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May News from your Parish Council (PC)

All members of Froyle Parish Council (FPC) hope that you and yours continue to keep safe and well and have been able to start enjoying your gardens and our beautiful countryside a little more following the first level of lockdown restrictions being lifted. FPC continues to maintain contact with the Village Agent who works tirelessly to ensure that any resident in need of assistance is helped. FPC is extremely grateful to her and all other residents who have volunteered to provide care and assistance, organised collections for food banks or provided help and support to their friends and neighbours in any other way. **If anyone is experiencing difficulties or needs details of support agencies, they should contact the Village Agent by email to mablack50@gmail.com or phone 01420 23371 in the first instance.**

A meeting of the FPC was held on Tuesday 19th May using a web-based meeting system. The main topics discussed were the project to repurpose the football hut to create a community facility with the possibility of wider use and a particular focus on supporting users of the Rec.; and how FPC should respond to an appeal lodged by Froyle Park's owners following rejection by EHDC of their application to construct a car park in pasture land at the top of the Avenue. Other matters included the approval of annual accounts and agreement of meeting dates for 2020/21. The accounts will now be audited and then made available for public review. A supplement outlining the plans for the football hut will be included in next month's magazine to obtain residents' feedback.

Around the village – FPC considered its responses to three planning applications received since its last meeting resolved not to comment on any of these. One of the three was with respect to tree replacement and the other two for single storey extensions, one to the rear of a property and the other to the side. Planning applications can be reviewed and comments posted using the link <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-appeals>. With regard to the Froyle Park car park appeal, FPC's preference is that there should be no car park on pasture land rather than planning permission being granted with mitigating conditions such as grassing the unused car park on Hen & Chicken Hill. The focus of FPC's response will be to support EHDC's objections by seeking to invalidate the applicant's reasons for appeal.

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FPC regrets that **the playground on the Rec must remain closed for the foreseeable future** in accordance with Govt. Guidelines as ‘there is a higher risk of close contact and touching surfaces’. The tape around the playground has been replaced and residents are asked to respect this.

Many of us have been lucky enough to use our daily exercise slot to explore the beautiful walks around Froyle. Now that we are able to increase our time outside you might be looking for new places to walk. If so have a look at Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> which has hundreds of FREE walks to download and print.

National Grid has advised that the project to replace power lines which run through the village has been delayed until later in the summer. The footpath closures notified by EHDC associated with these works will remain in place and should be observed when overhead work is being carried out by contractors.

Be suspicious of any contact from someone unknown to you. Unfortunately, unscrupulous people continue to seek to benefit from people’s vulnerability and new scams are continually being reported. Any suspicious call should be reported to Action Fraud either online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

We would also encourage residents to report anything or anybody that they consider to be suspicious to the police as there have been reports of an increase in rural crime especially with break ins to outbuildings.

Communications – the FPC continues to seek ways to enhance the quality and timeliness of its communications with residents. The new Froyle Parish Council website should go live later this month to complement its Facebook page. Please visit these for further information about the village and keeping up to date with the views of your fellow residents. **You can also be included in FPC email alerts by sending your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk** with YES in the subject line.

The next FPC meeting is scheduled for **Monday 15th June** and is expected to be a web-based meeting. Residents are welcome to attend and should contact the Clerk for joining details.

Volunteers ready to help!

You may be self-isolating or otherwise unable to go out at the moment and have arrangements in place for shopping. If your circumstances change, remember there are people ready to help. Just call Madeleine Black on 23371 who will find a local volunteer to help you.



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

News from the Village Hall

Sadly the Hall remains closed and at the time of writing this report we have no idea when it might reopen. Meanwhile...

In April EHDC paid a grant of £10,000 to the Hall as part of the Government's scheme to support business rate payers who do not benefit from the emergency rates 'holiday'. As the Hall, in normal times, gets a substantial discount from the full business rates, it qualifies for this 'no rates benefit' grant. With this contribution, the Committee have agreed to:

- Write off payments due of £260 from our more financially distressed hirers.
- Hire out the Hall for free for the first two months after it re-opens, although we will still take deposits.
- Offer a 50% reduction from the normal rates from then on until the requirements for social distancing are relaxed and the Hall can have more normal occupation rates. This will allow classes etc to start up but with reduced numbers. If occupation is still restricted at the end of the year, we may have to review this discount.
- Plan for the Hall to host and fund a social gathering/party/celebration for the village once this type of event is acceptable.

In other news:

Ian Macnabb has reviewed the **2019 accounts**, as our independent inspector (aka auditor). The Chairman and Treasurer have signed the summary and the Secretary will submit this and the Treasurer's and Chairman's reports to the Charities Commission. If we do have a delayed public AGM, and if there are any changes required, we can always update our submission then.

Safari Supper. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest. Any others?

Ideas/Suggestions/Thoughts. The Committee has been approached about offering the Hall to help Bentley School as it restarts activities with the requirements for reduced class sizes in each class room and so, potentially, the need for more space. If anyone has other ideas, suggestions, thoughts on how we can use the Hall during the coming months, please let us know.

Charlie Findlay
treasurer@froylevillagehall.co.uk



And a big THANK YOU to Anna MacInnes for letting us use her design for our June issue of the magazine. Her drawing is an illustration of the support shown by our community which is reflected in the many messages seen in windows, on hedges, etc, to all those who have worked tirelessly during the Coronavirus/ Covid 19 pandemic.

Look out for our July/ August issue for another village view drawn up by Anna.

Editors

Old Sheet for Scrubs

Sadly the promised fabric from the NHS has not arrived yet... So in true Brit style our team of 12 sewers from Froyle have created some wonderfully colourful scrubs out of old sheets, which are now on their way to York. Photo to follow...!

A huge thank you to you all for your patience, understanding and ability to adapt. I would like to give a special shout to 20-year old Sophie Spearing who has created 'user friendly' patterns for us to use. She has also made several sets of scrubs in just 48 hours!

We are now looking for more good quality cotton coloured sheets so we can keep sewing. If anybody has anything suitable please contact me at sarah@sarahzorab.co.uk or phone 01420 520361 or 07990 572990. I will also happily pick up...

Froyle Fête CANCELLED

Not surprisingly we have decided to cancel this year's Fête due to Covid 19.

We will however be back soon and support the Village Hall in organising a village party when circumstances allow this to happen.

*Ian Whitmore
Froyle Fête Committee*

Froyle 100 Club May 2020 cLucky Draw

It has been a busy month at the Froyle 100 Club.

The dogs involved in the April 100 Club Draw (see last month's report) were all fired (no, not fur-loughed...) for failing to pick their owners' numbers. If a dog can't be relied upon to look after its owner's interests, what use is it.....?

A desperate search ensued to find replacement assistants – Froyle residents capable of understanding and complying with the Prime Minister's rather confusing new partial lockdown restrictions and with a proven track record for steadfast integrity, sound judgement, quiet efficiency and steely fortitude. The obvious answer (you guessed...) was chickens – not just any chickens, mind you; only the brightest and the best.

And so, as you will see from the photos, and in between much socially distanced clucking, pecking and other less palatable activities, the chickens chose.....

The results were:

1st – Pat Cranford

2nd – Lauraine Bourne

3rd – Martin Wimshurst

4th – Jo Wallis

Congratulations to all!



Cluck cluck...



WHERE is this?

Have you walked this footpath...?

Whilst we can spend more time in the countryside,
please remember to follow the Countryside Code.

Respect, protect and enjoy the outdoors.

Photography Gillian Pickering

Gardening Club Report for June 2020



What an amazing spring we have had and now, only May, it feels like midsummer. Watering all the young plants has been a major task but it takes our minds off coronavirus and lockdown.

I hope that your flowers and vegetables are thriving as we are arranging a virtual show in July. There will be classes that will photograph well, taken from all the sections in the usual shows on Fête Day.

Entry will be open to everyone whether you grow flowers, fruit or vegetables, are a cook, craft person, flower arranger or child. All the information you will need for entries will be available at the beginning of July on this website:

<https://froylegardeningclub.weebly.com>

I wish you an enjoyable and productive season in your gardens. Do let us see some of your results in July.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

**Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am (during term times)
Froyle Village Hall**

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak, this group is currently not running, please keep an eye on the facebook page or call/message me for more information.

**All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £3 per family.
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots and lots of toys in a
lovely, relaxed setting.**

Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.

NO WEY INCINERATOR

ONE LOCAL ACTION GROUP v £24 BILLION ANNUAL REVENUE MULTI NATIONAL HELP US WIN THE FIGHT

Thank you for helping us to spread the No Wey Incinerator message. Our support base is growing fast and now stretches from Four Marks to Farnham. But we cannot win this fight alone. We must pay for expert advice.

We are consulting specialist in planning, landscape and ecology, who will provide the most effective grounds on which to object to Veolia's planning application. Their invaluable advice will be passed on to you so that you can draft your own letters of objection to the planning application when it has been presented. Veolia's investment in the project is in the region of £200m and they are employing top advisers such as Lexington Communications, a major corporate public relations consultancy. So, we know we must fight hard to win this battle.

To date we have raised over £25,000 for our cause through the generosity of local residents. We still need more financial support and so have opened a JustGiving account to reach our initial combined target of £40,000. Please help us to give you the best advice by going to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/no-wey-incinator>

As soon as we know that the planning application has been submitted, we shall be able to advise you on the most effective points to be incorporated in your letter of objection. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any questions at info@noweyincinerator.com and please share our new video at https://youtu.be/Ua_HQneFcJs. Together we can win this. THANK YOU.

**www.noweyincinerator.com
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or follow us on Facebook**

Friendly Service and Hard Work from our Local Shops

Thanks to our local food purveyors—several located right in Froyle, others nearby with Froyle connections. Here are updated hours and contact details:

Alton Market, Tuesdays, 9:00-3:00—much reduced, but several food stalls hanging in there.

Hands Butchers, Rowledge (formerly Humphries), Tel. (01252) 792204. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00-3:30, Sunday 10:00-3:30.

Hen & Chicken Inn, Tel. (01420) 22115, www.henandchicken.co.uk. Order and collect menu (click Takeaway button on website, or call). Thursday-Saturday, 5:00-9:00 pm, phones on from 3:00 pm. Sunday, noon-4:00 pm, phones on from 10:00 am.

Holybourne Stores, Tel. (01420) 83323, <https://holybourneshop.co.uk>. Still delivering our newspapers, (wo)manning the post office and offering a range of local specialties-- fresh, frozen and baked. Open every day: Monday-Saturday, 6:00-4:00, Sundays, 6:00-1:00.

Loaf Bakery, <https://www.loafbakery.co.uk>. Open Monday-Saturday. Four Marks, Tel. (1420) 562449, Mon-Fri 7:00-2:00, Sat 8:00-2:00; and Ridgeway, Tel (01252) 723279, Mon--Fri 7:30-3:00, Sat 8:00-2:00. (Downing St. shop closed). Proprietors Peta and Simon Jarman are Froyle residents.

Mill Farm Organic Shop, Tel. (01420) 22331, www.millfarmorganic.com, Wednesday-Saturday, 9:00-5:00 pm. Purchases of organic meat, vegetables, fruit and dairy from front desk.

Newlyn's Farm Shop, North Warnborough, Tel. (01256-704128), www.newlyns-farmshop.co.uk. Monday-Saturday. Click and collect availability of meat, fish, dairy, vegetables, bakery, etc.

West End Farm, Tel. (01420) 767306, but not answered when closed—or (07921) 393016, www.westendfarmshop.co.uk. Friday & Saturday, 9:30- 3:30. Takeaway orders for coffee, tea and cake; counter sales of flowers, vegetables, eggs, bakery and fish.



Scam Alert

Scams are still being created. Stay Alert!

We cannot list them all...

However Action Fraud now have a system for reporting suspect emails. Simply forward them to:

report@phishing.gov.uk

Home Recipes for Full or Partial Lockdown

Flatbreads/ Tortillas

Really easy and I think much nicer than the cardboardy ones you buy vacuum packed in plastic.

250g self raising flour
250g natural yoghurt
good pinch of salt

Mix the ingredients together, then turn out onto a floured surface and knead for a few minutes until soft and pliable.

Divide the dough into 4-6 pieces and roll out into rough rounds about the thickness of a one pound coin (although a little thicker is fine).

Heat a large heavy-based frying pan and very lightly oil it.

Lay the flatbread carefully in the frying pan (or straight onto a simmering Aga plate) and leave to bubble up for a couple of mins. Turn over and cook the other side, then place in a clean tea towel while you cook the others.

Great fillings include: grilled halloumi cheese, salad and sweet chilli sauce,
fried mushrooms, avocado and cheese,
chicken and refried beans,

or just serve them with a heap of meat or veggie chilli, cheese and sour cream.

Grapefruit and Yoghurt Cake (sounds weird but it is delicious)

190g self raising flour
1½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
3 large eggs
180g Greek yoghurt
200g light brown sugar
120ml vegetable oil
60ml freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
1½ tbs grapefruit zest
1 tsp vanilla extract

Mix all the ingredients together and fill a standard loaf tin with the batter (lined to 5-6cm above the edge of the tin to allow for expansion). Bake for about 40 mins at 175 degree C but keep an eye on it.

When cool, glaze with icing sugar and grapefruit juice mixed to a thick consistency.

Alex Roberts

June News from The Froyle Archive

Not all readers of the Village Magazine may be aware that, since 2012, The Froyle Archive has been regularly staging small exhibitions in the Clive Barter Cabinet at the back of St Mary's Church in Upper Froyle. Just before the Lockdown we set up "An American Connection". This is the story of a fascinating episode in Froyle's history which will remain until St Mary's reopens.

Froyle's American Connection

On the south side of St Mary's Church, tucked up against the outside wall, is a large family tomb. The inscription, now no longer visible, states:



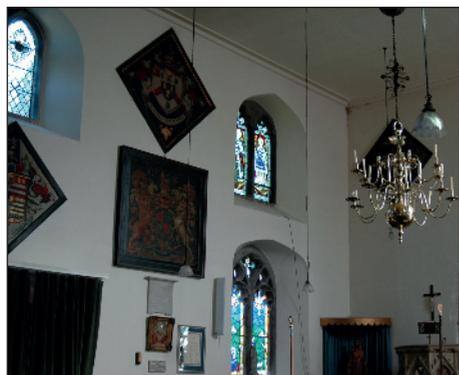
"In memory of ISAAC ROYALL Esqr, late of Medford in New England, who departed this life October 16th 1781 aged 62. Also in memory of MARY McINTOSH ERVING, daughter of the above ISAAC ROYALL and wife of GEORGE ERVING Esqr, late of Boston in New

England and now of this parish. She departed this life November 11th 1786 aged 42."

The question arises as to how Isaac Royall and his daughter came to be buried in a quiet English churchyard thousands of miles away from their home? But there is a further American connection inside the church. High on the North wall is the hatchment of Sir William Pepperell, who died in London in December 1816. The full entry in the Church Records reads,

"Pepperell, Sir William. Buried 27th December 1816. Of London, aged 70."

A hatchment was originally displayed over the front door of the house of a dead person, whose arms it portrayed, remaining there until the deceased person was buried in the local church, whence it was then conveyed and hung on the wall of the nave aisle until a tomb or monument was erected.



Sir William Pepperell's hatchment

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Sir William's father-in-law was Isaac Royall, pictured below in this portrait by Robert Feke in 1741. His wife & daughter are by his side along with other relations.



The Royalls were an influential family who owned several plantations and over 25 slaves. They also enabled the founding of Harvard Law School. But everything was to change in 1776 with the Declaration of Independence. Isaac refused to cast his lot with that of the Revolution and in 1778 he was publicly proscribed and formally banished from Massachusetts. The following year he returned to England, his wife Elizabeth

having sadly died of smallpox in October 1775 and been buried in Boston. And this is where Froyle comes into the picture. Isaac's daughter, Mary, had married a George Erving on 26th January 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. George was born there in 1738, and, after graduating from Harvard College, operated a store that sold goods imported from Europe, and by the time of the Revolution, he had become a Loyalist. In March of 1776, Erving left Boston with the British Army. He settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia, before coming to Froyle. Erving's later efforts to receive compensation for property lost in Boston were unsuccessful. George, apparently, owned Shrubbery House, 'The Shrubbery' in Upper Froyle. (*pictured below right in 1912*) although, frustratingly, we can find no record of this.

Between 1772 and 1781 there was an outbreak of smallpox in the village and, sadly, Isaac, who was either visiting his daughter or living with the family, died.

He was buried here at St Mary's on October 17th 1781. His daughter, Mary McIntosh Erving was buried in the same tomb on November 11th 1786. She was aged 42.



As you can see from the photographs of the restored tomb on the previous page, the dead were buried below ground level, with the actual tomb acting as a commemorative memorial, something many people may not realise.

For the full story of The American Connection,
visit <http://www.froyle.com/amcon.htm>.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Bentley CE Primary School A 'Virtual' Residential Visit

Residential visits promote self-esteem, independence and encourage exploration and intrigue. Each year our Junior children are invited to join their peers on a residential visit. Despite this year's annual trip to the Gordon Brown Centre in Rotherwick being cancelled, the Year 4 teacher Mrs Scott-Bromley, and I did not want the Year 3 and 4 children to miss out on an experience that has become a somewhat rite of passage in the school community.

As part of their 'Virtual School' learning, which began at the beginning of lockdown, both teachers planned a virtual residential week of activities. These activities included: nature walks, mini-beast hunts, den building, environmental art and design, and roasting marshmallows around a campfire. Year 4 even incorporated a Viking Day, linked to their history curriculum, where costume was encouraged and activities included artefact exploration, making Viking shields and writing a diary about a day in the life of a Viking.

The response from pupils and parents was overwhelming and both teachers were overjoyed at the efforts made by the Year 3 and 4 families. Many of the children even set up 'camp' outside and slept in the garden after a day out in nature.

This week of hard work and creativity reflects the overall response from parents during this lockdown period and the school is very proud to work with such committed, resilient and caring families.

*Miss Hand
Year 3 Teacher*

Environmental art by Mary (Yr 3)



Emily (Yr 3) and Olivia (Yr 4) in their den



Charlotte (Yr 4) on Viking Day



*Nicholas (Yr 4) and his sisters
all getting involved*



Lockdown Lessons in the Roberts Family

Life is better without homework in the evenings.

Snitching on your sister rarely works out well.

The food is usually better than at school and home-made cakes are on offer most days.

Trigonometry is actually less scary than it first seems.

There is not an endless supply of tennis balls if you hit them over the wall.

Some parent-recommended films are really very boring.

Some parent-recommended films are really very good, especially with a young Leo Dicaprio in them!

Friday morning school assemblies are so much more comfortable in your pjs and while still under the duvet.

Every letter or card you send or receive means so much more when you aren't able to see that person.

You learn to appreciate the garden and eating outside so much more.

If you have an argument with your family, it becomes a very small house to live in.

Facetime/zoom/houseparty is a lifeline to friends and family.

Hide chocolate under lock and key if you want it to still be there when you want some.

A bag of kettle chips sounds nice until you realise that the rest of your family has already got to it first.

Lockdown birthdays can be just as fun if your sister secretly organises messages from all your mates into a little slideshow.

Be thankful every day for the indoor and outdoor space you have, as many do not.

Be thankful for good health and think about what you can do to help those that are suffering.

Thank you to the Roberts household

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Maths Puzzles

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Harder

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Froyle Wildlife



Blackbirds -The weather has been glorious for weeks and we have watched two pairs of blackbirds collecting mud and debris from a tray of discarded plants to construct their nests. When this started to run out more damp soil plus moss and dry grass raked from the wild lawn was added - they seemed thankful and flew off with large beak-full's. If this dry weather continues I'll be making sure the trays are ready for any future nesting attempts.

Third week of May - We are now seeing 2nd broods of blackbird fledglings in our garden. The parents have been coming down close by to where I am digging to pick up worms mostly, plus other invertebrates to feed their vocal offspring hiding nearby in undergrowth. Parents diligently keep an eye out for predators such as cats and make a loud fast 'PinkPinkPink' alarm calls when they see one. Usually it is easy to find the offender and usher it away with a clap of the hands. According to the RSPB a pair of blackbirds can raise 2-3 families between March and end of July, in a good year there may be a 4th but it is estimated that at best only 30-40% of nests produce fledged young. A dry June can shorten the season and cause starvation in late broods.

Nesting starts approximately 2 weeks later in woodlands to coincide with the emergence of caterpillars on which their young feed.



Look out for day-flying moths - There are quite a few moth species that can be encountered in the daytime comprising the true day flying ones and those that are easily disturbed from vegetation. Some you may see include Scarlet Tiger, Ruby Tiger, Mother Shipton, Silver Y, Burnet Companion, Cinnabar, Six-spot Burnet, Hummingbird Hawk-moth, and Large Yellow Underwing. If you spot a day flying moth search 'UK Moths' on the web for identification help or email a photo to info@froylewildlife.co.uk we may be able to assist.

World Environment Day 5 June 2020

'The theme for World Environment Day, 5 June 2020 is biodiversity - a call to action to combat the accelerating species loss and degradation of the natural world. One million plant and animal species risk extinction, largely due to human activities. Hosted by Colombia, in partnership with Germany, World Environment Day urges us to rethink how our economic systems have evolved and the impact they have on the environment. These are issues the world cannot lose sight of even as we tackle the coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing climate crisis. Colombia has one of the

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highest diversities of species in the world, boasting among many others, 3500 types of orchids and 19 per cent of the world's bird types. The government has made biodiversity preservation a national priority.' **Try a quiz on biodiversity and for students there are 30 quests to celebrate, explore and connect with nature.** <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/?c=1>

Something for the whole family to enjoy – '30 Days Wild /The Wildlife Trusts

This June, join thousands of people taking part in our annual nature challenge, **30 Days Wild!** We want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

You'll get a free, downloadable pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!). For extra 'bonus' items, keep an eye on your emails for additional, fun activities, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography.' - Search '30 Days Wild' on the web for more information.

Sue Clark

What's about in Froyle

Lockdown in sunny weather has had its benefits; it was a great spring for bluebells and exploring the local countryside as everything dried out. Keen eyes will have spotted lots of insects flitting about the hedgerows and if you head out at dusk you will see the bats taking full advantage! Other insectivores made an early appearance this year - the swifts can now be heard shrieking over the roof tops, arriving about a week earlier than usual, although numbers so far look slightly down on last year. Swallows and Martins have returned and now it is starting to feel like a proper summer!

Walking through the field footpaths you can spot the solitary mining bees darting in and out of surprisingly small holes. Ashy mining bees are colonial and have been spotted in Upper Froyle, as has a very beautiful hummingbird hawk moth. These large moths don't land when they feed, using their long proboscis instead, are also migratory, but since this one appeared in late April it must have overwintered here.

By mid-May, most of the native species of bird are fledging their first brood, and with almost no cold and wet weather it could be a good year for them. From my dog walks there seem to be more partridge this year and hares seem to be on the up, but stoats have also been seen, let's hope leverets don't get hypnotised as easily as rabbits!

Find us on our new Instagram page: @froylewildlife and share your wildlife photos using #froylewildlife.



Another Dose of Medicine for the (locked-down) Soul



(With many thanks to Chris Little)

Fiction:

“Found” by Erin Kinsley – the most gripping, emotional thriller of the year (a BBC Radio2 Book Club pick).

“When the Crowdads Sing” by Delia Owens – “A painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature ...”

Non-Fiction:

“In the Kingdom of Ice” by Hampton Sides – “A stirring story... a brilliant exposition of narrative non-fiction: moving, harrowing, as gripping as any well-paced thriller but a lore more interesting because it is also true.”

“The Worst Journey in the World” by Apsley Cherry-Garrard – “...a gripping account of an expedition gone disastrously wrong...[it] is to travel writing what War and Peace is to the novel... a masterpiece.”

Happy Reading!

David Robertson (520820)

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All puzzles, games, quiz solutions can be found on PAGE 40.

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

None of us would have thought at the start of this year, as we made our New Year resolutions and looked forward to plans we had made for holidays, education and work, that we would soon be in the midst of strange and challenging times. A few months ago, the thought of the restrictions that we have had to accept would have seemed quite unacceptable and the term 'lockdown' would have sounded alien.

But it is extraordinary how people have adapted. While some have felt isolated and lost, missing friends and families and while home schooling has proved trying for many, others have felt set free by this time. Many have enjoyed having closer contact with their children and still more have relished the time to develop new skills or revive talents long neglected.

If we accept that there is an 'up side' to the situation we are now experiencing, most of us can easily find some positives. There has been a growth in community spirit, with neighbours, friends and families reaching out to help each other and celebrate the dedication they see in our carers at all levels.

People have been resourceful, using their skills for the common good in making facemasks and other protective equipment and finding new ways to raise money for the NHS and charities. They have been creative, making fun videos on social media, circulating inspiring messages and generally spreading cheerfulness throughout this worrying time. Others have embraced the sudden freedom from normal working hours and routines to paint, sculpt and write, or even just to enjoy time to indulge in more gardening and baking. And many believe the environment has benefited too, with skies clear of jet trails and roads free of exhaust. We have certainly been more aware of the dawn chorus and the activities of birds this spring.

As long as we remain safe and well, we can view this distancing from normal life as a gift, a precious time we can use to question the way we live. Maybe slowing down is giving us time to reflect on life and what matters, as it has so often in the past. Large tracts of the Bible were written while the Hebrews were experiencing monumental change for their nation, such as the Israelites flight from slavery in Egypt and their deportation to Babylon. Christ was born and lived under Roman tyranny, a time of great change, as there is now.

So, this may be the perfect time for each of us to evaluate what is really important in our lives; what we want to cling on to and what we can live without. In the quiet times when we can think and dwell on the deep things of life, we may hear God's voice calling us. For many of us, this will confirm our faith and trust in God and his promises.

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Shortly after his resurrection, when the disciples were cowering in an upstairs room, John 20:19 records: when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” May we all know this peace.

We continue to pray for all those living in our villages and hamlets and for all who have suffered during these anxious months. We hope that you are all able to stay safe and well and find true peace in this time of difficulty.

Blessings, Yann & The Team

Hampshire Countryside Services – North Access Team

I am sure many of you have been taking the time to explore your local Rights of Way Network during these unprecedented times. The North Access Team have been working hard to ensure that the Rights of Way are kept accessible and safe for all.

We have recently been in contact with your Parish Council to assist with footpath and ‘no right of way’ signs and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and other members of the North Access Ranger Team. My name is Gemma (Community Engagement Ranger) and I work with Mitch (Access Ranger) and his assistant Abi. To give you an insight: my job includes preparing, organising and running volunteer tasks on our public Rights of Way, promoting volunteering to different audiences, and managing Path Wardens. Please do say hello if you see us whilst out and about!



Our work is very diverse with day to day jobs such as waymarking, mowing or clearing up fallen trees and working with volunteers. We also carry out larger projects such as resurfacing work or the installation of bridges, often in conjunction with our colleagues from the South and Central areas. It is the diversity of the work that I enjoy the most. We also get to see some beautiful parts of the Hampshire countryside and its wildlife.

If anyone would like more information on volunteering with us, please take a look at our website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/volunteering> OR get in touch with me directly: Gemma.Clinch@hants.gov.uk

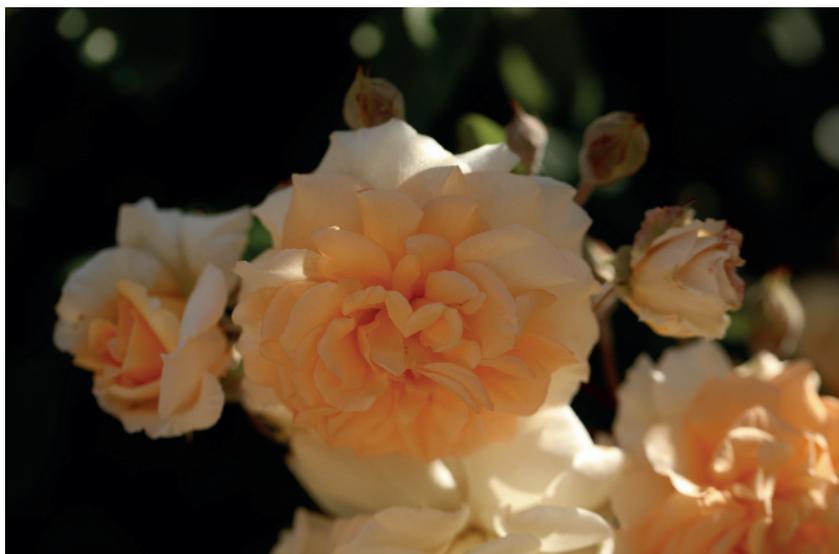
FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG) 2020

A Tour in Pictures

Like so much else, as a result of the pandemic we have had to cancel FOG 2020. It may be possible later in the year for 'pop up' gardens to open but we will have to wait and see. Last year FOG raised nearly £10,000 for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) which in turn passed on £3 million to various medical and nursing charities including Macmillan and Marie Curie. The loss of funds this year will be enormous.

The gardens are still there. The gardeners have been as busy as ever despite the fact that they are not opening. Plants have been on sale at various garden gates and the crop of heritage tomatoes this year should be amazing. So thanks are due to all those who have bought, sold and propagated. The proceeds, currently approaching £700, will all go to NGS. We are also busy making a short film about the Froyle Open Gardens which we hope will be released early in June on the NGS website about the time we would have opened. If you would like to donate to NGS you can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/supportourgardens>

If you do so, please mention FOG or you can send a cheque made out to NGS to the FOG treasurer: Corinna Furse, Day Cottage, Lower Froyle GU34 4LL. Your help really will be appreciated.



Rosa Buff Beauty - one of the most famous of the hybrid musk roses. Bred sometime after World War I but kept a secret for many years. Loves to be placed in full sun which enhances its fragrance.

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Oriental Poppy - comes from northern Turkey and Iran. Leaves largely disappear after flowering to cope with the heat. There are lots of fancy cultivars.



Nigella Damascena or 'Love-in-the-mist' or 'Ragged Lady' or 'Devil-in-the-bush'. Take your pick. Self-seeds prolifically. Dries beautifully so great for flower arranging.

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Iris Hollandica or Dutch Iris - the result of much inter breeding of Spanish, Portuguese and North African wild iris. Note it flowers with 3 large spreading or pendent fall petals, alternating with 3 erect, often smaller, standard petals.



Clematis with the emphasis on the 'e' or on the 'a'? Does it really matter when it's so beautiful.

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Alstroemeria or Peruvian lily or Lily of the Inca - a popular cut flower. They last so long in water that you may get bored with them before they begin to shrivel. Hardy and easy to grow if you can give them enough morning sun.



Buttercup, Ox-eye daisy, Ragged Robin which is very attractive to insects which by turn attracts frogs, toads and other animals. The little splash of magenta is Vetch a member of the pea family.

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Services and Other News

Sadly, the church still has to remain closed for the time being. Do continue to look online, if you can, for the YouTube Sunday services, 'Thought for the Day' and other offerings from the Benefice. It is worth getting into the habit of checking regularly on the Benefice website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) to see what activities are going on in the absence of us being able to meet together.

An on-line Evensong is in the process of being recorded, featuring members of our own choir recording their parts of the choral music from their homes – quite ambitious but very exciting if it comes off! We hope it will be broadcast as the YouTube Sunday service quite soon – possibly as early as 31st May, but maybe a week or two later. I'm not sure yet at what time it will be broadcast (although, like all the Sunday services, it will continue to be available on YouTube once it has been broadcast). Details will of course be posted on the Benefice website.

Also on the website, you will see that, as in the last several years, the Benefice is participating in the global 24/7 Prayer Week held between Ascension Day and Pentecost – this has particular resonance and presents particular challenges this year, of course. We shall be part way through this Prayer Week when this magazine is distributed. The idea is that, from 24th May (the Sunday after Ascension Day) until the following Sunday (Pentecost), individuals from the Benefice will pray in hourly slots – there is an on-line rota of volunteers - which together cover every hour of the week; it's an impressive undertaking. Normally, this takes place in the

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Bentley church hall, which is converted into a prayer room full of prayer stations. This year, it has to be done from home, and is being supported by a 'virtual prayer wall' – have a look on the website to see how this all works! The prayer wall, like the prayer stations during a normal year, has been created by a range of people from throughout the Benefice.

There are two important telephone facilities for those who don't have access to the internet:

- First, the Church of England has set up a dedicated phone line (0800 804 8044) called 'Daily Hope'. This free telephone line provides recordings of various hymns, reflections and prayers; it starts with an introduction by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is available 24 hours a day.
- Secondly, and more importantly for us locally, you can call a number at local rates (01420 552652), where you will find a recording of the most recent Sunday benefice service. Each Sunday the recording will be replaced by the new service. So at the time of writing, you can listen to the service from 17th May, led by Yann, with a sermon from Christopher, a personal testimony from Sarah Roberts, a reading by Ali Maude and prayers by Nigel Hughes. There are so many people involved in these on-line services in one way or another, and now everyone can participate!

As always, do get in touch at any time if you want to.

William Knowles 07775 92893

View from the Woods

In these strange and difficult times I am one of the lucky ones – I work largely on my own in the open air, so my day-to-day routine can accommodate the lockdown better than most.

The putting together of a shooting season, however, involves many other people engaged in many different activities, not all of which lend themselves to social distancing. It is a regular, season-specific activity, which is usually planned in February/March for the year ahead through to the end of the following January.



The bulk of the investment needed for the year normally has to be committed by the end of March. So this March, as we moved closer to lockdown, we were struggling to work out how we could make commitments about activities not due to occur until the summer, autumn and winter. Once the lockdown started, we gave up and suspended our attempts to plan for the coming year until the situation became clearer. At the time of writing, we are cautiously optimistic that we shall still be able to organise a shooting season this year, but

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on a rather smaller scale than normal. So at least we have a sense of purpose now, and something to look forward to.

In the meantime, one big consolation for many people locked down in Froyle and the surrounding villages has been the opportunity to get out walking, running and cycling on a regular basis in the beautiful Hampshire countryside at a time of year when it is exploding into life. Thoughts of the wet winter are now far behind us (as the pre-lockdown world seems to be), and the glorious weather has lifted everyone's spirits, even if we now really need rain again.

I am meeting lots of new faces on my 'rounds', which take me through the stretch of land running roughly from Lower Froyle in the North East to Alton in the South West, on the other side of Froyle and Holybourne to the A31. For the most part, it has been good to have so many new people appreciating what regular readers of this magazine have long known, namely how lucky we are to live where we do. It is important, though, that we all (and our dogs....) respect the flora, fauna and other users of the countryside. For regular readers, this is second nature, but, as we play host to many who are less familiar with the countryside, we should all remind ourselves and impress upon others the basic rules:

- Please make sure before you set out that you know where the public footpaths and other rights of way are, and keep to them.
- Try not to damage the crops, and in particular do not walk on the headland strips on the edges of fields except where public rights of way exist – even if it looks as if they have been walked on before. Those headlands are planted by farmers to encourage wildlife and wild flowers both in the strips themselves and in the bordering hedges. The farmers are paid to plant them, and they can be penalised if those strips of headlands are disturbed by walkers. In addition to disturbing wildlife and plants, therefore, those walking on the headlands are potentially depriving farmers of part of their livelihood.
- If your dog fouls the footpath or other public right of way, please clean up after it.
- Wherever you go, keep your dogs under control. This is a particularly dangerous time of year for ground nesting birds which, if disturbed on their nests, may lose their eggs or chicks – this is the case not just for pheasant and partridge, but for other ground nesting birds such as skylarks and (in a good year when they breed here) lapwings.

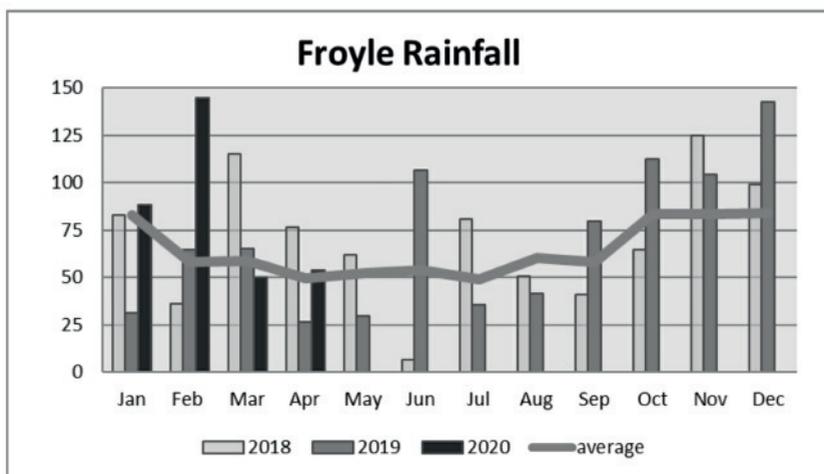
On the positive side, do take note of the profusion of wild flowers in the hedgerows and listen to the birdsongs which are so strong and varied at this time of year. Try to identify them! Use of Apps, iPhone cameras and pocket books for identification makes this easier and the walk so much more interesting – a pair of binoculars is also an essential companion on any country walk.

I look forward to meeting some of you on the footpaths and other public rights of way around Froyle as the summer progresses and, we all hope, the lockdown gradually eases.

Paul Edwards, Gamekeeper

Froyle Rainfall for April, 2020

This year	54 mm	2.1 ins
Last year	26.5 mm	1 ins
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins
Long-term average for April – the driest month	49.8 mm	2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	337.5 mm	13.3 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	249.5 mm	9.8 ins



The average for April continues to fall, from 51.8mm five years ago to 49.8 mm this year, well below the country as a whole which averages almost 10 mm more. Comfortably Froyle’s driest month, “April Showers” remains somewhat fantastical, for us at least. But as I said last month, after a wet first quarter, a dry summer is most often followed by a bit of a soaking come autumn.



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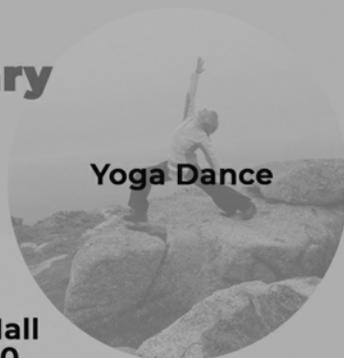


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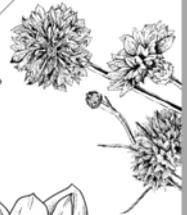
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- 2) Which fruit has the latin name Rubus idaeus?
- 3) What is the main ingredient of the Liverpudlian dish, Scouse?
- 4) What percentage of alcohol is in Bacardi?
- 5) Mammouth, Colossal Giant, Jumbo, Superior and Brilliant are all sizes of what edible item?
- 6) Tomatoes originated from which continent?
- 7) Which popular drink once contained cocaine? Extra kudos if you can give the year it was taken out!
- 8) What was the first fruit to be eaten on the moon?
- 9) To the nearest 100, how many different types of apple are there?
- 10) What is the gas responsible for rising in baking?

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Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black - 23371</i>
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