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Wow that was a busy month for Froyle with the Jubilee lunch and Froyle Gardens Open on consecutive weekends. Thanks to all who helped organise and by volunteering to make these events such a success.

The Parish Council (PC) met on 6th June and draft minutes are available on the PC website. Cllr Aldridge was elected Deputy Chair following the resignation of Mr Deans. The 2021/22

Governance Statement and Accounts were signed off and are available for public inspection between June 20th and July 29th on application to the Clerk.

Further discussions have been held with Rookery Barns (RB) regarding the type of building that could be erected on the slab as a future proofed building could require the slab to be lifted and rebuilt with the necessary insulation to meet building regs. If required, this would bring the cost of the project to a level that the PC did not feel could be justified. Alternatives now being considered include an open shelter, storage area and accessible loo plus options to locate the shelter on a different part of the Rec and levelling the slab. For further information or to provide suggestions, please contact Cllr Aldridge.

Cllr Roberts advised that she had only received a few additional comments regarding the **outdoor gym equipment** in response to the article in last month's Magazine. After discussion it was agreed to consider a scaled down scheme with less equipment to test usage. The scope of the 'Vision for the Rec' that is being prepared by the PC will now be extended to consider whether and what additional facilities could be made available to encourage more community use.

Cllr McRiley reported that the annual RoSPA inspection of the **playground** had raised no major issues. It was agreed to treat the wooden equipment to extend its life and to establish a designated fund for replacing the equipment. One set of goal posts has been removed as they had corroded in the sockets, and it was agreed to talk to neighbouring villages about their experience with smaller, movable goals as a possible replacement for the full sized ones.

Cllr Inskip reported that landowners have been requested to cut back vegetation overgrowing **footpaths** - if any resident is aware of an overgrown footpath please contact Cllr Inskip. With public access to the field from Husseys Lane being removed, there is now no stile-free route to Bentley for dog walkers and it was agreed that the landowner be contacted to discuss replacement of the stiles on the existing footpath with gates.

Around the village – four new planning applications have been submitted since the

last PC meeting re a single storey garage, tree pruning and listed building consents - the PC decided not to comment on any of these.

EHDC are launching a new consultation regarding the **Local Plan** later in the year. This will determine where new housing developments are located especially in the A31 corridor. The EHDC press release is on the PC website and more info will be provided when available for residents to express their opinions.

A constructive meeting was held on June 16th with Andy Dawson, now the permanent manager at **Froyle Park (FP)**, at which issues regarding the use of the facility and impact on residents was discussed. FP confirmed that they were keen to work with residents in a spirit of mutual co-operation. This required acceptance by both sides that FP was not going to cease operations and that both neighbours and FP staff had the right to be respected. FP stressed that they had introduced processes which went beyond the requirements of its licence to achieve this inc. moving the delivery entrance, CCTV monitoring of the front gate, purchasing rubber wheeled trolleys, and acoustic monitoring with automatic shut down over a certain dB level. FP considered that they were generally aware of, and addressing, any issue at the venue that was outwith their licence conditions before receiving a call from residents bringing it to their attention. In recognition of ongoing concerns from its neighbours, FP are looking to host a get-together with local residents to have a face to face conversation - more details will be sent out in the coming days.

By end June, the new signage at the entrance to Froyle Green (which FP are funding) will be put up, and improved directions placed on the website. This will hopefully reduce the number of 'lost' FP guests entering private roads. Installation of the new extraction unit will take place between 4-6 July and FP are looking into a new duty manager's phone as the existing provider does not have full coverage – any new number will be advised when known.

A local farmer has requested that residents cut back hedges overhanging Froyle Road as these were damaging farm vehicles. The PC acknowledged this request but also observed that most of the problem areas identified appeared to be from overhanging trees that may not be the responsibility of the houseowner.

This request highlights that we are entering the season when there will be more farm vehicles using the lanes through the village requiring greater care and attention to be taken by all road users. Please report any dangerous incidents caused by farm traffic with as much supporting information to the Clerk as possible so these can be taken up with the vehicle owners.

The organisers of the annual **Farnham Cycle Ride** have advised that this would pass through the village on Sunday 3rd July so please take care.

The next PC meeting will be held on Monday 11th July at 19.00 in the Village Hall – all residents are welcome to attend. For information about PC meetings, Parish Councillors, useful contacts and events around the village visit the PC website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk or the PC Facebook page.

Your presence as **HOSTS and GUESTS**
IS REQUESTED at

The Froyle 2022 Safari Supper

Saturday, 10th September, 2022 from 6.45pm

TICKETS



£15 per guest

(Hosts free)

A Safari Supper is a shared meal, where several people in Froyle volunteer to provide and host a single course, including drinks, for others in the Village. You eat each course with different guests at a different house (that's the safari bit).

The plan is as follows:

1. **All meet at 6.45pm at Park Edge, Upper Froyle**, courtesy of William & Mary Knowles, for a welcome drink and to receive the name and address of your first-course host.
2. You then all **make your way to the first house for 7.30pm**; as you finish that course, you will then be told the address of your next one;
3. **You should be at the second house by 8.30pm** and...
4. **By 9.30pm it's off to the final venue, namely the Village Hall, for pudding and coffee** (and home by around 10.30).

This does take a fair amount of organising so we would be very grateful if everybody who would like to *host* a single course for probably around 8 people, ie you + 6 guests, either email David or Susie Robertson on sjrinfroyle@gmail.com or telephone 520820.

But clearly, for this to work, we also need the support of as many Froyle residents as possible to join us as guests. Not only will you get to meet lots of people from the Village, both old and new but, if this evening is anything like as successful as the last one in 2017 – when almost 100 people took part - it promises to be huge fun.

Therefore, we do need to know, by September 3rd at the latest, who would like to join us *as guests* (and NB couples will be moving around together). So please either email David or Susie Robertson asap on sjrinfroyle@gmail.com or telephone 520820, to let them know numbers. Tickets are £15 per head (in aid of the Village Hall) payable in advance.

The Village Hall Committee



Bookings:
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www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

It's been a busy month with the Jubilee Big Lunch quickly followed by Froyle Open Gardens (see page 12).

Despite the overcast and rather damp weather, the Big Lunch was a great success with 350 or more attending. Thanks are due to the organising committee, Karen Potter, Molly Scotton, Charlie Inskip and Yvonne Deans. Perhaps their best decision was to hire a marquee, this ensured that come rain or sun they were covered. As usual the team from Perfect Pitch did a great job. There was plenty of activity for the children. Faces were painted and crowns were decorated and the bouncy castle proved very popular. Inside the marquee the opportunity to pin the tail on the corgi and sit on the throne with the Queen was not missed. The bar was soon busy and at the Barrack's Gin Company and the Gin Cocktail Competition attracted great interest.

Surrounded by clouds of smoke and steam, Kevin Anfield and his team from the Hen and Chicken worked hard on the barbeque to keep everybody fed with burgers and hot dogs. Attention then switched to the teas where a splendid collection of cake was on offer and soon eaten. A large TV was provided so visitors could watch the Jubilee Pageant while munching delicious cake. Music was provided by James Dean, who managed to hit all the right notes, ending with "Sweet Caroline", which resulted in an enthusiastic outbreak of line dancing. But not before the tug-of-war grudge match between Upper and Lower Froyle had played out somewhat chaotically. The only certainty was that the children were once again victorious.

The event, which was free to all residents of Froyle, and their close family, was jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee with a substantial contribution from our District Councillor. The organisers managed to come in under budget, which was quite an achievement. The pay bar resulted in a profit of over one thousand pounds which has been donated to the Alton Food Bank and gratefully received.

All in all another great Froyle event made possible by a strong community spirit and a great many helpers to whom a Big Thank You. (And N.B. You can find a collage of photographs of the Party on pages 19 to 21).

Meanwhile another great Froyle tradition is in difficulty. The Guy Fawkes Night bonfire party, which has been celebrated for a great many years, is under threat. Our insurance now requires us to quench the fire before we leave the site which would be impossible with the available water supply. In the past the fire has continued to burn for at least week before we are able to clear away the ash and reseed the ground. So what to do? We will have to reimagine the event but it is unlikely we will again be able to burn large quantities of brush and garden waste as in the past.

On a more cheerful note plans for another Safari Supper are under way and the date to reserve is 10th September. It's a great way to meet new friends and see inside other peoples houses. Tickets will cost £15 per guest - hosts are free - but for that you get a fabulous three course dinner with drinks. Any profit, and there should be some, will go to the village hall. We need some hosts to provide a first or second course for up to eight. So please volunteer. Just one rule: you can't chose where you go to eat. We have a highly sophisticated algorithm to sort out who goes where. Further details can be found on page 3.

Nick Whines 23130 Secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

HOW TO MAKE YOUR MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION LOOK GOOD

Posters/Adverts – please apply in the normal way – see back cover.

- If you want a full page design your page in portrait layout. For half pages use landscape.
- You can send your copy in any size but it will be resized to fit on A5. The easiest way to see how it will look is to design a full page as A5 portrait and a half page as A6 landscape.
- The magazine online is in colour but remember the printed version is in black and white.
- Because of our ageing software please avoid complicated layouts – we have found they may not transfer well.
- Save the copy as a PDF and send both the PDF and the word document.
- **Please remember to embed all fonts.**

Articles

- Please send text and pictures separately. As a rough guide a page is about 500 words – with no pictures.
- Pictures should be attached as JPEG files with as many pixels as possible!

JUBILEE PARTY DONATIONS FOR THE ALTON FOOD BANK

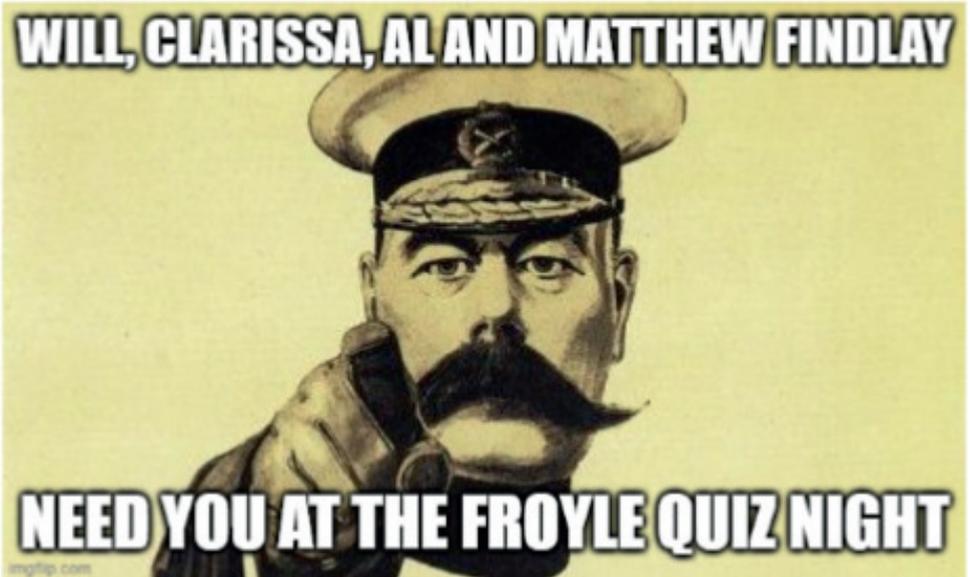
A huge thanks for all who so kindly donated to the Alton Food Bank at the Platinum Jubilee Party on 5th June. With soaring energy prices and sky high inflation, families are struggling to afford to pay for both their bills and for food.

At the party, we raised a staggering £1,037 which will allow local families to do more than just survive. The food bank have just launched a veg box scheme for locals, so the money you so kindly gave will enable families to have fresh fruit and veg on a weekly basis.

Thank you all so much.

Louise Marston

YOU ARE ORDERED... TO SAVE THE DATE



**Saturday, October 15th
in the Village Hall**



The Meeting Place

This takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, coffee or tea, and squash for the children. We now have a NEW selection of books to borrow.

July and August Kitchen Helpers

1 st July	Sarah Roberts	Nigel Southern
8 th	Sue Lelliott	Jennie Topping
15 th	Roger and Linda Cooper	
22 nd	Barbara Graham-Clark	Jane Macnabb
29 th	Pam Greene	Lauraine Bourne
5 th August	Chris Muddeman	Julie Southern
12 th	Barbara Starbuck	Louise Marston
19 th	David Robertson	William Knowles
26 th	Sara Watkins	Gillian Pickering

Please organise swaps yourselves, but do contact us if necessary.

July and August Cake Bakers

1 st July	Zoe Townend	Corinna Whines	Mary Perryman
8 th	Charlotte Ranson	Harriet Wharfe	Lisa Bowler
15 th	Gillian Pickering	Alison Pincott	
22 nd	Sue Carr	Alison Lopes	Sarah Basey
29 th	Cherida Cannon	Elizabeth Sealey	Lucia Lindblom
5 th August	Tina Massam	Jane Stewart-Smith	Julie Southern
12 th	Barbara Graham-Clark	Madeleine Black	Jenny Matthews
19 th	Brian Jones	Jane Dunn	Mary Chaplin
26 th	Phoebe Aldridge-Lopes	Barbara Starbuck	Chris Muddeman

We do try to remind bakers, but please let us know if you can't bake for any reason, cakes to go in the freezer are always welcome! If possible it is helpful to know what cakes to expect so we don't get 3 of the same variety.

Cakes can be left in the porch at Wykeham House, Lower Froyle on Thursdays or brought to the hall after 9.30am on Fridays. If you are a new baker or would like to bake for us, do come into the kitchen and introduce yourself.

Also, if anybody has left cake tins in the Village Hall after the Jubilee Party or Froyle Open Gardens, would they come and collect them when they are next passing.

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Jenny Gove 23697 govejenny@gmail.com

Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

...and don't forget...

...you can bring your donations for the Alton Food Bank to The Meeting Place every Friday, where there is now a permanent collection box. For a list of items which are really needed, see the Village Notice Board - at the corner of Froyle Road and Ryebriidge Lane - or ask me.

Louise Marston 07785 350381



Following the closure of Bentley Village Surgery some patients from the local area are now registered at Chawton Park Surgery in Alton. The surgery has a Patient Participation Group, with representatives from our villages, and one of the PPGs roles is to provide a better understanding of how the Practice works and to look for ways of improving communications between patients and staff? The PPG would like to contact patients from time to time to ensure a wide range of views is taken into account. *To enable us to do this, please provide your consent for contact by text or email by completing a Patient Contact Form at <https://www.chawtonparksurgery.nhs.uk/patient-participation-group>*

Patients without internet or access to a mobile phone can give written consent by writing to the PPG c/o Chawton Park Surgery.



***FROYLE GARDENING CLUB –
NEWSLETTER
July/August 2022***

June started busily with a display of cut flowers and plants, common and uncommon, at the Jubilee Event. These were for an identification competition that was won by Madeleine Black, and the runner-up

was Victoria Gladstone.

A few days later we were gathering plants for our sale at the village hall on 11th and 12th, the weekend of Froyle Open Gardens for the National Garden Scheme. A huge thank you to all those helpers for setting up and manning the stall and similarly all those who brought such a wonderful variety of items for us to sell.

All the proceeds, £360, went to the NGS charity.

Anne Blunt

July and August from the Potting Shed

- As always, it is the weather that dictates what is going on in the garden. Hot and dry means stressed plants. But water only when necessary. Newly planted trees and shrubs need a good soaking once a month, not little dribbles every day. Keep dead heading 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 help save on the gallons of water needed to keep lawns green.
- I said this last year but I will remind you again, 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. (And NB see page 14 for advice amongst other things on watering young trees).

- Keep removing the tomato side shoots to encourage plenty of flower growth on the cordon tomatoes. Bush tomatoes will not need this. 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 which can also affect tomatoes. Cut any infected haulm to stop the blight getting into the tubers.
- Start thinking about sowing for late autumn and winter salad crops. I will be planting out the late sown French beans and sweet corn early in July to give me a nice fresh supply in the autumn. Plenty of garden compost will be added to the soil to hold in the moisture and feed the roots. It is only necessary to water fruit and vegetables when the crop is developing and again a good soaking is better than a little shower every night.

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

Garden Visit - Final Details

Friday 22nd July at 7pm

4 Old Compton Lane, Farnham, GU9 8BS

Christina Williams, 01252 716081, no email address

Garden newly landscaped, for easy maintenance, by John Larby, Garden Designer.

Plus

5 Old Compton Lane, Farnham, GU9 8BS

Roxanne and Graham Sutton, (diagonally across the road), 01252 714333

Very modern planting complementing a modern house

Refreshments at no 4, donations for hospice.

Numbers required the week before. Please contact Brenda on email walbury@uwclub.net or by phone on 01420 22216

Brenda Milam

Summer Party – Lunch - 13th August 2022

Please contact Gill Bradley on 01420 520484 or email gahbradley@gmail.com to book tickets and receive further information.

Tickets bought earlier from the postponed New Year Party are valid for the Summer Party.

Gill Bradley

Autumn Show - 10th September 2022

This will be held on Saturday 10th September. Show Schedules will be available:

- at the Summer Party
- accessed on the Froyle Gardening Club website
- sent to you by email
- postal copies by request.

We look forward to receiving your Exhibitor Entry forms by Tuesday 6th September. These may be:

- handed in at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th September from 6 to 8pm, or
- emailed to beryl@websteruk.net ,or
- posted to Beryl Webster, 60 Middle Bourne Lane, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 3NJ.

Any queries please contact me on 07495 280233.

FROYLE SMALL ADS

Don't forget - Small ads are *free* to all Froyle residents (one per month)
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Or indeed services you can offer or are trying to find?

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Froyle Open Gardens June 2022



A personal view of FOG 22

It could have all been such chaos. Twenty minutes before we were due to open our gates, the phone rang. A gang of road resurfacers had just arrived outside the recreation ground together with lorries, tarmacking machines and a roller. 'Road Ahead Closed' signs had been put up at Hardwick's Corner and the War Memorial effectively cutting off Upper and Lower Froyle and making the Village Hall inaccessible. I try to intercede fearing that our visitors will be ever lost in the wilds of Bentley. 'Have you put up diversion signs,' I ask. 'Don't need to', comes the less than sympathetic reply'. I point at the sign. 'Road Ahead Closed' means that the road ahead is open but that a road ahead is closed.' The youth in the Hi Vis indicates Westburn Fields where there is indeed a sign saying 'Road Closed'. 'Do people understand this?' I ask. 'It's in the Highway Code. You should read it.' Meanwhile more effective others are moving signs, waving through and generally saving the day.

FOG 22 turned out to be one of the most successful yet. The clouds cleared, the wind dropped to a light breeze and the sun shone out of an increasingly blue sky. The season was at least two weeks ahead of normal if there can ever be said to be a 'normal'. As a result the roses were close to their peak, the peonies were in full bloom and the growth was amazing.

At the Chelsea Flower Show this year the theme was towards wilder more naturalistic gardens with plenty of space for nature. Froyle can claim to be completely up with this trend although no one has introduced beavers yet. However the patches of meadow and wild flowers the tolerance of weeds and self-sown plants all contributed towards the beauty of the gardens.

Many of the Froyle gardens are enhanced by and in fact respond to wonderful views over the countryside. This is not lost on our visitors. ‘Lovely garden, but what an outlook!’ Another regular comment is ‘The gardens are lovely but they are all so different’ which of course they are, and ‘So much to see and so many ideas to take away’.

Everybody noticed how happy our visitors were this year. As if they were taking a breather from the awful news and the current difficulties of life. Perhaps it was just the fine weather but I like to think it is ‘the Froyle effect’! And of course we are happy to share our gardens and receive praise for all the effort that goes into them. Gardening can be quite a solitary activity and it comes as a shock when suddenly the place is full of people inspecting, touching, sniffing, pointing, sitting on the benches and generally making themselves at home. In fact I love it! Then there are all the questions. ‘What’s this called?’ ‘When do you plant that?’ ‘How long have you lived here?’ And best of all: ‘You mean you do it all yourself?’ Conversation then quickly switches to the visitor’s garden: their successes, failures and most importantly their ambitions.

Many of the visitors come back to Froyle year after year and they notice how the gardens have changed and developed in a way that we who see them every day do not. That’s interesting, particularly if you have a relatively new garden which grows up so quickly that you forget what went before. The other thing that visitors notice is that FOG is clearly a community event involving many more people than the gardeners and the garden owners. The welcome is genuine. This year I counted over forty helpers who contributed to making the event a success, ably organised by Charlie Findlay the Parking Captain, Susie Robertson the Tea and Cake Supremo and Anne Blunt the Plant Propagator in Chief.

The National Gardens Scheme, which supports a number of cancer-related charities, smiles on our efforts in Froyle and sends thanks to all garden owners, garden helpers, car-parkers, map-makers, sign-posters, cake-bakers, ticket-sellers, first-aiders, tea-pourers and everybody else who helped. Well done and thank you.

After much frowning and head scratching Corinna Furse has tallied up the takings and reached the following conclusion:

Teas and Cakes £1,519
Plant Sales £707
Donations £140

Which together with entrance fees made a grand total raised for the NGS of £9,022.

Nick Whines

Looking after young trees

If some of you have planted trees and shrubs this year (perhaps for the Queen's Jubilee Canopy), then it is quite likely that by now, after the dry Spring, and relatively low rainfall since, your young trees will be suffering from drought stress. This could weaken your trees, affect their ability to put on new wood, grow properly next year or even die.

Symptoms of drought stress include; wilted foliage, a sparse canopy of light coloured and undersized leaves, leaf scorch and yellowing, leaf drop and premature autumn colouration. Closer inspection will reveal limited twig growth and small, poorly formed buds. Growth for several seasons may be stunted even if there is subsequently sufficient rainfall.

What to do? Well, the answer is, water deeply and regularly; every two to five days, and at least 20 litres per tree or shrub. Water slowly, so that the water does not run off. Utilise the drought pipes, if you installed them in your planting. Do not do any routine pruning in the first year if the tree shows any signs of stress. Avoid using fertiliser until next year – the priority now is to get the tree picking up water. Keep up the watering in dry weather until October.

If you have not planted for the Queen's Canopy yet, there is plenty of time: October and November will be the best months. I hope to be able to share some thoughts about what and how to plant later on, if the Editor will be kind enough to let me...
(Of course we will, Sue... Ed)

Sue Lelliott, Froyle Tree Warden

FROYLE 100 CLUB June Draw

The winners in the June draw were:

1st – Roger Cooper

2nd – Alex Roberts

3rd – Andrew Potter

4th – Ted Crowhurst

Congratulations to all, particularly to Ted, who seems to just keep winning.....

*William Knowles Tel: 07775 928933
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Clean Air Day

As I write, 16th June 2022, it is Clean Air Day, the UK's largest air pollution campaign. Every year it is estimated that air pollution causes 36,000 deaths in the UK alone. The World Health Organisation and the UK Government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk faced today. Focusing attention on this has resulted in 90% of people reporting that they do at least one thing to help reduce outdoor air pollution.

The 2022 campaign theme is: "air pollution dirties every organ in your body. Take steps to improve your health...". Air pollution can harm every organ in the body and shorten lives, contribute towards chronic illness and put more at risk from Covid-19. When polluted air is breathed, it can inflame the lining of the lungs and move into our bloodstream, affecting every organ in the body. This can lead to lung disease, heart disease, dementia and strokes.

Air pollution is the term given to the small particles, chemicals and gases that are released into the air. Much of it is not visible, but sometimes smog can be seen. Air pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter have an impact on health. The WHO state that there is no safe limit for particulates!

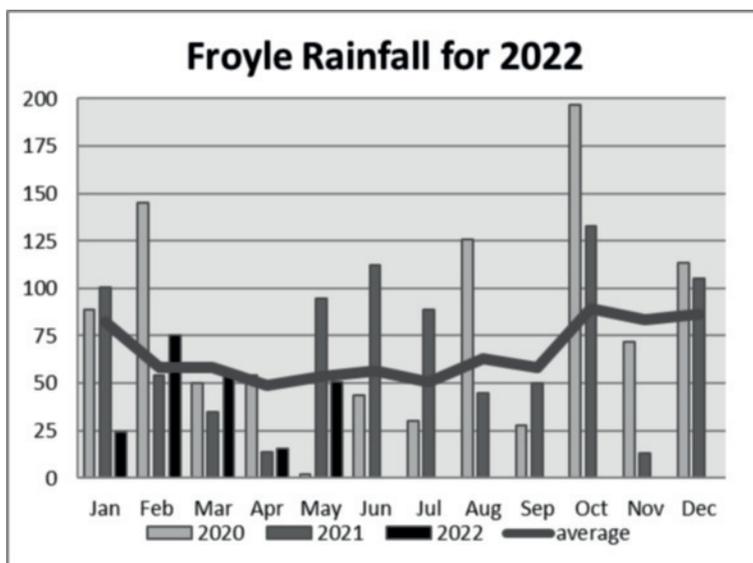
Small steps by individuals that can be made to improve air pollution include using your car less, sharing lifts, avoiding burning at home, cutting down on meat and dairy consumption (animal agriculture is actually the largest producer of air pollutants at over 50%), switching energy companies to those using more renewable energy sources, and supporting clean air legislation.

Today, the Scottish Government has announced a moratorium on new incinerators, following on from Wales' similar decision. Hopefully England will follow suit in due course. Closer to home, Hampshire County Council's refusal of the Alton incinerator was another step in avoiding further pollution of the air in Hampshire.

Alex Roberts, alex.roberts@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

Froyle Rainfall for May 2022

This year	50.5 mm	2 ins
Last year	94.5 mm	3.7 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	53.4 mm	2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	219.5 mm	8.6 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	300.9 mm	11.8 ins



From the driest May on record in 2020 to one of the wettest in 2021, and back to about average this year. But this still means that the first half will almost certainly be well down on the norm. Meanwhile, the perceived recent see-saw aspect of May continues, even if the long term figures do not bear this out.



“The Umbrella Man”



Froyle Wildlife

'Drop-in' day at The Wildlife Pond Saturday 9th 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.

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 8 species of dragonfly/damsel 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 see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/.

Pond dipping - Friday 19th and Sunday 21st 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.



Dragonfly larva

Walk at Old Winchester Hill - Join us for an afternoon walk 2pm on Thursday 4th August at this National Nature Reserve for wildflowers, views and butterflies. Most of our 3 mile, 2 hour route along the hilltop is relatively flat but it should be worthwhile to descend the steep 'south slope' where the Chalkhill Blue can sometimes be seen in large numbers on sunny days. Meet at the public car park OS Grid ref SU646213, about 2km south of West Meon, see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.

The Big Butterfly Count is back, this year the survey runs from 15th July to 7th 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.



Wonderful Wildflowers

Enjoy the wildflower areas this summer on Froyle Recreation ground and thanks to the volunteers who sowed an area of cornfield annuals this Spring. These also benefit pollinators and other insects. The annual cut of the perennial wildflower meadow area is planned for Saturday 30th July. We will be raking up the cuttings from traditional scything. Do contact us at if you can help with ongoing maintenance here or at the wildlife pond near Gid Lane.

Do tell us about your sightings, with or without photos, by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or put on Instagram with [#froylewildlife](https://www.instagram.com/froylewildlife).

Barry Clark

Farnham Heath Walk

Our Froyle Wildlife guided walk in late May was led by reserve officer Mike Coates at [RSPB Farnham Heath](#). Mike explained how from 2003 the original heathland had been restored by clearing over 300 acres of commercial conifer plantation. The varied heathland vegetation has now attracted back a wide variety of flora and fauna.

Heathland birds we spotted included tree pipit and woodlark, plus the distant song of a Dartford Warbler. The walk also took us into an area of the reserve where we were fortunate to hear chirping Field Crickets, a species found in only 8 UK sites in Sussex and Hampshire. Butterflies seen included Holly Blue, Speckled Wood and Small Heath. Moths included Speckled Yellow and Mother Shipton. Plants included Heath Cudweed. With the diversity Farnham Heath has, it is likely to surprise you with something new on every visit.



Alan Dyos

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July & August News from The Froyle Archive



Froyle, the Village of Saints How it got its name



We all know that we live in a beautiful village, but how many of us are aware it is known as “The Village of Saints”. It’s all thanks to the last Lord of the Manor, Sir Hubert Miller.

*Old Post Office
Cottage with its
Saint in 1906*



From about 1900 Sir Hubert would spend some of his time in a villa he had in Venice. Sometimes he would stay away from Froyle for six months of the year. But, when he returned, he would bring with him small statues of saints. These were placed in the niches and under the eaves of the houses and cottages belonging to his estate in Upper Froyle; and here they stand today, even though the estate has long since been split up.

Possibly, most people’s favourite of the nineteen saints dotted around the village is St Hubert, standing over the entrance door of Old Post Office Cottage. The patron saint of hunting, St Hubert is shown with the stag which led to his conversion. Legend tells that while hunting in the forest on Good Friday, he came upon a stag which displayed a crucifix between its antlers and he was thus converted to a better life.

On either side of Old Post Office Cottage are houses with St Anthony of Padua, St Christopher, several with St Joseph, and a charming group of the Holy Family adorn Jasmine and Myrtle Cottages. Blundens House, a 14th century timber framed building, has, in a niche over a bedroom window, the statue of St Peter holding the ‘Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.’ Other statues include St Katherine, with her wheel, The Virgin Mary and The Holy Shepherd.

If you want to explore the Saints for yourself, we are more than happy to send you our leaflet showing the locations of the Saints. (*email to :archive@froyle.com*)

June 2022 Jubilee Celebrations at Bentley CE Primary School

We all enjoyed a wonderful Jubilee to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is what we got up to:

- Every child created a beautiful portrait of the Queen and we displayed them all in our dining hall before sending them home as special memories. You will have seen the winning one by Harriet in Year 4 as it was used on all the Bentley village event Jubilee posters. Well done Harriet!
- We had a brilliant day of dance with a West End stage dancer who came and taught every class a 'decade of dance styles' representing all the years Queen Elizabeth has been on the throne. We jived, bopped and street danced our way through the day. There were clips of historic events throughout the decade interspersed through the dancing so we covered a lot of recent history too. Lots of fun!
- We planted a beautiful apple tree in our school grounds. The Year 6 class took the lead to ensure the tree was well planted and this will remain a legacy of their final year at primary school forever. A big thank you to our super Gardening Team of volunteers for raising the funds to purchase the tree and in particular to Vicki Coombs for all her support for this project. We have named our tree 'Queen Elizabeth the Tree' and the whole school is making sure she is well watered in this summer heat.
- Every child decorated their own amazing crow to wear and every child was gifted a Union Jack flag. We know lots of children reused these in their family and community events over half term! Many parents chose to buy a special commemorative school mug for their child as a special keepsake of this celebration.
- On the last day before half term we put up the bunting and had a whole school picnic lunch altogether. The sun shone, the kitchen made extra yummy lunches and we had a super time with all our friends. Year 6 had secretly prepared a special Jubilee song to share and they led us all to sing 'God Save the Queen'. A lot of fun was had all round!



Looking back – looking forward

What a difference a year makes! We kicked off in September 2021 with our groups slowly returning to face-to-face meetings after months on Zoom and then Omicron came along! However, we simply went back to Zoom and by March 2022 we again ventured forth, although Eunice swept in to keep us on our toes!

July is a particularly sociable time for our members as groups inevitably turn their last meeting of the year into a celebration with lots of coffee and cake at the very least. Undoubtedly our four wine groups enjoy something stronger!

However, we do have our most important event in August – our **Open Day on August 17th**. All our Activity Groups will be there with stalls displaying their wares. This gives everybody, whether existing members or visitors, a chance to socialise or browse and wonder if they can fit just one more interest into their busy week! With over 50 groups, there's plenty to choose from; all providing opportunities to enjoy being active with friends. For example:

- Physical exercise; Ballet, Bowls, Tennis and Walking
- Mental stimulation; Mahjong, Current Affairs, History and Philosophy
- Culture; Books, Poetry, Theatre and Painting.

In addition, we have a monthly talk open to all members covering a wide range of topics. Next year's topics include Henry VIII, Mammals, Literary Paris and Women Novelists. No need to be bored!

For a full list of our activities visit our website or even better, why not come and have a look? So, if you are no longer working full time or you are getting close to retirement and you'd like to see for yourself how we enjoy learning, laughing and living to the full, then please do come to;

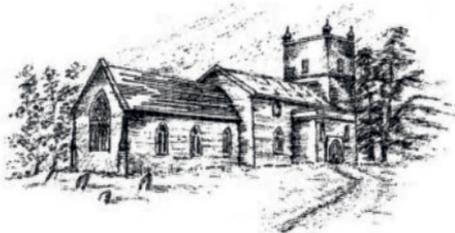
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JULY and AUGUST SERVICES

Sun 3 rd July	8.00 am Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00 am Oakhanger	Holy Communion
	11.00 am Binsted	Pet Service
Sun 10 th July	11.00 am Froyle	Pet Service
	11.00 am Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00 pm Bentley	Live@5 Big Praise
Sun 17 th July	11.00 am Bentley	Marquee Service
	11.00am Froyle	Morning Prayer
	4.00 pm Binsted	Messy Church
Sun 24 th July	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am Kingsley	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 Yum Yum
	6.30pm Froyle	Choral Evensong
Sun 31 st July	11.00 am Binsted	Benefice Service
Sun 7 th Aug	10.30 am Kingsley	Holy Communion
Sun 14 th Aug	10.30 am Froyle	Holy Communion
Sun 21 st Aug	10.30 am Bentley	Holy Communion
Sun 28 th Aug	10.30 am Binsted	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm Froyle	Evensong

Please note the new service pattern. If you are not receiving it already but would like to receive our weekly digital pew sheet, which includes church news, events and notices, please visit our website and follow the links to sign up.

Church Notes

The last couple of months have been extremely busy - not only have we returned to a full service schedule, but we have also re-started Teas on Tuesdays, held a choral concert by Cantique, as well as hosting a wonderful Platinum Jubilee service, created and brilliantly led by Vanessa Remington and Sarah Roberts!

By the time this edition goes to print we will also have held our “Let There Be Light” celebration of the refurbishment and re-opening of the church.

As we enter the height of summer, we are also looking forward to our Pet Service on 10th July at 11.00 am, on the recreation ground – see the notice elsewhere in this magazine and also, to get you in the mood, a picture below of last year’s event!



The Pet Service will be led this year by Nicky Smallwood, our wonderful Anna Chaplain.

In August there will be a reduced service pattern across the benefice during the peak of the holiday period, to provide some much-needed respite to our ministers and lay-leaders.

At Froyle, we will hold a Holy Communion service on the 14th August at 10.30. We will also hold an Evensong service on the 28th August at 18.30. At our Sunday services, since we re-opened, we have been delighted to welcome many from the other parishes in the benefice. I hope that during the first and third Sundays in August we shall take the opportunity ourselves to visit the other churches in the benefice – as we did when our church was closed earlier this year.

The full list of services in the benefice for both July and August are given in this magazine as usual – or please visit the church website.

Enjoy the summer!

Simon Marshall

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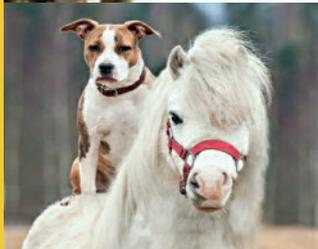
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Youth Update

Heading into the summer months, there is a lot on offer for our young people in BenBinFro.

Working with our friends and youth work colleagues in Odiham, Alton and Four Marks, we have put together a few dates to really invest in our children and young people across East Hampshire, on top of what we're doing locally in BenBinFro! Take a look at the timetable below and get in touch if your young person is interested in any of our groups:

When? What? Who? Where? Team?

When?	What?	Who?	Where?	Team?
1 st July 6-9pm	United Youth - Picnic and games	Year 6+	Butser Hill	United
15 th July 5-6:30pm	four:twelve – Summer BBQ	Years 4-7	Bentley School Sports Hall	BenBinFro
29 th – 30 th July 4pm – 10am the next day	United Junior Sleepover	Years 4-6	Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks	United
2 nd October	United Youth Event	Year 7+	TBC	United

September dates for four:twelve will be in the next magazine!

Also, a huge thank you to those who supported our young people for the Big Sleep Out this year! It was a huge success and we have raised over £700 for Trinity Winchester which goes towards helping those experiencing homelessness.

Benefice Update - The search for a new Rector

Sadly, we had no candidates respond to our recent advert, so we are just advertising the vacancy again and we now hope to be holding interviews towards the end of August.

Thank you to all who have stepped up to support Christopher and David by leading services or preaching and thank you all for your prayers for the recruitment process.

The Benefice Team

THE VIEW FROM THE BENEFICE

BenBinFro Prayer Week

It was a joy to run the Thy Kingdom Come annual prayer week again this year, and in person! We had over 10 prayer stations lovingly created by members of our church family across the benefice. The theme was Sanctuary, so there were a lot of tents to feel safe, a cardboard shelter to think about homelessness and lots of thought-provoking stations around the sanctuary of the church. There was also an especially comfy chair that everyone sat in at one point in the week!

Thanks to everyone who created a prayer station, to those who spent time in the prayer room, and to those who hosted the children from Bentley school. It was a fabulous week, full of prayer and worship!

BLESSINGS

THE BENBINFRO TEAM

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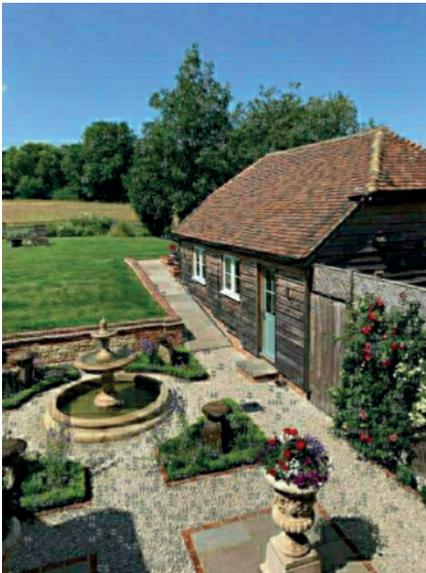
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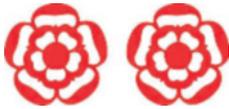
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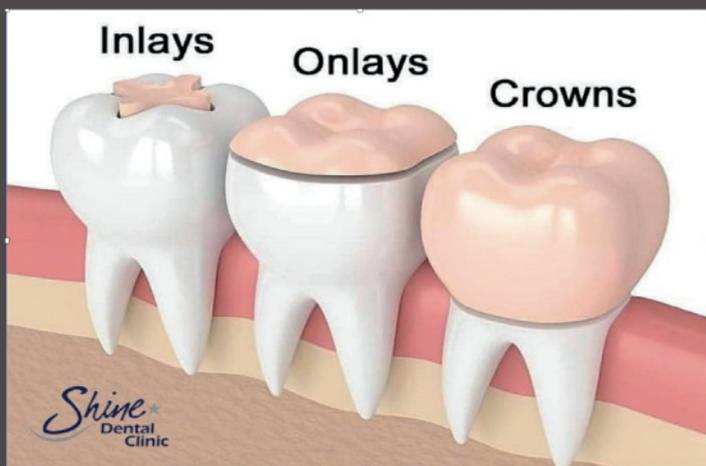
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