A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map is rendered in a woodcut style with fine lines and cross-hatching for shading. It shows the River Test flowing through the village. Key landmarks labeled include 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill' on the left, 'Anchor Inn' in the center, 'Brookhurst' on the right, 'Froyle' in the lower center, 'Froyle Mill' and 'Isington Mill' on the right, and 'Falling Mill' at the bottom. A road with the number '327' is also visible. The title 'FROYLE VILLAGE MAGAZINE' is printed in a large, serif font across the middle of the map.

# FROYLE

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE

MARCH 2017

No: 430

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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

*Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson*

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Email: [froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk) Web: [www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Report from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

### 1. **Playground / Pavilion (Sports Hut) project**

The FPC proposes to improve the play area on the Froyle Recreation Ground and to replace the 'Football Hut' with a Pavilion. To move ahead with this project the FPC wishes to consult with the community and, importantly, needs the community to respond NOW with views and comments in order to move the project forward.

Please turn to the four page Project Outline at the centre of this magazine.

Please send your comments and views on the project, to The Clerk of the FPC ([froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk)) before the next FPC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The FPC agreed that it was important to seek the views / comments of ALL in the village as we all look at the playground even if we don't all use it. Further, community support is important to support funding applications.

### 2. **Other Matters**

**Froyle Park ('FP')** The FPC have continued to engage with EHDC and understand that the report resulting from their investigation is now complete and will shortly be issued to us.

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**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017, at 7.30pm.**

**The Froyle Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 in the Village Hall.**



Bookings: Jo Mills

01420 22384

[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

## Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

*Nick Whines (23130) - [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## FOR YOUR DIARY FROYLE FILM NIGHT



### 2017 DATES

The dates for the next 2 Froyle Film Nights are:

Friday 16th June 2017

and

Friday 20th October 2017

Details of the films to be shown will be announced nearer the date

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## Bentley Village Stores

We currently have a part-time vacancy in the Post Office

Please call 01420 22266 and ask for Sally or Debbie for details

# The Meeting Place



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

We sell the local newspaper and postage stamps and home produce, when available. We collect used postage stamps and milk bottle tops for charity and to borrow.

## Cake Bakers for March

Mar 3	Sue Carr	Sue Sharman	Sarah Basey	Shirley Bellis
Mar 10	Elizabeth Sealy	Jane Stewart Smith	Sarah Roberts	Charlotte Baikie
Mar 17	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam	Sarah Khan
Mar 24	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Matthews	Helen MacDonald
Mar 31	Bea Sword	Alex Roberts	Sue Lelliott	Blanchard Bakers

**It is enormous help to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday it would be much appreciated. If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.**

## Kitchen helpers for March

Mar 3	Lauraine Bourne	Lois Pope
Mar 10	Molly Court	Judith Leslie Smith
Mar 17	Jane McNabb	Jenny Topping
Mar 24	Elizabeth Sealy	Philippa Cullen-Stephenson
Mar 31	Maureen Fry	Lois Pope

## Many Thanks

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Gill Bradley 520484 [p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com](mailto:p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com)*

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## Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for February were

1st - Kim Pratt      2nd - Nigel Bulpitt

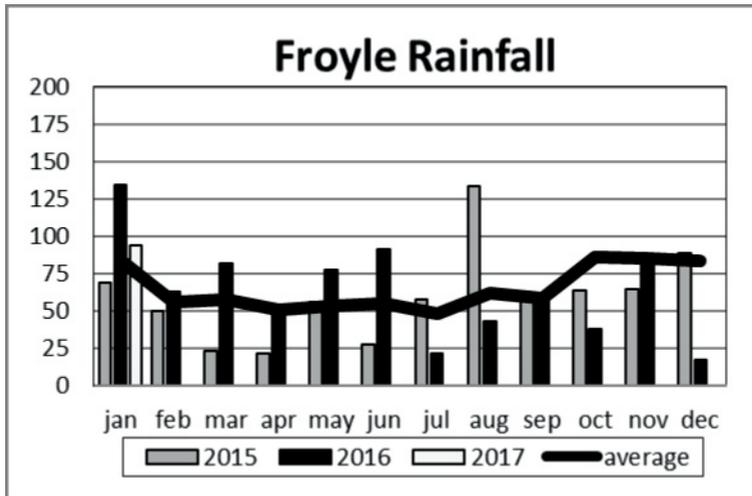
3rd - Julie Southern      4th - Ted Crowhurst

AND... the winner of the January first prize kindly donated back by Caroline

Findlay was: Angela Wimshurst

## Froyle Rainfall for January, 2017

This year	94 mm	3.7 ins
Last year	134.5 mm	5.3 ins
Wettest January (2014)	191.5 mm	7.6 ins
Driest January (1997)	13 mm	0.5 ins
January long-term average – the 3 <sup>rd</sup> wettest month	83.9 mm	3.3 ins



January has now usurped December as the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest month, by dint of a very dry last month of 2016 and a slightly above average beginning to 2017. That said, it is still worth reiterating (the missing words from) last month's column:

“And what does the New Year behold? Well, two-thirds of the time a dry final quarter is followed by a dry first quarter; so maybe better check those watering cans...?”



“The Umbrella Man”



## Medicine for the Soul



**“Sing Street” – available on DVD from Amazon for only a fiver...and worth every penny.**

Whilst idly flicking through Netflix recently, I came across a 2016 Irish film I had never heard of called “Sing Street”.

Intrigued as it was about some kids forming a band whilst at a school in a suburb of 1980’s Dublin, I saw that it had got numerous ratings of 4 and 5 stars, which persuaded me to watch it.

All I can say is that it was an absolute delight, a sort of cross between *The Commitments* and *School of Rock*, which I heartily recommend to everybody; it’s full of good lines, great acting from a cast of mostly unknowns, and some terrific (original) foot-tapping music, perfect for a Saturday night in front of the telly with a pizza and glass of whatever takes your fancy.

Who better to sum it up than Mark Kermode: “Happy sad indeed. I laughed, I cried, I bought the soundtrack album.”

*David Robertson*

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## Race Night 11th February 2017

Just to thank everyone, both behind the scenes and front-of-house, for working so hard to make this year’s Race Night yet again such a great success.



Huge thanks are especially due to Jo Mills for organising it, to all the team in the kitchen for the delicious food, to Charlie and Matthew Findlay for manning the Tote and of course to Big Al for yet again trekking all the way down from Doncaster to subject us all to his appalling jokes.

But finally, we are indebted to everybody in the Village who came along, either for the first time or those hardened racegoers who’ve been round this particular course on more than one occasion; the Village Hall coffers have been swelled to the tune of around £750 due to your unending generosity, so a very big **THANK YOU** to you all..

*The Village Hall Committee*



## Froyle Wildlife

[www.froylewildlife.co.uk](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

**Talk on “Wildlife and Hedgerows’ by Jon Stokes,**

**Thursday 16th March, 7.30pm Froyle Village Hall (doors open 7pm).**

It's surprising that the hedgerow network represents Britain's largest nature reserve. Jon Stokes of the Tree Council will show us the importance of hedgerows and the how to improve them to boost their wildlife potential. Hedgerows adjacent to roads, green lanes, tracks and wooded ground tend to be particularly species-rich and can act as wildlife corridors.

All welcome, members £2, non members £3, children free, Refreshments.



A date for your diary is 27th April for a talk entitled “Wildlife of the River Wey” by Glen Skelton, 7.30pm. For more information about our ‘walks and talks’ see [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news).

*Jenny Matthews*

Writing this in February there's no knowing what the weather has in store for March but already there are signs of spring with honeybees on the wing, by the beginning of April we could see the queen bees of seven of our commoner bumblebees. The mated queens will be searching for nest sites and will need nectar and pollen too. Some species will be looking to nest underground in old mouse nests, others on the surface in tussocky grass or under hedges whilst a few may use nest boxes or holes in trees.

The Bees Wasps and Ants Recording Scheme BWARS has some really useful information sheets on flowers we can grow throughout the year to attract and help bees in our gardens, plus ideas for Bee Hotels to cater for some of the many Solitary bee species. [http://www.bwars.com/information\\_sheets](http://www.bwars.com/information_sheets) The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is also an excellent source of information including help on bumblebee identification <http://bumblebeeconservation.org/about-bees/identification/common-bumblebees/>

The Hairy-footed Flower Bee is a 'Solitary bee' on the wing from March to May, they love Lungwort and buzz and dart from flower to flower, the females are all black.



A male Hairy-footed Flower Bee nectaring on Perennial wallflower

More Wildlife to look out for in March

- Hedgehogs will be waking in March or April, look out for their long darkish droppings on the lawn
- Butterflies that hibernated in their adult stage; Brimstone, Comma, Peacock, Red Admiral, and Small Tortoiseshell
- Flowering plants; Primrose, Sweet Violet, Early Dog-violet, Celandine, Coltsfoot
- Hares chasing and maybe boxing - generally thought it is females fending off males
- Frogs Toads and newts spawning in ponds

Motorists please keep a special eye out for Toads returning to their breeding ponds, usually on warm damp nights. Unfortunately they can look like lumps of mud in the road; many are killed each year on our roads.

*Sue Clark*

## March News from The Froyle Archive

### “More that meets the eye”

I have just given a talk about Froyle for Long Sutton WI and, in the process of reviewing the full screen (6ft x 6ft) slides, with Annette, this particular photograph of Froyle



School and School House, taken at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century caught our eye.

We’ve had the photograph in the Archive since 1999, but never looked at it on a large scale before. You can imagine our surprise when we spotted the group of people (*circled*) standing outside the school building.

Looking through the records and consulting Annette’s book “a Village School”, provided an answer. The couple are the Headmaster, William Button Downes, (*obviously his parents had a sense of humour!*), and his wife Alice Lucy, along with, we think, their children, Dorothy Mabel (*b1895*) and Margaret Vera (*b1897*).



Their other children, Herbert Frederick (*b1898*) and Ruth Ellen Mary (*B1899*) are not there. This would place the picture around 1900. We have been through all our school group photographs - there are quite a few - but we can find none that equate to the positioning of the subjects.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

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



## Which Wine with Which Food?



We have a date!! Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
In the Village Hall  
Tickets £25 per head

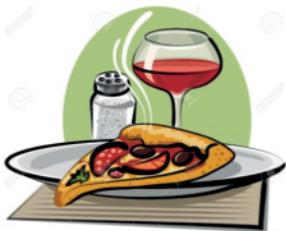
Unfortunately our original plans have had to be changed but **the really good news is that Cecile Bergart from the Hampshire Wine School**, - see [www.hampshirewineschool.com](http://www.hampshirewineschool.com) for details - has agreed to step in.

Cecile, who has a wine cv as long as your arm, has suggested the format of a tutored tasting of six different wines with food; ie we eat and drink while she talks, which sounds a pretty pleasurable experience to us!

Whilst this is not a fund-raising evening - covering costs is the aim - because Cecile needs to be compensated for her time and expertise, the price per head as you can see is somewhat higher than originally envisaged. **However, as an incentive, a part of the cost of your ticket will be entry into a raffle, the prize for which will be a top quality bottle of wine.**

We are convinced that it will be a really worthwhile and memorable evening – you only have to read the testimonials on the Hampshire Wine School website to see in what high regard it is held – so do come if you can.

**Thus far we have indications of about 30 people interested. Payment in advance to me (David) to confirm your place would be appreciated.**



*David and Susie Robertson (520820)*



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



I was sharing a flat in London in my late teens and every birthday we took the birthday gal "for a special treat". I was standing in front of the stage at Scott's of St James when Ike and Tina Turner walked on and sang "River Deep Mountain High".....just before it was released.

### **I was there!**

Also, it was the time of the Swinging Sixties and my sister and I had an impromptu party at our parents house while they were away, oh dear! We used to hang out with a lot of the upcoming pop artists in Pinner. Our mum "smelt a rat" so they decided to return early and found over 100 teenagers partying in their house! Mother stood at the front door and ordered everyone out. One shortish youngster in bizarre clothes and large spectacles asked mum "who are you?!" to which she replied "I am the owner of this house and you are leaving!".....he was Reg Dwight, alias Elton John to be.

### **I was there and knew him pretty well....**

Later I met my husband, Derek, his previous sister-in-law used to sing with the Beatles in the Cavern at lunchtime. Needless to say she had a good voice.

### **I was NOT there!**

*Lois Pope*

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## **Froyle Golf Day Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 12.30pm Blackmoor Golf Club Lunch & 18 holes of golf**

There are still plenty of places available for our annual golf day. Whilst competitive it is also a fun afternoon and is a real opportunity to meet fellow village golfers.

*Ian Whitmore 22634*

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### **Babysitting**

Megan Hern, 15 year old girl living in Froyle with experience in looking after children looking for babysitting.

Please contact me on my mobile 07484233410 or email [megan.hern@btinternet.com](mailto:megan.hern@btinternet.com) if interested.

## Lent Lunches 2017



These consist of home made soup, bread and cheese, and all donations go to the charity chosen by the hostess. If anyone needs a lift, or has any queries, please give me a call.

All Lunches are from 12.30 to 2.00pm

**Ash Wednesday March 1st at Wykeham House** in aid of the Piam Brown ward at Southampton hospital; Susie Robertson 520820

**Wednesday March 8th at Stowells** in aid of the Mare & Foal Sanctuary; Cherida Cannon 520470

**Wednesday March 15th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment conservation; Jenny Gove 23697

**Wednesday March 22nd at The Old Dairy** in aid of Cardiac Rehab; Sarah Roberts 540041

**Wednesday March 29th at Badgersbank** in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice; Lauraine Bourne 22159

**Wednesday April 5th at Brewery House** also in aid of Cardiac Rehab; Vivienne & John Sexton 520098

Jenny Gove 23697



## Better Balance

Time to loosen up for spring! Come along on Wednesday March 1, 2.30pm, in the Village Hall, for the start of a six week session.

Dates: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th.

Any queries to Sue 22603.

For help with Attendance Allowance forms, Keeping Warm, and other topics call Madeleine, Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire 23371

ACH Information and Advice , 10-3 M-F, 0800 328 7154

[ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](http://ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)

*Madeleine Black*



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

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It was cold and miserable for our first speaker of the year but our meeting was very well attended. Mr David Miller gave an illustrated talk on Keukenhof with many vibrant slides displaying the spectacular planting of thousands of spring bulbs. We also learnt about the processes involved with planting, gathering and marketing the bulbs. Mrs Anne Blunt won the monthly competition with a vase of Garrya Elliptica. On March 10th Mrs Jill Fry will speak on Spring Flowers in 3 counties. The competition will be a vase of Spring Flowers. We meet at Froyle Village Hall at 7.30pm PLEASE NOTE THE SPRING SHOW HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO APRIL 7th.

## OUTING

I am now taking bookings for Forde Abbey in Dorset on Thursday June 8th. Leaving Froyle at 8.30am. We will be seeing the Abbey and the lovely gardens. The countryside is also very beautiful. Cost £24. You do not need to be a member to join us. For further details ring Brenda on 22216.



## Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop! There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

We have 5 sessions this month and lots of fun craft planned for Mother's day and spring. March meetings in the village hall are on Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!  
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



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**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
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7.30 p.m**

**Tickets  
£10.00**

**Includes an interval with wine  
& nibbles**

**For Tickets Contact: Jan 01420 22435 or Jane 01420 23195**

## **The Big Build commences at Bentley Primary School February 2017**

Very exciting plans are becoming a reality as the long awaited 'Big build' work starts after four years of planning and fundraising.

The building works include a brand new classroom for Reception (4/5yrs) pupils using unused space on site; new learning facilities for children with special needs; an extended kitchen, new and much improved toilet facilities and a first aid room. Originally built in 1842 for 50 children, the school's drainage system has also been targeted for a much needed upgrade and the County's Education building management team will use the project to make some additional improvements to roofs and access onto site.

Despite the increasingly squeezed schools funding we have been greatly supported by Hampshire County Council with early support to allow this project to go ahead. The school would like to thank Councillors Ken Carter and Mark Kemp-Gee for securing further local developers contributions which resulted in a much reduced target of £50,000 for The Big School Build fundraising team.

Through the extraordinary support of parents, families, carers, friends and individual donors over £50,000 has been raised. The school and local community have rallied around all of our events whether buying tickets to win a Mini; joining in or sponsoring our team of cyclists on their off-road mission from Brighton to Bentley; visiting Mill Farm's amazing open day or attending the Bentley Business Club's interactive panel session discussing "The Future of The South East Post Brexit" . A huge thank you to you all! The local area has supported this project which will enable many future generations of Bentley pupils to benefit from a much improved building and site fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

A special thank you also goes to the Big Build committee lead brilliantly by Amanda Sinclair and including Suzie Honey, Millie Powell, Vicky Soden, Alex Cavell, Andrew Aldridge-Lopes, Anna MacInnes, Becky Robinson, Claire Faherty, Fiona Reavely, Georgie and Jonty Patrick, Jenny Shaylor, Karen Brown, Karen Cullen, Natalie Drew and Simon Poyser. These champions of change should feel proud of their hard work and support to allow this to go ahead.

Katy Pinchess, the school's Head Teacher, says: "So many people from the local community have devoted their time and energy to raise over £50,000 for our school and every single penny will be well spent to improve facilities. The fundraising and support has really overwhelmed us and the children are so excited that it is about to become a reality. We can't wait to see the whole project come together and the new Reception class of 2017 will be the first lucky pupils to enjoy the lovely new room, whilst everyone else in school will benefit too! Thank you very much from everyone at school."

# FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Playground and Hut Replacement Project

Dear Resident

The Parish Council is considering a bold new project to improve facilities on the recreation ground in Lower Froyle and would welcome your input . The playground and recreation ground is a community facility so your views on what it should look like really matter. We intend to apply for a number of funding grants and knowing that we have your support for the scheme is vital to our chances of success. The last thing that we want to do is to provide something that you don't want.



**We propose to renew the Playground and replace the Hut.**

The pirate ship, the cradle swing and the zip wire which were installed in 2013 will be retained but the rest of the equipment is showing its age and will be removed. Years of accumulated bark will be dug out and replaced with stone, top soil and turf. This area will be allowed to settle for a couple of months and then new equipment will be installed together with safety matting. The reason for replacing the bark with turf is that although expensive it will reduce maintenance costs in the longer term. We also think it will look much more attractive and should be just as safe.

We are planning to retain the traditional look of the present playground and to source equipment from a local supplier, *Hand Made Places* based in Bordon, whose woody equipment should sit well in our rural setting. Go to [www.handmadeplaces.co.uk](http://www.handmadeplaces.co.uk) and scroll down and you will find a link to their brochure/catalogue. Let us know what you would like to see installed.

No decision has yet been made about the choice of equipment but it might include a two bay double swing as at present, a rope and post climbing area, a seesaw and a cow springy!



**Secondly, for many years the Parish Council has pondered on what to do with the football hut. It's seemed at times an almost insuperable problem.**



The last team departed a long time ago and there have been few expressions of interest since. It requires substantial renovation including a new roof. The loo, urinals, basins and shower area all need to be replaced. We are told that communal showers are no longer acceptable to the younger generation. We have therefore concluded that the hut is sadly not fit for use and beyond economic repair. As it gradually decays it detracts from the look of the village hall and the recreation ground.

Our plan is to remove the hut but retain the concrete base. On this, if funds permit, we propose to build an attractive three bay oak framed structure. The bay at the car park end could be enclosed to include storage and more ambitiously a field kitchen with sinks, stove and fridge. The other two bays will be open on two sides and provide a sheltered sitting area for those visiting the playground, a meeting place or a picnic spot. The table tennis table could be used here. On fete day or bonfire night the barbecue might be located here with kitchen facilities nearby. Unlike the hut it will be a facility available to all.

The village hall will also benefit from the proposed changes as it frequently hosts children's parties and the new playground plus the sitting area should make the hall even more attractive to hirers. And this of course helps sustain the hall. At a recent meeting the Village Hall Committee expressed support for the project and an interest in being involved.



For illustrative purposes. No window but a door. Timber clad to the ground and at the rear.

The Parish Council has accumulated reserves to help fund the project. We also have access to Open Space money which is provided by local developers. Together this amounts to approximately 65% of the estimated £100k we need. We have already applied to IGAS for a funding and intend to apply to Veolia, both of whom have sites within or close to the parish. We shall of course approach our District and County Councillors who in the past have always been supportive of and generous towards village projects. It is undoubtedly the case that funding is much harder to acquire than previously and competition for funds more intense. Funding from the Big Lottery is now much more narrowly focused. We are taking advice from Community First Hampshire. Suggestions for other potential sources of funding would be very welcome.

However what we most need at the moment is your support for the general outline of the project and any suggestions or advice you wish to make. Looking back to the Parish Plan survey the 92% response rate was terrific and certainly put Froyle on the map as one of the most involved communities in the District.

**Could we therefore ask you to email your thoughts on the proposal to the Parish Clerk at [froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Or write to The Parish Clerk, Crabtree Gate, Well Lane, Lower Froyle, Alton, Hants GU34 4LR.**

**If you wish to discuss the project and how you might help please ring Ian Macnabb on 23195 or Nick Whines on 23130.**

It is important that you respond by **Wednesday 15 March 2017** in order that we can process your comments and include them in our main funding applications. We look forward to hearing from you.



A cow springy!

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Administrator: Tel 01420 23339 e-mail [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



## Churchwardens:

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Park Edge, Upper Froyle

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[wbk@wbknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbknowles.com)

**Mrs. Sarah Roberts**

The Old Dairy, Upper Froyle

Tel: 01420 520041

[sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk](mailto:sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk)

**Benefice Pastoral Care:** Gill Thallon (23528)

**Prayer Chain:** Nick Carter (472861)

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Service Childrens Ch
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am	Bentley	HC and Children's Church
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Paul visited Corinth and founded the church there between 49 and 51 AD. He stayed one and a half years in this city (Acts 18:11) — a much longer time period than he had spent in many other cities in which he preached the gospel. Corinth was a strategic location for spreading the kingdom message and work. It was prosperous because the trade routes by land (north and south) and sea (east and west) from Italy to Asia passed through it. It had been a strong Greek city-state but was destroyed in 146 B.C. when conflict with Rome arose. In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar rebuilt it and many flocked to it because it offered so much commercial promise. It was a melting pot of Greek culture and Roman citizenship; wealthy merchants and laboring poor; freedmen and slaves. The religious climate included pagan temples, mystery religions, and Judaism.

Many have suggested that Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to correct divisions within the church but there is more evidence in the letter to suggest that Paul was dealing with a serious rift between the church and himself. One topic the church and Paul strongly disagree over seems to be the idea of what it means to be “spiritual” indicated by the Corinthians emphasizing speaking in unknown tongues.

Paul’s famous chapter on Christ-like love was a corrective to this wrong emphasis and for the pride and exclusiveness evident in attitudes expressed by some church members. It describes true spirituality – as John was to write in one of his letters, “God is love”, and as Jesus himself remarked, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

So much time and energy is spent discussing, debating and analysing ways to be, do, organise, govern and arrange church. Yet our first question must always be, “Do I have love?”

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## Mothering Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00, Froyle Church

Like many traditions and festivities, **Mothering Sunday** began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth **Sunday** in Lent, exactly three weeks before **Easter Sunday**, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Then it became a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March we would like the young to play an active role in our simple family service. You might be able to hand out hymn books, flowers, read a prayer or help with the collection. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

*Sarah & William*

+++ Save the date +++

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*Sarah (520041) & Julie (520620)*



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