A detailed historical map of Froyle village, Hampshire, England. The map shows the River Test flowing through the center, with several mills and inns. 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 FROM FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Froyle Parish Council has not met this month but there is still plenty to report including matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14 May at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. All residents of Froyle are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend but wish to raise an issue or concern, please contact the Parish Clerk at the address above or any member of the council. A list of names and contact details can be found at the end of this report.

Further meetings have been arranged for Monday 11 June, Monday 9 July, Monday 13 August, Monday 24 September, Monday 22 October, Monday 12 November, Monday 10 December.

Work has been undertaken to clear the ditch by the recreation ground and to fence in a section where a new hedge has been planted.

The zip wire will be put back into operation as soon as a new wire can be sourced and installed. The playground passed its quarterly inspection.

The Chair of the Parish Council will be meeting the East Hants District Council (EHDC) Conservation Officer at the beginning of May to discuss various issues affecting the village.

The planned meeting with the Chief Executive of EHDC to discuss activity at Froyle Park has been put back to June. There have been further reports by residents of disturbance at the venue. It would be very helpful if all instances of nuisance or inconvenience arising from functions at Froyle Park including any action taken are reported to the Parish Clerk. We can then raise matters on behalf of residents with the owners and with the District Council.

The Parish Council understands that in future the Froyle Park venue is going to use the same postcode as the Church (GU34 4JY). This should help ensure that fewer visitors get lost or drive into the Linden Homes Estate. Currently the post code for the Hen and Chicken is used (GU34 4JH). Linden Homes have agreed to stop using

the post code for the Froyle Park Apartments (GU34 4LA) and use the post code for their marketing suite (GU34 4FD).

The Parish Council also understands that the Froyle Park venue will be hosting fewer weddings this summer and more conferences which if it proves to be the case should result in a less disturbance for residents who live nearby.

Following a difficult winter the state of local roads is poor and potentially dangerous. Our Hampshire County Councillor admits that funds for repairs are restricted but recommends that issues are reported by going to: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Complaints about the litter on the A31 near the recycling centre continue. Our District and County Councillors have agreed to have yet another go at tackling this problem.

Details of proposals for refurbishing the football hut and the war memorial can be found below.

The War Memorial

This year is the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day and to mark this important historical event we felt it would be fitting to give the War Memorial a face lift.

It is now seven years or so since it last had any attention, and the weather has taken its toll. Some of the names on the inscriptions have almost worn away, particularly on the southern face that takes all the weather, and all need re-painting.

It is a 'listed monument' and any work requires the approval of the relevant authorities. We have had meetings on site with both the War Memorials Trust and East Hants Conservation Officers who have given advice on the technical aspects of the work. This will comprise the steam cleaning of the memorial to remove dirt and lichen, followed by a 'deepening and sharpening' of faded lettering with a repainting of all lettering to give a consistent appearance.

Tenders have been sent out to two stonemasons, and we are awaiting their return with a view to getting the work done over the summer.

We would also like to improve the setting of the memorial. Currently it is surrounded by a concrete slab that is breaking up and becoming uneven. We are looking into suitable materials for its replacement, including a consolidated gravel or grey paviours. This will require Listed Building approval which has to be submitted before the work can commence.

We are looking for funding to assist in the cost. We have had a positive response from a pre-application submission to the WMT, and Glynis Watts has indicated that she will be able to provide some money from her EHDC Councillor Grant Fund.

Hopefully, all of this work will be completed by the autumn and the memorial will be looking at its best on 11 November.

The Football Hut Project (again)

It is more than 10 years since the last football team hung up its boots leaving the Parish Council with the problem of what to do with the hut.

Last year the Parish Council proposed to demolish the football hut and construct a new oak frame building to provide some storage and a large covered shelter. The cost was around £50k. Plans went into the Mag and we received very mixed reactions from residents. Some supportive. Some less so.

Unsure how to proceed the Parish Council set up a joint Village Hall /Parish Council sub-committee consisting of Ian Deans, Ian Macnabb, David Robertson, Charlie Findlay and Nick Whines. The architect Mark Penfold who has significant experience of community building projects was invited to join. The sub-committee has met four or five times in various combinations.

The sub-committee looked at FIVE options for the hut and which would offer best value for the village based on £50k being available. Half from the PC and half from external funding.

1 - **Do nothing:** but sooner or later something would have to be done because the building would continue to decay and might become dangerous and will continue to be an eye sore. We might also lose up to £10k of the Cabinet Grant we received from EHDC for the original joint Playground Hut project.

2 - **Demolish and landscape:** The cost of doing this would be around £10k and the village wouldn't have much to show for the expenditure beyond a couple of parking spaces or a bit more grass. Again we might lose £10k of the cabinet grant.

3 - **Demolish and rebuild as a small meeting room:** the cost of this went well beyond the available funds because it would require the duplication of facilities (loos kitchen etc).

4 - **Demolish and create an oak framed shelter** and store as per previous proposal for which funding was awarded by EHDC: potentially this would be much more attractive visually and not as expensive as Option 3 but significant doubts were expressed about how it would be used and whether it was needed.

5 - **Refurbish the hut** with new roof, new cladding and insulation to provide a secure village store and a covered sitting area on the front at a cost of around £24k.

Option 5 was the sub-committee's clear preference and is supported by the Village Hall Committee for whom storage is always an issue. Having more storage may allow the hall to be used by people who also need space to keep their equipment which is currently not possible.

It is worth noting that residents are already beginning to use the hut for storage in preparation for the recent jumble sale. What was not sold has been re-stored for the fete.

It has been suggested that if we proceed with option 5 we may then be able to remove one or both of the containers but we know the Fete Committee want to retain theirs because access is easier for moving the heavy tables in and out.

To progress the hut project, we now need to nail things down in much more detail. For example what do we need to include in the refurbishment that will allow us to repurpose the building at some future date? Is it worth spending for example another £10-15k now in order to get more flexibility in the future. Or are we looking to do the minimum at lowest cost?

The PC will be making some decisions at its next meeting on 14 May. We would be pleased to have any thoughts or ideas you may have before then.

Please email: froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk or discuss with a member of the council.

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Mrs. J. Southern is Chairman, and Mr. I. Deans is Vice Chairman.

Joan Ezzard

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you for the flowers and cards of sympathy after Joan passed away on the 9th March and to everyone who came to her funeral and to the reception to celebrate her life in the Village Hall. It was nice to see her friends and relatives to express their condolences and support, and a big thank you to Susie Robertson and the team for preparing the hall and the lovely spread of food and drink. Joan will be missed by all but always in our memory.

- the Ezzard Family

Advance Notice

Aircraft Activity

RAF Odiham have informed us that they will hold their annual Families Day on **Wednesday 29 August 2018**.

'As with other years, this day is an opportunity for the Station to thank those who stand so steadfastly behind the Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Airwomen from RAF Odiham when their loved ones are deployed on combat operations overseas. On this day, you will notice a significant upsurge in aircraft activity, with Chinook helicopters flying all morning and aircraft displaying in the afternoon; I would particularly ask those with horses and livestock to note that this will include fast jet activity'.





Bookings:
Susie Robertson
01420 520820

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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

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

News from the Village Hall

The Froyle Village Hall held its Annual General Meeting on 17 April.

Chairman's Report

Chairman David Robertson reported that during 2017 the committee had organised three film nights, a Safari Supper, a Race Night, teas for the Garden openings, the Bonfire Night Party and Christmas Carols all of which had been well supported and much enjoyed.

Regular events at the hall had included Monday and Tuesday art classes, Better Balance, the Toddler Groups, the Gardening and Wildlife Clubs, Flower arranging and the Meeting Place.

There had been a solid stream of bookings, both from within and outside the Village, including two elections, which was excellent news for the hall finances. Income was down slightly over the year but this was largely explained by the fact that the hall was closed for three weeks in January/February, a normally busy period, to allow work on the hall to proceed.

Major expenditure during the year had included refurbishing the floor, redecorating the hall and a deep clean for the kitchen. The automatic flushing mechanism in the gents loo was replaced. A new control system for the heating system was installed. Outside, the gutters and down pipes had been replaced and the windows restained and the latches mended. The Committee was grateful to the Parish Council for repointing the patio, to Cllrs Mark Kemp Gee and Glynis Watts for grants towards the cost of the redecoration and to the Fete Committee for their contribution to the cost of the floor.

The Committee had contributed towards the cost of the playground renewal which had greatly enhanced the facilities available to hirers of the hall.

The Committee had been working closely with the PC over plans for the future of the football hut.

Looking to the future a contract had been signed to replace the front doors with aluminium ones at a cost of approximately £5000. Cllr Watts was thanked for her grant of £1000.

David Robertson concluded by thanking Cindy Dennis for her hard work keeping the hall clean and welcoming. He also thanked Sylvie Nonhebel for her work running the Mothers and Toddler Group which now sadly was closing, and the officers and members of the Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Treasurer's Report

Charlie Findlay spoke to his Treasurer's report. He thanked Ian Macnabb for inspecting the accounts and for his comments which had all been incorporated. He explained that because the Hall is a charity key financial information had to be provided to the Charity Commission. The Hall operates on a 'cash' basis. Receipts and payments are only logged at the time they happen. There is no petty cash.

Use of the Hall remained strong but as it was closed for two weeks in January and a week in February, takings from hiring charges fell to £10,569 from £12,244 in 2016.

Operating costs rose slightly from £8,384 2016 to £8,460. The solar panels on the roof continue to generate electricity and revenue - £633 in 2017 – which off-sets the costs of electricity.

A galloping Race Night, a Safari Supper and the perennial 100 Club raised £2,621 in total. The 100 Club actually had 112 monthly tickets at £12 per ticket. It paid out 50% of its receipts as monthly prizes, leaving £672 in surplus for the Hall.

The Bonfire and Fireworks more than covered its costs with a surplus of £595.

Film Nights, in January, June and October made surpluses respectively of £150, £32 and £4, with 55, 40 and 38 attendees. It's clear from these figures that our 'breakeven' is around 40 and as long as we continue to get attendance thereabouts the Committee will continue to run them.

A donation from the 2016 Fete of £2,000 helped pay for the floor refurbishment.

New gutters, floor refurbishment, redecoration and window fixing/redecoration cost £5,436. With grants from EHDC and HCC of £1,550 and the Fete contribution, the net cost for all this work was £1,386.

An unbudgeted contribution of £2,500 was made to the playground project.

A new central heating controller cost £1,331. This was more than expected but the hall now also has more intelligent radiator controllers and a new adjustable thermostat.

The two reports were approved by the meeting.

The Chairman then opened the meeting for questions and comments.

The Bonfire Party was discussed. It was suggested that given the numbers who now attend more bucket shakers were needed particularly in the lower part of the recreation ground. Parking on the road had been 'chaotic' in 2017 and it was suggested that visitors be allowed to park on the recreation ground. It was pointed out that this might be more dangerous given the darkness and the numbers of people. In 2018 the party would no longer coincide with the weekend and this might reduce the numbers attending. The committee agreed to take all these points into consideration when planning the next bonfire night party.

It was suggested that the deposit for hiring the hall be increased to £100 to cover situations when clearing up was inadequate. The committee agreed to discuss this.

A question was asked about whether awnings could be purchased to replace the gazebos which were difficult to erect and easily blown over when installed on the patio. The Committee had investigated awnings but had found that the low eaves of the hall made installation problematic. Awnings were expensive and did not work well in the wind and rain being mainly designed to provide protection from the sun. It was hoped that the refurbishment of the hut might include a permanently covered outdoor area.

A plea was made for a wide broom. The committee agreed to purchase one if a suitable broom could be identified. The suggestion that a broom sub-committee was set up was rejected.

The committee having stood down were unanimously re-elected by the meeting.

From the floor William Knowles thanked the officers of the village hall for their work on behalf of the community.

Nick Whines, Hon. Sec. Froyle Village Hall

EVENTS IN FROYLE DURING MAY

Remember to check the calendar at the back of the magazine to ensure you do not miss everything going on in Froyle this month. You will usually find further details in the articles and advertisements.

FUTURE EVENTS IN FROYLE

Froyle Fête & Flower Show

Saturday 14th July 2018



The well oiled (in more ways than one) machine that is the Fete Committee has already met this year. Your correspondent is fortunate to have a “mole” who, for the price of a couple of halves of Alton’s Pride can be persuaded to provide a few insights into this year’s event. History has shown him not to be 100% reliable, but what he reveals is generally accurate.

This year’s fete will again be “traditional”. Health and safety concerns preclude bygone favourites such as “bowling for a pig” and “how many munglewurzels can you eat in a minute”, but after reassuring the RSPCA that no animals are harmed, “hook a duck” goes ahead. There’ll be the usual family attractions including bouncy castle (height restrictions apply), childrens’ farm, classic cars and welly whanging. According to local legend, the latter event allowed the Who’s Pete Townshend to hone his distinctive windmill arm guitar technique one afternoon in the early sixties, when the then unknown group called at Froyle Fete on their way to a gig in the back room at the Baker’s Arms in Alton.

As usual, flowers and fruit and vegetables will be on display in the Village Hall, but those who remember “hilarious” misformed items on “That’s Life” may be disappointed. There’ll be live music throughout the afternoon too. I’m also pleased to report that the Committee has persuaded the Dog Show Master of Ceremonies to turn down a frankly rather clumsy attempt at head-hunting by Cruft’s, so that annual highlight goes ahead. The beer tent celebrated record takings last year, but there’s no need to hold back this July as they’ll be getting in adequate supplies. The bbq will be conveniently positioned close to the beer tent to provide award winning cuisine.

Nearer the event, we’ll be on the look-out for books, bric-a-brac, bottles and things not beginning with b, but more of that in future magazines. In the meantime, if you’d like to find out how you can join the happy team of helpers or even run a stall, please call Fete Committee Chairman Ian Whitmore on 22634.

Your Special Correspondent, “Jethro J.”

Froyle Vestments Group

2nd & 3rd June 2018



The Vestments Group of St. Mary's Church will again be holding an exhibition of the church's unique and historic vestments, to coincide with the NGS Gardens Group Open Weekend. We shall also display vintage christening robes loaned by some Froyle families.

Madeleine Black (23371)

Froyle Open Gardens

2nd & 3rd June 2018



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

Nick Whines. (23130)





The Froyle Card Games Club

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CANASTA

Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)



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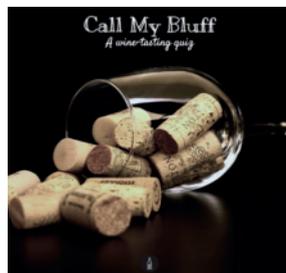
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to include supper

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The table who guesses the most correctly wins the prize.



We would encourage you to get together with friends and take tables of up to 6 people (but we will make up tables as required). All proceeds go to the Village Hall

We expect this event to be very popular so

please call Karen Potter (01420) 520294 or David Robertson 520820 to register your team/your attendance

Better Balance

Better Balance continues on **Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May (not May 2nd).**

Usual time: 2.30pm

Usual place: Froyle Village Hall

Do come and exercise to music followed by tea and chat! Speak to Sue Sharman 22603 if you would like to join the class.

Madeleine Black (23371)

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Cake bakers for May

4 th	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	Sarah Khan
11 th	Sue Carr	Sue Sharman	Sheila Walker	Shirley Bellis
18 th	Madeleine Black	Jane Stewart Smith	Elizabeth Sealey	Alison Pincot
25 th	Sarah Roberts	Jenny Gove	Brenda Milam	Kay Pogson

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.

Kitchen Helpers for May

4 th	Sue Carr	Sue Marriott
11 th	Jan Elliott	Philippa Cullen-Stephenson
18 th	Sheila Walker	Jenny Dundas
25 th	Kay Pogson	Barbara Starbuck

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

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Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

Our Spring Show was held on April 13th and it proved to be very disappointing with very few people entering and very few coming to view. John Cresswell won both classes in the photography judged by popular choice and Brenda Milam won the posie, also judged by popular vote. Brian Porter won the award for Best Daffodils.

On May 11th we welcome back Mr John Baker to speak about Lovely Lilies. His talks are always of the highest calibre so we should be in for a treat. The competition will be a spray of Spring foliage.

Outing to Kiftsgate

This is due to take place on June 12th - however we have 14 vacancies so it may not take place.

Brenda Milam



Froyle Baby and Toddler Morning ** News from the Toddler Group **

Sadly the number of people attending the toddler group has been very low these last few months so there are no more group meetings scheduled for now. Should anyone be keen to start the group again, please **contact Sylvie on 01420 520779**.

Sylvie Nonhebel

Froyle 100 Club Winners for April

1st - Mary Knowles 2nd - Anthea McRiley

3rd - Constance Barter 4th - Faith Richards

Congratulations to all! - William Knowles



Froyle Wildlife

Talk - "Wild Orchids of Hampshire"
Tuesday 15th May 7.30pm, all welcome

This month we are delighted to welcome Rosemary Webb wild orchid expert and top photographer as our speaker. We'll find out about some of the 30+ species of orchid found in Hampshire over a variety of habitats that include chalk grassland, heathland, marshland and woodland. Come along and be enthused to seek out some of these beauties for yourself. All welcome - £2 Froyle Wildlife members, £3 non members. Further information at www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news



In April we had an enjoyable and informal evening when John Buckley enlightened us with tips on how to identify our native species concentrating on the Smooth, Palmate and Great Crested Newts, Common Frog, Common Toad, Common Lizard, Slow-worm, Grass Snake and Adder – all found locally. We also learnt something of their habitats, enjoyed a picture quiz and had the opportunity to examine live newts closely. We were encouraged to record sightings of these creatures (in our gardens or elsewhere in Hampshire) on 'Living Record' www.livingrecord.net/ Alternatively records can be sent to Hampshire Wildlife Trust, <http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/species-groups-and-records/submitted-records> thereby contributing towards an Atlas of Hampshire's amphibians and reptiles to be published in 2020. Data collected from such surveys inform conservationists which species are doing well and which are in decline and prompt further investigations.

Sue Clark

May News from The Froyle Archive



Continuing the story of the “Mission Church of St Joseph”, let us take a look inside. Although perhaps not the most attractive building outside, St. Joseph’s was every bit a place of worship inside. Statues, for which Froyle is famous, abounded, as can be seen in the photograph above, which was taken around 1911. Talking to us in 1981 Lilian Smither (*who wrote about her life as a child in the village in the 1900s*), remembered how she and her sister were responsible for setting out the vestments for communion. “They were kept in a chest of drawers in the vestry - it was never locked!”

Joyce Kemp remembers helping her Aunties, Miss Grace and Miss Ena Westbrook, decorate St. Joseph’s at Easter. One time, “Auntie Ena wasn’t very pleased with Hubert and I when we were playing the little organ. It just so happened I was playing ‘The Blue Bells of Scotland’ as a rather important gentlemen walked in to see how the decorations were going!”

Sadly by the 1960s the little church had fallen into disrepair and in 1965 was sold. It was purchased by Mr & Mrs Tom Hughes, who seven years earlier, had bought the pretty cottage adjoining the church, calling it appropriately at the time, Church Cottage. Although it was a great talking point for the Hughes - after all, how many people have their own church at the bottom of the garden - by the end of 1967 the church had been demolished.

But that wasn’t the last Froyle residents saw of the little tin church. In 1983 portions of its 90 year old stained glass windows were sold to help raise money for the restoration and preservation of St. Mary’s in Upper Froyle.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com



SPEEDWATCH

A small group of volunteers, man/woman four sessions a month around our village. At present that means each person doing an average of two sessions a month.

Traffic flow through the village is increasing, an annual increase last year of 10%, with more speeding vehicles. Of interest, analysis of our data by Hampshire Police shows that 61% of speedsters derive from local postcodes, that is, within a five mile radius.

It is our village, our residents, young, mature and (dare it be said) old, who are affected by speeding vehicles. We as villagers can all make a difference by being conscious of our speed.

If speeding is of concern to you, then volunteer to join the Speedwatch Group. Without more help, our vigilance will be reduced or even discontinued.

As an alternative to, or to go alongside, Speedwatch we have to consider other devices.

Your Speedwatch group is proposing to the Parish Council:

Unmanned, electronic speed indicator signs, which can be moved around predetermined locations on a periodic basis.

Additional measures are under consideration, for example; 'speed bumps', roadside gates/fences at the various portals to the village (as seen in Long Sutton), calming devices, for example road narrowing with pinch points(as seen in Selborne).

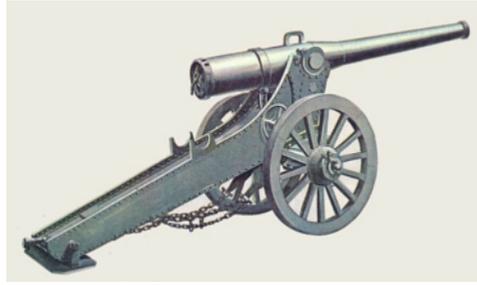
There are also suggestions that application could be made for a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of the village of Froyle.

Villagers' views would be welcomed. This can be done by contacting Gordon Mitchell on 01420 89728 or at champersg@hotmail.com to offer your views and even better, to tell of your desire to join our band of volunteers.



Any comments before the end of May please.

Gordon Mitchell, (89728)



STORIES FROM THE FRONT

My grandfather joined up in 1914 and was commissioned into the Black Watch, which for reasons I can't quite understand was then part of the Indian army and got extra pay.

He was wounded at the Battle of Loos in 1915, by British gas which blew back into their trench (he wore a monocle as a result of this gas attack). After his recovery he was sent to the Mesopotamian campaign to try to break the siege of Kut. In his letters home he mentioned it was a thousand times worse than the Western front and contracted various diseases and illnesses.

Sent to India to recover he returned to the Western Front in early 1917, but was given non front line jobs as his regiment thought that he had 'done his bit'. This was much to his annoyance and he returned to front line work in 1918, when he was again badly wounded and captured in the German offensive on the 18th April. He spent the rest of the war as a POW, where he learned to speak French, German and Russian.

We know quite a bit about this war as he wrote to his mother nearly every day and he kept a diary as a POW. Between my brother and myself, we have typed up all the letters and the diary which makes fascinating reading.

He returned to India as a solicitor and magistrate. In 1939 he drove back to the UK from Ceylon in a Morris van which he proudly showed off in St James Square on his return - his family went by ship.

During the Second World War he was part of the judge advocate's office all through France in 1940, North Africa, Italy, France again and Germany, finally taking part in the Nuremburg trials.

Tragically he died quite young at 60 and before I was born so I never got to meet him.

My father mentioned he never talked about the war although my Grandmother said he was very moved when he went back to see the graves of his fallen comrades in 1940 when he was stationed in France before Dunkirk.

Jamie Stewart-Smith

(Stories from the Front)

As we approach the centenary of the end of World War One, there must be many of us who remember the stories of relatives who fought in this war.

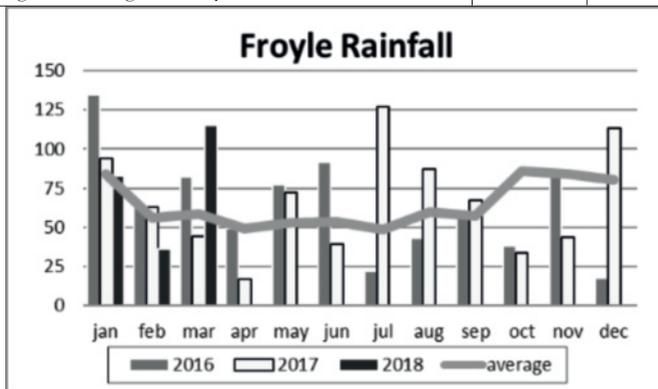
We would like to encourage anybody who can remember what was said about these times. For example, where they were, what did they do and if it affected their lives. We are very grateful to Jamie for starting us off with his recollections of his grandfather.

Simply send your stories to us at magazine@froyle.com. Written copy can be dropped off for us at The Meeting Place on Fridays.

The Editors

Froyle Rainfall for March 2018

This year	115.5 mm	4.5 ins
Last year	44 mm	1.7 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 th wettest month	58.7 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	234.5 mm	9.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	198.6mm	7.8 ins



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

I make no apology for mentioning this again this year as believe it or not it happened again in 2017 making it now 4 years on the trot!

Could we therefore be in line for a real soaking mid-year this year? Well maybe, but as this was the fourth wettest March in 40 years better keep those sou'westers handy for the Gardens opening...!



“The Umbrella Man”

Bentley CE Primary School May News

Engaging the children in the joy of reading has always been a goal at Bentley and we were delighted to welcome author Sam Gayton into school in April. His books 'The Snow Merchant', 'Hercufleas,' 'His Royal Whiskers' and 'Lilliput' are very popular and the children were very excited to meet him.

We enjoyed a fun assembly when Sam had the whole school perform tongue twisters and enthralled us all with an excerpt from The Snow Merchant, cleverly leaving the story on a cliff-hanger! He ran workshops with the Juniors during the day who all loved writing 'nano-stories' (a story in six words) with him.

Amongst the favourites from Year 4 were...

- Camping trip. Bear Kingdom. Empty tent. By Oliver
- Zombie apocalypse. Everyone dies. Except Bob. By Maddison
- One ship... one iceberg... one tragedy. By Max
- Grey hair. Dyed it. Went well. By Holly

Lots of children and parents came along at the end of the day to meet Sam and have him sign a book for them – although one child did ask if that was his actual signature or just a scribble! It was lovely to see the children so engaged!

Sam's visit began a week of reading at school which culminated in a very special opening ceremony for our lovely library which was relocated at the beginning of the school year.

An amazing story teller chair and some money to buy new books was very kindly gifted to the school from the Stanley family and super artist Anna MacInnes created a wonderful mural from the whole school's favourite book characters. The children love the new school library and we hope that Sam's visit, along with the Summer Term Reading Challenge, will inspire some great reading and perhaps one or two published authors of the future!

Katy Pinchess - Headteacher



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Lent Lunches

We enjoyed our last lunch on March 21st at Copse Hill Farm, courtesy of Jane Macnabb and as usual, it was a wonderfully chatty occasion! The total taken after all 6 lunches was £1077.05p which is a magnificent effort.

I am so grateful to all the hostesses this year, who have continued the tradition of generous hospitality and delicious soups, and to all of you who have partaken of them.

Different venues next year, but I am sure, equally sublime culinary experiences!!

Jenny Gove

St. Mary's Froyle - Church Flowers

Thank you to all who contributed to the decorations for Easter, as always I think we excelled ourselves! Special thanks to the Toddler Group and the Sunday School for their imaginative contributions.

A special thank you to Bella Butler for inviting us to gather armfuls of beautiful daffodils and tulips from West End Farm for the Church.

Next date: Vestment Weekend will soon be upon us, and Tony Riley will be decorating the church with lots of greenery for the occasion, on Tuesday 29th May. He would like baskets of green foliage and plenty of anything green from your garden! Please deliver to the Church on or before the 29th.

Gill Bradley (520484)



Fundraising Quiz & BBQ

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MAY SERVICES

Sunday 6th	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 13th	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with children's groups
	3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church at Binsted School
Sunday 20th	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@Five (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 27th	6.30pm	Froyle	Choral Evensong
	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with children's groups

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering

Froyle Church, Sunday 10th June at 3:00 pm

This a short, simple service of prayers and hymns (referred to in the current services rota, for those of you who have seen this, as a 'Commemorative Service') is for anyone wishing to remember and give thanks for the life of a person they have known and loved who has died. Many of you will remember we held such a service in September 2016, and there has been lots of interest in holding it again.

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Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome, whether or not your loved one had any connection with Froyle, and whenever he or she died.

If you would like to know more about it, do get in touch either with **Sarah (520041, Sarahr@marketingnetworks.co.uk)** or with me.

William Knowles (23164)

“Thank You” from the Church

In addition to those expressed elsewhere in the magazine:

Firstly, to the many people who helped make **Easter** such a success: to Sarah T and Gill and all those talented people who helped decorate the church – and a particular thank you to Peter Wonson for letting us have his remarkable cross ‘edifice’....; to Jane and the choir for Maundy Thursday service, as lovely as ever; to Jan, Jenny, Ali and Jane Harrap (not to mention Yann) for making the Easter garden making and egg hunting frolic for kids so entertaining on Easter Saturday;

Secondly, to Julie Southern and Sarah R and their formidable team who extracted more money from fewer people at the **Church Jumble** on 7 April;

Thirdly, to all who came to the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on 19 April – if anyone who doesn’t have a copy of the Church’s Annual Report and Accounts for 2017 would like one, let me know; particular thanks to Linda for her nearly 20 years’ service on the PCC, from which she stepped down at that meeting – she assures us she will continue to be her formidably active self in the various other aspects of church life for which she does so much.

William Knowles

Scones in Summer!



Remember, remember Scones in June - every Tuesday afternoon...in the church! More details in the June magazine.

Jane Macnabb

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

I've been thinking a little of late about the miracle contained in a tiny seed. As a child I annoyed my parents by snapping off the ripe seed heads of the purple opium poppies in our neighbour's garden and scattering the dust-like seed everywhere. Those minuscule seeds, almost as fine as ground pepper and contained in a pod so like a pepper pot, produced masses of tall poppies with silky gossamer petals. I always marvelled at the ability of such a tiny thing to generate such a large number of plants and I've wondered too at the larger seeds of nasturtium and sunflowers, capable of going on to produce many flowers and many more seeds.

The Bible also has a lot to say about seeds. There is the very practical verse about seeds being sown and some falling by the wayside (Matthew ch.13, v.3), which ends 'Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown'. When seeds are planted we don't know precisely how many will grow to full size and some may not even germinate, but we do know that, given the right conditions, there is a good chance of success. We aim for warmth, moisture, the right kind of soil and light, knowing these factors will encourage germination and growth.

And Matthew also wrote about the mustard seed, saying, 'It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.' In the Middle East, mustard is a shrub and can indeed grow into a sizeable tree, because the climate is conducive to substantial growth, whereas in this country it is more like the bright yellow rape seed crop we see grown so often in our fields in this area in summer.

I think both these verses tell us something about the human condition and God's hopes for us. We each have within us, the capacity to grow in faith and spirit, but we must nurture that seed with prayer and devotion to ensure it will flourish. And if the individual seed within each of us can grow to fruition, then we can help more seeds to germinate by spreading the message of Jesus and sharing our faith with others.

So I hope and pray, that, just as gardeners and farmers are praying for a fruitful crop this year, despite the cold Beasts from the East that delayed our Spring, we in the parishes of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle will see our churches flourishing and the faithful multiplying.

***Blessings,
Yann***



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Maths Puzzles

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Harder

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Brain Teasers

- ð Insert the missing vowels to give five sweet dishes. What are they?

SND

TPC

MSS

SMLN

GT

- ð Car A and Car B set off from the same point, at the same time, to travel the same 70 mile journey. Car A travels at 50 mph and Car B travels at 35 mph. How many minutes will there be between the arrival times of the two cars?

Answers on page 29



Talk by Gary Wilburn, MD of HPW Architecture: How do we deliver affordable low-energy buildings as the norm?

At Energy Alton's next public talk on Wednesday 16 May at 7.30 pm, Gary Wilburn, Managing Director of HPW Architecture (based in Romsey) will describe how it is possible to build affordable highly energy-efficient buildings, using prefabricated building technologies and integrated renewable energy generation. HPW Architects are finalists in the Edie Sustainability Awards 2018 for the Sustainable Building of the Year. The building regulation standards for energy efficiency were reduced in 2015, as the large housing developers convinced the Government that highly energy-efficient homes cost too much. We would like to prove them wrong! The event is at Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN. Free entry, bar, all are welcome. www.energyalton.org.uk

(IN)CONSEQUENTIAL TALES

Authors' note: these stories are fiction. Any possible identification of any character with any person living or dead is unintentional and coincidental, except in relation to any known historical characters, whose appearance, along with any historical events, locations and periods, is to give the stories context and meaning, and possibly relevance.

2 Travellers on the road

The track wound through the woods, indistinct and muddy, but visible and easy to follow, with a combination of hoof marks and footprints. The party made quite a noise, the wheels of the carriage squeaking, leather of the harness creaking and the escorts' weapons and armour jingling and clanking, as it made its way along the ridge, accompanied by the angry squawking of the rooks which rose and settled in front of and behind it. Alfred Boyes felt a little uneasy: this was his first trip from Farnham to Winchester and he didn't really know the route. He knew that the plague had wreaked havoc among the peasant population. There had been rumours of unrest, even hostility to the lords and nobles, in some of the villages, and he didn't relish having to explain himself to his superiors if anything untoward befell his party.

"Keep your eyes peeled, men" he called out. "We don't know what the people round here are like, and I don't want any nasty surprises."

They came to the edge of the woods, to see a great swathe of land laid out before them, mainly fields with clumps of woodland in between. He could see some people across the valley to the left, some way away, who appeared to be working on the land.

"Hey you, Fletcher! Look down that way – can you see those folk by the oxen over there?" he asked. "Ride over and see what this place is called, if it is a place at all, how many people live here and what they're like. We'll wait for you to come back." The man headed off the track down the hill, spraying mud up behind him.

"Boyes! Why have we stopped? What's going on?" came a voice from inside the carriage.

"There are some peasants across the valley. I've sent someone to see where we are, and what the people are like. Maybe we can take some with us – we'll need all the men we can get if Wykeham has his way." There was no answer from the carriage, which Boyes took as approval of his decision.

Across the valley Adam and Joshua watched as a figure on horseback emerged from behind the trees and came down the hill towards them. He appeared to be armed.

"I don't like the look of this, son," said Adam, "but we can't run away without appearing suspicious: and I don't want to risk losing the oxen. We'd better stand fast. Act normal and let me do the talking. Let's hope we can get rid of him."

To be continued. Who is in the carriage? Why is it going to Winchester? What does it mean for Adam and Joshua?

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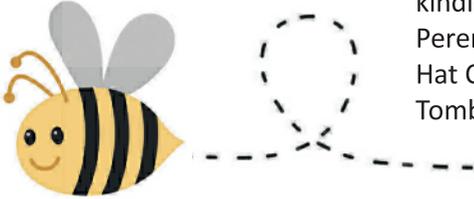
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		1	2	3	4 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	5
6 <i>8.00 HC</i>	7	8 <i>Refuse & garden</i>	9 <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	10	11 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i> <i>7.30pm Gardening Club</i>	12
13 <i>11.00 HC</i>	14 <i>Recycling & glass</i> <i>7.45pm PC meeting</i>	15 <i>7.30pm Wildlife talk</i>	16 <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	17	18 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i> <i>7.00pm Talk in Church</i> <i>Magazine deadline</i>	19
20 <i>11.00 HC</i>	21 <i>Refuse & garden</i>	22	23 <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	24	25 <i>9.30 Meeting Place</i>	26
27 <i>6.30pm Choral Evensong</i>	28	29 <i>Recycling</i> <i>Decorate church</i>	30 <i>2.30pm Better balance</i>	31		

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