion</b> Live@Five Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9th July</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 09.30am 03.30pm	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley Binsted	<b>Pet Service on Rec or VH if wet</b> Morning Worship & Children's Ch Messy Church
<b>Sunday 16th July</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 11.00am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley	<b>Holy Communion</b> Marquee Service
<b>Sunday 23rd July</b>	<b>06.30pm</b> 11.00am	<b>Froyle</b> Binsted	<b>Evensong</b> Marquee Service
<b>Sunday 30th July</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Binsted</b>	<b>Joint Benefice Service</b>
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	<b>08.00am</b> 09.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Binsted	<b>Holy Communion</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 13th August</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 09.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley	<b>Holy Communion</b> Morning Worship & Children's Ch
<b>Sunday 20th August</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 09.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Binsted	<b>Holy Communion</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 27th August</b>	<b>06.30pm</b> 09.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley	<b>Evensong</b> Holy Communion & Children's Ch

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

## ***Dear all,***

When I sat down to start writing this month's column, Flaming June was being snuffed out by high winds and heavy rain. I looked out at the storm tossed-trees and bruised full-blown roses and was reminded of Mr Jarndyce in Dicken's Bleak House, saying, "The wind's in the east.... I am always conscious of an uncomfortable sensation now and then when the wind is blowing in the east".

Of course, I quickly realised that the wind wasn't actually blowing from the east during those gusty days, but nevertheless it seemed to me at the time that nature was expressing the general feeling of uncertainty that prevailed, following so soon after the awful events in London and Manchester and with the general election and Brexit adding to the general mood of disquiet.

And yet, looking at the parish magazine and the June and July editions in particular, one is reminded of the certainty that life goes on. In our villages, particularly in summer, the annual fêtes, with their flower shows, cake stands and best dog shows, are timeless and reflect traditions that have been enjoyed for many years, more or less unchanged.

It would be easy for others to mock the insular nature of these parochial events for their Little Englandness, for their Vicar of Diblynness, but I think they are an enduring expression of our sense of community, of our coming together in appreciation of our neighbours and the simple good things in life. There is a feeling of security in this annual round of traditional pageantry, which can help us build the strength to face all kinds of difficulty, whether it is the risks associated with a daily commute into London or anxiety over the availability of health resources.

And the foundation stone beneath all these summer festivities and village community is the Church; for over 700 years a bedrock of constancy and faith in Froyle, Bentley and Binsted, which will always be there to sustain us no matter how turbulent the times and the weather, no matter how often we attend services, nor how little we attend (although I always hope for greater numbers). We should be fiercely proud of our little traditions, which knit our communities together and make them stronger, no matter how hard the winds of change (whether from the east or the west) may blow.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## Older People Matter

Older people matter. They matter to their relatives, their friends, their carers, the church and, of course, they matter to God. He loves them.

Simeon and Anna were two very elderly people. When Jesus turned up at the temple with his parents, they immediately recognised that Jesus was the Light of the World. They loved God and trusted him and they had been waiting in hope and expectancy for Jesus to arrive. Simeon takes Jesus in his arms, and, with joy, announces that a light for all the world has arrived. Wise old man. And Anna, an 84 year old widow, joins in. She praises God for Jesus' arrival and she is so overjoyed that she starts telling everyone the good news. Older people matter. They have always had a valuable part to play.

Anna Chaplaincy takes its name from this story in Luke. God loves older people and an Anna Chaplaincy is one of the ways in which a church can help Jesus to reach out and love them. As representatives of the church, Anna Chaplains work with the congregation to go to elderly people of strong faith, little faith and no faith and share their spiritual journey with them. This might mean going to them in their homes, in care homes or at the clubs where they meet. God is already there, stirring up His spirit of love because older people matter to Him.

As Anna Chaplain, I will join in with the congregation to show how much we hold the elderly in high regard. I am looking forward to leading services appropriate for them including those with memory loss, praying with them, celebrating the blessings of their life and sharing with them the challenges that a long life inevitably brings. Our Anna Chaplaincy is a way for the congregation to give 'voice and action' to God's love for our elderly people in the community.

Anna and Simeon were full of hope and joy. Our Anna Chaplaincy will try to help our own older people to try to find hope and joy because they matter.

I will be out and about in the Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Benefice each Friday as Anna Chaplain so if you would like me to pop over and see you on that day please email me. I will also be joining some of the services and look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

*Jonathan Rooke*  
*Anna Chaplain*  
*Licensed Lay Minister*  
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## Froyle Care Group



The Binsted, Bentley & Froyle Care Group exists predominately to provide a Car Service for the residents of the three villages and surrounding areas, to take them to any health related appointment – such as GPs, hospitals, dentists, opticians etc. These appointments can be local - Alton, Bentley, Farnham, or further afield - Basingstoke, Frimley, Guildford, Southampton, Slough etc. The car service operates from Monday to Friday each week, though it does close for a ten day period over Christmas and New Year.

The service relies entirely on volunteers - to act as co-ordinators, who take telephone calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements, and drivers, who take clients to their appointments. There are currently around 40 volunteers in total: 8 co-ordinators and 38 drivers, who help us to provide the much needed support to clients in the local community - but there is always a need to recruit more volunteers.

The Care Group is funded by ‘donations’ from the clients but also, when required, by generous grants from the three Parish Councils and Fête Committees. Volunteers are paid their expenses - telephone costs for co-ordinators and mileage expenses for drivers.

The Care Group is part of a wider Hampshire Good Neighbours Network, which encompasses 123 other similar groups, with over 4,000 volunteers, who undertook 158,050 tasks last year. These other schemes provide a number of different services, as well as health related transport - they may also provide befriending services, lunch clubs, social journeys, minibus services, coffee mornings, practical support, carer sitting support.

We have in the past two years expanded our scheme to meet local needs, so we do now also provide a social transport service taking clients to a fortnightly Lunch Club in Whitehill Village Hall, run by the WRVS. This new element of our Service helps to combat social isolation for a group of clients, who otherwise would not be able meet. The Committee is continuing to evaluate how best we can support the local community and to develop our services.

*Telephone 01420 23440*

## Altar Rail Kneelers

We have had a few sessions of stitching, and realise that this is going to be a long term project! Only two people can stitch on one side at a time, and eyes tend to cross after a while, so regular rest with a cuppa is necessary!

The sessions will be from 2.30 to 4.30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays at The Old Malthouse, courtesy of Gill Bradley. There will be occasions, when for whatever reason, there may be no stitching, so please always call Gill (520484) the day before, or on the morning of. *Thank you.*

*The Community Group*

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## London to Brighton Cycle 2017

On 17th September, I will be lining up to take part in the London to Brighton cycle challenge.

To secure a place, I was requested to select an organisation or charity, and pledge to raise money through sponsorship. Although there are many deserving causes, I was drawn towards **Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital**.

All sponsorship money raised, will go towards funding ongoing pioneering research and technology, in an effort to develop groundbreaking medicines and treatments, so that chronically sick and dependant children may have the fighting chance of a future, also to bring hope and comfort to their parents and loved ones.

**If you would like to sponsor me, you can do so by going on line to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search James Bellis, then look for James Bellis DIFC London to Brighton Cycle 2017.**

Alternatively sponsorship forms will be at the Froyle Village Hall meeting place, or at Bentley Stores. All support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Jim Bellis, Froyle resident*

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## Note from the Editors

We now take a break for summer with this combined issue of our July/ August edition of the Froyle Village Magazine. Thank you to all our regular and not so regular contributors. The next issue of the magazine will be the September issue with an **early copy deadline of Monday 14 August** due to holidays. All advertising queries should be addressed to [froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk) and copied to [magazine@froyle.com](mailto:magazine@froyle.com). We wish all our readers a lovely summer.



Sarah Zorab  
Nutrition



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Afterwards, enjoy a wonderful lunch in the Tea Room prepared by Amanda Pemberton at Food Affair showcasing some of the foods that Sarah has discussed.

This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, learn and eat! Bring a friend or take a table.

Cost: £45 per head, £80 for two.

For more details and to book your place, please email [sarah@sarahzorab.co.uk](mailto:sarah@sarahzorab.co.uk)

## Bentley CE Primary

### What music means to me...

Music is a big part of life at school from shared singing in assembly to learning about composers, to taking up an instrument. We are fortunate to have inspiring 1:1 music teachers whose young charges amaze us each year as they learn new skills and share their new talents in school performances and as they play at home.

The whole school concerts are much enjoyed by performers and the audience, whether it is an orchestra recital or our X-Factor singing competition. We have violin, flute, guitar, piano, recorder and 'Rock' instrument lessons – certainly something for everyone!



Within whole class lessons, teachers each open up a world of music to their pupils. Each class has an adopted composer of the year and they are becoming more confident in recognising a wider range of music genres. It is great news to know that music is still bringing so much enjoyment to our modern day children, albeit on a wider range of mediums! In this work the Year 5 pupils thought about how music makes them feel...

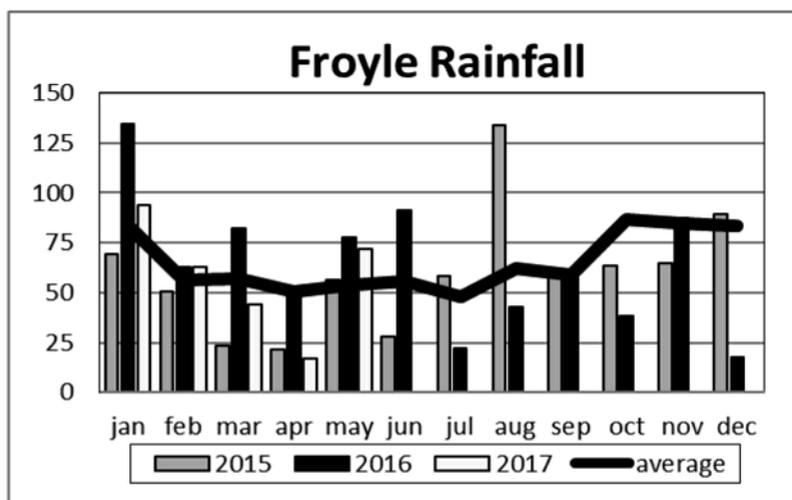


'My favourite band is Coldplay because their music is really fun and exciting, my favourite soloist is Taylor Swift because her music brings out your emotions. Some slow music makes me feel sad but bands like Coldplay or Little Mix make me feel happy. When I am down I play the flute, I play it because I can be part of loads of performances, and at school I am in the orchestra. Music is helpful for people because when people are sad or stressed music helps them calm down and relax. If music was banned then there would be nothing to cheer you up. Music is important because it brings people together as a community and makes them feel different emotions.'

*Rosie Wittington*

## Froyle Rainfall for May 2017

This year	72 mm	2.8 ins
Last year	77.5 mm	3.1 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (1991)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 <sup>rd</sup> driest month of the year after July and April	54.1 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	290 mm	11.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	302.3 mm	11.9 ins



The driest April for six years was followed by a slightly above average May but did include comfortably the wettest week (ending 21<sup>st</sup>) of the year so far, in fact we have to go back to the 4<sup>th</sup> week of June last year for a wetter one.

That said, although some would say this refers to the appearance of hawthorn blossom, nonetheless you can now safely put away your winter coats because, as we weather folk often recite:

***“Ne’er cast a clout, til May is out.”***



**“The Umbrella Man”**



Sunday 9th July - Messy Church picnic style!

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Pack your swimwear; towels and goggles, tennis rackets and trainers for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Chris is offering rides on his quad bike too - please bring helmets for your children.

**Further information from Glenda or Chris Powell on 01420 23246 or  
Glenda on 07711 981614 or Chris on 07711 981618  
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