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(PC) met on 17th February and draft minutes are available on the PC website. The main business of the meeting was to award the contract for demolition of the football hut. Subject to getting all the necessary approvals in place this work will take place towards the end of March and may result in some reduction in car parking spaces at the Village Hall for a few days. Notice of the dates for the work will be publicised when known.

Following demolition, the slab will have temporary fencing erected around it for safety and security. The PC discussed a number of community facilities and amenities for the slab and elsewhere on the Rec and initiated two projects a) to develop plans for a three bay wood framed building on the slab with two bays as open space and one for storage and accessible toilet; and b) to investigate new facilities on the Rec such as a perimeter path and outdoor gym that residents have recently indicated they would be interested in.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held for the first time in two years on **Wednesday 20th April at 19.00** in the Village Hall. The format of the meeting has been changed this year to make it more interactive and informative for residents. After a short period of formal business, attendees will be able to obtain details about village activities by visiting stalls manned by representatives from groups and societies representing village based organisations while enjoying a glass of wine. Details of the groups represented will be published in the next magazine but it is hoped that Froyle Estate (Belpot) will be represented. **Do make a note of this date in your diaries.**

Froyle has signed up to the Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy and will be held from 25 March to 10 April. Residents will be encouraged to sign up for a number of bags to be collected and further information on how you can take part will be publicised shortly on noticeboards, website and social media.

The PC was pleased to appoint Sue Lelliott as Froyle Tree Warden and look forward to working with her to protect the natural habitats around the village. One of her first jobs will be to coordinate the planting of a tree(s) for the Platinum Jubilee – Queen's Canopy

The PC has agreed to investigate the provision of a defibrillator in Upper Froyle at West End farm.

Around the village – two new planning applications were received since the last PC meeting for formal permission to demolish the football hut and the other is an update to the plans for a loft conversion in Upper Froyle. No objections to these will be submitted.

Veolia's application to build a massive waste incinerator on the site of the recycling facility on the A31 has been recommended for approval by Hampshire Planning despite over 5,500 objections being submitted by the public, local politicians and a number of statutory bodies. The Regulatory Committee is meeting on 23rd February to determine the application at which representations will be made against the proposal by the PC, local Councillors and MP. If the committee decides to approve, an application has been made to Secretary of State to call it in for a final decision.

Members of the PC met with the owner of Froyle Estate (Belport) in February when constructive discussions were held regarding new permissive footpaths, upgrading of stiles with gates and clearance of culverts in Ryebidge Lane and Cemetery Lane Upper Froyle where flooding occurs. Action to address these issues would be taken after Belport are able to access the land at the expiry of existing tenancies in autumn 2022.

Belport briefed the PC on the status of the proposed grain dryer above Upper Froyle that received planning consent last year. Groundworks are planned to commence in April after which the new buildings would be erected and machinery installed. Grain harvested this year will be stored in the silos and dried over the winter. Users of the footpaths especially along Spollycombe Lane should take care and be mindful of the construction traffic accessing the site over the spring and summer months.

The advertised closure of Ryebidge Lane in Upper Froyle in early March is related to the same resurfacing project that was carried out along Froyle Road last year. A further closure is likely to happen in a few weeks when the new road surface is applied.

Preparatory work has commenced on the construction of the Esso's new pipeline from Southampton to London with the removal of hedging for road crossings e.g. along Froyle Road by the Anchor, and floodlighting from the construction compound beside the A31. The intrusive nature of the floodlighting has been reported by the PC to EHDC Compliance who will check to ensure that the lights have been properly installed.

The new surface has been applied to the noticeboard on Hadwicks Corner in Lower Froyle. The 'self healing' feature of this surface will be compromised if staples or rusty pins are used so could anyone posting notices here please avoid using these.

The next PC meeting will be held on Monday 14th March at 19.00 in the Village Hall – all residents are welcome to attend.

For information about PC meetings, Parish Councillors, useful contacts and events around the village visit the PC website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk.

A vacancy still exists for a Parish Councillor – if interested or for more information please contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Committee has been discussing the budget for the current year. So far bookings have been disappointing. 50% down on the same period in 2019, the last comparable year. We have decided to assume this pattern will continue for the next six months returning to normal we hope in the autumn. We have therefore reduced our expected income accordingly. Our costs which include heating, lighting, insurance and general maintenance are also likely to rise during the year particularly gas and electricity. Our major project for the year is of course the Jubilee celebration for which we have budgeted £4000. We have placed in our reserves £1000 to build up a fund to pay for refurbishing the floor when it next becomes necessary in three or four years time. Overall the hall will operate at a loss this year which is not our normal practice of attempting to break even. However this needs to be balanced against the improvements we made to the hall during lockdown and the various government grants we received while closed which has ensured that the hall remains in good financial health.

We plan to hold our Annual General Meeting on 20 April along with the Annual Parish Meeting at which we will present our accounts for 2021 for approval. The Committee will stand down and seek re-election. I am sure attendance will be much better than last year. More information about the AGM in next month's Magazine.

We do need to increase the usage of the hall and ideas from residents of how we might do this would be very welcome. We are hoping that the Mothers and Toddlers Group will resume in the spring. I hear talk of more art classes. But what else? The hall is well suited to children's parties so if you are a member of a PTA do please pass on details of our website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk.

We are looking at bringing the pool table back into operation. We also have a table tennis table which has lurked unloved at the back of the container for many years. Would anyone be interested in making use of this? We plan to support Alton Foodbank by having a permanent container in the hall into which contributions can be placed at any time when the hall is open. See page 4 for more details.

The village hall continues to operate an email list which is used to alert residents to events, cries for help etc. To join the list email David Robertson darinfroyle@aol.com The list is operated in strict compliance with data protection rules. You will not be bombarded with messages.

Although lockdown restrictions are coming to an end there does seem to be a general reluctance to venture forth. I am more guilty than most. Attendance at the Meeting Place for example has declined and this is a shame. If you have not yet been to the Meeting Place on a Friday morning and enjoyed the company and the excellent cake that is served there, do give it try. The more people attend the more people will attend but sadly the reverse is also true. Some effort is going to be needed to rebuild the community spirit for which Froyle has a fine reputation. It would be good to think that a younger generation of residents are standing by and ready and willing to make things happen. The Jubilee celebration will be a test. Lots of volunteers are going to be needed for the event to be a success and to prevent the organisers wearing themselves to a frazzle. The following weekend we have Froyle Open Gardens when more help will be needed. It's certainly a daunting prospect. Don't wait to be asked. Please step forward!

Nick Whines
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk 23130

ALTON FOOD BANK

Donations at Froyle Village Hall

With the increased fuel and food prices across the UK, we are supporting Alton Food Bank again by having a permanent collection box at the village hall. Demand continues to be very high as the cost of living crisis begins to really impact low income families in our area.

The hall is open at various times during the week, in particular between 9.30-12 each Friday for donations. Please be as generous as you are able.

They are currently in need of::

Rice (dry)	Peanut butter	Sponge puddings(long life not chilled)
Pasta	Chocolate spread	Laundry detergent & conditioner
Pasta sauce	Coffee	Shampoo & conditioner
Marmalade	Cereal	Cleaner spray
Marmite	Multipack crisps	Toilet rolls
Size 5 nappies		

Thank you in advance for all your donations - every single one will make a difference to a local family.

If you have any questions please contact Louise Marston 07785 350381.



Save the date!

**THE FROYLE PLATINUM JUBILEE BIG LUNCH
5TH JUNE**

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND



Lets fire up the BBQ and celebrate together
Join us on the Recreation Ground for food, pimms,
music, kids entertainment, competitions and fun!

ALL RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME



The Meeting Place

This takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. We also now have a NEW selection of books to borrow.

March Kitchen Helpers

4 th	Sue Carr	Nigel Southern
11 th	Brian Jones	John Dunn
18 th	Sue Lelliott	Kim Blake
25 th	Barbara Starbuck	Yvonne Irvine

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

March Cake Bakers

4 th	Sarah Roberts	Madeleine Black	Charlotte Inskip
11 th	Julie Southern	Sue Sharman	Gillian Pickering
18 th	Caroline Findlay	Susie Robertson	Alison Pincott
25 th	Gill Bradley	Laura Ozelyte	Harriett Wharfe

We don't always remind the bakers, but please do let us know if you can't bake for any reason. It's also helpful to know what cakes are coming, just so we don't get three of the same variety!

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

Gill Bradley 520484 gabradley@gmail.com

Jenny Gove 23697 govejenny@gmail.com

Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

CLOSURE AND PATIENT TRANSFERS

Letters are starting to arrive informing patients about their new practice and transfer date. Assignments and patient record transfers are being managed by the Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). If anyone has not received a letter by 11th March 2022, please email the CCG directly: nhccg.enquiries@nhs.net

People on regular medication need to nominate a new pharmacy. Nominating a pharmacy now will ensure prescriptions are fulfilled with minimum disruption during the transfer process, and can always be changed later on. If you still need to action this, and want to avoid online pharmacy services, <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy> will generate a list of local pharmacies. It also lists telephone numbers in case you need to discuss delivery options. Please text, write or drop a note into the surgery with your nomination. You can also message the practice via its facebook page (use the message button) <https://www.facebook.com/bentleyvillagesurgery>

Our Community Information Volunteer, Madeleine Black, is working with the care group to identify and help anyone who is unable to collect their own medication from a pharmacy. Please call Madeleine on 23371 if you need assistance.

If you are an internet user - please keep up to date with regular checks on the practice website: <https://www.bentleysurgery.org.uk>

As to be expected a number of staff have already left to move to new jobs. This is putting additional pressures on the staff who are staying on to look after patients and carry out the closure-related tasks. Please be mindful of this whenever you call or visit the practice. Everyone is committed to doing the best they can until every patient is at a new practice and the doors close for the last time on March 31st. Thank you to every member of staff for this, and for being such an important, dedicated and valued part of our community for so many years. It is a sad and stressful time for everyone.

Thank you.
Michelle Essenson
Chair, Patient Participation Group



BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group telephone number for making bookings with the car service will in future be -

07775 458873

This change will take place on 1 March 2022.

Any other queries should be addressed to the Secretary,

Ellen Saunders, on -

01420 590697

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

DO YOU HAVE JUST A FEW HOURS TO SPARE?

BINSTED BENTLEY & FROYLE CARE GROUP

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group provides a Car Service that takes local residents to GPs, hospitals, dentists & opticians appointments. The service operates from Monday to Friday and can be for local appointments to Alton, Bentley & Farnham, or further afield Basingstoke & Guildford etc.

The service relies entirely on volunteers and we really need more volunteers!!

The volunteers act either as coordinators - who take calls from clients and arrange the transport to meet their requirements; or as drivers who take the clients to their appointments. There is no regular commitment required, when asked you simply offer to help when you can, even if this is only two or three times a year. You can choose to do either the short or the longer journeys.

Expenses are paid to all volunteers - telephone expenses for coordinators and a mileage expenses for drivers.

The help the car service gives to those in need and is greatly appreciated, so if you feel able to volunteer, in any capacity, no matter how little time you have available, it is a great way of supporting your community.

Please contact Ellen Saunders on 01410 520679 if you can help.



March from the Potting Shed

March is the month that we are all itching to get out into our gardens and get planting, sowing and tidying up. With Easter being in the middle of April this year we do not need to be in such a rush. Early potatoes can be planted from the middle of this month. I do half this month and then the rest around Easter. Other vegetables which can be sown outside when the weather is right include, onion sets, carrots, parsnips and leeks. Hardy annuals can be sown outside and the sweet peas sown in the winter can be planted out provided they have been hardened off – watch out for slugs.

Late flowering perennials can be lifted and divided at this time of the year, while organic mulch can be applied to the borders where necessary. Once hellebores have finished flowering and have started to produce those wonderful seed heads you can remove the pods before they start shedding seeds unless you want a mass of seedling hellebores. These seedlings will not have the same flower colour as the parent. Division is the best way to propagate hellebores.

Autumn fruiting raspberries can be cut to the ground if you have not already done this, then apply a good feed such as Vitax Q4 to stimulate good growth. Strawberries can also be given a feed and for early fruit cover some plants to produce earlier flowers and also to protect flowers from frost.

It is a good idea to check your water butts to see that they have survived the winter so that you can collect as much rainwater that you can off your roofs. Do not forget that all the material you collect from cutting back and tidying up can be chopped up and put into your compost heaps. This will then produce lovely compost for mulching around your plants. Take care and enjoy all the Spring beauty.

February's Talk

On Friday 11th Feb, the gardening club were treated to a most enjoyable talk by Belinda Allan, alongside her husband Stephen about herbs, which included a concise history and their many uses. Belinda was able to advise the members on how to grow and care for the many varied types and an inspiring slide show, showed the vast culinary and medicinal uses of many everyday herbs. Belinda had also brought with her an extensive display of books along with herbs she herself had grown, making it a most informative evening.

Geoff Hawkins

Diary Dates



Spring Show and PLANT SALE

NB Change of date to Saturday 9th April

Schedules will be available at the March meeting

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL

Your surplus plants, seeds and sundries will be needed for this plant stall

Next meeting:

Friday 11th March 7.30pm. Ray Broughton – “Gardening Made Easy” - with Ray Broughton (Winchester, Hampshire). Ray trained at RHS Garden Wisley and has been teaching a wide range of horticultural subjects for the last two decades. Awarded a Fellowship by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture for his service to horticulture, Ray is currently a Senior Lecturer at Sparsholt College. Ray shares his passion for his work with a wide range of available talks including Organic Gardening, Pests and Diseases, Vegetable and/or Herb Gardens, Propagation and The Garden Year – a Month-by-Month Guide. Visitors are welcome.

Anne Blunt, chairman

Lent Lunches 2022

Our lunches begin this year on March 2nd and continue each Wednesday until April 6th. They consist of bread, cheese and home made soups with all donations going to the charity chosen by the hostess. Thank you to all of them for agreeing to host.

Wednesday March 2nd: Susie Robertson at Wykeham House
Charity: Piam Brown children's cancer ward at Southampton Hospital

Wednesday March 9th: Jane Macnabb at Copse Hill Farm
Charity: Lighting refurbishment at St Mary's Church Froyle

Wednesday March 16th: Cherida Cannon at Stowells
Charity: Helen Arkell Centre for Dyslexia Frensham.

Wednesday March 23rd: Gillian Pickering at Warren Cottage
Charity: Crohn and Colitis UK

Wednesday March 30th: Lara Spier at Brocas
Charity: Wheels within Wheels

Wednesday April 6th: Sarah Roberts at The Old Dairy
Charity: Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice



If anyone has any questions or needs directions to a particular lunch venue, do call me.

Jenny Gove 23697govejenny@gmail.com



Would you like to be doing ‘more’ for the planet, escape fast rising energy prices and heat your home burning fewer fossil fuels? If the answer is yes to any of these, there is a government grant scheme launching in April this year that could help you.

For many years the UK government has been running a successful subsidy scheme called the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). The scheme helped homeowners putting in heat pumps and other renewable technologies, paying homeowners a tax-free subsidy for seven years. The glitch was that you had to pay in full up front for the more expensive, renewable technology.

Times are a-changing but there are still millions of homes to get off gas and oil to reach the UK’s Net Zero target. In April 2022, the domestic RHI comes to an end and a new scheme of grants between £5,000-£7,000 will be available to homeowners for three years under the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS). This grant money is for installing low carbon heating and hot water technology in domestic properties to replace oil and gas boilers and accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy.

Technologies covered by the new scheme include, air, ground water source heat pumps and biomass boilers and £450 Million has been set aside so far with the plan of installing 600,000 heat pumps in the UK per year by 2028. Before you start thinking new renewable technologies are for modern homes only, you would be mistaken. Due diligence is needed for calculating heat losses in older properties, sure, but many older buildings 100 years+ have already been upgraded in the UK very successfully.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the BUS there are a few things to note on eligibility for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme:

- 1 – Your property must be an existing building
- 2 – A valid and up to date Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for your home
- 3 – There must be no recommendation in the EPC for loft or cavity wall insulation (Note: if you have a solid walled home you are exempt from needing cavity wall insulation)
- 4 – Homes will have to be assessed and at least one quote provided by an MCS accredited renewable technology installer

More information will be released in the coming weeks but initially there are 30,000 grant allocations being made available and there will be lots of interest!

Useful websites to check out:

EPC Finder - <https://www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate>

MCS Find an Installer – www.mcscertified.com/find-an-installer



Froyle Wildlife

Spring is nearly here...

And, if you're interested in wildlife and having some on your doorstep, now's the time to start thinking about getting the garden ready for new arrivals and returning friends.

Here are a few ideas of what you might do. Clean out the birdbath and any other water features. If you haven't got one, see if you can make a space and put something in. Even an old bucket or bowl will do – better if it's not too accessible for cats – as birds always need water, for drinking and bathing. They're fun to watch too. Have you got a bee hotel? On sale at most garden centres, they're easy to put on a sheltered but warm wall (south-east facing seems to work well), and give solitary bees a home and nursery. If you have (or want) bees in the garden, make sure you've got some flowering plants; think about letting part of the lawn and even a bed go a bit wild to get a bit of variety and colour: the insects, and you, will enjoy them later in the year. And you could plant some herbs in pots and leave them outside. Insects will like the flowers, and you can enjoy the smell and cook with them too.

There are lots of other things you could try too – check out the RSPB website using [this link](#) (*) for some more ideas.

Jonathan Pickering

* <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/?from=homepage>



Wildlife pond from the Avenue, Froyle Park

Froyle Wildlife Needs You!

Do you love the outdoors? Would you like to learn more about local wildlife? If so, please come and help with habitat maintenance in Froyle. Cake and wildlife chat provided! This would also be great voluntary work for Duke of Edinburgh's Award applicants. Forthcoming dates (until July 2022) and locations:

Date	Location	Tasks
19 Mar 10 to 12 & 2 to 4	Froyle Rec	Prepare wildflower plot
2 April from 2 to 4	Froyle Rec	Prepare wildflower plot
9 April from 2 to 4	Froyle Wildlife Pond (near Froyle Park)	Remove electric sheep fence ready for grazing
23 April from 2 to 4	Froyle Wildlife Pond (near Froyle Park)	Mow paths, weed sycamore seedlings
14 May from 2 to 4	Froyle Wildlife Pond (near Froyle Park)	Mow paths, pull nettles, pull knapweed
28 May 10 to 12	Froyle Wildlife Pond (near Froyle Park)	Mow paths, pull nettles, pull knapweed
Around 11 June to 2 July	Froyle Wildlife Pond (near Froyle Park)	Mow paths

Would You Like To Help Swifts This Year?

Swift in a box

As we head into Spring, I look forward to the return of our migrating avian visitors including House Martins, Swallows, and later Swifts, from Africa. Their journeys of thousands of miles are amazing, and it would be great if, following their long flights back here, we could enhance the nesting opportunities of Swifts around the village of Froyle.

If anyone would like to see whether their house is suitable to have the privilege of sharing it with swifts by having a swift nest box placed on it, could you please contact me. If there are several Froyle residents interested, I can arrange for Tim Norris from Hampshire Swifts to come out to have a look. He can then arrange to position the nest box, ready for when these supreme aerialists return. Thank you.

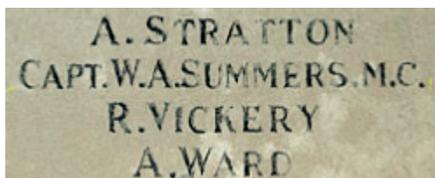


Jayne Fisher

March News from The Froyle Archive

Disappointed by the 1921 Census!

Since the early release of the 1911 Census in January 2009 we have been eagerly awaiting the projected release of the next one (1921), scheduled for 2022. In the ensuing time we had written and published “Lest We Forget - Froyle in the Great War” to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of the war and were looking forwards to seeing the state of the population of Froyle, and, more importantly, the fate of the soldiers we were unable to trace, even though their names had been carved on Froyle’s War Memorial before its dedication in 1921. Of these brave men who had served their country there were two who we could find no trace of no matter where we searched.



Private Albert Stratton, served with the Machine Gun Corps, becoming 32940 Corporal Albert Stratton. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. However, what concerns us is that he appears to have been alive on 3rd December 1921 to receive them!

Of the other one, **Albert Ward**, there is no mention in any available record, so we awaited the release of the 1921 Census which should have helped us track both of these men down.

Our first disappointment with the Census is that, although we pay an annual subscription of £159.99 to access the records (as part of our grant from Froyle Parish Council), we are expected to pay an additional fee of £3.15 to access each individual search of the 1921 Census - and this is without having enough information to be certain we are searching the correct record. How on earth can we be expected to search an entire village, as we have always done in the past?

We have always been proud that we have copies of every Census from 1841 through to 1911. These copies of the original documents have always been available for any one to search and little were we to know that 1911 would be the last one we would be able to share with you.

Find out more at www.froyle.com/warmem.htm

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE FÊTE

Fantastic Opportunity

It has now been three years since the village held its annual fête and in that time a number of the committee stalwarts have decided that it is time to pass the baton.

I for one have enjoyed my time as chairman but feel that now is the opportunity for the fête to embrace new ideas. Many newer residents have already become active members of the village community, involved in the church, meeting place, village hall and parish council so maybe the fête shouldn't miss out.

Organising the fête is a great experience. It doesn't take a great amount of time but is extremely rewarding, especially at 6.00pm on fête day when everything is packed away and you're enjoying a well earned drink. The committee is extremely helpful and hardworking, the meetings are really fun, the minutes are often funnier. For this reason we always have more meetings than necessary! That's maybe why there have only been two chairmen in the last 10 years.

So if you are interested in taking the fête forward with the opportunity to really add something to a village institution that has been going for over 70 years then this is your opportunity.

In June this year there will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee followed closely by Gardens Open so not to have too many events in a short space of time we have decided to hold the fête in September rather than July. This was very successful for last year's festival and it also gives the new chair more time to organise the event.

If you are interested in taking on the role of chairman or want to help and want to discuss it further then call Ian Whitmore on 07825 642705.

FROYLE 100 CLUB

February Draw

The winners in the February draw were:

1st – Margaret Robinson

2nd – Jo Wallis

3rd – Sarah Roberts

4th – Barbara Starbucks

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles Tel: 07775 928933

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St Mary's Church: Project Apollo

The last four weeks have been a time of fascinating and intense hard work by the project team and the intervening month has evaporated in an oblivion of ancient architecture, plaster-dust, and a myriad of decisions.

After the scaffold was erected the painstaking work of examining and raking-out the damaged and cracked plaster began. Some of the plaster was ancient, perished lime plaster and some was not so ancient, but completely inappropriate, more modern gypsum-based plaster. The removal of this material was a dirty, dusty but necessary business and we were relieved that much time had been spent protecting the organ and other precious items in the church from this pernicious material.

There have been many interesting discoveries including:

- Massive holes, hidden from view, low in the chancel ceiling where the Jackdaws have been getting in for years.
- A slipped bat slate in the main body of the roof allowing water to leak into the nave ceiling, nearly causing a ceiling collapse.
- The huge hook in the chancel ceiling for the recently re-discovered chandelier.
- A century's worth of soot, dust and grime covering the spectacular stained-glass windows.
- Structural evidence of a balcony removed from the North side of the nave many years
- The Circle of Rays: nearly 500 years old, hardly noticed but a most important Jesuit icon. It'll look amazing after we've had it restored.

We are astonished by the skills of the craftsmen we have working with us on this project, they are all specialists in ancient building preservation, mainly churches. The stonemasons have performed miraculous repairs using centuries-old lime plaster techniques, the electricians are running cables with a care and dexterity such that their work is hardly visible and the decorators' attention to the fine detail required is exceptional. In mid-March a specialist conservator will be with us for two weeks to clean and bring vibrancy back to dull, tarnished paintwork in the chancel ceiling. I'm sure we'll all be amazed by the changes when we reopen the doors.

The news is all positive, however, there is a supply chain interruption of the specialist breathable paint required for the main body of the building. Unfortunately, this will mean moving back the planned opening date until after Easter. We're currently aiming at Sunday 1st May 2022 but other delays may arise? I'm cautiously optimistic and I'll be able to tell you more definite timings in the next issue of this magazine.

These Repair, Rewire and Redecorate works form part of a larger plan to ensure St Mary's Church can continue to play an important role as a vital community asset in an ever-changing, technologically driven world. Last year, as you know, we opened our wonderful vestry kitchen; we shall soon be fully internet enabled which will mean weddings and other services can be live-streamed, and contactless giving can become a reality; other facilities – toilet, heating, sacristy space in the lean-to structure on the south side of the building – need upgrading.



The hole in the roof and small holes above the stained glass windows.

Detail of the East window showing how black the stone tracery has become. Careful cleaning is planned.



Cracks have been filled and ancient perished plaster replaced with new lime plaster.



The hook for the recently rediscovered chandelier.

All-in-all we have a once in a century opportunity to continue the process – which has been going on since the 1300s – of adapting our lovely church as a Christian and community resource for everyone in the village.

Over the past month I have taken many villagers around the building works on a Friday afternoon and everyone seems to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If you'd like to come along, please get in touch: nigelsouthern@mac.com we're halfway through the program of works already. As they say: Time fly's like an arrow and fruit flies like a banana!

Fund Raising and Celebration events for the coming year are starting to take shape, do come along, see what we're up to and get involved.

Nigel Southern and the PCC

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MARCH SERVICES

Wed 2 nd Mar	6.30pm	Binsted	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Sun 6 th Mar	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
	11.00am	Oakhanger	Holy Communion
Sun 13 th Mar	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Big Praise
Sun 20 th Mrr	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Binsted	Messy Church (Wickham Institute)
Sun 27 th Mar	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Kingsley	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live @5 Yum Yum

St Mary's Froyle is closed until mid May for rewiring and lighting works, and subsequent redecoration. In the meantime, there are services available across the benefice. If you are not receiving it already but would like to receive our weekly digital pew sheet, which includes church news, events and notices, please visit our website and follow the links to sign up or use the QR code in the magazine on page 19.

We are continuing to provide online Sunday services at 9.30am and weekday Thought for the Day videos at 6.30am on our YouTube channel - BenBinFro Churches

For further details, see the benefice website at www.benbinfro.co.uk;

Finding our new vicar

After our farewell services on Sunday 27th February, filled with thanks and joy at what has been achieved and sadness at their departure, Yann, Hannah and their family have now left us for their new parish of Headley.

So, we're formally into the period of being without an incumbent vicar in the Benefice, known as an interregnum. The Writing Group appointed by the PCCs worked hard throughout January and the Benefice Profile was approved at the formal Section 11 Meeting of the Joint Benefice PCC on Tuesday 1st February. The next step is advertising the role, both on the Winchester Diocese website and in the vacancies section of the Church Times.

There have been further meetings of representatives from BenBinFro and Kingsley with Oakhanger as we progress the move towards incorporating the parish into our Benefice. Please continue to hold the Benefice team your prayers.

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Sarah Robert (520041) & Julie Southern (520620)



Thank you so much for all the support during Simon's illness. He was incredibly brave for so many years, having been in more pain than anyone ever knew. My darling husband loved living here and delighted in being part of the community.

Thank you for making both of us so welcome.

Amanda Mayer

An update from our Anna Chaplain

Having relatively recently celebrated Candlemas, it feels like a special time of year for Anna Chaplaincy – with the ministry named after the faithful older woman 'Anna' who lived, prayed, fasted and worshipped at the temple for such a large part of her life. At Candlemas we remember and celebrate the presentation of Jesus at the Temple when he was a little over a month old, but I think it's also an important time to celebrate the very important part that older people play in our communities. Like Simeon and Anna, God cherishes and values each one of us. And no matter what stage of life we are at, God has important roles in mind for us all.

Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry focused on visiting older people wherever they may be living, whether in residential and nursing homes, sheltered housing, retirement complexes or other private homes. The emphasis is on nurturing spiritual support in its broadest sense (whether they have strong, little or no faith) and is focused on each person's individual needs.

Importantly, visits at our two care homes remain closely regulated, but it is so good to be allowed back to visit old friends, and to continually meet new residents. We continue to lead monthly services at Bentley Lodge Care & Nursing Home and Pax Hill Care Home. At our March service, we'll be leading another special service of reflection where we'll be reflecting back over the last year of the pandemic, as we share the highs and lows together.

I'd like to thank our fantastic team of Anna Friends who continue to serve faithfully in this community: Liz Carey, Nick Carter, Steve Fice, Marilyn & Richard Greenway and Sarah Roberts. If you know anyone who would appreciate a phone call or visit from myself or one of our Anna Friends, please get in touch.

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Rev. Nicky Smallwood (Anna Chaplain)

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HISTORY at Bentley CE Primary School

As a school with our own rich history (and a building in Bentley built in 1842!) we are extremely passionate about having a rich and interesting history curriculum for our pupils.

We start with the child's own experiences in our Reception class, where children talk and think about their own timelines and the concept of time passing.

In Key Stage 1 pupils are taught knowledge through specific contexts. For example, we teach about the Victorian era through the life of Florence Nightingale.

By Key Stage 2 we tackle some much more concept based history topics such as 'empire', 'invaders' and 'law' across different periods of history. Chronology is taught to pupils as we follow sequences in history such as Stone Age to Roman invaders but also as they develop skills and knowledge to help them sequence events and periods in history.

We are very fortunate in having teachers who relish their work and love to get pupils immersed in thinking about history. This teaching is enhanced by lots of special experiences, which often stay with children for life! We borrow history boxes from local museums so children have opportunities to see and touch real artefacts.

Children love our special dressing up days, where they experience aspects of life in a different time. We have super visitors into school who share memories and special knowledge to bring alive past times.



Year 1 Chronologies



Dressing up as a Viking Warrior

We carefully plan school visits so our pupils can all enjoy the wealth of historical sites in our area. Pupils love finding out more about the local history of Bentley and our local residents, from Baden Powell to those commemorated in the War Memorial. The Infants are lucky enough to visit Arundel castle and the Sea City Museum. Our Juniors remember visits to the Watercross Line and Butser Ancient Farm, to name but a couple.



Butser Ancient Farm

In our library we are fortunate to have a great resource of super history reference books for our pupils to enjoy. Children can read more about any era in history and particular favourite topics are the World Wars and Henry VIII. Pupils also enjoy autobiographic books about famous people in history and novels based in different times too.

It can sometimes be a little disheartening to know times we adults consider to be relatively ‘recent’ are now considered the ‘olden days’ by our savvy young learners. If you have never experienced the mystified face of a child looking at a CD, or even a camera, I can tell you it is somewhat aging...!

Pupils often tell governors about these experiences and we know they develop a true appreciation for the subject of history over their years at Bentley. If you are reading this article and have a special interest, archive or idea which might enrich our learning then we would love to hear from you! Please do get in touch with our school office at adminoffice@bentley.hants.sch.uk to benefit future historians in the making.

K Pinchess, Headteacher

A March Feast of Greens

Here is a lovely simple pasta dish, which is full of wonderful punchy flavours, is really satisfying – and healthy, too.

Orecchiette ai broccoli

Orecchiette are little swirly pasta shapes (the word means ‘little ears’). If you can’t get them, any small, chunky pasta will do, such as penne or fusilli, not spaghetti, though, it’s the wrong shape for this kind of sauce. Wholegrain pasta makes the whole thing even healthier!

To serve 4, you need:

Approx 2lb broccoli, washed, and hard outer stem removed
4 tablespoons olive oil
2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
Large pinch dried chilli flakes
6 anchovy fillets, drained and chopped
Salt and black pepper
12oz dried pasta of your choice
Grated parmesan or pecorino to taste

Cook the broccoli in a large pan of salted water until the florets are tender. Use a slotted spoon to remove the broccoli and place in a dish, retaining the cooking water in the pan. Now cut away the stems of the broccoli, chop them up, and return them to the water. Divide up the florets and reserve.

Heat the olive oil in a frying pan, and put in the chilli flakes, anchovies and garlic. Cook for a few minutes, mashing with a wooden spoon, so that the anchovies melt into the oil. Add in the broccoli florets, and cook for a few minutes more, stirring from time to time. Season well with black pepper, and a little salt, depending on how salty your anchovies are.

Cook the pasta in the reserved cooking water with the chopped up stems. Drain, except for about a ladleful of the water, and toss the pasta, stems and water into the sauce in the frying pan, mixing quickly to coat the pasta all over.

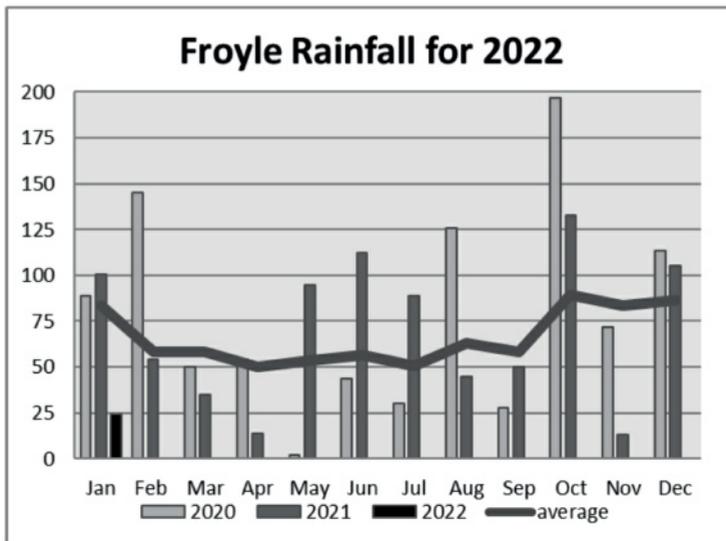
Sprinkle with a little of the cheese, and serve, with the rest of the cheese handed round.

Sue Lelliott

NB: If you have a seasonal recipe you wish to share, please forward it to magazine@froyle.com. All contributions are gratefully received. (*Ed*)

Froyle Rainfall for January, 2022

This year	24.5 mm	1 inch
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January long-term average – the 4 th wettest month	82.1 mm	3.2 ins



The driest January since 2000 means that the four wettest months of the year (October through January) at 275 mm were more than 20% below the average. Although there are recent indications this may be changing, history shows that it is therefore likely the first half of the year will now be drier than usual.



“The Umbrella Man”

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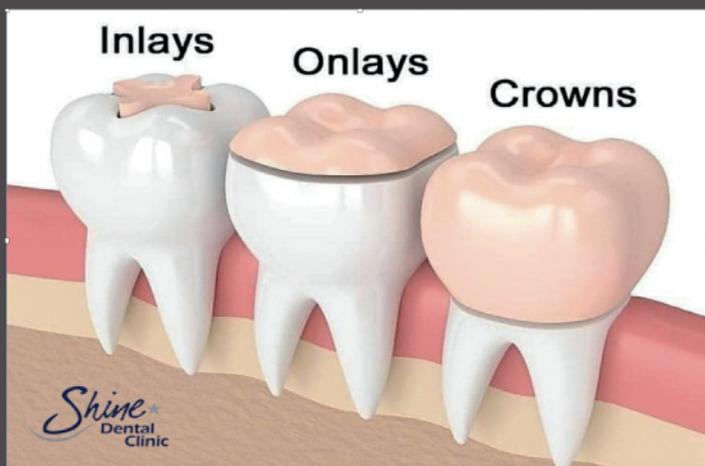
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