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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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(PC) met in the Village Hall on 14th June, the first time the PC has met in person for many months.

A grant for the work of Hampshire Homestart and a contribution to the cost of drone footage for No Wey Incinerator were agreed. This drone footage would be used to inform the members of the HCC Regulatory Committee of the location of the proposed incinerator and its setting when they meet to decide on the Veolia application in late July.

The Speedwatch team provided a report and analysis of the data from the Speed Indicator Device (SID). The data indicated that, while the impact of SID was unclear, the level of speeding through the village required a continued focus. The summary SID data is now being supplied to the police and District Councillor Costigan, who is also lobbying local police and the newly elected Police Commissioner for more resources to be made available to monitor speeding in rural areas. To date this lobbying has resulted in a police speed check being conducted twice in the village. **The police advise they can only act on the basis of reported incidents so if you see or are involved in an incident, including near misses, please report these to the Clerk who will pass it on to the local police.** The PC agreed to follow up on the Speedwatch recommendation to seek an extension of the 30mph limit to the bottom of Hen & Chicken Hill as the current limit starts above the exit from Froyle Park.

An update was given by a representative of the group of residents in Lower Froyle that had applied to OpenReach to get a cost estimate to have superfast fibre broadband supplied to their premises. A proposal has now been received from OpenReach which lists c.100 houses in Lower Froyle that could be connected. A meeting has been scheduled with OpenReach later in June to answer outstanding questions. The opportunity to upgrade to fibre will then be put to residents.

Discussions commenced on the provision of new community amenities following the decision last month to abandon the project to renovate the football hut due to escalating costs. Possible locations for a covered seating area were considered. It was agreed that the football hut should be demolished so the total area could be more readily assessed. A clearance day to empty the hut will be announced shortly following which any remaining items will be disposed of in a skip.

Concern has been raised by the gamekeeper and residents that the public have not been keeping to footpaths and generally following the new Countryside Code when walking around Froyle. This has not only resulted in increased amounts of litter being left in the

fields but also caused damage to rare wild flowers and disturbed nesting birds. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area but the countryside needs to be respected and maintained for the benefit of all not just those with two legs and breathing! The PC encourages residents and visitors to exercise in the countryside surrounding the village but will commence a programme to raise awareness. This will start with the reintroduction of a regular article - 'The View from the Woods' - in the Magazine.

The annual RoSPA inspection of the playground was undertaken in May and work on the recommendations arising therefrom considered by the PC. Generally the playground equipment was safe and in a well-maintained condition. Remedial work will be undertaken by the maintenance contractor in the next few weeks to replace rotting timbers on the ship.

Around the village – three new and one amended planning applications were received since the last PC meeting. One of the new applications is from the owners of Froyle Estate (Belport) who are seeking permission to build a grain dryer and store adjacent to Round Wood above Upper Froyle. Residents can review this application and submit comments via the EHDC planning portal and typing in the ref. no 59263. The PC had no comments on the other two new applications for a detached ancillary building and a replacement outbuilding. The amended application addressed the results of a bat survey and changes to the design of the proposed gates. The PC still consider that relocating the driveway as included in this application is unnecessary and potentially dangerous but welcomed the new gate design that is more in keeping with the simple rural character of the Conservation Area. A list of all planning applications in Froyle can be accessed on the PC website.

The PC is grateful to Cllr Costigan for a grant to pay for the new noticeboard opposite Gid Lane and the addition of a glazed panel on the maps display. This work was undertaken for the PC by a voluntary organisation - Alton Men's Shed.

Upcoming events – those residents who have signed up to receive email alerts from the PC (see details at end of report) will have received notifications advising that the construction of Esso's new Southampton to London pipeline will pass through the village between May and August 2022. More information can be obtained from the project website www.slpproject.co.uk/.

Notice has been received that RAF Odiham plans to hold its annual Families' Day on **Saturday 10th July 2021**. "This day is an opportunity for the Station to thank those who stand so steadfastly behind the Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Airwomen from RAF Odiham when their loved ones are deployed on combat operations overseas. On this day, you will notice a significant increase in aircraft activity, with Chinook helicopters flying wide circuits from the airfield all morning and aircraft performing displays in the afternoon; I would particularly ask those with horses and livestock to note that these displays will include fast jet activity."

There is currently a **vacancy** on the Parish Council. Any resident who is interested in joining the Council should notify the Clerk before **7th July** including a brief description of why they wish to stand. The PC would welcome the opportunity to provide an insight into the role of a Parish Councillor by inviting any resident who is interested to speak to one of the Councillors.

The **next PC meeting** is scheduled for **Monday 12th July at 19.00 in the Village Hall** and all residents are welcome.

The PC Facebook page and website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk provide useful information about the PC, including meeting minutes, village events and links to local contacts and activities.

Any resident wishing to receive email alerts from the PC re utilities disruptions, road works etc should contact the Clerk.

Froyle Festival

Saturday 4th September 2021 – Recreation Ground

Plans are underway for an exciting end of Covid event for Froyle residents, organised jointly by the Village Hall and Fete committees.

In the afternoon:

- fun and games for children and adults - bouncy castle, face painting, tractor rides, other games and more
- individual and team events, in particular an Upper vs Lower Froyle Tug of War!
- fabulous food and drink, including a very reasonable pay bar
- Froyle Archive Exhibition celebrating Froyle through the ages
- Froyle Wildlife, showcasing local wildlife and craft activities
- Froyle Gardening Club putting on fun classes for children and adults

In the evening:

- more orientated to the adult residents
- entertainment to be finalised but we envisage music with a great band, dancing and a brilliant chance to catch up with friends!

Roll up! Roll up! Get your free tickets here!

Apply by Friday 14th August (so we have an idea of numbers), by

- emailing froyleparty@froyle.com stating how many are in your family and if you are attending the afternoon, evening or both
- applying in person at the Meeting Place on Friday mornings at the Village Hall.

Important notes:

- this celebration is only for Froyle residents
- updates to follow via the Froyle Residents Facebook group and the September edition of this magazine.



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

News from the Village Hall

Over the half term week the village hall floor was scrubbed and recoated and now looks very smart. Please do not use sticky tape to mark the floor as it destroys the surface. Similarly when moving furniture please lift do not drag! When stacking chairs please be careful of the newly painted walls. Having spent recent months redecorating the hall we are more than usually house proud!

The hall is lucky to have a Granwood floor. It is made from special blocks containing a combination of sawdust, cement and fillers which are then heavily compressed into shape with the desired density. They are then totally saturated in linseed oil. Next, the blocks are stacked to allow them to 'mature'. It was found that once this had happened, the product unlike wood, was almost entirely free from expansion and contraction, it was fire and damp resistant, didn't allow dry rot to form, was proof against vermin and insect attack, as well as being warm, resilient and extremely durable.

The blocks were invented early in the 20th century and the company went from strength to strength providing flooring for sports halls around the world. One hall burnt down but the floor emerged unscathed. Another was flooded to a depth of six feet. Again the floor survive intact. The weakness of the system was that it required the correct maintenance. If the wrong chemicals were used whole floors could be totally ruined.

So the floor is well worth looking after. We plan to buy some replacement blocks before the supply runs out. Sadly they are no longer manufactured.

Talking of blocks, we were pleased to host the Froyle Open Garden teas at the beginning of June and the loos coped well with the unusually heavy use. However the hall drainage system is far from perfect and can jam up quite easily. If you use the facilities please do not put anything down the WCs which might cause a problem.

Open Gardens brought to light the fact that an attempt had been made to break into the village hall container. An angle grinder had been used to cut of the padlock bolt. Fortunately the would be burglars still could not shift the padlock itself and had to retreat empty handed. Had they managed to get inside their disappointment would have been even more intense when confronted with the contents: the tug-of-war rope, a lot of bollards and an artificial Christmas tree. Had they broken into the football hut which would have been a great deal easier, they would have at least found a lifetime's supply of reading matter and among the bric a brac and jumble, some summer frocks.

Talking of summer the flower bed outside the Hall is starting to show some real class. This is due in no small part to committee member Gordon and other half Faith who planted it

up a couple of years ago. But recently they have been going beyond the call of duty by doing some much needed weeding, which is very kind of them. So if anybody else would be prepared to pull up the odd weed on a regular basis, we (and they) would be very grateful.

I had hoped that by the time you read this all Covid 19 restrictions would have been lifted and the hall would be back to normal. However it was not to be. An increase in Covid cases has led the government to continue existing regulations until 19 July. We apologise that as a result we may have to cancel some bookings.

Once we can reopen fully it would be good to see the use of the hall increase. If you have ideas for future activities or events do make contact. Full details of the facilities and hire charges can be found on the new website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk .

For information about the proposed Froyle Festival please see page 3.

Nick Whines, secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Operation Resilience



Operation Resilience came to Froyle in early June to finish the job of resurfacing the road. On a warm day it was hot and tiring work. The team took considerable care to minimise disruption which was much appreciated.



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am - 12 noon. We serve hot and cold drinks and home baked cakes. We are planning to continue to serve outside on the terrace, BUT if it is wet we will be socially distanced in the Hall while lockdown restrictions continue.

July Kitchen Helpers

2 nd	Sarah Roberts	Nigel Southern
9 th	Jill McKenzie	Jennie Topping
16 th	Roger and Linda Cooper	
23 rd	Jane Macnabb	Lauraine Bourne
30 th	Pam Green	Kerris Edmondson

July Cake Bakers

2 nd	Gill Bradley	Alison Lopes	Chris Muddeman	Ann Nethaway
9 th	Maureen Fry	Alison Pincott	Jill McKenzie	Tina Massam
16 th	June Trim	Harriet Wharfe	Jo Mills	
23 rd	Madeleine Black	Lauraine Bourne	Sarah Basey	Corinna Whines
30 th	Sue Carr	Elizabeth Sealey	Lucia Lindblom	Sally Turville

August Kitchen Helpers

6 th	Chris Muddeman	Louise Marston
13 th	Barbara Starbuck	Julie Southern
20 th	David Robertson	William Knowles
27 th	Mark Carr	Gillian Pickering

August Cake Bakers

6 th	Gina Kemp	Jane Stewart Smith	Julie Southern	Jenny Matthews
13 th	Ann Roberts	Janet Dobson	Caroline Findlay	Katie Merriam
20 th	Jane Dunn	Louise Marston	Mary Chaplin	Brian Jones
27 th	Phoebe Aldridge Lopez	Barbara Starbuck	Chris Muddeman	Susie Robertson

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.

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped to serve teas for FROYLE OPEN GARDENS and also to those who baked cakes, especially to those who baked an extra cake on the Saturday evening.

Gill Bradley (520484), Jenny Gove (23697), Susie Robertson (520820)



THURSDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY) 10AM - 2PM

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YOU WOULD LIKE.

Find "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook -UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON
HERE.

Froyle 100 Club - June Draw

Covid continues to curtail our activities. Still, neither that nor a prolonged downpour dampened the spirits of the select, socially distanced few attending the meeting place at which the June 100 Club draw took place.

The winners were:

1st – Marge Heyhurst

2nd – Shirley Bellis (who drew her own number!)

3rd – Andrew Pritchard

4th – Ted Crowhurst

Congratulations to all!



Checking the prizes

William Knowles, 07775 928933, email: wbk@wbknowles.com

Down Your Country Ways

With R. Ambling

Circular Walk From Upper Froyle

Approximately 1 hour Footpaths and Tracks



A good starting point would be the church. From the church follow the road towards the White House, passing Froyle Park on your left. At the sharp bend at the top of the incline follow the path to the side of the house and left of the small industrial estate. Follow the path down past Rawles on your right and keep going down hill, past the gate for West End Farm and down past the lake on your left, up the hill and across the field. You are following St Swithuns Way.

You will go through a small copse at the end of the field. Follow the footpath to your left and go down the hill passing a bench on your right, follow the path and keep the field on your left and the hedgerow on your right. Cross a field and come to a track (New Lane); at this point turn right and follow the track for about 250 yards and you will come to a footpath on your right. Follow this path which goes up steeply until you reach a couple of stiles and enter Spollycombe Copse. Follow the path through the copse and you will reach a track.

If you follow this track it takes you along between two fields and you will see a large barn on your left. The track then goes downhill and then up through a gate and up past cottages on your left and you arrive back at the small industrial estate, follow what is now a road past the White House, now on your left, and walk the short distance back to the church.

Hopefully I'll be out walking during the next couple of months identifying some new routes for the autumn, doesn't time fly.

R Ambling

Star Gazing

Star gazing is one way we can connect with nature and it can have a positive effect on wellbeing. Looking up at the vastness of the star-filled sky reminds us that we are a small part of an infinite whole. To get the best view of the skies we need to allow our eyes time to adjust so get comfortable and, as you relax, more and more stars will be revealed to you. The best time to star gaze is when the sun has set low beneath the horizon, so twilight does not obscure the skies and when the moon is at its smallest crescent shape.

The best upcoming opportunities for stargazing will be from 10 pm to 2 am from 7 to 13 July, and from 9.15 pm to 2.40 am from 5 to 14 August, which coincides with the peak of the Perseid meteor shower - giving the chance to see up to 100 shooting stars an hour. The Milky Way is also visible from August.

The Planetarium at Winchester Science Centre publishes month by month guides to what can be seen in the sky on their website - www.winchestersciencecentre.org.

And further hints and tips on stargazing can be found at gostargazing.co.uk.

One of the factors that reduces our views of the stars is light pollution and a UK wide survey is held annually by the CPRE to monitor light pollution. During lockdown light pollution was reduced and in Lower Froyle 12 stars were recorded as visible within Orion for the 2021 Star Count, rising to 20 being visible from the edge of Upper Froyle. For comparison, the darkest areas of the UK recorded over 70 stars. Our nearest sites with dark sky status are Butser Hill in Queen Elizabeth Country Park and Old Winchester Hill nature reserve.

Light pollution is the presence of artificial light in the night environment. It is harmful to humans as it disrupts our circadian rhythm, and it impacts on wildlife. As well as using echolocation, bats have powerful night vision which is disrupted by the UV light emitted from energy efficient bulbs - light which we cannot see.

To reduce light pollution

- Light only what you need.
- Draw your curtains after dark.
- Avoid floor lights and bollards but instead have lights that are directed down onto what you need to illuminate.
- Opt for warm-white LEDs.

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



Froyle Wildlife

'Drop-in' day at wildlife pond, Saturday 10th July

Call in anytime between **10am and 4pm** to visit the wildlife pond and meadow, near Gid Lane, Upper Froyle. There should be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day. Please ensure social distancing during your visit.

Members of Froyle Wildlife will be on hand to assist with identification of wildflowers, dragonflies' and butterflies. Wildflower species to look out for include; knapweed, lady's bedstraw, sainfoin, self-heal, purple loosestrife, water figwort and bird's-foot trefoil. Last year on the 'drop-in-day' 14 species of butterfly and 6 species of dragonfly/damselfly were noted; ladybirds, hoverflies, bees and grasshoppers were also seen. No need to book, anyone can just pop in and see what you can spot. For more information www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond.



Pond dipping - Friday 20th and Sunday 22nd August. Family fun – join us for a 1 hour dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in Froyle Park Pond, Gid Lane. 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 stating preference for 10am or 11.15am session.

Barry Clark

'Watch Wildlife' children's activities

At the time of writing it's pouring with rain, not so long ago we were in a heatwave – but whatever the weather there's a wealth of enjoyable nature-themed activities for children to do inside and outdoors – nature spotting sheets, cooking, crafting to name a few, see The Wildlife Trusts website www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities

The Big Butterfly Count is back

This year the survey runs from 16th July - 8th August. Whether you are a seasoned butterfly buff or want to learn to identify butterflies this is an enjoyable nationwide citizen science survey, which children will also enjoy. First launched in 2010, The Big Butterfly Count is the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather.

Records are welcome from anywhere - parks, school grounds, gardens, or public footpaths through fields and forests. How many different locations can you record in? Download Butterfly Conservation's handy ID chart or free app for iOS and Android at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> where you can alternatively enter what you see online.



Day Flying moths On the subject of Lepidoptera let's not forget some of the colourful day flying moths such as the black and red Cinnabar moth (May-August), Scarlet Tiger (June-July) and Hummingbird Hawk Moth (summer to autumn) – this moth hovers whilst it nectars on flowers such as buddleia and salvias. Or like me you may get a lucky sighting and see the rarer **Jersey Tiger (left)** which was spotted at night on a garden buddleia; this moth also sometimes flies by day. If you have marjoram

growing look out for the Small Purple and Gold (March-September) also known as the Mint Moth. The Silver Y (April-October) is not as colourful but has a distinct Y on its forewing. **Mother Shipton (right)** is a very distinctive moth as each forewing is marked with the outline of a witch's face, apparently named after a 16th century Yorkshire witch.



Do tell us about your sightings, with or without photos, by email to info@froylevildlife.co.uk or put on Instagram with #froylevildlife .

Sue Clark

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2021

As I write this a cloud burst is shattering the roses, beating down the peonies and flattening the meadow but it doesn't matter because FOG 21 was a success!



On 4 and 5 June Froyle once again welcomed garden lovers from far and wide as part of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS). The weather could not have been more perfect over both days, sunshine, a blue sky and puffy white clouds setting off seven nicely contrasting gardens. Gentle but persistent rain the day before may have delayed the final mow and trim but it ensured that everything looked fresh and bright. It's true that because of the chilly May some

of the gardens were several weeks behind with roses and peonies still in bud but this did nothing to dampen enthusiasm. It was a truly happy occasion with gardeners and visitors being equally rewarded for their efforts.

Yet again the whole village played their part and there are a lot of people to thank.

The team of parking attendants who put out the bollards and signs, directed the traffic and guided the visitors. The gazebo erectors who must next year have one at each corner. The map maker and the Treloar printers. The ticket sellers who this year had to cope not only with all that cash but the new electronic card readers. The caterers who baked cakes, poured tea and washed mugs. The plant sellers who sowed, propagated cuttings, sold a prodigious number of plants and ensured that our visitors went home with a prize. The gardeners and their gardeners and all their friends and relatives who helped on the day. A special mention for the Post Office at Bentley Stores who helped Corinna



deal with a bewildering array of cash, electronic payments, on line bookings and an assortment of donation boxes not to mention the odd fiver slipped through the Day Cottage letter box.

Everything has now been counted and calculated and when you add together all those sources of money we have in total raised £8,336.05 for the various charities NGS supports including MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK plus some small gardening charities like the Garden Museum.

Of that total £1,200 came from teas and £1,200 from the sale of plants. In all we reckon that we had nearly 750 visitors. Not a record but a very satisfactory number given the uncertainty of the times. (A mention in the Saturday Telegraph gardening section and a small photo helped.) The visitors appeared happy and relaxed and very appreciative. The gardeners were well pleased that all the hard work had resulted in so much pleasure.

The NGS is clearly grateful for the effort the village makes. Among our visitors this year was George Plumptre, the NGS Chief Executive, and his wife. Following last year's successful plant sales and our virtual garden visit (still available to watch on You tube) Froyle's gardening card is well and truly marked.



And then there is FOG 22, which next year coincides with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when there will be a double bank holiday and local as well as national celebrations. As far as I am aware no decisions have been taken as to how Froyle will mark the occasion but to ensure that a Big Lunch doesn't coincide with FOG, I am suggesting the latter event knocks on a week and takes place on 11 and 12 June.

Finally in hurrying to send copy to the Alton Herald about the gardens I incorrectly reported the url for booking tickets. I therefore apologise to those who found themselves on the National Gritting Services website. It is however purely coincidental that shortly thereafter Froyle Road was resurfaced!

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Nick Whines



July & August from the Potting Shed

So far this year it's been the hottest, the coldest, the driest and the wettest so what will July and August be? Whatever it is going to be we will still be busy in the garden. Dead heading our roses, tying in the new shoots on rambling roses, cutting back early flowering perennials such as delphiniums

which will hopefully give you flowers again later. Time to collect seeds and sow foxgloves and Sweet Williams.

Raise the cutting height on the mower and mow less regularly. This gives the grass more chance to survive any dry weather. Also, no need to water lawns, the rains will come and green up the lawn far quicker and save on the gallons of water needed to keep lawns green.

It is far better to water containers in the morning. This ensures the containers are moist during the hottest part of the day and do not dry out so quickly. Watering in the evening is fine, but on hot days and nights the pots will also need watering in the morning as that overnight watering will have been used up by the plants and the rest will have evaporated.

Keep the compost heap going. All prunings from the roses and shrubs, all the herbaceous plant stems etc that have been cut back, weeds and unwanted vegetable peelings and potato haulms can be added to the heap. Make sure the stems are chopped up well. You can easily do this with a pair of shears. This will help the heap build up in the bin which will help kill off any pathogens and weed seeds.

Keep removing the tomatoes' side shoots to encourage plenty of flower growth on the cordon tomatoes. If growing in a greenhouse tap the stems daily to help pollination. Bees will do a great job, but this will also help. Watch out for any signs of early blight on potatoes. Cut any infected haulm to stop the blight getting into the tubers. Start thinking about sowing for late autumn and winter salad crops.

I hope this will help you on your way with the garden this summer and we all look forward to the cooler days of autumn.

Geoff Hawkins

On a fine evening in June we held our first club meeting for well over a year. A large group of members were welcomed by Nigel and Julie Southern to their large garden in Lower Froyle, one of those opened for the National Garden Scheme the previous weekend. We heard how they had developed and enlarged the property over many years creating the beautifully landscaped garden that it now is. We spent a very pleasant evening enjoying its many features and meeting up with members again.

We have another garden visit on 7th July at 7pm in East Worldham. Details were in the June magazine. Please remember to contact Brenda by 30th June if you intend to join us or need a lift. Tel: 01420 22216 or walbury@uwclubnet .

We will not be holding an Autumn Show this year but are planning to have some fun classes for children and adults to enter at the Froyle Festival event on 4th September.

Our monthly evening meetings should be starting again on Friday 8th October.

Anne Blunt

Then & Now - Memories from The Froyle Archive

This month we feature a view it will be difficult to find today.



The “Prince of Wales” in Lower Froyle was situated at the junction with the main road through Froyle and Well Lane. This picture of the original “Prince of Wales” was taken around 1893. It doesn’t appear as a public house in the Census until 1881, and it was the home of a shoemaker until then.

This delightful and obviously posed picture shows a group in the field opposite. The ladies bicycles can be seen leaning against the wall of the pub and we wonder if the lady without a hat was Sarah, the wife of the landlord Middleton Young (*from the*

1891 Census) - who knows, one day we might find out who they are?

By the time the picture was taken in 1912, a new “Prince of Wales” had been built to replace the old one. We have a date of September 6th 1910, along



with the signatures of the builders on a floorboard taken from under the water tank. The building was one of four identical designs built in the area at this time. The ‘bandstand’ is in fact a well. Since 1999 it has been a private dwelling.

Chris & Annette Booth. The Froyle Archive. 01420 22364

The View from the Woods

Much has happened since my last report in last October's issue of this magazine.

Our shooting activities last winter were restricted, and the season cut short, by the Covid restrictions. Also, last November, as I'm sure everyone knows, Froyle Estate was sold by the Cannon family trust to Belport, a group specialising in the acquisition, development and strategic management of farms and estates. Belport own a number of farms around the country, mainly in East Anglia but also in Hampshire and Buckinghamshire. Belport wish to keep the shoot going and to run it themselves – so I now have a new boss! Sally and I have also moved house from Bonham's Lodge in Holybourne to one of the cottages at West End Farm in Upper Froyle, a much more central location within the Estate – it is great to be back in Froyle.



In practice, not much will change in terms of day-to-day shooting activities. The local syndicate, who have shot here for the last 20 years, have agreed with Belport to take the bulk of the shooting. The Cannon family will also have some days, and Belport will keep a number of days for themselves. Belport are investing in the infrastructure around the Estate, which is exciting.

As I write this, we have all been experiencing an explosion of early summer, after the cold and the wet of May. The coldness of the ground in particular held back the growth of greenery and wildflowers in field and woodland, as it did the growth in our gardens. Now everything has burst into life together – much to the delight, I imagine, of those who opened their gardens to the public in early June and their visitors. This has not, however, helped early nesting birds, such as blue tits, dependent on insect life to feed their young, for whom a dearth of early season insects has had disastrous consequences.

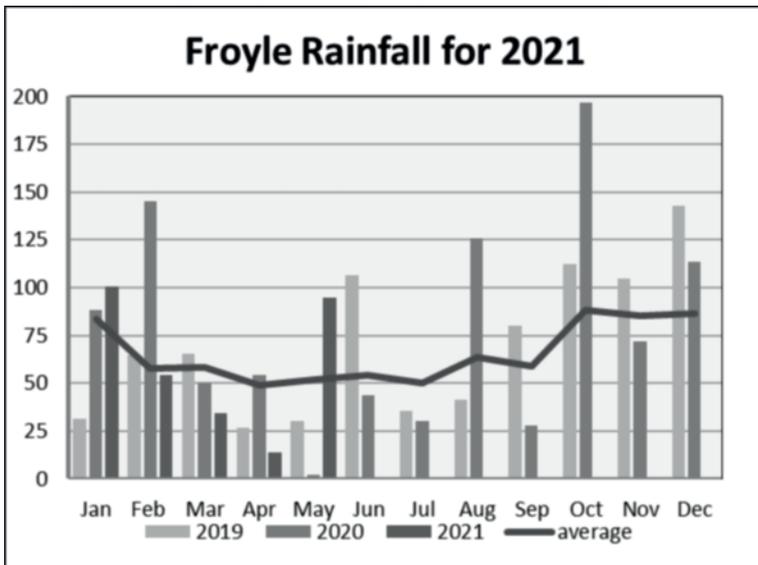
Throughout the spring, a greater number of pheasants and partridge was evident than usual – partly due to the reduced shooting activities last season, and partly because the slow start to the growing season meant that there was less cover to conceal them. As ground nesting birds, they need cover to hide them from predators when they are sitting. I have just started seeing the occasional young brood of pheasants scurrying away into the undergrowth, so clearly some of them have successfully escaped the attention of predators.

This is also the most sensitive time of year in terms of canine disturbance. I know walkers in Froyle are keenly aware of this, but do please make sure you keep your dogs under control. Pheasants nest in hedgerows and along banks, and disturbing a hen pheasant sitting on eggs can result in her losing the brood. And of course pheasants and partridges are far from the only ground nesting birds.

For me, the last few months have been all about preparing the ground for the rearing season. The rearing season starts shortly, and involves bringing this year's pheasants and partridges though to adulthood during the months of July, August and September. By the time you get your next magazine in September, I shall be trying to dissuade the young birds from wandering all over the roads; another summer will have almost gone and we shall all be wondering where the time went.

Froyle Rainfall for May 2021

This year	94.5 mm	3.7 ins
Last year	2 mm	0.08 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (2020)	2 mm	0.08 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 rd driest month	51.6 mm	2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	297 mm	11.7 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	300 mm	11.8 ins



From the driest May on record in 2020 to one of the wettest in 2021 - in fact only exceeded four times since the late-seventies – has it started to become a real seesaw month? For all you statistical experts out there, the answer at the moment is a sound No, as May continues to have comfortably the lowest standard deviation of all months at 28.2, July being next at 31.4, with November the highest at 44.



“The Umbrella Man”

Beware of scams



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

Tips on spotting scams:

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

Scams to be aware of:

- **Tradesperson scams** – doorstep cold caller, offering to clean your driveway, patio or paths; make repairs to your home; and/or offering to tidy your garden
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- **Covid-19 doorstep scam** – doorstep cold caller, looking to gain access to your property, claiming to be carrying out Covid testing on behalf of the NHS or your GP
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We want to reassure you that the No Wey Incinerator team are fully aware of the permit application, which runs parallel to the main planning application for an incinerator in the rural Wey Valley. We can confirm that this kind of permit application is standard practice. The application documents are available on the Environment Agency's website [here](#) (for online readers).

We are liaising with the relevant bodies and will submit a technical objection after reviewing the application material with our consultants. If there are aspects which would benefit from public objection, then we will offer advice to supporters, through our mailing list, our website www.noweyincinerator.com, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds. We will let you know as soon as we have more information!

Thank you for supporting our campaign



Deer vehicle collisions

This time of year often brings with it a rise in deer vehicle collisions. This is what to do if you are involved in one, or become aware of a situation in which you might need to know what to do next.

STAY SAFE AND REPORT THE INCIDENT

If you see an injured deer on the roadside: pull over at a safe place; do not try to assist or move the deer as this can put you in danger; call the Police*.

If you hit a deer while driving, your priorities, in this order, are to: keep yourself and anyone with you as safe as you can; park your car in the safest place with hazard lights on; call an ambulance if human injuries warrant it; call the Police*.

If the deer is alive and still visible at the roadside: do not approach it, as that may cause it to run across traffic causing another accident; do not move or handle live deer, which needs a trained specialist; do not attempt to place it in your car; call the Police*.

*When calling the Police: give as precise a location as you can (eg What3Words) - they will deal with the situation and have access to specialists.

For full advice, please visit:

<https://www.bds.org.uk/information-advice/issues-with-deer/advice-for-drivers/>

News from Bentley School

Wellbeing Award 2021



We have been delighted to be awarded the national 'Wellbeing Award' after two years of work led by super PSHE Lead, Mrs Charlie Vogel. A team of parents, staff and governors reviewed what was working well and areas for development. They surveyed pupils, staff and parents at both ends of

the process and of course will continue working on this important aspect of school life.

Our assessor for the award spent a day reviewing the evidence and then spent a busy three hours speaking to staff to follow up. Mrs Vogel said, "It was an intense experience, but so rewarding to reflect on what we offer as a school. We have always taken pupil and staff wellbeing seriously and this award reflects that commitment and how our children at Bentley flourish".



The many changes and impact of Covid was a key area discussed. We have a bespoke section on our website with helpful contacts and signposts to professional services. Increasingly, we support parents with advice and resources. We know that many mental health services for adults and children are overwhelmed so ensure that 'Every interaction is an intervention' in school, but also we have a carefully planned curriculum programme offering personal, social and emotional development for all of our pupils.

One example of this has been our child led PTFA events, which have been once a month this school year. The School Council chose these very carefully, from the silly (Break the Rules day!) to the comforting (Favourite clothes day and World book Day); every special day has helped our children to feel a little more 'normal' and to have a lot of fun too.

The pupils have also been keen to continue to make a difference whole school have also voted and chosen our charity fundraisers and they always make thoughtful choices. This year the school has supported our partner school in The Gambia through the Kaira Konko charity. The children raised money and worked on Eco projects to support the World Wildlife Fund plus they supported the Alton Food Bank.



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JULY SERVICES

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	Binsted	Outdoor Service
Sunday 11th	11.00am	Froyle	Pet Service - on the Rec
Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Bentley	Outdoor Service
Sunday 25 th	11.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Online	Live@5 (Zoom tea at 4.30pm - see notice p27)
	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 1 st	11.00am	Bentley	Morning Worship
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Bentley	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	11.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Online	Live@5 (Zoom tea at 4.30pm - see notice)
	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
Sunday 29 th	11.00am	Binsted	Benefice Service

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For further details, see the benefice website at www.benbinfro.co.uk;
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Froyle Church Update

A major issue on everyone's minds has been the planned pastoral reorganisation. Whilst some progress was made earlier in the year into understanding how different benefice structures might work, this was then put on hold with the announcement of the expansion of the benefice to include Kingsley and Oakhanger: we are currently arranging a meeting to discuss plans with representatives from Kingsley and Oakhanger.

A new service plan has been agreed with the Benefice: this will come into effect in September. It includes a provisional allocation of services for Kingsley and Oakhanger. For Froyle, the service pattern will be:

1st Sunday: 0800 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 1100 Holy Communion

3rd Sunday: 1100 Morning Worship

4th Sunday: 1800 Evensong.

In the meantime, the current service pattern will continue until September.

Tuesday Teas are back and have proven popular, particularly in the wonderful June weather. If you read this in time, join us for the fifth and final Tea on Tuesday 29 June (any time from 2:30 pm to 4:40 pm).

Despite the delay in the relaxation of Covid restrictions, we are still planning to hold the traditional, annual Pet Service on 11 July at 11.00, at the Recreation Ground.

However, we have decided to delay the launch of the Froyle Ark until 5 September – we took the view that the delay in lifting of Covid restrictions would give us too many challenges!

Looking forward: we are also planning for the Harvest Supper on the 1st October – details to follow nearer the time!

Simon Marshall

Could this be you?

Froyle Church has a thriving Choir and we hope that, by the time you read this, we'll be allowed to resume singing together. We are always happy to welcome new singers. It isn't a great commitment: we gather to sing hymns, a psalm and an anthem for Evensong on the 4th Sunday of each month, and there are two major choral services annually, at Advent (on the evening before Advent Sunday, which for 2021 is 27 November) and Maundy Thursday.

We have a willing pool of about 20 singers from Froyle and round about, but we're always hoping to increase the number of Froylites in the group. We would be especially interested to hear from you if you're already in a Choir, or if you have any experience of church singing (perhaps as a child) or have ever learned an instrument and music reading; but the main qualification is an enthusiasm for singing with other people and a willingness to contribute to services in our lovely church

If you'd like to find out more (no obligation!) please contact me or talk to any of the Choir.

Jane Palmer, 520437, jbpalmer2@gmail.com

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Writing this over the late May Bank Holiday Monday, with the prospect of the long summer holidays ahead of us, we can't help asking are you in need of a holiday? In fact, what is the purpose of a holiday? Some of us have felt as if we have been on a constant holiday during the months of restrictions we have experienced, particularly last summer when we had exceptionally good weather.

But even if you have enjoyed the simpler life that lockdowns imposed, with less unnecessary socialising, less travelling to meetings and no daily commuting, isn't a holiday more about freedom than simply leisure? Away from our usual surroundings, away from regular chores and commitments, having new experiences and meeting new people, aren't we more likely to be refreshed and recharged when we return to normal life?

Asking around the team what makes for the best sort of break, we all agreed that there are different kinds of holiday. There's the 'once in a lifetime' experience, which might involve swimming with dolphins or climbing Machu Picchu, risking heat stroke and digestive ailments. Then there's the 'learning' holiday, which could mean trailing around every chapel in Florence to study the great artists and suffering no more than aching feet and neck from staring at the high ceilings. Or maybe you'd opt for the 'physical challenge' holiday, whether it be trekking the foothills of the Himalayas or going on the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage.

All of these options are beneficial in different ways, giving insights into different cultures, adding to our store of knowledge and taking us beyond our normal boundaries. But are they truly holidays? Thinking more about what is really restful, most of us would choose the simplest of breaks, possibly somewhere we've visited many times. Returning to the same village in Cornwall or Norfolk, the same campsite in Devon, the same b&b in Suffolk, already knowing how to reach the best beach, where to find the best fish and chips and realising there is no need to get back in the car until it is time to go home, can be immensely relaxing. All that is required of us then is to listen to the gentle rippling of sea, observe the murmurings of starlings and wait for the sun to finally fall behind the headland.

Most of the team agreed that we favour the simple holiday but also felt that holidays are only beneficial because they contrast with the daily round, whether it be full-time work or other regular activities. As George Bernard Shaw wrote, *A perpetual holiday is a good working definition of hell.* We need the contrast between activity and rest for a healthy life balance and even if we are unable to escape our normal environment, we can break away from our regular routine perhaps by taking a picnic on a walk, visiting one of the many open gardens in the area or attending a summer fete.

May you all enjoy the summer, whatever the weather, returning afresh to new challenges in September. And remember, although we all relish a break from responsibility, *service is perfect freedom*, as it says in the Book of Common Prayer.

**Blessings,
Yann and the team**

CHURCH YOUTH UPDATE

If in 2018, when I was finishing my degree, you had told me my first youth work job would involve leading a group of young people through a global pandemic, I would have thought you'd got a wild imagination and I simply wouldn't have believed you! But here we are, 18 months into said pandemic, hopefully coming out the other side, and I've done things I never thought I would do. Like filming very silly videos of myself for school assemblies; planning, recording and editing an entire Christingle service for everyone at home; navigating the fact that youth work can exist online, and it's not as bad as it sounds(!); and re-evaluating the church's entire vision and values for our youth and children's ministry.

With a vision of relational ministry, nurturing independent faith and sharing the Good News to all, our youth and children's team have come together every other week to pray about what it will all look like in the Autumn. And the short answer is, we don't know! But I am so encouraged by the passion and enthusiasm the team has for our children and young people that I don't think we need to worry about the future. So, watch this space and soon enough I will be able to update you on all our plans for our regular youth and children's ministry.

In the meantime, as a one-off summer event, I am putting together an event called Creation Trails – details on the benbinfro.org website. The idea being that God made our world and we are asked to look after it, so what can we do to help our planet? There will be posters put up around Bentley and Binsted, between 9 and 15 August, with a QR code which will link to a video, and an activity to do. On our church website you'll find an information pack which contains more information, including a list of the stops, and a bingo sheet to take along with you!

Gemma Ball, Pastoral Assistant (Youth) & Administrator, gemma@benbinfro.co.uk



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Over the years we have found some truly remarkable finds dating back to the time of Stone Henge; a small hoard of silver Roman coins; Bronze Age gold rings and beads; Saxon treasures and many other historically interesting finds.

But despite all of our luck, it's really just an excuse for me to spend some time with him, enjoying a day together in the countryside: on occasions, we find very little.

To continue our hobby, we are constantly looking for new land to search - whether it's sheep fields, horse pasture, just a few acres or vast swathes of arable land, there is always some history to be revealed even if it isn't ancient. Trade tokens from local merchants give some insight into the history of where we live. Or perhaps shells from a dog fight during the Second World War. We find it all fascinating and try to get out as often as possible, rain or shine.

So how does it all work? Well it's our hobby so we are happy to pay up to £10 each per day. We leave your land as if we'd not been there and are both insured.

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If this sounds of interest, please get in touch.

John Lynes, Jlynes1971@gmail.com, 07414 891222

Getting back together outside!

Although the weather has been changeable, a number of our outside activity groups did manage a relaunch.



The Bowls group met on the green at Odiham & North Warnborough Bowls Club, on Monday 27 April after the long break. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the members had plenty to chat about between taking turns. They play on the green every Monday during the summer and in the winter play on two mats in the clubhouse; tea or coffee, biscuits and gossip always mark half time!

Two walks for the Walking for Pleasure group! Early April saw them setting off in cold, crisp, sunny weather for a five-mile circular walk around Upton Grey, followed by a second outing, later in the month, to Finchampstead. On their travels they found a small plaque informing them that King Henry VII and Prince Arthur had been hunting in the area when they received word that Catherine of Aragon had arrived at Dogmersfield Park. A definite case of *learning, laughing, living!*



Reading the plaque!

Staying with the outside theme, we hope to arrange a summer visit under the National Garden Scheme. There are some specific gardens that are only open to groups and so we would have sole access to the garden for the duration of our visit.



Meanwhile, the Local Theatre Group hopes to start booking performances for later this year, as soon as social distancing restrictions are lifted and it's officially safe to do so. Who knows, we might be off to the panto! Our indoor groups continue to meet, mostly by zoom. Last month Creative Writing Group 2 hosted a session to explore a contemporary writer's perspective on authorship by inviting an up-and-coming writer to join their discussion.

If you would like to know more about the above or wish to find out about our other activity groups, we have over 50, please visit our website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>



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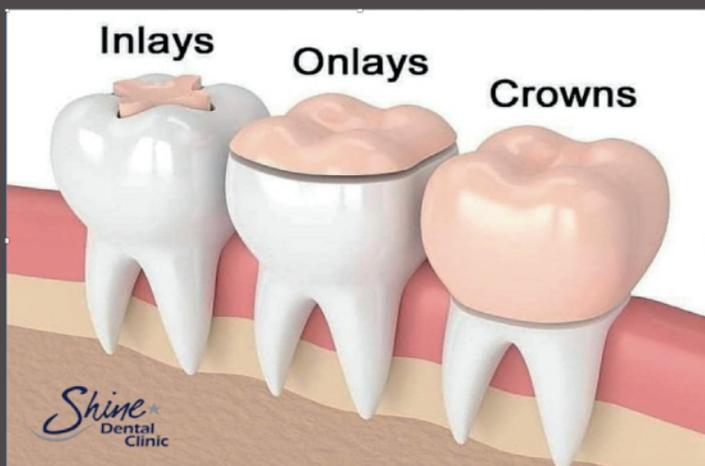
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VILLAGE INFORMATION

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to Parish Council	<i>Andrew Potter - 07979 030571</i> <i>clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk</i> www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk
District Councillor	<i>Tony Costigan - 07770 666896 - tony.costigan@eastbants.gov.uk</i>
Froyle Village Hall Committee Chairman	<i>David Robertson - 520820</i> www.froylevillagehall.co.uk
Froyle Gardening Club	<i>Anne Blunt - 22262</i>
Froyle Vestments Group	<i>Madeleine Black - 23371</i> www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk
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Froyle Archive	<i>Chris & Annette Booth - 22364</i> www.froyle.com
The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson - 520820</i>
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Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire	<i>Madeleine Black - 23371</i>
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Police	Call 101 (999) in an emergency)
NHS non-emergency	111
The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle	www.benbinfro.co.uk
Froyle Residents' Facebook Group	simon@watmore.com

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