A detailed historical map of the Froyle village area in Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns marked. Labels include 'Sheepwood Coppice' at the top, 'St. Bury Mill', 'Anchor Inn', 'Brockhurst', 'Cohtry', 'Froyle', 'Froyle Mill', 'Isington Mill', and 'Falling Mill' at the bottom. The map is framed by a double-line border.

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## **Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC)**

The Froyle Parish Council have not held a meeting since our last report in the April village magazine, so there is little to report upon here other than to update you with progress on the playground project.

The groundworks for the playground area commenced on Thursday 20th April, are expected to last two weeks, and will comprise:-

- Fencing the groundworks area
- Clearing the old equipment
- Clearing the bark
- Importing stones to improve drainage
- Turfing the whole playground area.

The area will then be left to allow the ground to settle and the turf to become established. The area will remain fenced in.

The contractors will return mid June to install the new equipment and to remove the fencing. It is expected that the new playground area will be opened at the Village Fete on 8th July.

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The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 26th April, 2017 at 8.15pm, after the Village Hall AGM.

The next Froyle Parish Council meeting will be held on 8th May, 2017 at 8pm.

*Ian Macnabb*

# The Froyle Archive

**50 years ago Lilian Smither, a daughter of the Westbrook family, wrote about life in Rock House Farm, Lower Froyle, which was demolished in 1962**

About the year 1855 my paternal grandfather, William Westbrook, purchased Rock House Farm and settled in with his new bride. The house was very old, having been built in, or quite possibly, before, the 16<sup>th</sup> century, chiefly of local stone taken from a quarry beside the main road about two miles away. The front elevation had two gables at the extreme ends, gables of tile hanging made up of plain and decorative tiles and four sash windows, obviously added at a later date. The brick archway of a much larger window above the present dining room sash



window could still be seen. The rear elevation had a sloping tiled roof coming down to within about five feet of the ground with one small attic window giving a view of the farm yard.

There were two distinct attics, with separate staircases to each, the pigeons occupied one and Grandfather's sons, when grown up, occupied the other. The pigeons made an awful mess flying in and out of the pigeon holes built in the side of the house for that purpose and their quarters were referred to as "The Loft".

An enormous chimney stack reared up in the middle of the house and a dark passage ran along the interior at the back. The brick floor of this was very uneven and a wooden plank was put down which moved at every step and, no matter how carefully one walked, it made such a noise that grandmother was always aware of someone approaching.

An old heavy refectory table, complete with stool, stood on one side of the room and my father could recall harvest suppers around that table, when all the farm workers sat down to a good meal of home made food and home made beer and wine. A noble looking grandfather clock stood nearby and a barometer hung on the wall. An old H.M.V. gramophone stood on an equally old piano. Oak beams ran across the ceiling and the room was very dark.

The drawing room was entered from the dining room and had a corner fireplace. Its oak floor was covered by an old much worn carpet with various arm chairs and numerous antimacassars.

The old bakehouse had been turned into a kitchen, with a smoky kitchen range. Two or three rooms were not used at all, or so it seemed to me. A third front room held the water pans and, as the well was at the front of the house within three feet of the wall, the window stood open and each bucket of water drawn from the well was simply tipped through the window into the pans. Many years later this room became a kitchen.

By 1962 the old house stood forlorn and empty and the walled in garden had become a wilderness; soon the hand of a demolition squad was at work attacking some of the outbuildings to make way for a dwelling house, with the old walnut tree, planted, by my uncle over a century ago, standing guard over the whole scene.

*Chris & Annette Booth*

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



Bookings: Jo Mills  
01420 22384  
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## 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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## Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall

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

**May meetings are on the 11th, 18th and 25th.** We do hope to see you then.

**Please note that due to the local elections,  
there is no toddler group meeting on May 4th.**

Bring a friend, come and join us for a fun filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

# The Meeting Place



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

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 would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers.

## Cake Bakers

05-May Susie Robertson.	Lucia Lindblom.	Mary Chaplin.	Sarah Khan.
12-May Sue Carr.	Sue Sharman.	Janet Dobson.	Shirley Bellis
19-May Madeleine Black.	Jane Stewart-Smith.	Elizabeth Sealy.	Alison Pincott
26-May Sarah Roberts.	Jenny Gove.	Brenda Milam.	Kay Pogson

## Kitchen Helpers

05-May Sue Carr	Sue Marriott
12-May Jan Elliott	Philippa Cullen- Stephenson
19-May Barbara Starbuck	Jenny Dundas
26-May Kay Pogson	Sue Sharman

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

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

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com  
Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

## LOST PROPERTY?

A coat, a ring and a girls (age 12) cardigan have all been left in the village hall recently. If anyone is missing these items, please get in touch or they will be moved on to new homes.

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**Advance warning about "The Fantastic Froyle Quiz 2017"**

**It will be held on October 14th at the Village hall.**

**Watch this space for more details**



## Which Wine with Which Food?



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

As we mentioned last month, **Cecile Bergart from the Hampshire Wine School** - see [www.hampshirerwineschool.com](http://www.hampshirerwineschool.com) for details - has agreed to host this and give us the benefit of her experience and expertise, which is wonderful.

So far we have had interest from almost 40 of you, which is tremendous, but that's a good number as any more than that will start to get unmanageable.

**There is still room therefore for maybe a couple more but could we ask everybody who has indicated they wish to come, and who hasn't paid yet, to drop a cheque for £25 per head - made payable to DARobertson – in at Wykeham House to guarantee your place (strictly on a first come, first served basis).**

And just to remind you this is not a fund-raising evening - covering costs is the aim - because Cecile needs to be compensated for her time and expertise but, **as an incentive, a part of the cost of your ticket will be entry into a raffle, the prize for which will be a top quality bottle of wine.**

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



*David and Susie Robertson (520820)*



# 71st Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show - Saturday, 8th July Village Recreation Ground

The organising committee have already met and have plans in place for this year's fete and have decided it is going to be much like last year's, very traditional with plenty for young and old alike.

As well as the Flower Show and the often hilarious but very organised Dog Show this year we have a children's farm with a range of farm and other animals, a display of classic cars and the ever popular children's races which as always will culminate in adults v children tug of war, yet to be won by the grown ups.

There is also food and drink, raffle prizes, games and some surprising stalls, including this year the silent auction with plenty of interesting items already lined up.

So now is the time to start digging out your bric-a-brac, jumble, books and DVDs.

As well as a well drilled organising committee we are always grateful to anyone who can help on the day, setting up, helping on one of the stalls or assisting with clearing up. Your time is really appreciated so if you would like to help please call **Ian Whitmore 22634**.

Now all we need to do is hope for a lovely sunny summer day.

*Ian Whitmore*

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## Froyle 100 Club Results

The winners for April were:

1st - Lizzie Johnson      2nd - Lauraine Bourne  
3rd - Mary Wilde        4th - Barry Clark

**Congratulations to all.**

*William Knowles*

## Froyle Wildlife

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

**GARDEN BIRDS.** The top three garden birds in Hampshire this year were House sparrow, Starling and Woodpigeon according to the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (see <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>). Although only 59% of gardens recorded sparrows and less than half had starlings. We know that regularly feeding the birds has a big positive impact locally, as well as other actions such as putting up a nest box or gardening with nature in mind.



**THE WILDFLOWER MEADOW** area on Froyle recreation ground is starting to flower now. Look out for perennials such as oxeye daisy, common sorrel, ribwort plantain, yarrow and grasses such as crested dogstail and sweet vernal-grass. The cowslips, lady's smock, and common field speedwell have already flowered in April. An annual cut and rake-up to maintain the meadow area is planned for the end of July. Photos of last year's cornfield annuals can be seen at <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/photo-gallery/2016-wildflower-area/>.

*Barry Clark*

**GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES.** Butterflies not only brighten our gardens with movement and colour but also, along with moths, provide vital food supplies for other species especially birds and bats. We can help by providing nectar for adults and in some cases food plants for the larvae.

**NECTAR PLANTS** (a selection of garden and wild flowers)- Primrose, Chionodoxa, Pussy Willow, Bluebell, Aubrietia, Hyacinth, Cuckoo Flower, Forget-me-not, Perennial Wallflower – Bowles Mauve, Honesty, Sweet Rocket – *Hesperis matronalis*, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Lavender, Marjoram, Bramble, Mint, Hyssop, Perennial Pea - *Lathyrus latifolius*, Hebe, Buddleia, Verbena bonariensis, Field Scabious, Hemp Agrimony, Teasel, Phlox, Ice plant- *Sedum spectabile*, Cone Flower, *Inula hookeri*, Michaelmas Daisy. Annuals include Candytuft, Tithonia, and Single dahlias.

Flowering Ivy is an important late season nectar source for many insects including the Red Admiral. It's a larval food plant of the Holly Blue butterfly and the Brimstone will hibernate in it. Birds find shelter, build nests amongst it and eat the berries in winter. The juice from rotting windfall fruit is often a magnet for Comma and Red Admiral. 7 -

**LARVAL FOOD PLANTS** - The adult female must search for the right food plants to lay her eggs. The Peacock seeks out Nettle, the only plant her caterpillars (larva) will eat. Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Red Admiral are the other nettle feeders. Cabbage Whites, can be tempted away from our brassicas by planting Nasturtiums. The Holly Blue lays on Holly in the spring and Ivy in the autumn and the Orange tip on Sweet Rocket, Honesty, Ladies Smock and Garlic Mustard –Brimstone larvae will only eat Buckthorn or Alder Buckthorn. Again these plants need to be in sunny sheltered areas and of course chemicals should be avoided.



**SPECIES TO LOOK OUT FOR IN OUR GARDENS** -

Brimstone, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Red Admiral, are the first species on the wing in spring having hibernated as adults. By May Holly Blue, Green-veined White, Orange Tip, Small Copper, Speckled Wood, Large and Small White (collectively known as Cabbage Whites) will be flying and perhaps the migrant Painted Lady. Others to watch for during the year are Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Large

and Small Skipper, Gatekeeper and Ringlet. These are the most likely species to turn up in our Froyle gardens but others could make an appearance. A list of the 35 species recorded in the Parish can be seen at <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/recording/species-lists/>.

*Sue Clark*



## Better Balance

Better Balance is warming up for summer at 2.30pm on Wednesdays in the Village Hall.

Dates for **May: 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st.** (Note there's no class on 17th May)

Please call **Sue 22603** if you would like to join.

For help with Attendance Allowance forms, or information on other topics call **Madeleine, Village Agent for Age Concern Hampshire 23371**

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

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

*Madeleine Black*

# Safari Supper

## Proposed for Early September



Many of you will recall Safari Suppers held in Froyle some 5 and 8 years ago. They were generally deemed a great success due to heroic efforts by, amongst others, Gill Bradley and Jenny Gove, so we are proposing to organise another one this year in aid of the Village Hall.

For those of you who are new to this, a safari supper is **a shared meal**,

where several members of the Village each cook a **single course**; you then eat each course with different people at a different house (**this is the safari bit**).

This presents a great opportunity, not only for some of the more seasoned residents to catch up with friends old and new, but also for those of you who may have moved in to the village more recently to get to know some more of your neighbours .

The idea is to all meet at one central venue, probably in Upper Froyle, for a welcome drink and to receive the name and address of your first-course-host. As you finish that course, the guests will then be told where each is to go for their main course; and when that is over, it's off to the final venue, probably the Village Hall, for pudding, coffee and home.

The probable date is expected to be **either Saturday 2nd or 9th September** and the approximate timing: all meet at 6.45pm, the first course to start at 7.30pm, and through by 10.30 pm at the latest.

This does take a fair amount of organising so, at this stage, we would be very grateful if **everybody who would like to host a single course for probably around 8 people, ie you + 6 guests, to let anybody on the Village Hall Committee know you are happy to do so, either in person or by email to [DARinfoyle@aol.com](mailto:DARinfoyle@aol.com) or [sjrinfoyle@gmail.com](mailto:sjrinfoyle@gmail.com) or telephone 520820.**

If the previous such evenings are anything to go by it really will be great fun, we promise... but more in future issues...

*The Village Hall Committee*



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

On **Friday May 12th at 7.30** in the Village Hall, Mrs Sarah Furey is coming to give us a talk on `A Medicine cupboard from your garden`. Sarah has told me she is bringing along samples of ointments etc for us to try . This should be a little different and really interesting. Visitors always welcome at £2 a head.

There has so far been a very poor response to the extra afternoon visit to Chestnut Cottage on **Thursday May 18th at 2.30pm**. Also Geoff's workshop at Paddock Bend, Bentworth on **Saturday May 20th 10.00am to 12.00pm**. It would be a shame to have to cancel either of these..

We have just had our Spring Show and in spite of the unusually mild Spring there was still a good display of Daffodils and other Spring Flowers. It was particularly good and very encouraging to see new members entering. The results were as follows ;

- 1 Bloom Yellow Trumpet Daffodil, 1st Gillian Pickering, 2nd Brian Porter.
- 3 Blooms Yellow Trumpet Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd June Trim.
- Trumpet Daffodils white, 1st Brian Porter.
- Trumpet daffodils Bicolour, 1st Sue Sharman, 2nd Brenda Milam.,
- Large Cupped daffodil, 1st Brian Porter, 3rd David Menzies,
- Double Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd Mollie Court,
- Triandrus Daffodils, 1st Gillian Pickering, 2nd Brian Porter, 3rd David Menzies.
- Cyclamineus Daffodils, 1st David Menzies.
- Tazetta Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd Tony Riley.
- Poeticus Daffodils, 1st Brian Porter, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Any Other Daffodil, 1st Brenda Milam, 2nd Nick Whines, 3rd David Menzies.
- Tulips, 1st Julie Southern, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Polyanthus, 2nd Mollie Court, 3rd Nick Whines.
- Flowering Shrub, 1st Gillian Pickering, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Maureen Hunter.
- Mixed Spring Flowers, 1st Maureen Hunter, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Mixed Foliage, 1st Brenda Milam, 2nd Maureen Hunter, 3rd Marian Cresswell.
- Cactus or Succulent, 1st David Menzies, 2nd June Trim, 3rd Brenda Milam.

(Cont'd)

- Flowering pot plant , 1st Tony Riley, 2nd Brian Porter, 3rd Sue Cripps.
- Foliage Pot Plant, 1st Mollie Court.
- Alpine pot plant, 1st David Menzies, 2nd Brenda Milam, 3rd Tony Riley.
- Rhubarb, 1st Brenda Milam, 2nd David Menzies, 3rd Anne Blunt.
- Spring Posy judged by Popular Vote there was a tie between Marian Cresswell, Brenda Milam and Beryl Webster..
- Photograph- Reflections. Popular vote . Anne Blunt .
- A Flower Portrait Nick Whines.

### Trophies

- Best in Show and Best Spring Flowers, Maureen Hunter,
- Best Exhibit of Daffodils, Gillian Pickering
- Award for highest points, Brian Porter.

Well Done everyone.

*Brenda Milam*

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## THE PRODUCTION OF STAINED GLASS PLUS AN INTRODUCTION TO HERALDRY SATURDAY 6TH MAY, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM ST MARY'S CHURCH FROYLE



May I remind you of the talk coming up on Saturday 6th May? Last year we heard about the extraordinary history of the stained glass in St Mary's Church, Froyle. It was a lovely and informative evening and a lot of people suggested they would like to know more about how stained glass is actually produced. So I'm delighted to let you know that Alfred Fisher, who has lectured in the USA and the UK, has agreed to come and talk on that very subject. He draws on a career steeped in the design and production of stained glass (see [www.alfredfisherglass.com](http://www.alfredfisherglass.com)).

He has also agreed to extend his talk to touch on the use of heraldry - another part of St Mary's rich history.

The lecture will be followed by wine and nibbles and a chance to chat with Alfred.

Tickets £10 – ring Nigel and Linda Bulpitt (01420 22725)



# FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



## 'SUFFRAGETTE'

Starring

CAREY MULLIGAN, HELENA BONHAM CARTER,  
BRENDAN GLEESON  
AND  
MERYL STREEP

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Froyle Village Hall**

**Doors open 7 p.m.**

**Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

**Price = £8.00**

(payment in advance would be appreciated)

**includes a sausage bap**  
(to be available before the film starts)

**Pay Bar available**

A drama that tracks the story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. These women were not primarily from the genteel educated classes, they were working women who had seen peaceful protest achieve nothing. Radicalized and turning to violence as the only route to change, they were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality - their jobs, their homes, their children and their lives.

**PG 12A**

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:  
Karen Potter (520294)**



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



This June, the British and Irish Lions depart for New Zealand under the captaincy of Sam Warburton. By any standards this is a strong touring party well equipped to take on the world champions, but it's worth recalling that the Lions have won only one test series in New Zealand, back in 1971. That team contained many of British rugby's all time greats - Gareth, Barry, JPR, Gerald, Merv the Swerve and some players who weren't Welsh. In 1973, members of this team formed the majority of the Barbarians side that met the All Blacks in what was then the traditional finale to a tour of these islands. The following piece is for the benefit of any residents who have not been in the Anchor when the author is talking about rugby.

**January 27th, 1973.**

**Barbarians 23, New Zealand 11**

### **"Gareth Edwards- a dramatic start - WHAT A SCORE!"**

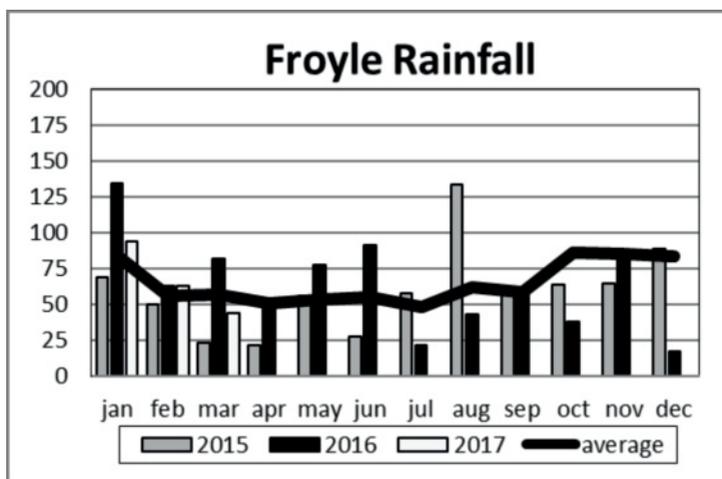
Cliff Morgan's commentary will be familiar to all rugby fans, but I didn't hear it at the time because I was there. There at the old "Arms Park" in Cardiff with my Dad standing up against the railings in the South Enclosure. It was a great time to be a rugby mad teenager in South Wales, with an equally rugby mad Dad, and we'd already seen the All Blacks twice on that tour. A brutal encounter against the Cardiff club side, a match notable for one of the New Zealand props being stretchered off with a broken jaw, and a narrow victory over the Welsh national side. We could have no idea that we'd be present at one of the most talked about games in rugby history and witness THAT try. The tourists, under the leadership of Ian Kirkpatrick had been dubbed "the unsmiling All Blacks". They had come to avenge the test series defeat in 1971 and not to win friends, and had lost only once on the tour to a Llanelli side coached by Carwyn James who had been the mastermind behind the Lions triumph. In a concession to public opinion, this match in Cardiff was the only time on the tour when the team performed the Haka and if you watch the video it's more like a version of "pat a cake, pat a cake baker's man" than the blood curdling performances of today!

Rugby and Cardiff have changed dramatically in the last 44 years. What was Tiger Bay, birthplace of Shirley Bassey and home to some "interesting" pubs, restaurants and clubs is now Cardiff Bay, home to the Welsh Assembly, the Doctor Who Experience and bars and restaurants whose names will be familiar to any visitor to a large U.K. town. The rugby ground is now the Principality Stadium and one of the finest sporting venues in Europe. I attend most international games in Cardiff and, unlike that day in 1973, when my pre match preparation consisted of fish and chips and a can of "pop", it's more likely to be a few pints of Brains S.A. ("Skull Attack"). In the 21st century, I've been fortunate to see three Welsh Grand Slams, but perhaps those are tales for another day .....

*Nigel Fisher*

## Froyle Rainfall for March 2017

This year	44 mm	1.7 ins
Last year	82 mm	3.2 ins
Wettest March (2001)	129.5 mm	5.1 ins
Driest March (1990)	6 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for March – the 5 <sup>th</sup> driest month	57.3 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	201 mm	7.9 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	197.7 mm	7.8 ins



“As it rains in March so it rains in June”...apparently...

Believe it or not, this has occurred each year for the last 3, but only 11 times in the last 39, so we are seeing the revival of an ancient trend? Call me a sceptic, but I reckon probably not, because three-quarters of the time a below average first quarter (as this year has been) results in a relatively dry first half of the year.



“The Umbrella Man”

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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

<b>Sunday 7th May</b>	<b>8.00am</b> 5.00pm 9.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley Binsted	<b>Holy Communion</b> Live@Five Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14th May</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 9.30am 3.30pm	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley Binsted	<b>Holy Communion</b> Morning Worship & Childrens Ch Messy Church
<b>Sunday 21st May</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 5.00pm 9.30am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley Binsted	<b>Holy Communion</b> Live@Five Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 28th May</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> 9.30am 8.00am	<b>Froyle</b> Bentley Binsted	<b>Evensong</b> HC and Children's Church Holy Communion

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

Following the funerals in April of some well known and well loved local figures (Hilda Evans, Brian Eves, Jimmy Evans, Julian Lyon-Taylor) one could be forgiven for heading towards the summer in sombre mood. Of course, when loved ones die it is entirely normal and appropriate to mourn their passing away, and to miss their presence with us. And yet...

And yet, last month's Easter celebrations have afforded us the light of hope. St Paul's instruction to the church in Thessalonica was:

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope." 1 Thessalonians 4:13*

This was not a glib comment from Paul – his point wasn't that we shouldn't grieve, after all, Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. It was how we grieve. Grieving in the light of hope is a very different proposition to grieving without it.

At Hilda's funeral, Revd James Campbell, formerly the Vicar of Bentley and Binsted, quoted some of Edward the Confessor's dying words to his wife:

*"Weep not, I shall not die, and as I leave the land of the dying, I trust to see the blessings of the Lord in the land of the living."*

James continued,

*"We think that we live in 'the land of the living' but we'd be more correct to call it 'the land of the dying'. Through Jesus Christ, we know that we are journeying not to the sunset, but to the sunrise; as someone once put it, 'death is the gateway to the skyline.' We are not on our way to death, but to life."*

May we all share this hope, and live in its light hour by hour and day by day.

***Blessings,  
Yann***



## Lent Lunches

We had our last Lent lunch of 2017 on Wednesday April 5th , and my grateful thanks to all the hosts/hostesses, who gave so generously of their soup and hospitality. The soups were all of the usual magnificent standard and variety, and much enjoyed by all.

The total taken towards all the chosen charities was **£1150**, which is a tremendous achievement.

I look forward to seeing you all next year for a similar gastronomic experience!

*Jenny Gove*

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## Church Flowers

THANK YOU once again to all those who helped to decorate the Church for Easter. We had a beautiful Easter Garden, lots of decorated crosses and some amazing painted eggs. Thanks to the Sunday School, the Toddler Group and the Congregation.

Our next request is for baskets of greenery and plenty of foliage to decorate the church to set off the Vestment Display on the first weekend in June, 3rd and 4th. **Please deliver your contributions to the church by Tuesday 30th May.** Many thanks.

*Sarah 23294 & Gill 520484*

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## Church Jumble Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who kindly donated lots of goodies, a special thank you to those who gave a gift for the raffle, we were rather overwhelmed so had to keep some gifts back for the Harvest Supper and Christmas raffles later in the year! As a result of your generosity we had stalls crammed with treasures to sell.

Thanks to Upper Froyle resident Jane of Wag Design whose new ad for the Alton Herald pulled in a larger crowd than usual. But biggest thanks go to the wonderful troop of helpers who laid out all the stalls, greeted all the punters with a smile, collected lots of dosh and then had the energy to tidy up! We had a really happy, hectic afternoon! Hip hip hurrah .....

*Julie and Sarah*

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## **Treloar's earns fifth place finish in the National Centre for Diversity's 2017 Top 100 Organisation Index**

Once again Treloar's is amongst a host of impressive colleges and organisations in the public, private and charitable sector to be selected for the National Centre for Diversity (NCFD)'s Top 100 Organisation Index. This year the College ranked a strong fifth place.

The top 100 Index, as well as organisation awards, was announced at the NCFD's Annual Grand Awards in March. Placement on the index is determined by the results of surveys completed by those who embark on the accreditation journey with NCFD.

Martin Ingram, Treloar's Principal, is happy with the result, *"Treloar's values the diversity of its staff and we believe that our ranking is a reflection of the commitment we feel toward diversity."*

## Holybourne Shop

Those Froylians already familiar with Holybourne Shop will have applauded and enjoyed it's new spacious look and delicious offerings, but as there are now many new residents, it seemed appropriate to bring this wonderful facility to their attention.

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## U3A Alton Branch

The subject of the Monthly Meeting for May is one I hope you will not forget.... Alzheimer's and Dementia can affect people of any age, and can be distressing. Come and hear what progress into research is being made by the University of Southampton. Dr Boche and Dr Amin are leading authorities on the subject and will share their knowledge.

The Meeting is on **Friday, May 19th at 2.00 pm** at the Community Centre Alton. As usual, all are welcome, a charge of a pound includes a cup of tea.

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## Moonwalk 2017

It has come to the time when I feel the need to complete a challenge!!

This year I am doing the Moonwalk on **Saturday, 13th May 2017.**

We are all touched by cancer in our lives, whether it be a mum, dad or a dear friend or even a neighbour, every day someone is told that they have this awful illness and we need to do all we can to help.

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<i>7</i> <i>8.00am</i> <i>HC</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Refuse &amp;</i> <i>garden</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>2.30pm</i> <i>Better</i> <i>Balance</i>	<i>11</i> <i>9.45am</i> <i>Toddlers</i> <i>&amp; babies</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>Place</i> <i>7.30pm</i> <i>Gardening</i> <i>Club</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <i>11.00am</i> <i>HC</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Recycling</i> <i>&amp;</i> <i>glass</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>6.00pm</i> <i>Choral</i> <i>Service</i>  <i>7.30pm</i> <i>Wildlife</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>Place</i>	<i>20</i>
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