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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)

## FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Froyle Parish Council did not meet in February. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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## MARCH EVENTS

### Lent lunches 2018

Running throughout Lent, these lunches are a simple soup, bread and cheese affair, in aid of a charity chosen by the host/hostess. They take place between 12.30 and 2.00 pm, and all donations from those attending will be gratefully received. If anyone needs a lift, would like to offer a lift, or has any other queries, please call me on 23697.

The venues for the Lent lunches in March are as follows:

**Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> (note change of day)** at The Old Malthouse, in aid of Canine Partners (Gill Bradley 520484)

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** at Beech Cottage, in aid of 'Thrive' (Caroline Findlay 22019)

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** at Copse Hill Farm, in aid of Canine Partners (Jane Macnabb 23195).

*Jenny Gove (23697)*

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### Froyle Wildlife

#### An entertaining talk on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

'My family and 50 other animals' by natural history writer Dominic Couzens.

See page 10 for more details.

*Barry Clark (23520)*

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### Froyle Gardening Club

A talk by Graham Bowyer on "Japanese Gardens" on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

*Brenda Milam (22216)*

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## FUTURE EVENTS

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### Church Spring Jumble Sale

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm, Froyle Village Hall

Our annual Jumble Sale raises much needed funds for the church and is a good opportunity for the village to get together. **Donations for all stalls will be very gratefully received** as would new ideas or offers of help. Contact stall holders below if you would like a house collection or bring your donations to the Meeting Place any Friday in March.

**Books & CDs** - Any topic! Lauraine Bourne 22159 or Madeleine Black 23371

**Bric-a-brac** - All bric-a-brac will be gratefully received, Jane Macnabb 23195 or Royston Annible 520574

**Children's stall** – Looking for books, toys and games – Good condition only please, Gillian Pickering 23209

**Jumble** - We need clean clothes, coats, accessories, shoes and linens, Lori Taylor 22148 or Sarah Lovell 520026

**Spring Produce** - Cakes, biscuits, home-made chutneys, jams, marmalade, pickles and plants needed, so get baking! Janet Dobson 23340

**Raffle** – We are looking for some good quality donations, Barbara Starbuck 22180.

*Julie Southern (520620) ↗ Sarah Roberts (520041)*

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### Froyle Open Gardens 2018

Saturday & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Several gardens in the village will be open again this year, and as always there'll be opportunities for volunteers to help with running this very popular event. More details in future editions.

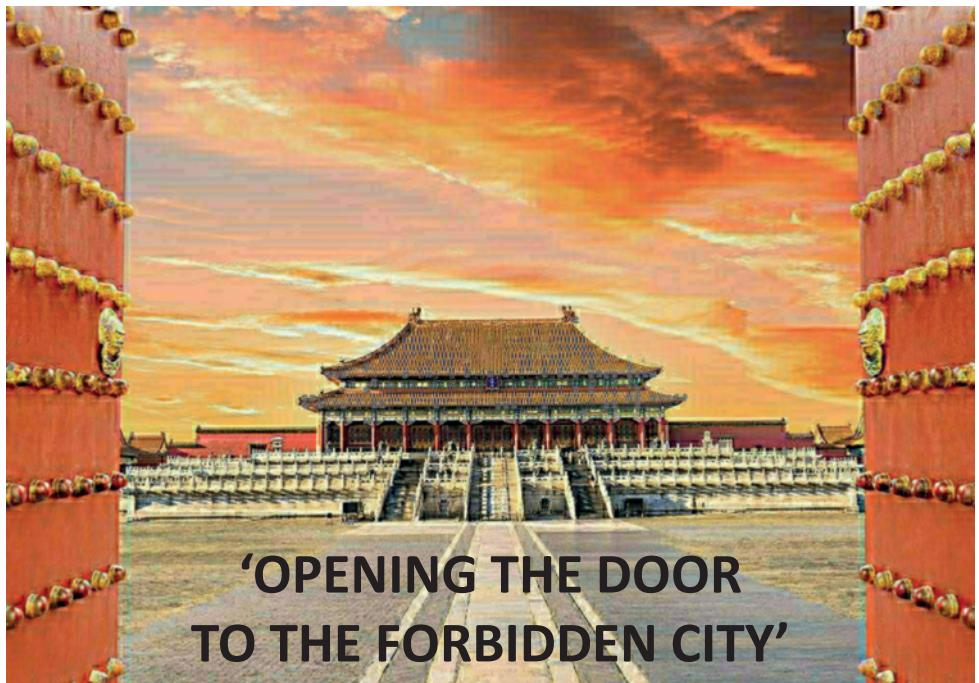
*Nick Whines (23130)*

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### 72<sup>nd</sup> Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Village Recreation Ground

Our traditional village fête will be on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July this year. More details in future editions.



## **'OPENING THE DOOR TO THE FORBIDDEN CITY'**

The rise, fall and rise again of China's imperial capital

A TALK  
BY  
**MARY GINSBERG**

Former Curator, British Museum

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**8 p.m.**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE**

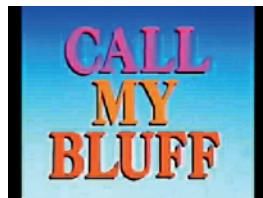
Wine & Nibbles will be served – Ticket price to be confirmed

**FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE NEXT MAGAZINE**



# FROYLE VILLAGE HALL ‘WINE - CALL MY BLUFF’

Based on the TV Quiz ‘Call My Bluff’  
In aid of Froyle Village Hall



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**  
**7 FOR 7.30 P.M.**  
**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL**

Further information to follow in the  
next Froyle Magazine



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## Advance notice of The Village Quiz 2018

The (in)famous Village Quiz WILL return - on 27 October 2018. This is an important and fun part of the village's autumn activities. Please put it in your diaries now, and start thinking about your team!



**Bookings: Susie  
Robertson  
01420 520820**

## **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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## **News from the Village Hall**

### **Hall Hire Charges**

Hire charges have remained unchanged for a number of years. **From 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018**, the Committee has agreed a modest increase to cover the cost of rising prices and, at the same time, simplifying the tariff as follows:

<u>By session:</u>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-resident</b>	<b>All Others</b>
Morning (8.30am - 12.30pm)	£25.00	£40.00	£70.00
Afternoon (1.30pm - 5.30pm)	£25.00	£40.00	£70.00
Evening (6.00pm – 11.30pm)	£30.00	£45.00	£80.00

Special Hourly Rate:

(Wed afternoon and evening only) £12.50 £20.50 £35.00

*For information purposes:*

*Effective hourly rate per daytime session £6.25 £10.00 £17.50*

*ie Session Rates/ 4 hours*

*and for All Day + Evening bookings £5.33 £8.33 £14.67*

*ie Session Rates/ 15 hours*

**Resident:** Froyle residents hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

**Non-resident:** Other individuals hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

**Others:** All others.

If you would like to hire the Hall please have a look at our web site at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk) where you will find plenty of information. We are currently experimenting with a new online booking service which we will make available once we have mastered it! For the time being, to book the hall, please contact Susie Robertson on 01420 520820 or email [bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk).

*Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle FVH  
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk (23130)*

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## Thank You

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the caring people of Froyle for your expressions of kindness and sympathy. The flowers, soup and cakes, not to mention wonderful letters, cards and phone calls received following Peter's unexpected death have been very much appreciated. We have always felt part of the Village since we moved in almost 20 years ago, and your wonderful support over the last few weeks has been a great comfort and convinced me, if I needed convincing, that I want to remain in Froyle!

*Gill Bradley*

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## Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for February were:

1st - Gordon Mitchell 2nd - Roz Packett

3rd - Sarah Thursfield 4th - Pat Parrott

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

## March News from The Froyle Archive



With Easter just around the corner, it is rather appropriate to tell the story of Froyle's Easter Sepulchre.

You may have noticed it as an arched recess at floor level in the North wall of the Chancel by the Altar. It was built at the same time as this part of the Church and is therefore 14th Century. In fact it was definitely there in 1377, for we know that John Mott, of Froyle, died in this year, and left among other things in his will, discovered at Lambeth Palace in 1929, "Money for candles to burn in the Easter Sepulchre".

So what function did an Easter Sepulchre fulfil? GH Cook, author of "The English Mediaeval Church" wrote:-

"Of the many rites and observances of the mediaeval church, the ceremony of the Easter Sepulchre...was universal in parish churches. It was in the nature of a liturgical drama, symbolising the Entombment and the Resurrection of Our Lord. On Good Friday, amid solemn ceremonial, the Blessed Sacrament, placed in a small receptacle, was laid in the Easter Sepulchre, a tomb-like structure which was erected to the north of the high altar. Watched day and night, it remained there until the early hours of Easter Sunday when it was transferred to the high altar."

Although Froyle's was a fairly simple affair, many such sepulchres are adorned with carved panels depicting the closing scenes in the life of Our Lord, the Burial and the Resurrection.

Until 1995 the Church was also in possession of this striking, and very unusual, Portable Easter Sepulchre (*see photograph right - by NADFAS*). Italian in origin, this was most probably brought back to Froyle by Sir Hubert Miller as well as the vestments and statues for which the village is famed. Sadly in that year it was one of several items stolen from the Church and never recovered, so we are fortunate that a complete survey of the Church had been conducted by the Farnham branch of NADFAS (*The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies*) between 1991 and 1993.



Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at [www.froyle.com](http://www.froyle.com)

# The Meeting Place

The Easter Meeting Place will take place as usual on Good Friday, this year March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9.30-12 noon in the village hall.

Do join us for Hot Cross Buns, the world famous Meeting Place cakes, and drinks.



There will be an Easter Raffle, and a competition for the best decorated egg. This is judged by popular vote, and is for all ages, from 3 to 103, so please bring your hard boiled eggs to the hall by 11.00am for judging at 11.15am.

For those who are newcomers to the Village, the Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning from 9.30 to 12 noon in the Village Hall and all are very welcome to drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, delicious homemade cake and a chat. 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 there is a selection of books to borrow.

## Cake bakers for March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marj Robinson	Sue Sharman	Sarah Basey	Sarah Khan
9 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Milam	Jane Stewart-Smith	Sarah Roberts	Charlotte Baikie
16 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Shirley Bellis	Sarah English
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Mathews	Helen Macdonald
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bea Sword	Sarah Zorab	Sue Lelliott	Jo Mills

## Good Friday

It is an 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

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lauraine Bourne	Philippa Cullen Stephenson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Corinna Whines	Judith Leslie Smith
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Macnabb	Jennie Topping
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Sealey	Margaret Stanford
30 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	The Meeting Place Team

If you need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this. Please be at the Village Hall around 10.00am.

Gill Bradley 520484 [p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com](mailto:p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com)  
Susie Robertson 520820 [sjrinfroyle@gmail.com](mailto:sjrinfroyle@gmail.com)

## GAMES AND PUZZLES

### SUDOKU

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### LINKING WORDS

Find the word that links these pairs of words, making each of them into a new word:

1. HORSE...shoe...LACE
2. TAIL.....CRASH
3. SWAN.....BIRD
4. CENTRE.....WORK

### NEW WORDS

Insert the same two letters into the exact centre of the words below to make four new longer words. What are the two letters and the four new words?

ME SHED BE RESTED

### MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

2, 3, 5, 16    5, 1 7, 40    3, 9, 2, 33    8, 3, 6, ??

Answers on page 19

## COMING SOON – “Inconsequential tales”

An occasional fictional serial for your entertainment and delight, with different writers for each episode. Look out for the first instalment in the April edition!

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We have received this notification from the Patients Participation Group:

Please Note — any queries to be addressed to: almitchinson@gmail.com

### Annual Health Fest 2018

The Annual Health Fest will take place on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 10:00am — 3:00pm at the Assembly Rooms in Alton. Entry is Free.

#### New for 2018: HEALTH CHECKS FOR 40 — 70 YEAR OLDS.

Health Checks this year will be available from Rushmoor Healthy Living.

To be eligible for these you must be aged 40 – 70 years, without certain pre-existing conditions or be on particular medications.

In addition to the health checks, there will also be free blood pressure, lung function and glucose tests fitness assessments available to all.

Stands will include Walking for Health, Breast Care, Aortic Screening, Bowel Screening. Everyone welcome regardless of which Practice you normally attend.



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

**Talks, Walks & other Events 2018**

**Dates for the Diary**

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

This month we welcome Dominic Couzens, naturalist, trip leader and author of nearly 30 wildlife books. Dominic comes highly recommended and will tell us all about his family's unusual quest - to see as many species of British mammals as possible in a single year (no mean feat with a three and five year old in tow!). Where did they go? What did they see? Do come along and find out and bring your friends to what promises to be an amusing and informative night out. Light refreshments including wine; raffle.

### **This year's planned events**

**Thursday 8th March - "My Family and 50 Other Animals"**

Illustrated talk by Dominic Couzens – Village Hall - 7.30pm

**Thursday 19th April - "Hampshire's Amphibians and Reptiles"**

Illustrated talk by expert John Buckley – Village Hall - 7.30pm

**Tuesday 15th May - "Wild Orchids of Hampshire"**

Illustrated talk by top photographer Rosemary Webb – Village Hall - 7.30pm

**Wednesday 27th June\* - a leisurely walk at Broxhead Common**

Heathland to find Silver-studded Blue butterflies - 2-4pm

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July - "Drop-in day at the Wildlife Pond"**

Discover what's flying and flowering 10-12am and 2-4pm near Gid Lane, Froyle

**Sunday 29th July - "Pond Dipping for families at the Wildlife Pond"**

Two sessions will be run at 1.30pm and 2.30pm, all equipment provided

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August\* - a walk at Magdalen Hill Down for flowers,**

Chalk Hill Blues and other summer butterflies - 2-4pm

**Thursday 25th October - AGM and 'Surrey Safari' - Village Hall**

Illustrated talk by Geoff Lunn - **AGM 7pm** - talk starts 7.30pm

**Talks** - Doors open 30 minutes before the start of talks

Entrance fees: Members £2, non member's £3, children under 16 free

Refreshments available.

**Outdoor Events** are free if led by a member of Froyle Wildlife and \*may be rearranged at short notice depending on the weather. Please check [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news) for any changes or phone Sue Clark on 23520.

*Sue Clark (23520)*

Froyle Wildlife welcomes your ideas on future activities and is keen to ensure they are of interest to adults and children. We also want to encourage participation from volunteers to help at our 'walks and talks' and/or our wildlife projects. Please contact us [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk) if you have any queries or ideas, or if you'd like to be more involved.

We have started to enlarge the wildflower area on Froyle recreation ground, by removing a 5x10m area of turf, and plan to sow cornfield annuals in April. We will cultivate the bare ground on **Saturdays 17th March and 7th April 2-4pm**, and assistance would be appreciated.

The wildlife pond and surrounding wildflower meadow near Gid Lane have been grazed by sheep this winter as part of the maintenance plan. The meadow area sown in 2016 has established well but will still benefit from light weeding to avoid thistles, nettles and docks taking hold. **Join us if you can help on Saturdays 31st Mar, 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th June 10am-12.** For more information see [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/).

*Barry Clark (23520)*

### **Invasive Species Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Invasive Non-native Species (INNS) are a huge problem worldwide. Apparently ecological and environmental damage caused by INNS match those caused by other global problems such as climate change. In Britain alone it costs about £2 billion annually to try to counteract the threats to our native species and habitats.

Non-native flora and fauna are causing damage in our water ways, oceans, ponds and terrestrially. The problems are many and varied: for example, a single plant of Hottentot-fig can spread 50 metres across on sunny cliffs, smothering native species. The water plant Parrot's Feather increases rapidly choking waterways and causing flooding as well as displacing native species. The Signal Crayfish introduced from America is responsible for the near extinction of our native smaller crayfish through spreading disease and direct competition. The above species are all listed under Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. More information about these and other invasive non-native species, and the above act, can be found at [www.nonnativespecies.org](http://www.nonnativespecies.org) – search species information, ID sheets.

Unfortunately it is us *Homo sapiens* who are the main culprits by introducing alien life to the wild - unwittingly, deliberately or carelessly. As gardeners we can help by finding out the facts and disposing of unwanted invasive species responsibly. The Charity Plantlife and the RHS also have useful information on their websites.

*Sue Clark (23520)*

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## Welcome to Froyle

A few years ago we produced a 'Welcome to Froyle' booklet, giving information about Froyle, its History, Clubs, Activities, Essential Services and other similar topics. We did this knowing that we would have a number of new houses appearing on the old Treloar site, but it was obviously also designed for any newcomer to the village. Although we try to keep a look out for any new residents near us, I believe we may have missed a few. If you have a new neighbour or hear of anyone who has moved into the Village, please let me know and I will pop a Booklet round to them. We are on our second run of 100 so hopefully most people have been caught in the net.

*Linda Bulpitt (22725)*



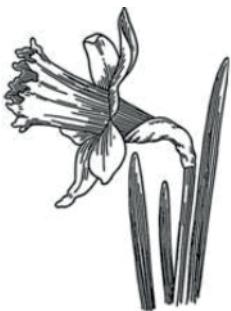
# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

For the first talk of the year we welcomed our great friend John Negus (Graham Bowyer is coming next month). John gave a lively informative and highly entertaining talk on gardens of the Caribbean. As usual the slides were of a high standard illustrating the stunning, unusual plants to be seen on various islands. He finished with an amusing quiz, distributing free gifts to the audience. John judged the competition, "A Spring Posy" and the results were as follows: 1st Anne Blunt and Maureen Hunter, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.

Fifteen of us also enjoyed Valerie and David Menzies' beautiful new Winter garden on a particularly unpleasant afternoon. When we were really cold we enjoyed tea and cakes. Thank you very much Valerie and David for your invitation, the refreshments and your hard work in getting the garden so beautiful in spite of the weather. £50 was sent to Naomi House.

This month Graham Bowyer will tell us about Japanese gardens on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The competition will be 'A Specimen Flower'. Visitors are very welcome.



## Dates for the Diary

**13<sup>th</sup> April evening** Spring Show - Schedules available at the March meeting

**26<sup>th</sup> April afternoon** Visit to Japanese Garden

**12<sup>th</sup> June all day** Visit to Kiftsgate, the home of the famous climbing rose,  
followed by scenic tour of the Cotswolds

**27<sup>th</sup> July 7 pm** Whispers at Dogmersfield

**10<sup>th</sup> August 6 pm** Wheatley House

*Brenda Milam (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 dolls' 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.

**March meetings in the village hall are every Thursday  
On the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

### Thank you!

In the February magazine, there was a message from Sylvie Nonhebel informing everyone that she would be retiring from the Toddler Group, because her youngest child is due to start at Bentley in September.

She describes herself as 'an active member' of the group. What she does not say, is that she has, over the last 4 years, been running it single handed; getting there early to set everything up, and leaving long after everyone else has gone, because she has to put everything away, and tidy the hall.

Sylvie has provided a wonderful service to the village, ensuring that there is a warm, friendly environment for little people to play in, and their mothers to chat. She has done this week in, week out during term times regardless of how many, or how few participants there are.

It would be a great pity if the Toddler group was to disappear, purely because nobody is willing to take responsibility for it, but whatever happens, Sylvie deserves praise and thanks for her selfless service to the village littlies and their owners.

*Jenny Gore (23697)*





## Better Balance

After our 3 month break, Better Balance will once again open its doors in the Village Hall on Wednesdays March 7th and 14th at 2.30 for a couple of sessions to get us back into the swing. We will then begin again after Easter on April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

If anyone is wondering what Better Balance is all about, you are very welcome to come and give it a try any Wednesday at 2.30pm. We have fun doing some sitting, some standing exercises to music which are aimed at strengthening and mobilising our bodies, not only to prevent falls but to maintain our mental as well as physical health. All of this is rounded off by coffee or tea and biscuits, even sometimes cake! It's a great way to make and meet up with old and new friends. Go on - give it a try!

Call Sue Sharman on 22603 or Madeleine on 23371 if you would like some more information.

### Did you know?

There's a Handy Van run by the Royal British Legion for their beneficiaries (this includes ex-service people, their dependants, their carers). A trusted and trained handy person will carry out low-level maintenance in your home including changing light bulbs, putting up shelves, fitting smoke alarms and door locks, and installing care phones. Call 0808 802 8080. They will help if they can.

Alton Day Care Centre offers friendship and care at The Limes, next to Alton Community Hospital in Chawton Park Road. There are spaces on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the moment. For £37 (+ £5 for lunch) per day, they offer activities, care, dementia support, foot care, counselling, and access to free Information and Advice. Local transport may be provided. Call 01420 84257 to discuss this or arrange a free introductory session.

If you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community please call Madeleine on 23371 or if unavailable call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email [villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org).

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## FANFARE! Music for Choir and Brass

**Waverley Singers with the  
Guildhall School of Music and Drama Brass Ensemble**

St Andrew's Church Farnham

Saturday 24th March at 7.30 pm

Tickets £15, from Gillian Pickering (23209),  
on the door or [ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers](http://ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers)



## One hundred years ago....

On 3 March 1918 the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk was signed between the new Bolshevik government of Soviet Russia and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire), ending Russia's participation in World War I. The treaty was signed at Brest-Litovsk in Poland after two months of negotiations. The Bolshevik government agreed the treaty to stop further advances by German and Austro-Hungarian forces. According to the treaty, Soviet Russia defaulted on all of Imperial Russia's commitments to the Triple Entente alliance.

In the treaty, Bolshevik Russia ceded the Baltic States to Germany; they were meant to become German vassal states under German princelings. Russia also ceded its province of Kars Oblast in the South Caucasus to the Ottoman Empire and recognised the independence of Ukraine. According to Spencer Tucker, a historian of World War I, "The German General Staff had formulated extraordinarily harsh terms that shocked even the German negotiator." Congress Poland was not mentioned in the treaty, as Germany refused to recognize the existence of any Polish representatives, which in turn led to Polish protests. When Germans later complained that the Treaty of Versailles of 1919 was too harsh on them, the Allies (and historians favourable to the Allies) responded that it was more benign than Brest-Litovsk.

The treaty was effectively terminated in November 1918, when Germany surrendered to the Allies. However, in the meantime, it did provide some relief to the Bolsheviks, already fighting the Russian Civil War, by the renunciation of Russia's claims on modern-day Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Ukraine and Lithuania.

Troubled times followed: but now, 100 years later, how much has really changed?

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## Let Diet Put A Spring In Your Step

**25 April 2018 11.30am – 1.30pm**

**Froyle Village Hall GU34 4LG**

Sarah Zorab has very generously offered to share her expertise on nutrition and health in aid of Treloar's. Discover how to raise your energy levels, avoid the afternoon slump and find the foods that help to keep your gut healthy.

After Sarah's talk, we will produce a light lunch using some of the foods Sarah has discussed.



**Talk and lunch £20.**

**Please apply to Jo Mills ([joannamills@yahoo.com](mailto:joannamills@yahoo.com)) for tickets.**



**A Message from  
PCSO David Nops of Alton Police Station**

**BURGLARY ALERT**

**Update regarding burglaries in the area from the local police team**

There have been at least 12 burglaries in the Alresford and Medstead area. They all occurred on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 during the day. We believe the suspects come from out of our area, and the police have made one arrest so far.

The suspects targeted houses which were detached properties with high hedges or fences at the front of the property so they would not be seen. They also appeared to focus on houses that were not alarmed and had no CCTV. In all cases they searched the master bedroom for jewellery, which is mainly what was stolen.

Luckily a business premises which has recently installed a new CCTV system has captured images of the possible suspects. CCTV images have become a crucial part of the evidence for these offences. Many towns and cities have good CCTV systems but they are less commonly found in rural communities.

CCTV has become a much more affordable option for many homeowners now and we would encourage people to consider installing cameras to help prevent crime and protect their property. For £29.99 a small camera can be purchased for indoor use which can monitor sound and movement. You can also log in from your smart device to see what is happening within your house. We would also encourage people to keep their jewellery in a safe place, and not in the master bedroom.

Technology is improving everyday with driveway alarms and house alarms that link to devices to allow you to monitor your property from anywhere in the world. Dashcam footage is also now regularly viewed by the police and can be the difference between one person's word against another.

As shown with the latest burglaries your camera could help capture vital information which may lead to a prosecution. It may also help prevent a crime by just putting in some low level crime prevention.

If you want any further advice please visit the Hampshire Constabulary webpage or e-mail [david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.nops@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)



I was there...



My parents met and married in Nigeria, where, like many young British people after World War II, they had gone to find jobs, if not make their fortunes – which would have been unlikely as an agricultural officer and a teacher. After a few years in different postings around Northern Nigeria, during which they'd seen the country gain its independence, they landed up in Kaduna, the capital of Northern Nigeria, in 1963.

I remember their house there, which was in a part of town largely inhabited by ex-colonial service men and women. It was I suppose a fairly comfortable existence: the climate wasn't unbearable; my father's work was quite interesting, for him at least; we had a cook, a small-boy, a gardener and a night-watchman, all of whom probably made life easier for my mother, and entertained my sister and me. The night-watchman had a "tanga-langa", a fearsome machete-cutlass weapon made from a sharpened leafspring from a lorry, which you wouldn't have wanted to be on the wrong side of. It certainly wasn't good for the scorpions or snakes he hit with it. There was a bougainvillea hedge at the bottom of the garden which provided a swathe of colour between the garden and the "bush" beyond. The River Kaduna was about 400 yards away and occasionally we were escorted down to its banks to see the local fishermen floating on their calabashes and once, memorably, moving a dead crocodile.

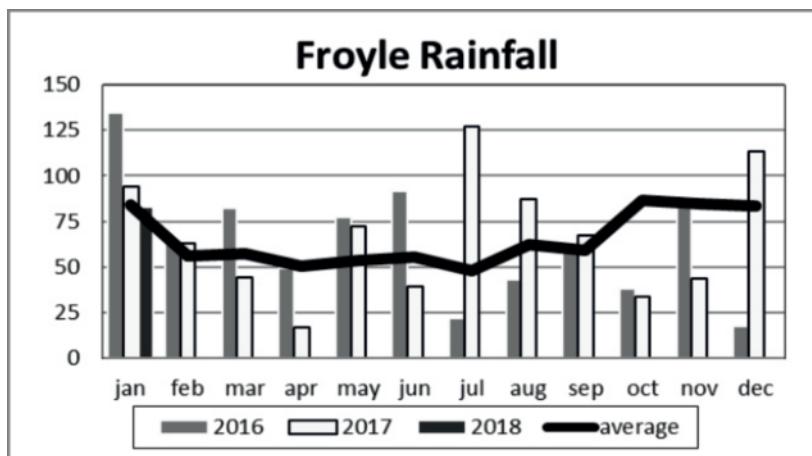


It was in Kaduna that I first came across the Beatles. One Sunday the peace of the afternoon was shattered by the most incredible noise of sticks beating rhythmically on tin dustbin lids, chants and ululations, gradually coming closer and closer. Initially there was nothing to be seen: but then, the other side of the hedge, there appeared a rather rag-tag procession of some of the indigenous Fulani, brightly dressed and singing and drumming. Fearing the worst, and that maybe this was the beginnings of an uprising against the white invaders, the parents decided it would be best to scare them away. But how? There were many more of them than us, and no one else seemed that bothered. We had a gramophone, and a very few records, one of which was a recently acquired single, *Twist & Shout*. I rather think it wasn't to the parents' taste. After some thought my father moved the gramophone onto the verandah and put on the record, at maximum volume. The effect was amazing – the procession rapidly dispersed amid some confusion, and possibly envy at the greater noise. It later transpired that it had been the beginning of Eid-al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, known as the Sallah in Nigeria, and deeply significant for the largely Muslim Fulani – and so our sending them away had in fact been rather insensitive. I can't hear *Twist & Shout* now without recalling its effect.

Jonathan Pickering

## Froyle Rainfall for January, 2018

This year	83 mm	3.3 ins
Last year	94 mm	3.7 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	84.1 mm	3.3 ins



January's average continued to show it to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest month of the year after December...but only just: 84.1 mm vs 84.2 mm.

But if we take the 4 wettest months of the year (October–January) together, historically - and not unsurprisingly - in 70% of the time, if in total they are below average, then the year has been below average. October 2017 to January 2018 produced 290 mm of rain compared with the long-term average of 337.6 mm.

So, coupled with what I said last month, don't be too surprised if we get a decent spring...



**“The Umbrella Man”**

## An everyday story of walking folk...walking in Hampshire

Hi! You know when it's too muddy to walk in the fields when you lose your welly, which happened to me this week. Therefore I started to think about the spring and maybe some walks further afield. So this month I'm recommending a few websites from which you can download free walks in and around Surrey and Hampshire.

### [www.fancyfreewalks.org](http://www.fancyfreewalks.org)

A really great website for walks across the South East of England, I've even used it for a couple of the walks in the Chilterns. As well as a good description and whether it is suitable for children and the length of the walk there are decent maps and suggestions about pubs on route.

### [www.walkinginhampshire.co.uk](http://www.walkinginhampshire.co.uk)

Again all walks are free to download: you can choose the area; many of the Alton walks are towards Selborne; there is a Well walk which includes Froyle. The Basingstoke walks have a couple of walks around Bentley, and a large number of walks around Odiham ranging from 1.5 to 10 miles, as well as Hook, Upton Grey and Greywell. Some of the walks on this website are actually copied from fancyfreewalks. It also tells you whether they are pushchair-friendly.

### [www.thomashallett.com](http://www.thomashallett.com)

Thomas is more of a blogger but a very interesting one if you like real ale, good food, walking and taking your dog to the pub. Life can't get much better!! Anyway whilst some of his recommendations are a little further afield there are some interesting winter walks and most are based around good pubs, including a very nice walk around Hinton Ampner which includes a visit to the Pots at Cheriton. Away from walking it has some quite interesting ideas for food, drink and merriment.

R Ambling

## GAMES AND PUZZLES – SOLUTIONS

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## MARCH & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Froyle Binsted Bentley	Holy Communion Holy Communion Live@5
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	11.00am 9.30am 9.30am 3.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted Binsted	Mother's Day Holy Communion Mother's Day Morning Worship with Children's Groups Mother's Day Service Messy Church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Froyle Binsted Bentley	Holy Communion Morning Worship Live@5
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	11.00am 8.00am 9.30am	Froyle Binsted Bentley	Palm Sunday Service Holy Communion Holy Communion with Children's Groups
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday	6.00pm 7.30pm	Froyle Binsted	Choral Evensong Passover Meal
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday	11.00am	Binsted	Good Friday Meditation
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday	11.00am 6.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Bentley Binsted	Easter Communion Sunrise Service w/breakfast Easter Communion Easter Communion

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

As this issue of the magazine appears during Lent, I thought I'd try to explain the concept of following a Rule of Life, which is a feature of this year's Winchester Diocesan Lent Course (<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/lent-course/>). Hah, I hear you say, I don't need any more rules in my life. What with 20mph through the centre of Alton, catching the 7.15 train to London, sorting out the recycling and completing my tax return on time, I've had enough rules so far this year, thanks, and I daresay there'll be many more before long.

But listen, this is not about the daily strictures we all have to observe to keep normal life running smoothly, this is about improving our lives. Bishop Tim's wife Sally Dakin says a Rule of Life offers 'freedom and fruitfulness' and I think that at this time of year, when all things in the garden are stirring, it can also be described as the creation of a framework for growth.

So how does all this apply to us, I hear you say. Well, in the diocesan Lent course, a Rule of Life is defined by three areas – Loving, Living and Serving. Loving (God, others, myself) might mean committing to phoning a lonely relative once a week; Living (a rooted, open, generous, sharing life) might mean using your gift of hospitality and welcoming a new neighbour to the area; Serving (the community, stewarding creation, acting against injustice, working at home and work for the common good) might simply mean delivering this magazine to a part of your village. You might also wish to add reading a verse from the Bible each day, committing to a regular period of contemplation and prayer, or volunteering to assist at Messy Church in Binsted School.

And I know that the cynics among you out there will be thinking, but how is this any different to the New Year resolutions we made not so very long ago and have already forgotten? I could say, it's not so very different and I know that we all find it hard to keep our well-intentioned resolutions. But the fundamental difference is that a Rule of Life is a strong structure of promises, principally promises to God, to commit to making this change in our lives for the long term. It's not just for a month, not just for this year, but for as long as that commitment will improve our lives and the lives of others. Think about it. Just one small commitment under each of those headings, two if you feel up to it.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## St Mary's Church Community Group

**Songs of Praise** - A successful occasion, enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all those who organised this event, chose hymns and prepared and served the food and wine.

**Kneelers** - We are making great strides in the stitching of the kneelers and are on the home straight. We have had a lot of fun, chatter and laughter at our working sessions which we have all enjoyed. If there is anyone who has not yet added a stitch or two but would like to do so please come and join us, before it's too late!

**Easter** - The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31st March starting at 9.30 am. The theme this year is chicken, rabbits and lambs., as well as baskets of Spring flowers. Please come and join us, we look forward to seeing you.

*Gill Bradley (520484)*

## The Anna Chaplaincy

I started as the “Anna Chaplain” in the Benefice in June last year. Here’s a reminder of what the Anna Chaplaincy is all about.

The Anna Chaplaincy takes its name from the story in St Luke’s Gospel of Anna and Simeon, two very elderly people. When Jesus turned up at the temple with his parents, they immediately recognised that Jesus was the Light of the World. They loved God and trusted him, and had been waiting in hope and expectancy for Jesus to arrive. Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and, with joy, announced that a light for all the world had arrived. Wise old man. And Anna, an 84 year old widow, joined in. She praised God for Jesus’ arrival and she was so overjoyed that she started telling everyone the good news. Older people matter. They have always had a valuable part to play. God loves older people and an Anna Chaplaincy is one of the ways in which a church can help Jesus to reach out and love them. As representatives of the church, Anna Chaplains work with the congregation to go to elderly people of strong faith, little faith and no faith and share their spiritual journey with them.

This might mean going to them in their homes, in care homes or at the clubs where they meet. God is already there, stirring up His spirit of love because older people matter to Him.

As Anna Chaplain, I will join in with the congregation to show how much we hold the elderly in high regard. I am looking forward to leading services appropriate for them including those with memory loss, praying with them, celebrating the blessings of their life and sharing with them the challenges that a long life inevitably brings.

Our Anna Chaplaincy is a way for the congregation to give ‘voice and action’ to God’s love for our elderly people in the community.

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

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

*Jonathan Rooke, Anna Chaplain and Licensed Lay Minister (07519 046593)*

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You are invited to join us on  
Sunday 11th March  
Mothering Sunday  
3.30 - 5.30pm  
In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village  
for a time of  
Fun crafts, celebration & food

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Messy Team Co-ordinator: Nick Carter 01420 472861  
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The churches in the  
Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle  
invite you to join them for a  
**PASSOVER MEAL**  
on  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**29th March 2018**  
In the Wickham Institute, Binsted  
- Starting at 7.30pm

This meal is held to remember the exodus of the Jewish nation, Israel, from Egypt. After the plagues, Pharaoh finally allowed them to leave and Moses led them out into the dessert and onto Canaan. It celebrates their "passing over" from slavery to freedom. Jesus took part in this ceremony and the last meal he ate with his friends was in the setting of a Passover.

Our Passover reflects the Christian lens through which we view it.

The meal is a mixture of formality and informality; it is an all age, family occasion and although a service - it is a homely one, not a church one!

Please book your place at the table by getting in touch with Kathy Ogilvie Thompson (tel no 23125 or [kathyot1984@gmail.com](mailto:kathyot1984@gmail.com)) or putting your name on the 'sign up' sheets that will be available in all the churches.

There is no charge for this event but donations towards costs gratefully received.



## Bentley CE Primary March News

In support of  
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PENNIES FOR CHANGE!

Exciting news! We can now purchase our first 'twinned toilet'!

Now that the Big Build work has been completed, Bentley Church of England Primary School have some fabulous new toilets; the School Council decided that they would like to raise money to help children in a developing country so that they could have a new toilet too. The children were incredibly inspired by a fantastic assembly from Linda representing WaterAid. She told us all about the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene.

Since then, and for the rest of this school year, we are collecting **small** change to make a **big** difference for two projects. The children decided that they would count the pennies and change and then it will be split between the 'Toilet Twinning' charity and raising funds to replace our old minibus.

By donating £60 to twin our toilet, we can help those in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine, clean water and the information they need to be healthy. For each £60 we raise, our smallest room becomes the proud owner of a certificate, complete with a colour photo of its twin and GPS coordinates so the children can look up our twin on Google Maps!

The children were asked to bring in some small change to add into the class collection jars. Our Year 6 pupils collect it and count it on Wednesdays each week. The concept is very much around children and families donating a little and certainly not about making big donations on a regular basis. In a world of credit cards and creeping inflation our children do not always understand the worth of pennies and small change and we all know that they can misinterpret plastic cards as an 'everlasting' source of funds. We hope that this project might help children to appreciate 'watching the pennies' more and empower them to develop lifelong habits towards helping others.

Four weeks into the initiative and we are very excited to buy our first 'twinned toilet' having raised £60.01 so far! We hope that we can match the seven we received through the Big Build for people living without any toilet at all over this school year.



Mrs Katy Pinchess, Head Teacher

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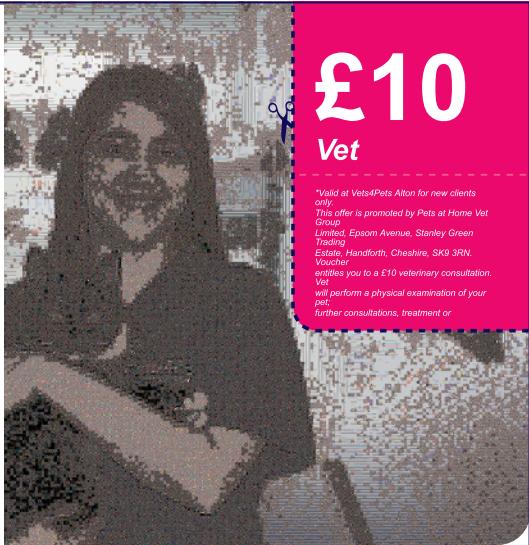
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4 8.00 HC	5 <i>Recycling</i>	6	7 2.30 <i>Better Balance</i>	8 9.45 <i>Toddlers Gp</i> 12.30 Old Malthouse, <i>Lent Lunch</i> 7.30 <i>Wildlife</i>	9 9.30 <i>Meeting Place</i> 7.30 <i>Gardening Club</i>	10
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