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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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EHDC Draft Local Plan

As many of you will be aware we are now in the consultation period for the new draft local plan proposed by EHDC. The local plan covers all of East Hampshire excluding the South Downs National Park and outlines prospective development in the area that the authority covers until 2036. It is therefore, not surprisingly a detailed and lengthy document but one that will have profound consequences for our local area. This consultation started on 5th February and runs until 5pm on 19th March. There will be a further consultation sometime in summer this year but at that point comments will only be invited on the plan's "soundness" and it will be much harder to make any significant changes to the draft plan as it then stands.

We would urge you to get involved and have your say now during this consultation period. Whilst the Parish Council will submit comments it is important that EHDC hear from as many residents as possible. You can find the local plan on the EHDC website and can respond to the consultation questionnaire through their portal which can be found at <http://easthantsjdi-consult.net/localplan/>

EHDC have also developed a helpful shorter guide to the local plan which can be accessed through their website by looking for "Local Plan made Easy."

Although there are developments of different scales proposed in many towns and villages close to us the primary matters for Froyle are:

1. Proposed changes to the existing settlement boundary in Upper Froyle (map 1)
2. The introduction of a settlement boundary around part of Lower Froyle (map 2)
3. The proposal to build a minimum of 800 new houses on land around Northbrook Park. (map 3)

Looking at the information provided by EHDC, the Parish Council believes that the proposed change to the settlement boundary in Upper Froyle around West End farm is concerning and needs further explanation.

We intend to question why and on what basis a new settlement boundary should be introduced in Lower Froyle. Although it has been drawn quite tightly around existing gardens the creation of a settlement boundary fundamentally changes the status of the area it is proposed to cover from countryside to a defined settlement. This opens up the way for infill housing development, which we believe is unnecessary, and could be detrimental to the village. Details of the settlement boundary changes can be found online in a document called Settlement Policy Boundary Review Interim Methodology Paper .

The most significant change in the draft plan is the proposal to build a new settlement of a minimum of 800 houses at Northbrook Park. The Parish Council believes that this would have very profound consequences on the quality of life for all Froyle residents. A development of this scale might be expected to bring at least an additional 2000 people into the area without any clarity on how our existing strained infrastructure will be developed to support this. Whether it is roads, rail services, bus services, school places, the availability of doctor or dentist appointments, policing or the provision of basic services such as power and water there are no obvious or easy answers as to how these concerns will be addressed.

In our view addressing infrastructure is not even just a question of money – we simply can't widen roads to take more traffic without fundamentally compromising the rural nature of our local area.

As Bentley are the closest parish to the proposed development they will be most directly affected and have already had some correspondence from the developers. This can be viewed by going to the Bentley Parish Council website www.bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk and looking under the Latest News section. You will see that the letter is from David Jobbins of Luken Beck who some of you will remember from the Treloars development consultation, on behalf of the Nicholas James Group who are the developers and of course owners of Froyle Park.

Please do let the Parish council know your thoughts on any of the proposed changes. It is important to us that we have the information to properly represent your views.

Once adopted this plan will shape development around us until 2036 so it's really important that all of us input now.

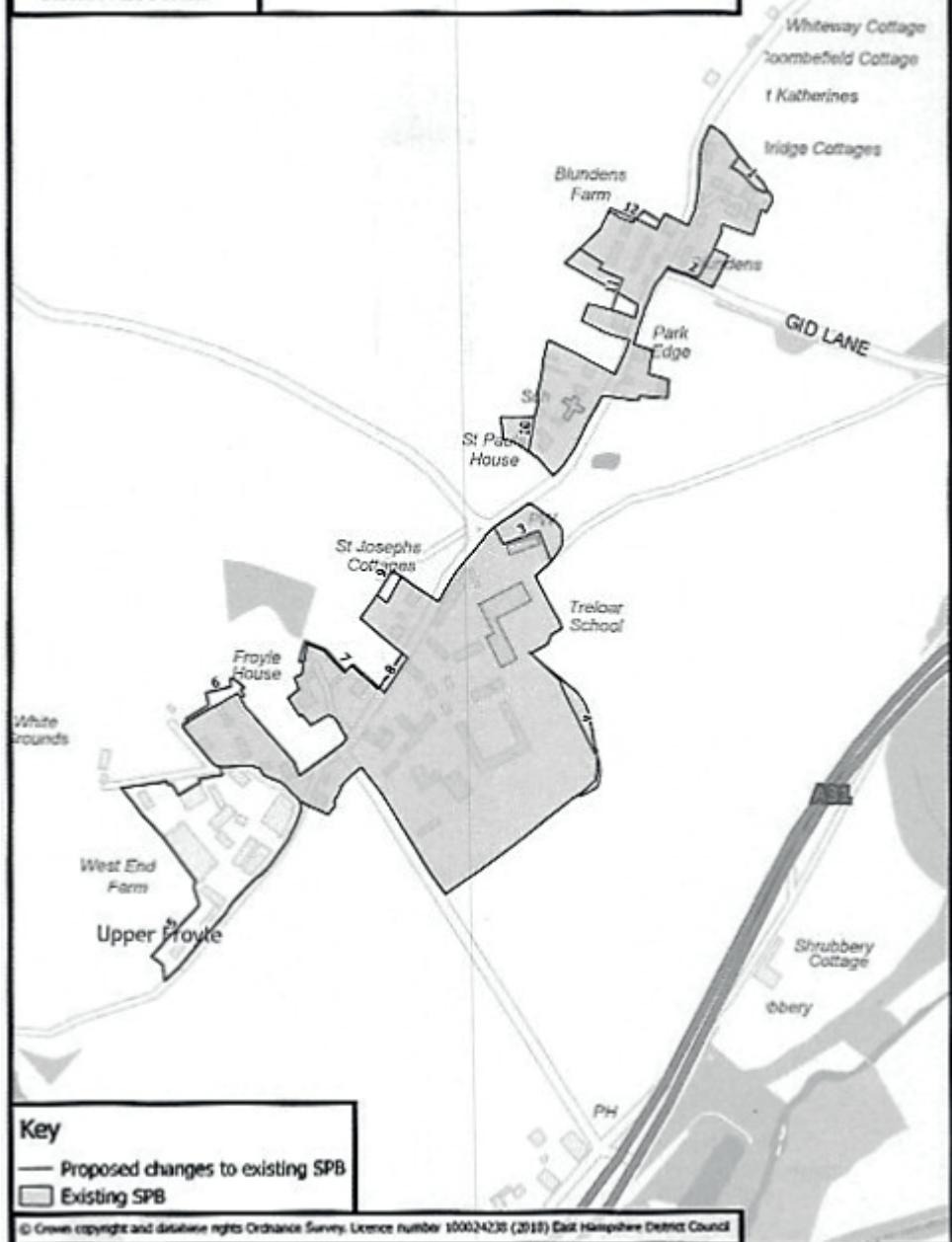
Julie Southern (Chair, Froyle P.C.)

Editor's Note - three principal plans follow. For higher resolution versions, please consult the online version of the Froyle Village Magazine at :-

www.froyle.com/magazine/magazine.htm

Or on EHDC's website.

**UPPER FROYLE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO SPB**

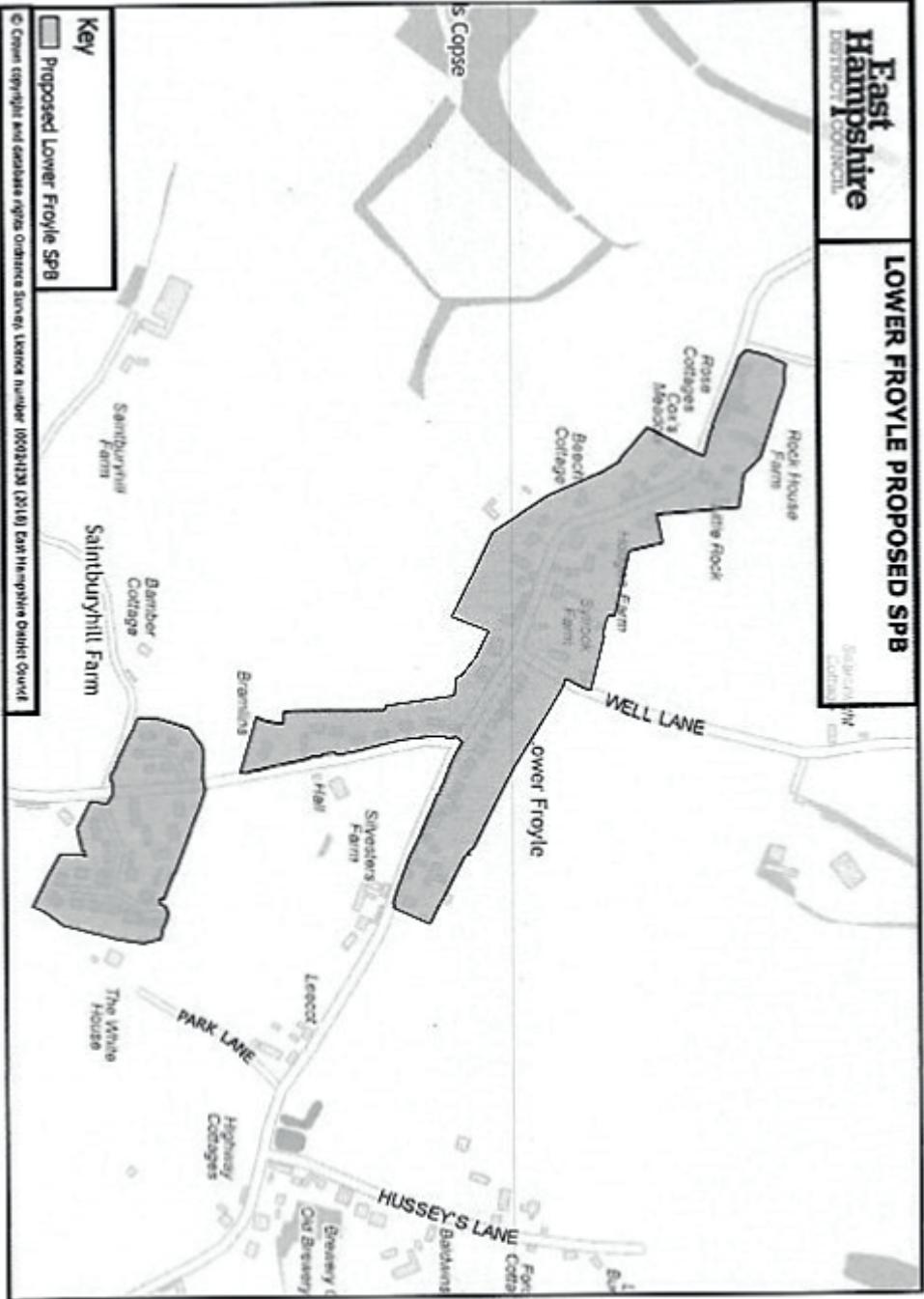


LOWER FROYLE PROPOSED SPB

Scale
1:12500
1km

Key

■ Proposed Lower Froyle SPB





LEGEND

■ SITE BOUNDARY

DEVELOPMENT PARCELS

EMPLOYMENT

→ FOOTPATH

Outline Plan for Northbrook Park



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Village 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. Further information about the hall can be found at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 15 February Froyle Film Night presented 'Enough Said' an American comedy about the pleasures and perils of dating a second time round in middle age. The audience learnt among other things that it is not always a good idea to go out with a chap while making friends with their ex. Despite promoting the event for the first time on social media, turnout was a little disappointing although we more or less broke even. Nevertheless it was a thoroughly jolly evening with excellent hot dogs, delicious chocolates and our new, very tasteful, blue cushions all contributing to the enjoyment. Many thanks to the organisers and everybody else who helped and indeed came. We hope to stage another Film Night later in the year and it has been suggested that we also show a children's/family film at around 5.30. Reactions to this idea and suggestions for films would be very welcome.

'Race Night' will return on 17 May. This event has been much enjoyed in the past and made a good contribution to hall funds. At least one happy punter has left with a nice wad of winnings. Please put the date in your diary. More information to follow next month.

The store room has undergone a thorough reorganisation. The racking has been repositioned so that the tables and chairs can be kept closer to the door. Do please help us by keeping the room tidy and stacking the furniture as directed. A big thank you to all those who joined the working party.

A deep clean of the kitchen and toilets is planned for the end of February. The hall will be closed for a day and will reopen looking at its sparkling best.

Just recently I was given the old village hall minute book starting from the early 1960s. It recorded the trials and tribulations of running the original wooden hall as damp and rot took over, the momentous decision to build a new hall, the heroic efforts to raise funds and the successful completion of a project which gave us the hall we all still enjoy today. Talk about standing on the shoulders of giants. I salute them.

I suspect our current committee is perhaps a little less formal than in the past. Certainly we laugh a lot. But we get through a fair bit of business. Recently we have been discussing our Reserves Policy and identifying future projects. The floor is holding up well but we need to put funds aside for a major refurbishment in a couple of years' time. We have agreed to go ahead with replacing the dimmable lights with low voltage dimmable leds. This should produce a measurable saving in our electricity bill. The solar panels on the hall roof continue to make a contribution to reducing costs. When the price of battery technology comes down and we can store the electricity we produce, further savings can be made.

Some years ago we were given a number of turquoise stacking chairs which we keep in the container for occasions when we need as many chairs as possible. A bit of recent research has revealed that they are a design classic being the first polypropylene stacking chair made in 1963 by the famous furniture designer Robin Day. Since we last bought chairs for the hall the Robin Day Polyside Chair has been relaunched with the original design and colour. At nearly fifty pounds each they are outside our budget. We have left one in the hall so you can try it out and report back.

The committee takes user comfort very seriously and we are well aware that our chairs are not the most comfortable for an extended sit. We have tested a number of alternatives but have failed to agree about anything. It has finally dawned on us that we are all different shapes and sizes. So what to do?

To get the project under way we will initiate a programme of measuring. This will be conducted most efficiently at the Meeting Place. Evening sessions and home visits will be considered. A number of official ‘measurers’ will be appointed and given appropriate training. Volunteers for this task should send in their CV. A panel of ‘overseers’ drawn from the PCC and the Wildlife Group will be required to witness the measuring and ensure that full decorum is maintained and the tape measure is kept at all times at body temperature. Videos of each measuring event will be made available on You Tube in the interest of openness and transparency.

In some instances plaster casts will need to be made.

For those residents who are shy or retiring, it will be possible to enter your measurements online through your computer. Your submission must be accompanied by photographs taken from three angles all suitably stamped with your name and date of birth. Photocopied images are not allowed under any circumstance!

Yes it will cost a great deal but we hope individualised seating arrangements will create a real uplift in the use of the hall, enhance the sense of well-being in the community with the added significant bonus that **we can stop talking about it!**

Nick Whines (23130) secretary@froylervillagehall.co.uk





The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home -made cake, hot drinks and good conversation.

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow.

We always welcome surplus local produce, especially eggs, vegetables and flowers.

Dogs on leads are very welcome in the hall, but PLEASE come prepared to clean up any "accidents" that may occur.

Cake Bakers for March

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.

1st	Sarah Zorab	Sue Sharman	Sarah Basey	Julie Southern
8th	Sarah Roberts	Jane Stewart-Smith	Charlotte Inskip	
15th	Gill Bradley	Jenny Gove	Shirley Bellis	Katie Rath
22nd	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Matthews	Helen MacDonald
29th	Bea Sword	Louise Marston	Sue Lelliott	Lisa Bowler

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE FOR ANY REASON AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM FOR ANY REASONABLE BAKING EXPENSES.

Kitchen Helpers for March

1st	Lauraine Bourne	Nigel Southern
8th	Corinna Whines	Kerris Edmondson
15th	Jane MacNabb	Jenny Topping
22nd	Sarah Roberts	Linda Hagan Wilkie
29th	Barbara Starbuck	Yvonne Irvine

Please arrange swaps amongst yourselves, but do let us know if there are any problems. With the later start time, there is no need to be at the hall before 10.15am.

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Froyle Wildlife

Talks, Walks & other Events

2019

Dates for the Diary



On Friday 22nd March we welcome Dr Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. We'll find out about the three types of bees - solitary, honey and bumblebees - their lifecycle and ecology, their decline and how we can help focusing on gardening through the seasons. Nikki will give an introduction to bumblebee identification and also include her work on the short-haired bumblebee project.

Doors open Froyle Village Hall 7pm for teas and coffees, talk to start at 7.30pm. All welcome, entrance £3 for non members.

Friday 22nd March, a talk entitled 'Plight of the Bumblebee' by conservationist Dr Nikki Gammans. How we can help our bees.

Saturday 27th April 4.30pm*, Join Mark Howard, hurdle maker for a walk through a worked Coppice Woodland near Crondall. Appreciate the benefits to wildlife.

Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm, talk 'RSPB Farnham Heath, the story so far' by Mike Coates. Discover the birds and nature of this restored heathland.

Saturday 18th May 10.30am*, short walk to a Wildflower Meadow and Froyle Churchyard. Identify local flora in wildlife friendly grassland.

Wednesday 26th June 10am*, walk at Noar Hill SSSI for orchids and wildflowers.

Sunday 7th July, join us for a 'drop-in' day at the Wildlife Pond and Meadow to see what's flying and flowering, anytime 10am-4pm near Gid Lane, Froyle.

Wednesday 7th August 2pm*, a walk at Old Winchester Hill NNR for flowers, views and butterflies.

Sunday 11th August pond dipping for families at Froyle Park wildlife pond, two sessions 1.30pm and 2.30pm, all equipment provided.

Friday 18th October, 7pm, AGM and talk 'Ancient and Heritage Trees' by John Stokes. Important for biodiversity and as natural landmarks for centuries.

Doors open 30 minutes before the start of talks.

*may be rearranged at short notice depending on the weather. Please check www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news for any changes or phone 23520.

Sue Clark



Froyle Gardening Club

It was a joy and inspiration on a wet and windy February evening to see the photos of spring flowers in the garden of our speaker , Patricia Elkington. Her garden, Little Court, Crawley, near Winchester is full of interest throughout the Spring and we saw and learnt how bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees could give us plenty of colour and fragrance from January to May. Many members took advantage of the added opportunity to acquire some of the less well known species brought from her garden. *Little Court, SO21 2PU is open for the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 10 March 2 – 4.30pm*

Next meeting **8th March**. Peter Almond will be the speaker on ‘ The Life of Plants – understanding how plants grow helps make us better gardeners’

The monthly competition: *Photograph of a Spring scene.*

Visitors welcome - £3

Ann Blunt



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 4th March

2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards or other games do drop by for some very unserious fun.

We play lots of different card and boardgames - our latest is an excellent board game called Blokus - but you name it and we'll play it...

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and a biscuit or two.



*Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)*





Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am -11:45am

(during term times)

Froyle Village Hall

7th March 2019	World Book Day	Please come dressed up as your favourite book character!
14th March 2019	Colours week	What is your favourite colour?
21st March 2019	Our body week	Head, shoulders, knees and toes!
28th March 2019	Boat week	Let's make a boat and see if it floats

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 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

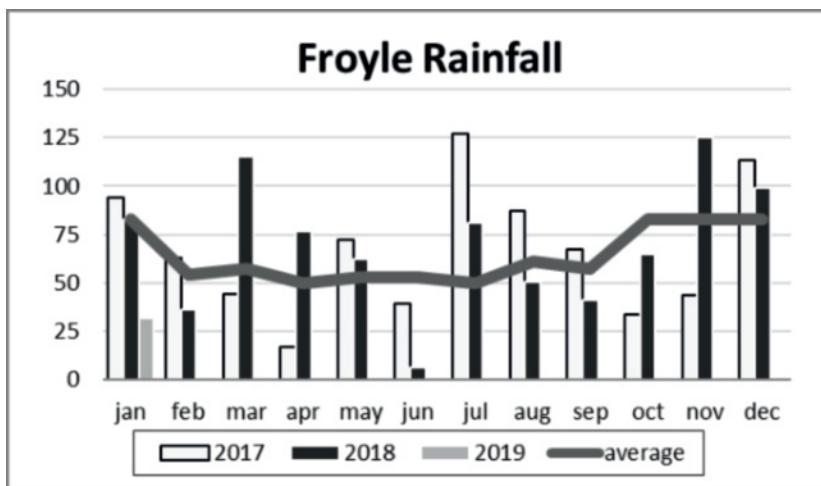


Froyle Baby and Toddler Group would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the Parish Council for donating money towards the group. We have been able to buy 2 lovely thick mats, soft play equipment, a sensory tray, musical instruments, playdoh and lots more! It is really appreciated. Thank you.



Froyle Rainfall for January, 2019

This year	31.5 mm	1.2 ins
Last year	83 mm	3.3 ins
Wettest January (2014)	191.5 mm	7.6 ins
Driest January (1997)	13 mm	0.5 ins
January long-term average – the 4 th wettest month	82.9 mm	3.3 ins



January 2019 was comfortably the driest initial month of the year since 2006, which in turn means it is now on average the driest of the four winter months.

That said, as predicted last month, history suggests that the first quarter as a whole is highly likely to be a soggy one, reinforced by the early indications of February ...



“The Umbrella Man”

People walking their dogs around the edge of the field of Prince’s Paddock (back of Barnfield Close) - there has been an increasing volume of this and they should not be walking around the field. **This not a footpath but a conservation area.** There is a designated footpath across the field between top of Bamber Lane to the bottom of the field (leading back into village). Many thanks.

“Froyle Resident”



Bentley CE Primary School

PTFA Update

Throughout the school year our fantastic PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) run a number of events to raise funds for the school. These can be anything from cake sales, quiz nights, and music festivals to Christmas fairs, film nights, and ice cream sales. We are incredibly lucky to have such an active parent body who not only run the events on the day, but also come up with exciting and new events to raise much needed funds. This year we have two new events planned...

Our very first Bentley Ball will be held on 29th March 2019 from 7pm and we are delighted to be hosting this event in the beautiful setting of Bury Court Barn. Everyone is welcome to join what promises to be a fabulous event. We will be kicking off with a welcome drink on arrival, followed by a delicious three course meal and plenty of opportunity to hit the dance floor and show everyone your groovy moves!

During the evening there will be a 'promises auction', and this is where we need the help of our local community. Do you have a contribution you could offer to add to our auction? This could be anything from pet sitting, car washing, or baking a cake to hair styling, a couple of hours of DIY or gardening or cleaning or perhaps you have a holiday home which could be used for a weekend/week or you have a company that could donate a prize? We are open to anything and everything!

Do you have a business you would like to promote? You can place an advertisement in our programme for the evening for as little as £25! Perhaps you'd like to buy a table and bring your clients along? Or even sponsor an element of the evening?

With tickets being sold already, don't miss out on this evening to remember. It's the perfect opportunity to get some friends together, and help us raise money to replace our school minibus. Having our own school minibus enables our children to enjoy additional school trips that otherwise may be prohibitive if we had to include coach hire in the cost.

If you have any offers for the promises auction, would like to advertise, are interested in sponsoring part of the event or are interested in buying tickets please email bentleyball19@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Our second new event is a Family Sponsored Walk around our beautiful village on Saturday 23rd March. Starting at school at 2pm for our families with Infant children and little ones and 2.30pm for families with Junior and older children, we will make our way around the village, heading towards the station.

All participating families will be given a map and details of the scavenger hunt which will include a number of items to collect or photograph along the way. The walk will end back at school where hot and cold drinks, delicious cakes and yummy biscuits will be available.

The route is approximately three miles and, whilst on public footpaths, does go over stiles so will not be appropriate for children in buggies. You are welcome to bring dogs along, but they must be kept on leads at all times.

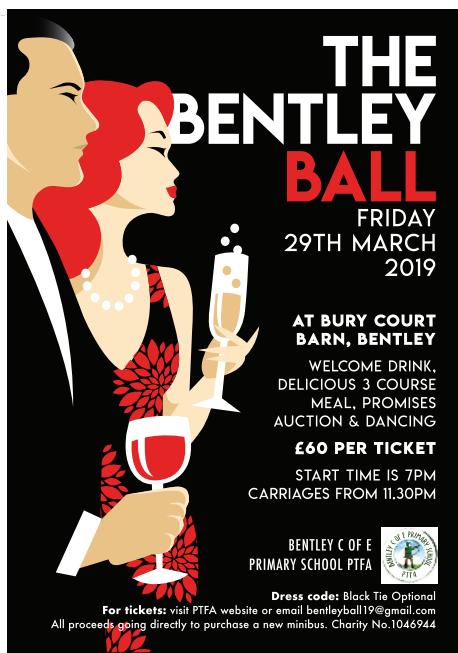
Everyone is welcome to join in - we just ask that you register your participation with a donation of £2 per family. You can do this by contacting the school office by email adminoffice@bentley.hants.sch.uk. This will help ensure we have everything in place to guarantee a fun, safe and successful event.

If you would like to sponsor a family taking part you can do so by going to our BT MyDonate page <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/familysponsoredwalk/485547>

All funds raised at this event will go towards paying for new playground markings. Our current ones are looking a little tired and desperately need renewing but the cost of £3,000 is simply outside of the school budget. Your support in this event will help us reach the target!

Everything the PTFA does is for the direct benefit of ALL of our children, to enrich and complement their education. Every penny we raise goes towards making our school the outstanding place it is and gives our children the added extras that so many other schools are unable to provide.

Mrs Katy Pinches, Headteacher





Lent Lunches 2019



These run **from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Wednesdays**, and are simple fare: home-made soup, bread & cheese. The host/hostess chooses the charity to which the donations on the day will go. Everyone welcome; and if anyone needs directions, please ring me. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Ash Wednesday, **March 6th at Badgers Bank**, in aid of Cardiac Rehab.

Lauraine Bourne 22159

Wednesday, **March 13th at Stowell**, in aid of 'The gift of Sight'.

Cherida Cannon 520470

Wednesday, **March 20th at The Old Dairy**, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Sarah Roberts 520041

Wednesday, **March 27th at Wykeham House**, in aid of Piam Brown Children's Ward at Southampton Hospital

Susie Robertson 520820

Wednesday, **April 3rd at Brewery House**, in aid of Victoria's Promise - an Odiham charity supporting young women going through treatment for cancer

John & Vivienne Sexton 520098

Wednesday, **April 10th in St Mary's Church** in aid of Vestment Conservation

Jenny Gove 23697

Froyle 100 Club

Winners for February 2019

1st - Linda Bulpitt 2nd - Paul Cousins

3rd - Annette Eyre 4th - Amanda Maher

Congratulations to all winners!

William (07775 928933, wbk@wbknowles.com

March News from The Froyle Archive

One always associates Froyle with the Miller family, after all they were Lords of the Manor for nearly 300 years. But there are other famous people in history who have a strange and divergent connection with the village. Sir William Pepperell is one such person. His death is recorded in St Mary's church records, but not his grave in the 1983 survey of burials.



However, on the North wall of the nave hangs his hatchment. (*left*). A hatchment is a large coat of arms, usually painted on a wood and canvas frame, erected over the door of a deceased person's house after their death. The hatchment stayed in place for one year, after which it was moved to the parish church where it was usually hung on a wall. Hatchments were used in Britain from the 17th century, and the last recorded use was in 1942 in Lancashire.

But who was Sir William Pepperell?

The search took us a long way from Froyle and back in time over two hundred years to before the American Declaration of Independence, and we found two! The first William Pepperrell was born in 1696 at Kittery Point, Maine (*then part of Massachusetts*). A wealthy merchant, landowner, and businessman, he became a colonel in the colonial militia, was a delegate to the Massachusetts General Court, a member of the governor's council, and was appointed chief justice in 1730. In 1745 he commanded the land forces that, with a British fleet, captured the French fortress of Louisburg, on Cape Breton, Canada and he became known as 'The Hero of Louisburg'. In recognition of this service, Sir William became the first native American to be created baronet in 1746 and briefly governed Massachusetts between 1756 and 1757. He died in 1759.

'Our' Froyle Pepperell was his son, William, (*right with his family*) who graduated from Cambridge (*Massachusetts*) in 1766 and the next year married Elizabeth Royall. These were tempestuous years as the colonies in America struggled to break free of British rule. In 1774 he was chosen as a member of the governor's council, but when that council was reorganised under the act of Parliament, he fell into disgrace because of his loyalty to the king. On November 16th 1774, the people of his own county passed a resolution in which he was declared to have "forfeited the confidence and friendship of all true friends of American liberty, and ought to be detested by all good men." Thus denounced, the baronet retired to Boston, and, in 1775, sailed for England. Here Sir William was allowed £500 per annum by the British government, and was treated with much deference. He was the good friend of all refugees from America, and entertained hospitably at his pleasant home. His private life was irreproachable, and he died in Portman Square, London, in December



1816, at the age of seventy. His vast possessions and landed estate in Maine were confiscated. By 1779 his father in law Isaac Royall, who had been one of the founders of Harvard Law School, also returned to England, his wife Elizabeth sadly dying of smallpox on the voyage in October 1775 and was buried in Boston.

The story now moves to Froyle. Isaac's daughter, Mary, had married a George Erving at Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts and they owned Shrubbery House, 'The Shrubbery' in Upper Froyle.

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 at St Mary's, Upper Froyle on October 17th 1781. His daughter, Mary McIntosh Erving was buried in the same tomb (*Right*) on November 11th 1786. She was aged 42.



Chris & Annette Booth

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 6:00 TO 7:30 PM
A TALK AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

HERALDRY EXPLAINED

What does it mean? Why is it important?

Did you know we have many, varied examples of heraldry in our church in Froyle?

Learn more from

Edward Hepper

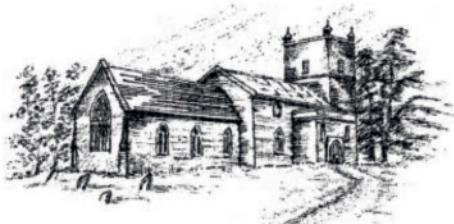
A member of the Heraldry Society, Edward has been interested in heraldry since his schooldays, during his time at Cambridge and through to the present day
Wine and nibbles provided.

TICKETS £10 - AVAILABLE FROM 11th MARCH - call Karen Potter on (01420) 520294.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Benefice Pastoral Care:
Gill Thallon (23538)

Prayer Chain:
Nick Carter (472861)

MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 3 rd	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Wednesday 6 th (Ash Wednesday)	9.30am	Froyle	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Binsted	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 17 th	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 24 th	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	5.00pm	Froyle	Choral Evensong
Sunday 31 st	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday
	11.00am	Froyle	Mothering Sunday Service

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

I just happened to catch the final scene in an episode of the latest series of *Grantchester* the other day. This is the hit TV programme in which a detective constantly turns to his local vicar to help him solve baffling crimes. Now I wasn't struck by the acting, good though it probably is, nor the thought that fighting crime might add some drama to the daily routine of a rural vicar (that would be fun, eh?) but I was intrigued by the final reference that the newly recruited vicar made in his first sermon to his very curious but wary congregation.

He didn't apologise to them for arriving in the village on a thunderous motorbike (maybe that's something I do rather fancy though...), nor did he thank the local young ladies for their giggling attentions, he talked instead about needing the help of his parishioners while he settled into his new role and while not quoting it verbatim, I think he was paraphrasing this passage from Ecclesiastes:

'Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!'

And it struck me that what he was really talking about was fellowship with one another. Now the word 'fellowship' occurs in the Bible and also in our regular services, where we refer to 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit'. But in this instance, the handsome dashing new vicar was talking about his congregation helping him as much as he could help them. He meant helping one another, working together with a common aim and giving each other support. So I started to think about how much 'fellowship' we have in our lives.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines the word principally as companionship, friendliness, participation and sharing, all things which I see in all three of the churches in our Benefice. After singing and praying together in our services, we stay for coffee and cake and chatter, or a much appreciated glass of sherry in the case of Froyle. Newcomers are made welcome by everyone, especially our Church Wardens and anyone who wants a quiet moment and a sympathetic ear can find comfort in one of the prayer corners of the churches. If someone is in need of practical help, such as a lift to the station or the shops there are friends here they can turn to.

And I think that companionship is enhanced through working together too. Groups of knowledgeable ladies select and arrange stunning flower displays throughout the year, rotas are organised to clean the churches every week, volunteers ring bells and work parties share the tasks of tidying churchyards a couple of times a year. There are similar stories in our villages as well, with many community activities available, including Tea at Three and the Wednesday coffee morning at the Wickham in Binsted.

So there is no reason to feel lonely, no reason to be alone, unless that is your preferred state. We are all part of one loving fellowship, here to help and support one another. Oh, and the new vicar of Grantchester ended his sermon by adding, ‘particularly if there is cake involved! And there is cake aplenty here abouts, lemon drizzle, ginger, chocolate, take your pick. Rupert Brooke may have asked, in his well known poem, The Old Vicarage, Grantchester, ‘And is there honey still for tea?’ but here in the Benefice there will always be cake!

*Blessings,
Yann*



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Thanks: Sarah (23294) ↗ Gill (520484)

The Church in Lent

Lent this year starts on 6th March (Ash Wednesday), and, of course, leads up to Easter. In addition to the wonderful Froyle tradition of Lent lunches referred to elsewhere in this magazine, bear in mind the following events over this period.

Ash Wednesday

A short but lovely contemplative Holy Communion service takes place in Froyle church on Ash Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Lent Talks

Thought-provoking public talks on a wide range of subjects linked to Christian faith are a feature of Lent, are held all over the country and are well worth watching out for. On our own doorstep in Alton, a series of five such talks will be given by various speakers on different aspects of the Lord's Prayer on each Thursday evening (7:30 pm to 9:00 pm), from 21st March until 18th April, at Alton Methodist Church.

Events closer to Easter

These will be featured in next month's magazine, but make a note of the following:

- **Maundy Thursday** choral service in Froyle church. This service to commemorate the Last Supper is one of the two main choral events in the year held in Froyle. It is atmospheric, sombre but uplifting – definitely worth experiencing if you enjoy choral music. It starts at 6:00 pm.
- **Maundy Thursday Passover Supper** This is a Passover meal in the Jewish tradition (but organised by Christians!) which illustrates in a light-hearted way the Jewish origins of the Christian faith. It is instructive as well as being great fun, with good food and bring-your-own wine. It is open to all. The three churches in our benefice take it in turn to host it – this year it is Bentley's turn. It starts at 7:30 pm. So you can manage both the service in Froyle and the supper in Bentley if you are feeling brave! The contrast is a rewarding one which I much enjoy!
- **Good Friday** meditative service in Binsted This is another unusual service which is well worth attending for an hour or so of quiet reflection.
- **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Garden making** This event for children at Froyle church on the Saturday before Easter Day was entertaining and successful last year, if a little chaotic, so we are planning to repeat it this year – probably at 10:00 am.

If anyone has any questions, do please let me know.

William Knowles (23164)



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A note about the new Church electoral roll

This year, 2019, as part of a six-yearly process, St Mary's, like every church in the country, has to prepare a new electoral roll. The roll is a list of people who can vote in some church elections, the most important being for members of our Parochial Church Council. The PCC, along with the priests in the parish, is the group which runs the church, looking after things like service arrangements, the building and the churchyard.

Signing up is easy: you have to complete and return a form, which simply asks for your name, address, email address and whether you have a sufficient link with the church. You don't have to pay, and we promise only to use your data in relation to church electoral roll matters. **Even if you were on the old roll, you will have to sign up again now, if you want to be on the roll.**

Being on the roll means you can vote in the PCC elections, which gives you a say in who runs the church. Please enrol if you're interested in the church, and the village, of which it is an important part, and want your views to be represented. Once on the roll you're also eligible for election to the PCC, if you want to have a say yourself. The elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which this year is on Thursday 4 April.

You can apply for inclusion on the new roll from now till 11 March. You can find a form in the church, at the Meeting Place, or from me. Please do sign up.

Jonathan Pickering

Warren Cottage, Lower Froyle

Church Electoral Roll Officer

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“St. Mary’s News”

From pen pictures of the fallen heroes of Froyle, to rescuing vestments which rival those in York Minster, you will find much of interest in our first issue of “St Mary’s News”. This has now been delivered to those on the church electoral roll but is available to everyone. Printed copies can be found at the back of the church or it can be downloaded from www.benbinfo.co.uk.

Future issues will include insights on projects and plans which will contribute to village life, so if there’s anything you’d like to know about, just get in touch via media@benbinfo.co.uk.



Welcome Sam & Gemma!

The Churches of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle are delighted to share with you that we have appointed Sam Ball and Gemma Turnbull, who will be starting in September and working with the youth and children in our villages.

Sam and Gemma were both brought up in NW Kent and met on a youth mission trip to Spain in 2012. In June 2017 they got engaged and will be getting married in July this year. They are both heavily involved in their home church, St Peter's in Hextable (a village just outside of Swanley), doing youth and worship, especially since studying their degrees in Theology and Youth Ministry, and Theology, Music and Worship.

They came to visit in October and fell in love with Benbinfo and after interview, have accepted the offer to become Pastoral Assistants - Gemma focusing on Youth Work and Sam on Worship. Sam's favourite colour is blue (even though he's colourblind) and he likes eating biscuits. Gemma likes red (even though she used to have pink hair) and her weakness is tea and cake.

(They will therefore both enjoy that we are always serving tea/coffee and cakes at most church events.)



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Sarah Robert (520041) & Julie Southern (520620)

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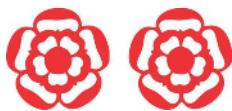
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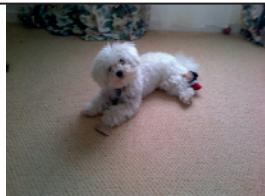
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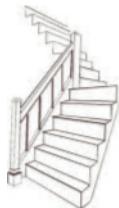
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<i>3</i> <i>8.00 HC</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Recycling</i> <i>2.30pm Cara club</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>9.30 HC</i> <i>Ash Weds.</i> <i>12.30pm Lent lunch</i>	<i>7</i> <i>9.45am</i> <i>Toddler gp.</i>	<i>8</i> <i>10.00am</i> <i>Meeting place</i> <i>7.30pm</i> <i>Gardening club</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> <i>11.00 HC</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Refuse &</i> <i>Garden waste</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>12.30pm Lent lunch</i>	<i>14</i> <i>9.45am</i> <i>Toddler gp.</i>	<i>15</i> <i>10.00am</i> <i>Meeting place</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> <i>11.00 HC</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Recycling &</i> <i>Glass</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>12.30pm Lent lunch</i>	<i>21</i> <i>9.45am</i> <i>Toddler gp.</i>	<i>22</i> <i>10.00am</i> <i>Meeting place</i> <i>7.00pm</i> <i>Wildlife talk</i> <i>Mag deadline</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Evensong</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Refuse &</i> <i>Garden waste</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>12.30pm Lent lunch</i>	<i>28</i> <i>9.45am</i> <i>Toddler gp.</i>	<i>29</i> <i>10.00</i> <i>Meeting place</i>	<i>30</i>

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