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April News from your Parish Council (PC)

All members of Froyle Parish Council (FPC) hope that this finds you and yours safe and well in these difficult times and that you are coping with all the disruption the Covid-19 crisis has brought to our lives. The strong community spirit in Froyle has kicked into overdrive to ensure that all in the community who need help while isolating have been looked after and know who to approach if assistance is needed. FPC has worked closely with the Village Agent to try and ensure that residents are kept informed and their needs have been met and are extremely grateful to everyone who has offered help to support their neighbours in any way however small. **If anyone is experiencing difficulties with shopping etc. due to self-isolation, they should contact the Village Agent mablack50@gmail.com.** A Hampshire Constabulary COVID-19 Support Services flyer with helplines is included elsewhere in this issue.

A meeting of the FPC was held on Monday 20th April using a web-based meeting system. The Annual Parish Meeting and Village Hall AGM on 22nd April were cancelled and a new date, if any, for these meetings has yet to be decided.

The Covid-19 crisis has shown that the FPC needed to have better communication routes to keep the community informed. A number of initiatives are underway to allow residents to keep up to date with what is happening in and around the village. These include a new **Froyle Parish Council website**, the **Froyle Parish Council Facebook** page and a distribution list of residents' email addresses. This distribution list would only be used to send out important information notifications such as information about the doctors, Council services, etc. and, under GDPR guidelines, any personal information provided for this purpose will not be shared or used in any other way. Almost 100 residents have given their agreement to be included on this list to date. If you would like to be included, please send an email to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk with YES in the subject line.

EHDC have issued bulletins about good neighbourliness during the Covid-19 crisis. Their environmental health team is calling on people not to light garden bonfires especially as smoke can be seriously damaging to people that have respiratory difficulties and getting rid of household waste by burning is likely to release toxic gases. FPC recognises that garden waste is accumulating with the local recycling centre closed and considered a suggestion from a resident to allow this to be left on the Rec.

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It was decided that this proposal wasn't feasible being too difficult to police and ran the risk of fly tipping and vermin infestation. FPC will make enquiries with EHDC about household composting bins being made available to residents at a reduced rate.

A second bulletin encouraged dog owners to bag up their pet's poo and put it in a street bin or dispose of it at home. This has been a particular concern for residents who regularly find dog poo bags discarded in the ditches and hedges surrounding the Rec. FPC has investigated the possibility of placing a bin at the exit from the Rec into Westburn Fields to encourage proper disposal. A suitable location will be determined by EHDC as soon as the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Finally on social responsibility it was extremely disappointing to discover a case of mindless vandalism in the village with someone cutting the rope on the flag pole at the Village Hall. If anyone knows anything about this, could they please let FPC know.

Around the village – the PC considered its responses to four planning applications in the parish. Two of the four were with respect to tree pruning, one for an extension to the side of a property and one for a new porch. The planning application reported last month for the construction of a single storey building inside the Walled Garden in Upper Froyle was declared invalid by EHDC and returned to the developer prior to the FPC objection being submitted. FPC continues to work with EHDC to get the developer to remove the rubbish in the walled garden but this is difficult under the current mobility restrictions. Planning applications can be reviewed using the link <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-appeals>.

Unfortunately, unscrupulous people are seeking to benefit from people's vulnerability during the crisis and a number of scams have been reported mainly related to online shopping for protective face masks, hand sanitiser and other products, which have never arrived. Other frauds being reported include ticket fraud, romance fraud, charity fraud and lender loan fraud. Any incidents should be reported to Action Fraud either online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 300 123 2040.

The next FPC meeting is scheduled for **11 May** and is also expected to be a web-based.

Volunteers waiting to help!

If you are stuck at home or self-isolating, there are dozens of volunteers ready to help out. There's help for shopping - just call Madeleine Black on 23371 to be put in touch with a shopper. Please do call, it's easy to add your requests to someone else's list. For collection of prescriptions please call the Care Group Co-ordinator on 23440.



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

News from the Village Hall

Sadly we have had to close the hall until further notice to comply with government instructions.

Upcoming bookings have been cancelled and deposits returned. The AGM has been postponed for the time being. The Committee has kindly agreed to continue to serve. Our accounts for 2019 will be reported to the Charity Commission in the normal way but without the endorsement of the AGM. When 'inspection' is completed, our accounts for 2019 will be made available on our web site at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk. We would be happy to answer any questions relating to these.

The hall is in a strong position financially with £32k in the bank including a coronavirus related Small Business Grant received from EHDC of £10k. The cost of our music licence will be reduced. It is too early to estimate our running costs while the hall is closed down as they tend to reduce at this time of the year anyway as the weather improves and the heating is turned off. While the sun shines, our solar panels will continue to provide a small income. We have put on hold replacing some failed double glazing units.

Over Easter an impromptu seed and plant sale was held which produced a profit of £40 for the hall. Correct social distancing was strictly observed. Thanks are due to all those involved.

It has been suggested that once the hall is allowed to reopen we hold a party for all residents to celebrate. Good idea! We also hope it will be possible to stage another Safari Supper in September. For those who have not taken part in the past, the evening proceeds something like this.

Everybody gathers at location 1 (one of Froyle's many lovely gardens) for a drink and a nibble and to be told where they will go for their first course. Yes this could be a journey into the unknown! Having enjoyed your first course you are given instruction where to go for your main course. Having feasted on your main course you return to the village hall for desert/ pudding/ afters, raffle prize giving, speeches of appreciation and, if you are still upright, another drink.

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Last time we held a Safari Supper it was a beautifully summer evening and a great time was had by all, apart that is for the couple who got lost south of the A31 and were never seen again. Stories continue to be told

Of course all this takes some organising so an early expression of interest would be very helpful and it may take your mind off lockdown. Could you therefore respond to the following questions. Nothing binding at this stage. The event is intended to raise funds for the hall but equally important to provide residents with a chance to meet each other and enjoy a good night out.

SAFARI SUPPER

I/we would like to take part i.e. buy a ticket at a reasonable price.

**I/we would like to host a first course for up to x people.
Maximum 8.**

**I/we would like to host a main course for up to x people.
Maximum 8.**

Please send your response to me by email so that the Committee can discuss further when it meets (virtually) on or around 12 May.

*Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall
secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk*

Help Save Lives!

Froyle is taking part in the *For The Love of Scrubs* initiative to help make Scrubs for the NHS. Many hospitals are desperately short of scrubs at the moment and Sarah Zorab is looking for helpers. All you need is a sewing machine and a bit of time and patience.

Sarah has already sewn a prototype and the pattern is not complicated. Fabric provided by the NHS will be arriving in the next week from York Hospital (where Sarah's daughter works as an Intensive Care doctor). Please get in touch if you think you can help this call to arms - either by email sarah@sarahzorab.co.uk or by phone 01420 520361 or 07990 572990.

Your finished items will then be returned to York Hospital and used on the front-line over the coming months.

NOWEY INCINERATOR

JOIN THE FIGHT TO PROTECT OUR VILLAGES

Do you want to protect our lovely countryside? Do you agree that burning waste is not the right answer? Do you believe Hampshire should review its recycling policy? Then join the fight to **STOP** Veolia building a massive incinerator on its A31 site. At the time of going to press, a planning application is due to be submitted **SHORTLY**. We will then have **ONLY 30 DAYS** to object. If this goes ahead it will mean:

WASTE BURNING 24/7
HGV TRAFFIC 24/7
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GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
IMPACT ON SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK
NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION

You can help oppose this inappropriate development.

Sign up to:

info@noweyincinerator.com for objection guidance

Watch and share our alarming video at:

<https://youtu.be/2PV3-bKMAbU>

Share our website at www.noweyincinerator.com

Gardening Club Report for May 2020



I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed your gardens in the sunny weeks we have just had. Sadly no Spring Show to report on this year and the garden visits in June will not take place.

The RHS has recently announced that the Hampton Court Flower Show is postponed until September. It is normally held in July at the time of our Fête and Flower Show. In these uncertain times we have not had our July schedules printed but are thinking of some virtual alternative and also hope that we may be able to have an Autumn Show.

Meanwhile you may like to send in a photo of your garden in spring or early summer to be forwarded to all our members online.

'Sweet April showers do spring May flowers'

Anne Blunt (22262)



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak, please keep an eye on the facebook page or call/message me for more information. We will be following Bentley School's closures.

**All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £3 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.

Froyle 100 Club April 2020 Doggy Draw

The Froyle 100 Club was presented with a particular challenge this month. Clearly the draw had to go on – we couldn't let the virus get in the way. How, though, could we assure everyone that the draw had been properly conducted without having it done under the stern gaze of the Meeting Place regulars to keep the 100 Club administrator honest.....?

The administrator did what he usually does when confronted by a tricky decision: he consulted his dogs.... Easy, they said; we dogs are not subject to social distancing, and we are known to be honest (except where food is concerned), so leave it to us....



The briefing...

And so it was that a team of Upper Froyle's finest yellow/fox coloured young Labradors, supervised by an equally fox coloured but somewhat older, and rather hard of hearing, retriever (of sorts) gathered at an undisclosed location within the parish boundaries and selected this month's winners, while their owners kept their distance.



The draw...

How did the dogs do it? We'll have to leave that to your imagination.

Not convinced? Well, what do you want, the facts or a good story – or perhaps a not-so-good story, or even a not-very-shaggy dog story. It's the best we can do in these difficult times.....

So the winners this month are:

- 1st – Annette Eyre
- 2nd – Roy Norkett
- 3rd – Dolly Blanchard
- 4th – Margaret Robinson

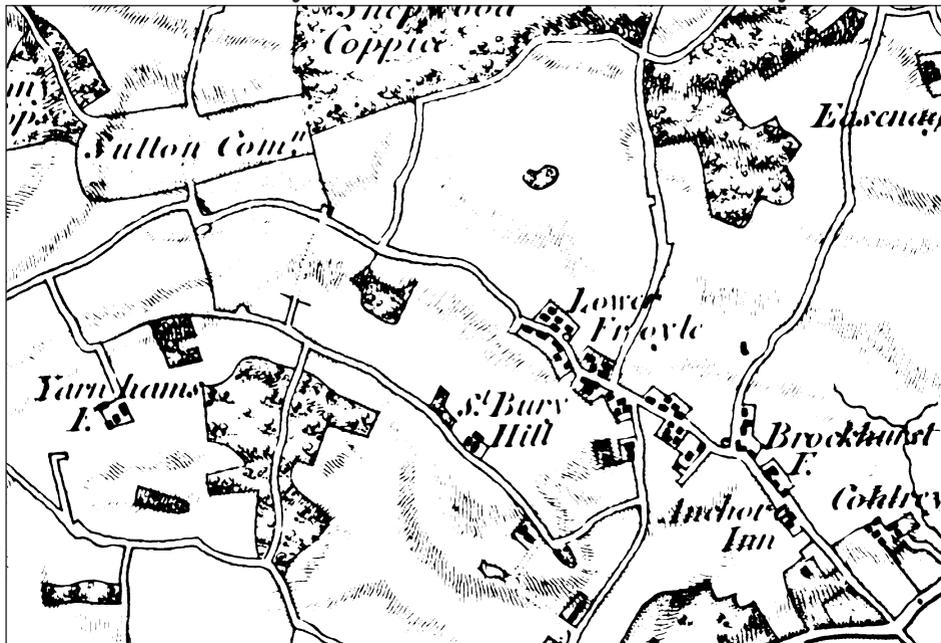
Congratulations to all!
Woof woof...



The supervisor...

May News from The Froyle Archive

Banburys and the Ordnance Survey



At the end of March we received a query about the location of a “Banbury’s Farm” in Lower Froyle.

“The reason I am emailing you is that I looked today at an Indenture on your web site between a William Wither and Hon. John Fiennes dated 1657, in which is mentioned a Samuel Winslade as being in the tenure or occupation of Banburys Farm. I wondered if you knew if Banburys Farm still exists and if you know any more about it? Kate Winslet the actress also descends from this Robert in Froyle.”

Several years ago we had another query about “Banburys” and, after much research, came to the conclusion that it was located somewhere up “Bambers Lane” on the way to Saintbury Hill. Looking at one the oldest, accurate maps of the village, the Ordnance Survey map of 1817, there is a potential building marked in the right place.



Additionally, in Theo Beck’s “Facets of Froyle”, he states that ; The “Freo/Frig/Frea” connection was suggested to give ‘Saintbury’ as ‘Saint bury’, or the hill where the Saint (Frea) was buried - the name originating from the Nuns of St Mary’s Abbey. However, in 1657 the farm was known as ‘Banburies’, and there had been a Gilbert Bennebury farming there earlier. By 1679 the farm had become Simbury Farm, and in 1760 a James Simbury acted as a witness

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to a lease drawn up for property in Upper Froyle. Could Saintbury have evolved from the Hampshire dialect of Simbury, and been named after a man who lived there? It could also have been where Bamber Lane got its name, although up until the First World War it was known as Bamberous Lane.

What does the original Ordnance Survey map have to do with Froyle?

We do have maps going back to 1759, but they are more artistic representations than precision records. The agency's name indicates its original military purpose which was to map Scotland in the wake of the Jacobite rising of 1745. This eventually led to the 'Principal Triangulation of Great Britain', a project carried out between 1784 and about 1853 at the instigation of senior surveyor General William Roy and led to the creation of the Ordnance Survey.

Roy's first task (1784) was to measure a base line between Hampton Poor House and King's Arbour on Hounslow Heath, a distance of just over 5 miles (8 km). The two terminals of this base-line are still marked by contemporary military cannon set in the ground, muzzle upward. The north-western portion of the base-line is now occupied by Heathrow Airport, the base-line crosses Runway 27 Right.

By 1810 one inch to the mile maps of most of the south of England were completed, but they were withdrawn from sale between 1811 and 1816 because of security fears. By 1840 the one-inch survey had covered all of Wales and all but the six northernmost counties of England. The map shown in this article, and used on the front cover of the Froyle Village Magazine from 1993 to March 2019, is from a reproduction of the 1817 map.



Read more at- <http://www.froyle.com/saintbu.htm>, and
<http://www.froyle.com/beckmenu.htm>

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Put Bonfires on the Back Burner during Coronavirus Crisis

Don't be a nuisance neighbour - that's the message from East Hampshire District Council's Environmental Health team during the coronavirus quarantine.

For more information go to www.easthants.gov.uk/news/put-bonfires-back-burner-during-coronavirus-crisis

THE ANNUAL FRIENDS OF TRELOAR'S PLANT SALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED – BUT WE HAVE A CHANGE OF PLAN...

This year, while the greenhouse at Treloar's was being refurbished, the Friends of Treloar's planted their plug plants off site and have been looking after them in a variety of local greenhouses. We have a selection of popular plants, so please email or phone if you would be interested in ordering some!

We can also email pictures of the plants and the pots we have decorated. Please contact janemacnabb@hotmail.com joannamills@yahoo.com or carolinefindlay@hotmail.com or ring: Jane 01420 23195, Jo 01420 22384 or Caroline 01420 22019.

Treloar's cannot be involved with the sale in any way, as they are locked down for sake of students and staff, but all the proceeds will be going to Treloar's.



Manage Your Mental Wellbeing

Local charities are continuing to offer mental wellbeing support via email and over the phone.

For East Hants Mind go to:

<https://www.easthantsmind.org/wellbeing-services/adults-wellbeing/>

The main Mind website provides practical advice, including dealing with anxieties about the virus and coping with staying at home:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/#collapse4e89b>

Beware of Covid-19 scams



Scams are criminal tricks which are designed to deceive people in order to gain access to their money, possessions or personal details. Scammers are taking advantage of people's fear and isolation as a result of Coronavirus (Covid-19) – don't be caught out!

Tips on spotting scams:

1. Being rushed in to making a decision – any good tradesman/organisation will give you time to think about something and won't expect a decision straight away.
 2. If it is an unbelievably good deal that it is likely that it is a scam.
 3. Asking for cash upfront – Never give bank details or money up front, genuine companies may ask for a deposit once a contract has been signed but will not ask for full payment.
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Scams to be aware of:

- Offers of virus testing kits – these will only be offered by the NHS. Currently, there is no vaccine or cure for Covid-19, so any offers of these will be scams.
- Avoid overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from Covid-19, such as hand wash, masks and gloves.
- People you do not know, and not from a community group, offering to do shopping for you. Thieves take the money and do not return with shopping.
- Cleaning companies offering to clean paths and driveways with antibacterial agents to prevent Covid-19.
- People pretending to be from your bank, mortgage company or insurance provider asking for bank details.
- Donation scams – people calling and asking for donation to fake charities, including Coronavirus Cure charities.
- Emails/texts/phone calls offering refunds you are not expecting – such as Council Tax and HMRC. Do not click on links or open attachments in suspicious emails.

If you are in isolation and need help, call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email info@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent:

Madeleine on 23371

Village Agents are volunteers who can help you find information and local services that will enable you to stay living safely and independently.



Froyle Wildlife

Nature carrying on as usual, despite Covid-19

In these surreal times with Covid-19, as residents of Froyle, we feel very fortunate to be able to walk out into the countryside and see nature moving forward as usual. This is a reassuring and positive experience during what is an anxious and, unfortunately for some, extremely sad time.

We enjoyed hearing and seeing a variety of birds whilst walking around Lower and Upper Froyle this April morning, some common, and some birds of conservation concern.

We heard the 'Pee-wit' call of the Lapwing, whilst watching its relaxed tumbling acrobatic display. One of the Lapwings was sitting in a shallow scrape on the ground, presumably nesting. With a significant decline in its numbers recently the Lapwing is now a red listed species under birds of Conservation Concern. The call of the Lapwings was intermingled with the Skylarks song above the same field, another red listed species.



Blackcaps, a common bird, have migrated back to Froyle after spending their Winter in the warmer climes of Iberia and North Africa. We heard the melodic song of several males on our walk – a rich and varied warble, usually starting with a chattering and finishing with a flourish of flute-like notes. The sound of two pebbles striking each other drew our attention to the fact that one of the Blackcaps was concerned about our presence, as this is their alarm call. Perhaps we were venturing close to their nest on our walk.

Further on the walk we saw a pair of male and female Yellowhammers perched on the bare branches of a bush. As it is the breeding season, the male was striking with very vibrant colouring – his red brown plumage streaked with black, supplemented by bright yellow on his head and belly. The female was duller in colour. The Yellowhammer is also red listed.

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Having had heavy rain overnight prior to our walk, the Ryebidge Stream was in full flow. Wondering where this water would end up, on map investigation I was interested to see this stream feeds into the River Wey, which eventually then flows into the River Thames!

Wrens, the UK's most common breeding bird were audible in many places, although rarely seen, as they forage in cover. Their tremendous trilling loud song belied the wren's diminutive size.

On completion of our walk, we were grateful to have been able to share the countryside with these, and many other, birds.

If you would like to explore the countryside around Froyle for your daily exercise, please see the footpaths at <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Froyle-parish-OS-map>

Jayne Fisher

Views of Froyle

See if you can spot where these views are taken from whilst enjoying your daily outdoor activity in our beautiful countryside.



*Photos by courtesy
of Barry Clark*

Plant Sales for National Gardens Scheme (NGS)

As you probably know Froyle Open Gardens (FOG 20) has been cancelled for this year as a result of Coronavirus. However gardening continues as intensely as ever because of the lockdown and the extraordinary beautiful weather. And the recent night's rain was really welcome.

Since last year's plant sale at the FOG weekend, we have been propagating and potting up a wide variety of plants. As it is not possible to hold such an event this year, we have decided to each have a table at our gate or drive during the coming weeks with the plants that we have available. As you pass by, on your daily exercise, feel free to have a look, bearing in mind social distancing, and help yourself for a donation to the National Garden Scheme (NGS). Their funds will be hugely reduced this year from the £3 million that they were able to distribute to other charities last year.

There are probably others of you with surplus plants who may also like to do this.

For more information please contact us:

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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.

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“Thriller” Medicine for the (locked-down) Soul



With the lock-down likely to carry on for a few more weeks yet, here are a three good thrillers to keep you going - also available as audiobooks:

“In Cold Blood” by Truman Capote: 1959, a small town in Kansas, four members of the Clutter family are savagely murdered by blasts from a shotgun held a few inches from their faces. No apparent motive and almost no clues... “An absolute masterpiece of true crime literature. Gritty and intelligent! ...”.

“The Spy who came in from the Cold” by John le Carre: It may have been written more than 50 years ago and, according to Graham Greene, “the best spy story I have ever read”, but most would agree that it still is...

“Our Man in Havana” by Graham Greene: Cuba, 1958. An impecunious vacuum cleaner salesman, Wormold (acted by Alec Guinness in the 1959 film) is recruited by a gullible agent into MI6, soups up his intelligence reports and causes merry hell back in London when his made-up stories start to become disturbingly true... “A powerful satire on the silly world of spying, by a man who had experienced it”.

David Robertson (520820)

We’ve received some lovely images drawn by the children at Bentley Primary School. You will find a selection of them over the next few pages.



Bentley CE Primary School

At this time we are all coming to terms with a very different world and a very different day-to-day experience. We went from enjoying our everyday school, to having several families self-isolating, to setting up a 'Virtual School' overnight with running school for those families where there is no other option due to parents being Key Workers. Quite a change and one which has happened in a world where everything seems rather topsy-turvy and we are all struggling with new realities at times.

We sent each child home with some blank exercise books to get them started, plus a good selection of books to read from the library. Each day parents are sent an email with the tasks for the day and a positive message from the class teacher.

Sometimes these include a video message and the staff created a silly Easter dance message and also got Yann involved with some uplifting assembly thinking too. Anything to make life feel as normal as possible and for children to see their teachers' faces. We have staff who ring parents for a chat where people might become isolated and our fantastic caretaker Mr Lucas does daily deliveries for the children eligible for a free school meal. These are made with care by our super kitchen staff and each day we know that some of our most vulnerable children are benefiting from their little picnic box of love!

We are incredibly proud of our whole school community as people are supporting one another in these tough circumstances and, despite the difficulties of this situation, there have been many wonderful, heart-warming stories.

Our staff at school are busy working from home to create tasks for the children to complete each day as well as being on rota to come into school to take care of our key worker's children – it feels a long time since we were all together and we are missing each other, our families and of course our lovely pupils! For the staff we have set up an online 'staffroom' and are sharing recipes, ideas, book and film recommendations, funny memes and stories – it's proving to be a super way of keeping in regular contact and giving each other support at this tricky time. The teachers send out learning plans each day to help families keep a weekday routine. It is clearly not the same as coming to school but enables children to continue with their curriculum.



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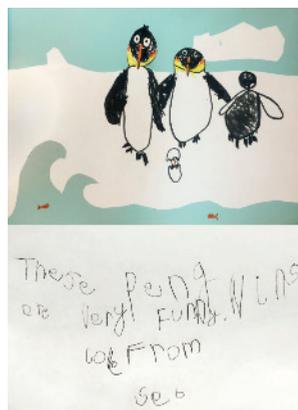
We have heard some great adaptations and extensions to make it 'just right' for each family but have had lots of feedback that keeping to a routine helps everyone to cope better.

Our elderly residents in the village have been at the forefront of our mind and when we asked the children if they would like to draw a picture, compose a poem or write a story which could be shared, we were overwhelmed with the response. It was lovely to be able to send a letter and one of the children's beautiful creations to each of the residents at Pax Hill - we understand they brought smiles all round.

We know many of our children are missing their grandparents and we have been delighted to hear they are putting technology to good use at this time and Skyping, WhatsApping, FaceTiming, Zooming and even HousePartying to read stories to their grandchildren and help them with their school work, all whilst remaining at a safe 'social distance'! We always say at school that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and we are incredibly fortunate to have so many grandparents involved in school life every day from running clubs, to supporting parents with childcare to coming into school to hear readers. We know that it is a tricky time and safeguarding remains a big priority but, if there is any way we can connect with our older friends in the village, we would love to help. Get in touch with us through our office at adminoffice@bentley.hants.sch.uk or you could try ringing us between 9am and 3pm on a Monday during term time when our office is staffed.

We're really missing seeing the children each day and watching them grow – not only in height and academic achievements, but also in their personalities, social skills and confidence – but know keeping everyone safe is vital at this unprecedented time. We have plans forming for getting everyone back in when the time is right and have already been wondering how many school shoes and uniforms will have been outgrown! Fortunately our PTFA uniform will be on hand.

We hope everyone reading this stays safe and keeps well.
Best wishes from the pupils, parents and staff of
Bentley CE Primary School



Businesses urged to confirm their details for coronavirus grants

The council has paid out more than £17.7million to 1,400 businesses so far, but there are still around 600 businesses yet to claim.

Businesses that are eligible for coronavirus-related small business or retail, hospitality and leisure grants are being encouraged by East Hampshire District Council to come forward to claim the money they are entitled to.

The money has been earmarked for the individual businesses and will be released as soon as possible after they verify their details.

There are two grants available:

- **Small Business Grants** - a one-off grant of £10,000 to businesses that pay little or no businesses rates
- **Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants** - provides businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors with a cash grant of up to £25,000 per property

Both grants are subject to eligibility criteria.

To find out more about the grants and access the form to confirm your details, please visit the council's business support webpage: www.easthants.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support

Manage your business rates online

Business ratepayers can view their business rates account online by [registering for a portal account](#).

It's also a good way to keep an eye on whether your grant has gone into your account.



Citizens Advice East Hampshire: here to help the community



A letter to the residents of East Hampshire

Our communities are facing a time of unprecedented instability due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid 19) across the world.

Our Government has been clear on the actions we as individuals and well as those running organisations must take to help reduce the impact of this disease, particularly on the most vulnerable in our society.

Citizens Advice East Hampshire is a responsible local charity who must follow guidance as set out by the Government, Public Health England and NHS England as well as our partners East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council.

In the coming weeks, you may need our advice more than ever and I would reassure you that Citizens Advice will be here to support you, as we have done for the last 80 years. We provide advice on a whole range of subjects from finances, debt, housing to relationship breakdown and employment - all free of charge and delivered by our dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

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In addition, please visit our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk as a first point of call, which has up to date guidance including relating to Coronavirus. You can also email us via this website as well as chat via our web chat facility via the **Contact Us** Page on this website.

As the situation moves on, we hope to reopen our offices as soon as possible but in the meantime, reach out to us for support, and if we cannot help you we will find someone who can.

All the best

Helen Drake

Chief Executive
Citizens Advice East Hampshire

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Services and Other News

Do bear in mind that, while there are no services in Froyle Church during the 'lockdown' period, Yann and his team lead a regular 11:00am Sunday morning service on YouTube. Everyone can participate (or to watch it later when it suits). The same YouTube channel has a 'Thought of the Day' presented by Yann or a member of his team every weekday morning, available from 6:00am!

To access the YouTube channel, go onto the benefice church website (www.benbinfro@co.uk) and click on the link to the YouTube videos. There is other good stuff as well posted on both the website and the YouTube channel. If anyone is struggling with the technology, you are not alone - let me know!

More generally, if at any time you want to talk to Yann, Christopher or anyone else involved in the Church, or if you have thoughts about other things the Church should be doing in this difficult time, let me know. Many of us are frustrated that church buildings have to be not just closed for public gatherings but locked – and there has been quite a bit of public debate about whether that is appropriate. Places of worship were, however, specifically addressed by the Prime Minister in his 'lockdown message' on 23 March, so we have to adhere to that - but we are of course happy to talk at any time.

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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Writing this letter immediately after Easter felt very strange as many of us were unable to spend this special festival with our families. It is usually a time of such great celebration in church with the great chorus of **He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!** It is normally a time of family fun with Easter egg hunts, Simnel cake and hot cross buns.

But this year, although we have tried hard in Benbifro to provide support and continuity with services and our popular Thought for the Day online on Youtube and the Benefice website; although families, even grandparents, have learnt to use Facetime, Zoom and House Party, we all know it is just not the same as being together, shaking hands and giving each other a kiss and a hug. Some are finding social distancing and isolation harder than others. So it was surprising when one of our team said, 'But I've just drawn inspiration from The Archers!' Cue rolling eyes all round at that remark, but then she went on to say, 'I just heard Tracy Horrobin, reformed bad girl character in the series, say 'Fake it till you make it' and that seems to me to be just how I'm going to embrace what we are facing at the moment.'

Now as well as rolling eyes, there was much laughter, because what does that mean? Little white lies? Pretending you like your mother's awful liver casserole when you really don't? No, it means facing the future with a confident posture. Adopt a cheerful, helpful and optimistic stance and even if you don't feel it, even if you don't really believe it, you will begin to radiate a belief that better times are certain to come.

That sentiment seems to chime with the Easter message of hope and new life arising from despair and darkness. But what if there was something better than 'fake it till you make it'?

On Easter Sunday 2020 the sun shone, the birds sang and blossom burst forth on trees, pointing us towards a brighter future ahead for all of us. However, this was no mere faking or posturing – Summer really does follow Winter and Spring. The Sun really does shine above the clouds – in fact, if you were able to view planet Earth and the Sun together from outer space – you would see that the Sun never, ever stops shining whatever might be happening on our comparatively tiny Earth.

Having the right perspective is the key to getting Easter right. A faith perspective is one that trusts the One who said "I have seen the Father", and who on the cross said, "It is done". Whatever stance I take, positive or negative, it will not change Easter facts. And neither will Covid 19 nor any other disease.

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Easter is the Christian foundation for *hope*. And *hope* in the Christian sense of the word is not a psychological prop or some nebulous thought. It is solid. It is strong. It is true. It is real. And my faith or lack of it will no more affect it than a cloud on Earth diminishes the radiance of the Sun in the cosmos.

Here in Benbinfro we are so much more fortunate than many in UK towns and cities. Many of us live in comfortable homes with gardens where we can relax and exercise. We are surrounded by open spaces where we are still allowed to walk and cycle. Our communities are neighbourly in the true sense of the word, so even those in isolation can obtain food and medicine. The sun is shining, the birds are singing and the blossom is on the trees. There is so much to be thankful for so let us resolve to show commitment, resolution, determination and defiance in the face of the demons of despair, fear and hopelessness, and we will survive this challenge – not because it might bring hope, but because hope already exists.

***Blessings,
Yann & The Team***

Youth Update

Hi all! I can't believe how quickly 8 months has gone by working in Bentley, Binsted and Froyle! I have loved getting to know the young people in our villages, leading them through the Youth Alpha Course and seeing them being Confirmed by the Bishop in March. This is among trips to the cinema and Nando's, a sleepover in the church and playing lots of silly games!

These are strange times for all of us, and with school now at home, exams are cancelled, and it just isn't possible to meet up with friends, keeping our young people supported and engaged in church through these times is all the more important.

This is why we have teamed up with other youth groups in our area, together we are called United, to provide even more activities than we could do alone. As United, we have been putting on daily 1-hour activities over Zoom throughout April and are planning to continue this pattern, Monday to Friday, for as long as we need to.

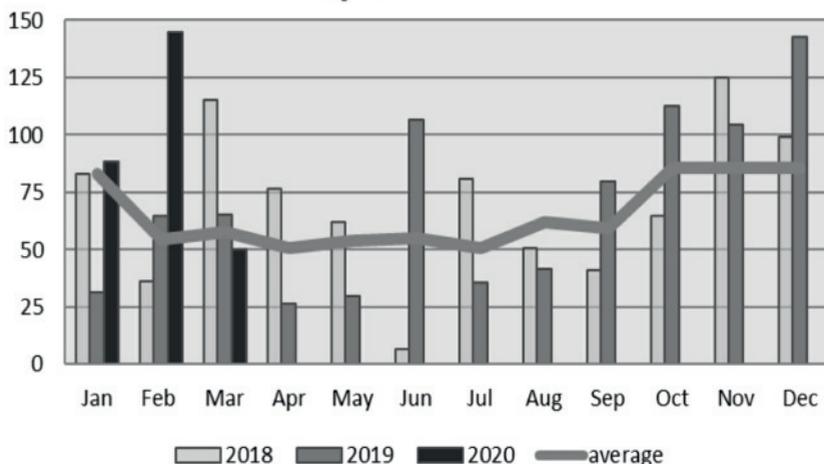
So far, we have been baking, drawing, eating, playing games and worshipping! As United, we feel meeting little and often is more important, especially for those in isolation, so please get in contact with me by email, gemma@benbinfro.co.uk, or call/text 07774 344309 to find out more and see how your young people can join in!

*Gemma Ball
Pastoral Assistant (Youth) and Administrator*

Froye Rainfall for March 2020

This year	50 mm	2 ins
Last year	65.5 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest March (2001)	129.5 mm	5.1 ins
Driest March (1990)	6 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for March – the 6 th wettest month	57.5 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	283.5 mm	11.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	195.2 mm	7.7 ins

Froye Rainfall



Apart from the first week – when more than half the month’s rain fell – it was a pretty quiet March. But after the soaking we got in February, this still made for our wettest first quarter since 2014, wetter recent ones being in 2001, 1995 and 1984. And in three of those four years, despite a drier summer, a wetter autumn led to way over the average for the year



“The Umbrella Man”



SUPPORT SERVICES

WHERE TO GET HELP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Helplines are now available to provide information and advice, as well as practical support to frail or vulnerable residents who need urgent assistance with essential food or household supplies, collection of medication, or who are at risk of loneliness:

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- Southampton **023 8083 4800**
- Isle of Wight **01983 823 600**

If you're concerned for someone who is at risk because of underlying health issues or they're elderly you can register them, or get them to register, on the government's Covid-19 support service www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable or call **0800 028 8327**, to get help delivering essential supplies and any additional care they might need.

The community response during the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has been amazing, with hundreds of individuals, groups and organisations coming forward on the ground, and through social media, to offer support. It's great to see the community coming together to help each other but as there is no way to validate some of these groups please exercise caution in sharing personal details with unknown people.

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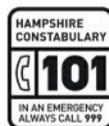
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THE WILSON PRACTICE

Patient update 17 April 2020

Everyone at the practice hopes our patients are keeping well. Although there are tentative good news stories about the positive effects of the lockdown arrangements to date, **we urge you all to keep following the guidelines**. Coronavirus is definitely circulating in our community and, sadly, we are aware of a number of local families that have lost loved-ones due to COVID-19. Our thoughts are with them.

On a more positive note, we are grateful to everyone who has sent good wishes, biscuits and more, to keep us going here at the practice. We are particularly grateful this week to **Blend-It**, in Westbrook Walk, for amazing healthy Buddha bowls for staff lunches, to **Eggar's School** and the enterprising **Xander Saban-Smith** for making us much needed supplies of visors for our clinical staff and to a group of **seamstresses in Holybourne** whose generosity and fabric flair with scrubs is also much appreciated.

We are entering the fourth week of our A31 working arrangements. The system is working well but it is important that non-Coronavirus health matters are not overlooked.

A few reminders for the week:

1. We are still here to look after you with **non-Coronavirus related problems**. You must contact us if you have a health issue you are concerned about. Remember that we prefer you to contact us **via e-Consult** (link on the home page of our [website](#)) if you have internet access; please only contact us by telephone if this is not possible.
2. If you are concerned that staying at home/indoors for another three weeks might start to impact on **your mental wellbeing**, there is useful advice from the Every Mind Matters team at the link below. Please remember however, if you have worrying symptoms or an exacerbation of previous concerns, you should contact the practice or your usual support team (or NHS111 if out of hours).

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>

3. Please continue to be watchful over the **younger members of your family**; it is unusual for younger children to have many, if any, symptoms related to COVID-19. If you are not sure about your child's symptoms and whether they need to be seen, click <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/national>), contact the practice or, out of hours, call NHS111. And for information about crying babies, click <http://iconcope.org/parentsadvice/>.
If your child appears severely unwell and advice is not quickly available, call 999 or take them to A&E as you would in other times.
4. If you have been advised to shield or self-isolate and you need **help with getting medicines or essential supplies, or if you live alone and are missing human contact and a bit of a chat**, the wonderful local volunteer networks can help with all those things. Please contact:
 - Alton Covid Mutual Aid Group (**0800 066 3697**); altonmutualaid@protonmail.com
 - Binsted, Bentley and Froyle Care Group (**01420 23440**) or
 - Help for Hampshire (**0333 370 4000**)

AND...

STAY AT HOME

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (if you cannot work from home)
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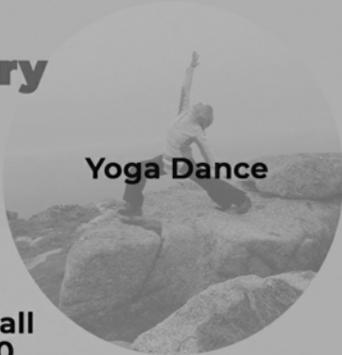


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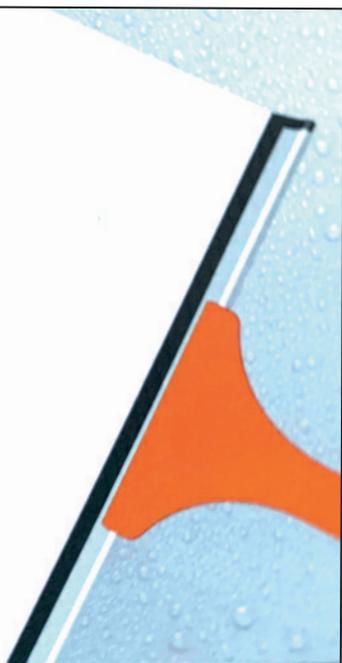
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