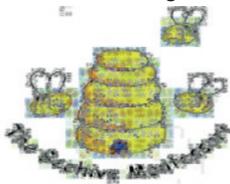


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# PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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## FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Froyle Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 17 April.

After dealing with apologies, the minutes of the previous annual meeting and matters arising, the many groups (the Meeting Place, the Froyle Archive, the Good Companions, The Froyle Gardening Club & Flower Show, the Froyle Fête, the Froyle Magazine, the Village Hall, the Village Agent, the Church in Froyle, the Baby & Toddler Group, Froyle Wildlife, and Speedwatch) supported by the Council and contributing so much to our village life presented reports on their activities in 2018 and the year to date. Mark Kemp-Gee, our County Councillor, discussed activities at the County Council level and presented some interesting facts about the importance and size of the Hampshire economy. Glynis Watts, our EHDC councillor, who is retiring at the forthcoming local elections, gave an account of an inspiring programme to introduce children, locally and nationally, to the “tech” world and motivate them to get involved in it, which she had recently encountered through being a councillor, to illustrate that there is more to it than planning and rubbish collection, and to encourage others to stand for election.

Julie Southern, chairman of the Council, thanked Mark Kemp-Gee and Glynis Watts in particular for their support for the village, all the Parish Councillors and those involved in village life for all that they do to make Froyle the place that it is.

The next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday 8 May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

*The Editor*

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## Hiring the Village Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks' accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door. Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know. Further information about the hall can be found at [www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

*Nick Whines (23130) - [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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## NEWS from the VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 17 April.

The Chairman David Robertson presented the Trustees' Report for 2018. Highlights of the year included 'Call my Wine Buff', the Bonfire Party and several Film Nights. The year saw the installation of a new boiler and control system, new front doors and high speed broadband. Hire charges had been raised by 20% during the year but this had had little impact on the level of usage. The Hall continues to host a wide variety of events and activities. David drew attention to the fact that the Mother and Toddler Group had been re-established and was proving successful. He thanked the Committee for all their hard work and all present for their ongoing support.

The Secretary presented the accounts on behalf of the Treasurer Charlie Findlay who was unable to attend the meeting. He thanked Ian Macnabb for inspecting the accounts and for his advice. He also thanked the District and County Councillors for their contributions to the cost of the new doors. He explained that although the year had ended with an overall deficit of £4219 this was offset by a grant from the

EHDC Open Space Developer Contribution of £3000 which had arrived in January and therefore could not be included in the 2018 accounts.

The meeting approved both the Report and the Accounts. The Committee having stood down was unanimously re-elected.

Froyle Village Hall is a registered charity and its accounts can be viewed on the Charity Commission website along with details of its objectives and a list of its Trustees who are effectively its current committee members. The Hall is managed by a large and enthusiastic committee whose members represent as far as possible different groups and localities within the village. The Hall serves the whole community and it is vitally important that this is believed to be the case. What is also very important is that everybody supports the Hall. We can no longer rely on grants from national or local government or other grant awarding bodies. Fund raising therefore becomes critical.

Race Night on Saturday 18 May is our main fund raising event of the year and we very much hope it is already in your diary even if you haven't yet bought a ticket. Given a good turnout we can guarantee a delicious meal and a good deal of excitement and laughter if previous occasions are anything to go by. This is an excellent opportunity to meet people and perhaps make new friends in the village. Big Al our compere for the evening will show a series of horse race videos and invite you to bet on the outcome. Half the bets go to the Hall and the other half to those who back the winner. Yes, you could go home a little poorer albeit in a good cause, but equally you could go home in profit. The odds are a lot better than the Lottery. If you are not free to come, the only acceptable reasons being that you are either Saving the Planet or Creating World Peace or both, you can still take part by sponsoring a race (think of the Glory) or a horse (£2 and you will get a prize if your horse wins). Tickets to include supper cost £10. See page 10 for details. Please purchase asap otherwise catering becomes a nightmare. There will be a pay bar and a lot of bad jokes from Big Al.



We understand that a village dog (a number are suspected) has been undertaking some excavations on the bonfire site and has unearthed a quantity of nails and screws which our magnet on wheels failed to pick up during the clear up. As a precautionary measure we have taped off the site to allow the grass to establish. Please discourage your dog from further digging.

Finally, a big thank you to Gill Bradley who has decided to step down from the Committee after serving for many years. Her good sense and willingness to help has been much appreciated.

*Nick Whines (23130) secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk*

## Froyle Open Gardens

Froyle Open Gardens takes place this year on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 June from 2 to 6pm. Six gardens will be opening and there will be delicious teas served in the village hall. There will also be plenty of plants for sale. Tickets cost £7.50 and can be used on both days.

All the profits from the event, which last year raised over £10,000, go to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) which in 2019 has distributed £3 million to various medical charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie. This year £85,000 has been donated to Treloars to help fund an incredible new Outdoor Learning Centre at the college in Holybourne which will offer vocational learning opportunities and other therapeutic benefits for students.



*Visitor de-stressing in a Froyle garden*

New research conducted by the National Garden Scheme can reveal that visiting a private garden is good for the soul. Over 85% of NGS supporters report that being in a National Garden Scheme garden has a positive impact on their mental wellbeing and 8 out of 10 (80%) feel happier after visiting than before.

George Plumptre, Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme, explains: “Visiting an NGS garden is probably not the first thing people think of when they’re looking to de-stress.

But spending an hour or two wandering around a truly beautiful garden that has been lovingly cultivated by its owners, and enjoying a slice of homemade cake and a cup of tea, is incredibly restorative and rivals any other act of self-care that is commonly promoted. The National Garden Scheme isn’t just about opening gardens for charity..... As our latest research shows, the effect garden visiting can have on mental wellbeing is heartening and I would encourage anyone who would like an escape from their busy life to visit one of our gardens.”

To which I would add that opening your garden to the public, although somewhat nerve wracking when things don’t go exactly to plan and the roses fail to bloom on the right day and the slugs get your prize delphinium, is still enormously rewarding and makes all the worry and hard work very worthwhile.



The Froyle Archive has a very good selection of photos taken over the last ten years showing the Froyle gardens in all their glory. Go to <http://www.froyle.com/ngs> and discover just how long Froyle has been associated with the NGS.

And finally if you would like to bake a cake, help with the teas, put up signs, direct the parking, sell tickets or plants, or help weed, we would be delighted to hear from you.

*Nick Whines 23130*

## Froyle Open Gardens cakes

**To all the lovely Froyle cake bakers who kindly donate cakes for the open gardens, this year on June 1st and 2nd**

Thank you for your delicious cakes.

To try and speed up the tea queue in the village hall, we are going to try limiting the cake choice this year. If you are kind enough to make a cake, it would be much appreciated if you could make one of the following, and deliver it to the hall on Friday 31st May if at all possible.

Victoria sponge

Chocolate cake with buttercream icing

Orange or lemon (sponge or drizzle)

Ideally no cream and easy to cut into 8 portions, please.

Many, many thanks.

*Susie Robertson (520820)*



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## Lent Lunches 2019



The money taken at the Lent lunches this year came to £1216.60, which is the highest total ever! All of it will go to the 6 charities chosen by the hosts/esses.

As always, the soups were delicious, and the conversation sparkling!

Grateful thanks to those who hosted, for their hospitality, and to those of you who attended, for supporting all the charities.

If any new resident would like to host a lunch next year, do let me know.

*Jenny Gove 23697*



## Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am -11:45am (during term times)  
Froyle Village Hall

<b>2nd May 2019</b>	NOGROUP - HALL USED FOR POLLING STATION	
<b>9th May 2019</b>	Dinosaur week	Raaaawwsome crafts and snacks!
<b>16th May 2019</b>	Sock week	Keep hold of any old socks for some sock crafts!
<b>23rd May 2019</b>	Letters Week	* Please note: the hall may be needed as a polling station for the European Elections - please keep an eye on the facebook group for updates
<b>30th May 2019</b>	NOGROUP - HALF TERM	

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family.  
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots and lots of toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619.  
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



## The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

...is having a summer break...

But don't worry, if you play your cards right, we'll be back in September...!



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





# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place 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 collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there is a selection of books to borrow. We always welcome surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables and flowers. Dogs on leads are very welcome in the hall, but PLEASE come prepared to clean up any "accidents" that may occur.

## Cake Bakers for May

3rd	Susie Robertson	Lucia Lindblom	Mary Chaplin	Kay Pogson
10th	Jennie Thomas	Sue Sharman	Sheila Cottington	Shirley Bellis
17th	Sarah Basey	Jane Stewart Smith	Elizabeth Sealey	Alison Pincott
24th	Sarah Roberts	Jenny Gove	Clare McMullen	Julie Southern
31st	Gill Bradley	Maureen Fry	Mary Perryman	Caroline Findlay

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

## Kitchen Helpers for May

3rd	Kay Pogson	Lori Taylor
10th	Jan Elliott	Philippa Cullen Stephenson
17th	Chris Muddiman	Linda Cooper
24th	Sue Carr	Sue Sharman
31st	Sheila Cottington	Mary Knowles

12 - 18 May is Christian Aid Week, so on 17 May we will be raising money for that very good cause.

If you need to swop dates, please contact another helper directly and arrange this.

With the later start time there is no need to be at the Hall before 10.15am

*Gill Bradley (520484) gabbradley@gmail.com  
Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*

## May News from The Froyle Archive

### Life in Froyle in the late 1930s by Bill Elstow *continued*

Lighting was originally by paraffin oil lamps with a very tall glass chimney and wicks that had to be regularly trimmed to prevent the lamp from smoking. As a child I was always fascinated by the fact that you could light a cigarette just by holding it at the top of the glass chimney. Keeping a cottage warm in winter was quite an art. The



*Church Cottage, Lower Froyle, in the 1960s*

first thing of course was never to let the range go out, and to be sure that when you came down in the morning you could put on a handful of sticks, give the ashes a tickle with a poker and bring it all back to life again.

Like many of the cottages in the village, you stepped down through the front door of my grandmother's first cottage ducking your head as you did so, if you were a man, to avoid a head cracking. The floor was brick and you did not need to be told that there was no damp course if you were first down in the morning in bare feet on the damp bricks. My grandfather would often roll up the previous day's News Chronicle, light one end and go all over the bricks with it to warm the air up before breakfast was started.

Without a damp course it was impossible to consider wall paper unless it was nailed to the wall. To make up for this we had folding draught screens decorated with magazine covers that you could put behind your chair if you sat between the door and the chimney. I don't recall any carpets but fireside rugs were made by cutting up old clothing into inch strips and looping them through a sacking backing so that the two ends came through to form a pile. The characteristic colours of these rag rugs were grey, blue, black and brown.

In the cottage was a fairly large white washed pantry with a rickety wooden floor over a small cellar. Down here were kept the Bramley apples which were expected to last long enough to provide apple sauce at Easter. The pantry itself always had the smell of home-made wine brewing. The wine was always started off in a cloth covered large earthenware crock used at other times for keeping bread in. Once the initial vigorous fermentation, started off by floating the yeast on a piece of bread, had died down the wine would be decanted into two gallon ginger beer stone jars and left in the cellar for a year before bottling. That cellar really did have a delightful smell.

The wines of choice were parsnip, dandelion and wheat. The latter had the reputation of being as potent as whisky but I guess this was because it was much easier to drink and was always served in tumblers. In later years when my grandfather became confined to bed a Mr Smith would come round occasionally on a Sunday to cut his hair and it was courtesy to offer him a glass of wine as he was leaving. But I remember one Sunday when to every one's amazement he refused the offer of a glass of wheat wine. When pressed he said he had a couple more calls to make and the last time he'd taken a tumbler of the stuff he found that he was unable to refuse a second and that later he'd woken up to find both himself and his bicycle laying up in a hedge.

When I began to develop a palate myself for these home-made wines I began to wonder how boiled wheat could make such a wonderful brew. Perhaps it had something to do with the five pounds of muscatel raisins that went into each gallon. One might be excused for wondering why the wheat was there at all.

*Read more about Bill Elstow's Froyle at [www.froyle.com/memory.htm](http://www.froyle.com/memory.htm)*

*Chris & Annette Booth*

## Puzzles & Games

This month we have a return of our occasional Puzzles & Games section, for your entertainment and amusement. Answers on page 12.

### Easier

1	x		-		-6
-		+		+	
	+		-	2	11
-		x		x	
	x		-		36
-10		80		44	

### 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

	+		x		13
x		+		+	
	-	5	-		-6
+		-		x	
	-		+		7
26		11		64	

## Brain Teasers

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

RS

NNM

DNDLN

CMLL

GPNTHS

- ð A train covers its outward journey at 117 mph. Due to engineering works (just for a change!) it returns over exactly the same distance at only 39 mph. What is the train's average speed over the entire journey?



# Charity Race Night



**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019**  
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# 73<sup>rd</sup> Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 13th July

Where did the year go? Or did it seem much longer due to all those Brexit shenanigans? Your special correspondent Jethro J. reporting for duty with the first update on progress towards the highlight of the N.E. Hampshire summer season.

I've been in touch with my Fete Committee insider, and although bribing him for information is more expensive this year as he's now switched to drinking Moondance, I think it will be worthwhile. As always, take some of what he's told me with a pinch of salt but do not exceed your recommended daily allowance.

As is now traditional, the theme of the 2019 fete is "traditional". Although we remain in what I still call the Common Market, those interfering pen-pushers in Brussels haven't got their hands on this most British of July jamborees. We welcome back old favourites like the children's farm, and this year a new attraction called "laser tag" should entertain all ages. After a successful debut last year, the chariot racing will return, although the defending champion Mr. B. Hur can't make it as he's slaving away somewhere else. Another arena highlight will again be the Dog Show with a schedule carefully designed not to exclude any potential canine contestants. I'm also told that local clairvoyant Senora Kay Sera may be taking a stall but I suspect she may not make it due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Village Hall will play host to the Flower Show and, subject to growing conditions, a cornucopia of fruit and vegetables. It's also where you can get a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Talking of refreshments, ice creams and the bbq will be out on the main field, as well as the beer tent which serves an ever-increasing range of drinks.

Nearer the day, we'll be on the look out for bottles, books, bric-a-brac and things not beginning with b, so why not set aside that bottle of green stuff you brought back from Croatia but don't know why, those Dan Brown novels you wonder why you ever read and that spiralizer that isn't as posh as Nigella's?

More details in future magazines. Meantime, if you'd like to find out how you can help our happy organising team or even run a stall, Fete Committee Chairman Ian Whitmore is your man, on 22634.

Bye for now me old pals me old beauties, I'll be back next month.

*Jethro J*

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## Froyle 100 Club

### Winners for April 2019

1st – Sandra Fry

2nd – Teresa Ogden

3rd – William Knowles

4th – Charlie Findlay

Congratulations to all the winners (not sure I should be congratulating myself, though...)

*William Knowles (07775 928933, wbk@wbknowles.com)*

# GEORGE EZZARD

## Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you for the cards of sympathy after George passed away on the 21st March and to everyone who came to his funeral, and for refreshments after the service to celebrate his life in the Froyle Village hall. It was nice to see his friends and relatives to express their condolences and support at this sad time, and a big thank you to Susie Robertson and the team for preparing the hall and the lovely spread of food and drink. George will be missed by all but will always be in our memory.

*The Ezzard Family*



## FOR YOUR DIARY



### FROYLE FILM NIGHT

The next Froyle Film Night will be held on

**Friday 4 October 2019**

Further details to follow

## Maths Puzzles solutions

### Easier

1	x	3	-	9	-6
-		+		+	
6	+	7	-	2	11
-		x		x	
5	x	8	-	4	36
-10		80		44	

### Harder

4	+	9	x	1	13
x		+		+	
6	-	5	-	7	-6
+		-		x	
2	-	3	+	8	7
26		11		64	

### Flowers

Rose  
Anemone  
Dandelion  
Camellia  
Agapanthus

### Train speed

Average speed for the entire journey is 58.5 mph



## Spring Show

The Spring Show on 12 April was very successful. The hall looked colourful with a surprising number of daffodil exhibits, mixed spring flowers and more stunning tulips than usual in April. It was also very heartening to have many more exhibitors and people coming to view than in the past year or two.

Congratulations to Brian Porter who had the Best Exhibit of Daffodils and also the most points in the show overall. The exhibit of Mixed Spring Flowers entered by Anne Blunt was judged Best in Show. Classes judged by popular vote were Spring Posy, won by Margaret Hodson and the photography class 'The Wonder of Nature' won by Marian Cresswell.

Thanks go to exhibitors and all who helped in other ways to make this show so enjoyable.

## Garden visits

**Friday 7 June** Broadhatch House, Bentley GU10 5JJ – meet there at 7pm

**Friday 5 July** 5 Anstey Mill Close, Alton GU34 2QT – meet there at 7pm

*NB change of date*

**Friday 9 Aug** Berry Cottage, Farrington GU34 3EG – Meet there at 7pm

Brenda Milam has kindly arranged these evening visits for us again and will need to know numbers. Please contact her if you have not already signed lists and for further information.

Tel: 01420 22216 [walbury@uwclub.net](mailto:walbury@uwclub.net)

## Now we are 50!

To celebrate this anniversary all members and former members who have moved away are invited to a **Tea Party in Froyle Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm**. (NB *No Friday evening meeting*).

Do come – for catering purposes we need to know a.s.a.p. Please contact me if you have not yet signed the list.

*Anne Blunt (22262)  
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

PS Observant members will have spotted that the logo for this article is the same as the one on our sweatshirts!



## Froyle Wildlife

### Welcoming our Spring Arrivals

This is the time of year we welcome back our Spring arrivals in Froyle, especially Swallows, Swifts and House Martins, and we are reminded again of their intrepid journey back from Africa. Recently

I attended a memorable talk by Professor Ian Newton, considered by many to be the UK's foremost ornithologist, entitled Wonders of Bird Migration. Ian explained the reason why birds return each year to their breeding grounds, a logical calculation of the net benefits between improved breeding success versus the expected chances of survival during a possibly perilous journey. Then there are the migration routes birds take. Experiments with caged birds have shown that at times of migration, captive birds demonstrate "migratory restlessness" behaviour by looking to escape in specific directions from their cage, suggesting a genetic predisposition passed onto offspring. Birds have a built-in compass, utilising the sun, stars and the earth's magnetic field, with the ability to reverse their 'flight plan' for the return journey.



Use of modern tracking devices, including radar, has determined that birds typically fly at altitudes of between two and six kilometres, choosing their altitude to benefit from the most favourable wind conditions. The highest recorded migration is over the Himalayas at eight kilometres. The longest recorded non-stop flight by a land bird is undertaken by

70,000 Bar Tailed Godwits each year. They fly from Alaska to New Zealand in a single flight over the Pacific Ocean covering 11,700 kilometres in 9.5 days, or 228 hours of continuous flight. Such birds are thought to 'sleep' on the wing by shutting down each half of their brain in turn. Their return trip is a different route of 16,800 kilometres, although they take a single stop along the way. To achieve such amazing feats, the Godwits need to double their normal weight by putting on fat reserves. Even more remarkable perhaps is their ability to shrink all their body parts to make room for all this extra fat! Birds really are amazing creatures and I hope, like me, you are looking forward to seeing our returning visitors over the coming weeks.

*Alan Dyos*



## Wildflower walk in Upper Froyle

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Meet at Froyle Church 10.30am for a short walk to identify local flora in wildlife friendly grassland. What common wildflowers can we find locally?

*Sue Clark*

### Bumblebee talk

In March Dr Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust [www.bumblebeeconservation.org/](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/) told us about the three types of bees -solitary, honey and bumblebee their lifecycle and ecology. We can all help bumblebees by planting some bee-friendly plants in our gardens, to flower between March and September. As gardens cover over one million acres in the UK, this presents a great opportunity to provide food for bumblebees. By using these spaces more effectively, everyone can get involved in making the landscape friendlier to bumblebees, and help reverse the declines of the past century. Whether you have a window box, allotment or large garden, bee-friendly flowers can help boost your local bumblebee population. In return, they will dutifully pollinate our flowers, crops, fruits and vegetables.



**Cornfield annuals** were sown in April by volunteers on an area of Froyle recreation ground. The colourful display this summer will provide nectar for bees and insects.

Join us at the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow near Gid Lane if you can help at our work party on **Saturday 11th May** 10am-12 noon. For more information see [www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news) or phone 23520.

*Barry Clark*

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### A plea to all walkers

Mill Farm has sheep in the fields which run alongside the beeches, between Upper and Lower Froyle. There is a footpath through the beeches, with a kissing gate allowing access to it just opposite Whiteway Cottage.

There is a chain through said gate, but with a loose link which opens and closes, so walkers can pass through.

On two occasions now, that link has not been replaced on the chain, and the sheep have got out onto the road. Clearly this is dangerous for both drivers and sheep!

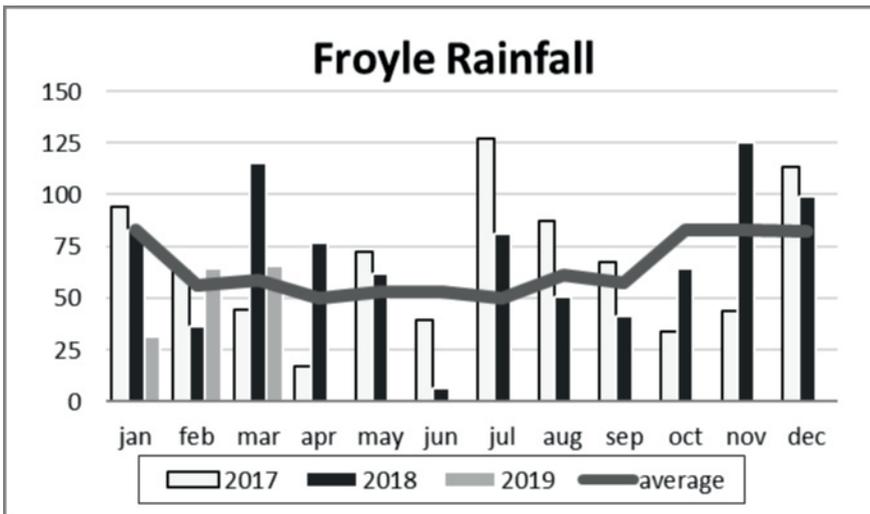
PLEASE could everyone using this footpath make sure you have replaced the link securely?

Thank you

*Mill Farm*

## Froyle Rainfall for March 2019

This year	65.5 mm	2.5 ins
Last year	115.5 mm	4.5 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	58.9 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	161.5 mm	6.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	197.7 mm	7.8 ins



As you can see from the table above, we are 20% below the average rainfall for the first quarter of 2019. So not quite the soaking I thought back in December we could conceivably get. Not surprisingly therefore, I am a little reticent in trying to forecast what is in store for us over the next quarter...but, at the risk of being doubly wrong, seven of the last eight similar first quarters have been followed by a dry'ish spring.



**“The Umbrella Man”**

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## MAY SERVICES

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Bentley	Morning Worship w/Children's Church
	<b>11.00am Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	3.30pm Binsted	Messy Church (in school)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Binsted	Morning Worship
	<b>11.00am Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (Tea served at 4.30pm)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion w/Children's Church
	<b>6.30pm Froyle</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>8.00am Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

## ***Dear all,***

Just before writing this piece, I had been noticing a lack of lambs in the fields surrounding our village. On my journeys around the benefice during February and March I kept looking out for their arrival and then when we entered April I realised that as Easter was late this year, the farmers must have cleverly delayed the lambing season to ensure a good supply of tender roast lamb for Easter Sunday lunches. We are such people of tradition, aren't we, with our Christmas turkeys and our Easter roast lamb.

But when I did finally see new lambs in the fields, or curled up alongside their mothers, I found myself thinking not about roast dinners with mint sauce, but about why Jesus is called the Lamb of God. And even more confusingly, why Jesus is also the Good Shepherd. Think about that, how can He be both lamb and shepherd? Odd, isn't it? But let me try to explain.

Going back over the centuries, Jewish culture often involved the sacrifice of lambs and this animal had a very important place in the religion. A newborn lamb with a pure white fleece is a symbol of purity. Despite Jesus being a mature man, he was unstained by sin and He too could symbolise cleanliness. So by referring to Christ as the 'Lamb of God', we can see that he was the perfect sacrifice.

Now my advisor on sheep tells me that lambs are not in fact, perfectly clean. They are as fresh as a newborn baby when they tumble into this world, but in no time at all, after snuggling up against their woolly mums, they don't smell too good! However, when we see those little white lambs scampering across the grass, we just see unstained new life.

So now let's consider the shepherd analogy. In His own words, Jesus tells us in John 10: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' Now I know our farmers are conscientious and care for their livestock, and my shepherd friend tells me that shepherds really do get to know their sheep as individuals, but I doubt that they would lay down their lives for them.

However, they work through the night to help ewes lamb, they check their flocks at all hours for predators and parasites and show sorrow at the loss of a good ewe or a sickly lamb. They will bottle feed rejected or orphaned lambs and go to great lengths to ensure that a ewe accepts and feeds her offspring. And I am told that even a hardened shepherd's heart warms to the sound of the unique snickering a ewe makes when she turns her head to greet and lick her newly born lamb.

It's hard for those of who aren't shepherds to understand how it is possible to know every member of a flock. To the layman, they are all alike. But read something like James Rebanks 'The Shepherd's Life' and you can gain an appreciation of their intimate knowledge of their animals. When he writes about the winter snows, 'The best ewe follows me in the trodden path I am making. She has bred me great sons and daughters.' With those words, we can see that he knows his sheep as individuals.

And just as the shepherd of today, working with a crook that has changed not at all since Biblical times, knows his sheep, so Jesus knows us and cares for us. Again in John 10, he said, 'I know my own sheep, and they know me just as my Father knows me and I know my Father.' It's comforting to think that we are watched over, cared for and loved by the Good Shepherd, all the days of our lives.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

## Easter in Church - a Thank You

Having attended quite a few church events over Easter - in Bentley and Binsted as well as Froyle - I was struck by the variety of what the three churches had to offer over Easter. In Froyle's case, this ranged from the formal beauty of the choral evening service on Maundy Thursday, to the 'frolic' for kids in the churchyard making miniature gardens and hunting for eggs on the Saturday, to the cheery Easter Day morning service on the Sunday. Every event I attended, in whichever parish, was uplifting in a different way, not only for 'hardened' churchgoers like me, but also for occasional visitors, of whom there are of course many over Easter. I have to boast of having even managed to get to the 5:30 am Easter sunrise service in Bentley churchyard – the sight of the sun rising on the other side of the valley while the moon was still above the western horizon was quite magical. The good weather certainly lifted everybody's spirits.

None of this happens without huge amounts of time being invested in it, generally by people who are already pretty busy. So the point of this note, other than to tell you what you might have missed, is to thank all those who made the Easter events in Froyle so special – you all know who you are, but I would particularly mention Sarah Thursfield's wonderfully talented flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully – and the challenging contrast with Peter Wonson's imaginative evocation of the Easter events which was displayed on the font; Jane Palmer for the Maundy Thursday service (well supported by Andrew Hunter Johnston, who also very kindly played the organ for us on Easter Day), Jan Elliott and Jane Harrap for their garden making and egg hiding skills, and of course everyone who sang, read, delivered intercessions, greeted people on arrival, helped to set up and clear away, and finally to our three ordained ministers, Yann, Christopher and David, whom we are very lucky to have.

*William Knowles (07775 928933)*

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## Heraldry Talk – 13 April 2019

On Saturday 13 April Edward Hepper entertained and educated an audience of about 80 people in the church with a fascinating explanation of the (very few) rules, and rather more conventions and practices, of heraldry, illustrating his talk mainly by reference to the hatchments and coat of arms on the walls. We learnt that the white surcoat generally worn over armour was invented to keep the sun from cooking a knight on his Crusade, and then the heraldic devices were to enable him to be recognised. It then became more complicated, but those in the know can tell the rank and sometimes the identity of the wearer from the features and decorations, and direction of gaze of the helmet, on a coat of arms. It appears that there are some anomalies in the coats of arms on some of the memorial stones in the church floor - unbeknown to most, probably.

It was a fascinating evening, well rounded off with delicious nibbles and a glass of wine, and thanks are due to Edward Hepper, and Nigel Bulpitt and his fundraising team for their hard work in putting it on.

*Jonathan Pickering*



*Jebbeh Konneh is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next: 'I'm afraid. I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I'll be healthy.'*

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

### **Stand with mums**

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, we are hosting the following opportunities to raise money:

**A Big Brekkie (cooked breakfast in return for donation) at the Wickham Institute, Binsted on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 8am – 9.30am.**

**Coffee and cake during The Meeting Place, Froyle Village Hall, 10am – 12noon, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

**And a tea party at Bentley Rec on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20pm.** Come along, buy some tea and cake and have some fun!

*Will you be a partner for change? If our church raised £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.*

Speak to Claire Aston today and join us so women like Jebbeh can celebrate more happy birth days.  
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### **'All mums should live'**





*Sunday 26th May*

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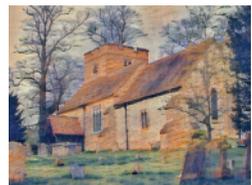
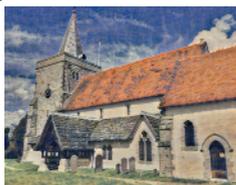
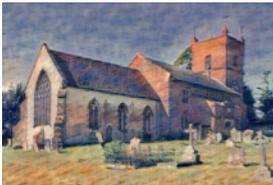
This year we are doing things a little differently. There will be two walking groups – one starting from St Mary's Froyle and the other from St Mary's Bentley.

Both groups will set off at 2.30pm and walk to Isington Mill – both groups will then walk up to Holy Cross Binsted together.

Tea and cakes will be served from 4.00 pm in the Vicarage gardens

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## Bentley CE Primary News

A busy Easter term of learning at Bentley CE Primary School: we seem to have crammed a lot of exciting learning into this term!

### Interesting school trips...

A local walk gave Year 4 a chance to try out their map reading skills; Year 1 visited Alice Holt on two occasions as ‘Spring Detectives’ to see



*Spring detectives*

### Map reading

the changes up close; the Plastic Awareness Workshop at Queen Victoria Country Park gave Year 6 a great deal to think about; Year R’s trip to the Winchester Science Centre helped them to explore their topic of Space; Year 2 visited the Gilbert White Centre on an Antarctic fact finding mission; Year 3 immersed themselves in the Iron Age for a day; and Year 5 and 6 took part in an incredible experience, singing in a



choir of 8,000 children at the Young Voices Concert at the O2. Wow!

### Super sportsmanship...

As well as all the fantastic sport and PE offered at Bentley as part of the everyday curriculum, our children are fortunate to have the opportunity to play in tournaments and friendly matches against other schools in the Alton cluster. This term the children have competed in a swimming gala and also hockey, football, rugby, dodgeball, badminton and cross country. With almost three quarters of the children taking part in a sporting competition at some point this academic year, our PE Lead, Miss Kirby said “It is great to see the enthusiasm from all the children for sport – not just from those who take part in extra-curricular sport, but every child has been keen to ‘give it a go.’”

### A fantastic Junior production...

The children all sang, danced and acted superbly in ‘Mystery at Magpie Manor’. Year 5 children, in 1920s costume, took the lead in the play, with Years 3 and 4 proving to be an excellent choir and dancers as magpies and burglars respectively. “We were incredibly proud of all the children taking part and impressed with how quickly they learned their lines, overcame their nerves and threw themselves into their characters. Great work!” said Miss Wiggins, Year 5 Class Teacher.

### Maths lessons for all...

Parents and carers were invited to come into class for a maths lesson with their child. Mrs Rushin, Maths Lead, wanted to ensure everyone had “a good understanding of what really happens in school, how a lesson is made up and to help see what the national expectations are in each year group.” We had an amazing uptake in the invitation, with over 85% of children having an adult with them for the lesson and both children and adults got a lot out of the joint sessions.

### **Some amazing fundraising...**

We have not only been fundraising for other charities – Red Nose Day, Kaira Konko and the Cyclone Idai appeal – this term, but have held several events for our own PTFA charity including cake sales, a sponsored walk and, most recently, The Bentley Ball and Promises Auction. We have been working really hard to save up for a replacement minibus to enable us to continue to offer so many sports and curriculum opportunities.

### **And the whole school coming together to celebrate two new pupil awards and a week of kindness**

Our School values of ‘Love, Faith and Courage’ are woven into all aspects of the school day at Bentley, from the classroom to the playground, from lunchtimes to on the sports field. We encourage each child to recognise these values for themselves and to do their best to embody them throughout their time at Bentley.

Our last week in school was ‘Kindness Week’ and marked special notice of the many acts of kindness happening in school each and every day. The children had fun playing games with a buddy from another class, they filled a jar with acts of kindness they had noted and each of them wrote a postcard to themselves to celebrate their own values.

All the children and staff nominated a boy and a girl who typify our values in their behaviour and to nominate one child who they believe to be incredibly kind. In a special assembly we were delighted to announce the winners of the Values Cups as Oliver (Year 2) and Sophie (Year 2) and the winner of the Kindness Cup as Zeph (Year 6). Huge congratulations to them all.

After such a busy term you might think that we would be hoping for a slightly quieter Summer Term, but with four residential visits, ice creams sales, a Summer Fair, open afternoon, visits from the children joining Year R in September and all the incredible learning that has been planned, it looks to be just as busy and I am sure that we will enjoy every minute. Please do get in touch if you would like to come and visit or have an idea or something to share from the village – we’d love to hear from you.

*Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher*

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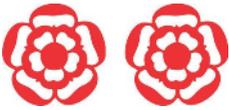
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5 8am HC	6 Bank Holiday	7 <b>Refuse &amp; Garden Waste</b>	8  7.45pm Parish Council	9 9.45am Toddler Gp	10 10am Meeting Place	11 10am Froyle Wildlife at Gid Lane  4pm Gardening Club 50 <sup>th</sup> Tea Party
12 11am HC	13 Recycling & Glass	14	15	16 9.45am Toddler Gp	17 10am Meeting Place	18  7pm Race Night
19 11am HC	20 Refuse & Garden Waste	21	22	23 9.45am Toddler Gp	24 10am Meeting Place  Mag. deadline	25
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