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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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The Parish Council (PC) meeting on 11 April was cancelled with a special meeting held on 20 April to transact a limited amount of urgent business.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held for the first time in two years on Wednesday 20 April in the Village Hall. The meeting was well attended with around 60 residents enjoying the new, more informal format to get information about village activities and chat with other residents while enjoying a glass of wine. Proceedings were opened by Julie Southern, the PC Chair, who outlined the format of the meeting. She expressed special thanks on behalf of all residents to the No Wey Incinerator action group who had worked tirelessly for two years to achieve the rejection of the incinerator by the HCC Regulatory Committee in February.

Froyle's Hampshire CC Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee (MK-G) expressed his delight at being able to attend these meetings again and meet up with local residents face to face. He also made reference to the success of the No Wey Incinerator campaign (which he actively supported at some personal cost to his political standing within the Council we understand) and warned that we must not drop our guard until the threat of an appeal by Veolia is behind us. MK-G then spoke about two issues that affect Froyle residents that he is working on. The first of these is to make further improvements to the Hen & Chicken junction where a constructive dialogue has commenced with Hampshire Highways. The second issue is to investigate what could be done in Husseys Lane to alleviate the problem of flooding and the impact of the mains sewer that runs down the lane. He concluded by commending the work done by the Parish Council, our EHDC Councillor and all Froyle residents in 'helping ourselves' to achieve positive things for the village and not relying on others to act for us.

Froyle's EHDC Councillor Tony Costigan (TC) then referred to the commercial structure of EHDC and its property portfolio that delivers benefits to all residents through lower Council Tax. TC said a few words about the benefits that are expected from the ending of the partnership between EHDC and Havant including EHDC's move to new offices in Petersfield and the sale of Penns Place. Most importantly there will be a return of staff, in particular Planning Officers, that had been shared with Havant. Reference was made to the availability of Councillor grants and his desire to provide these to support initiatives in the local communities. Finally TC announced that he would not be standing for re-election as District Councillor in 2023.

The Chair then introduced Alastair Emery and Alice Hare from the owners of Froyle Estate (Belport). Alastair, who is co-owner of Belport, said a few words about its long term commitment to Froyle and demonstrated this by reference to the amount of land under its management across the south and east of England. He confirmed that Belport will be taking all land back in hand from this autumn when existing tenancies expire so from then onwards it will be responsible for all activity on the estate. In answers to questions from the floor he advised Belport is committed to employment of local staff, developing plans for the redevelopment of Saintbury Hill farm, introduction of ‘no till’ farming i.e. no deep ploughing, enhancing public access to the land, reducing agricultural traffic through the village, and creating wildlife habitats in areas where commercial farming is not beneficial such as field boundaries.

These presentations were followed by the world premiere of ‘Froyle Festival 2021 – the movie’, engagement with representatives of various groups in the village to get a better understanding of their activities and a presentation on the renovation works of St Mary’s church that are now nearing completion. The annual reports from village groups will be available on the PC website in the next few days - any feedback to PC from residents on the new format would be welcomed.

At its special meeting on 20 April, the PC awarded a contract to Rookery Barns for an oak framed structure to be erected on the football hut slab. Final design details will now be worked out which retain options to modify the structure to accommodate new uses in future when funds permit.

Around the village – three new planning applications have been received since the last PC meeting, two for single storey extensions and one for a two storey extension, all in Lower Froyle. The PC is considering its responses to these applications details of which can be found on the EHDC Planning portal.

A section of the fallen cedar tree has been moved to the Rec by Belport and will be converted into a rustic bench by a local tree sculptor. Also on the Rec the zipwire has been taken out of action for safety reasons. This is due to the support foundations becoming loose, and it will remain closed until repairs are completed.

HCC have advised that the footpath running from Highway House in Lower Froyle across the fields to join the one coming from Gid Lane to the Anchor will be closed for about a week during the period from 1 May to 31 October due to the Esso pipeline works that it crosses. **This may cause some inconvenience to residents!**

The next PC meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 9 May at 19.00 in the Village Hall – all residents are welcome to attend. The PC focus in the coming year will be on completing the project on the football hut slab and determining what other community facilities should be provided; provision of a lasting memento of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee; and development of an eco-strategy. Residents’ suggestions and comments are always appreciated to guide the PC thinking.

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



FROYLE PLATINUM JUBILEE BIG LUNCH

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022

1300 – 1700 HRS

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL &
RECREATION GROUND**

- **BBQ**
- **Or Bring a picnic if preferred**
- **Gin Bar (pay bar)**
- **Pimms Bar (pay bar)**
- **Beer & Cider (pay bar)**
- **Tea & Delicious Cakes**
- **Bouncy Castle**
- **Pin The Tail on the Corgi**
- **Giant Garden Games**
- **Competitions**
- **Live Music**
- **Tug of War**

Why not come in jubilee fancy dress ...

A Prince or Princess or even a corgi! Or just a Jubilee bonnet

Design and bake a Jubilee cake or cupcakes

Prizes for the best will be given

**ALL FROYLE RESIDENTS AND CLOSE FAMILY
WELCOME**



Froyle's Jubilee Cocktail Competition

Calling all cocktail and mocktail makers to enter our Jubilee cocktail competition

Send your cocktail recipes to
froyle.gin.competition@gmail.com
Entries close Monday 16th May

Shortlisted entrants will be invited to make their cocktail at the Jubilee lunch on Sunday 5th June.

Get those mixers and shakers out to produce a cocktail (both alcoholic or non-alcoholic will be accepted) that represents this year's Jubilee. To be made during the afternoon of the **BIG LUNCH** celebrations, the shortlisted cocktails will be judged by a team of experts and prizes awarded to the cocktail/ mocktail best reflecting the Jubilee theme in its presentation, name and taste.

No entry fee applies and the competition is open to all Froyle residents aged 18+. Send your cocktail recipes including a photo and the name of your cocktail to froyle.gin.competition@gmail.com by Monday 16th May.

THE BARRACKS GIN



The Barracks Gin will be holding a

Gin Masterclass

during the afternoon of
Sunday 5th June
to complement our Froyle Platinum
Jubilee celebrations on the
recreation ground.

So come along, join the fun and learn all there is to learn about distilling gin...



Calling all Cake Bakers Your village needs you

2022 is a busy year in Froyle.

The Jubilee Big Lunch at the village hall will be held on Sunday 5th June and the following weekend (11th/12th) is the NGS Froyle Open Gardens weekend, both events needing your help with cake baking.

To put this in perspective we could need up to 80 cakes to cover both events!!

If you are prepared to make a cake (or multiple cakes!)

e.g. A Victoria Sandwich (no cream), Lemon Drizzle or Coffee Cake or even some Jubilee Cup Cakes
(can be frozen in advance if needed)

Please urgently contact

Susie Robertson 01420 520820 or Gill Bradley 01420 520484

So we can put you on the list

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP

FROYLE 100 CLUB April Draw

The winners in the April draw were:

1st – Madeleine Back

2nd – Pat Parrott

3rd – Will Butler

4th – Marge Heyhurst

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles Tel: 07775 928933
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

What a difference a year makes. The last Village Hall Annual General Meeting attracted five attendees. At the meeting held on 20 April the figure was around 60. How to explain the difference? Better publicity, a sunny evening, a free drink? Whatever the reason it was great to see such a good turnout. This year we reverted to the pre-Covid pattern of combining with the Annual Parish Meeting which itself was experimenting with a new format. (See page 1.)

The meeting began with a warm welcome from the Chairman, David Robertson who introduced the Treasurer Charlie Findlay to present the 2021 accounts: Charlie's Treasurer's Report can be found on pages 7-8.

There was bad news and good. The main feature of the year had been the long period of closure and the reduction in income from hiring. At the same time running costs had increased, most significantly insurance following a revaluation, and repairs to the boiler and cookers. Fund raising had resulted in a small loss possibly due to generous expenditure on fireworks for the November bonfire party. On the upside, Covid related government grants amounting to over £16,000 covered the operating loss and enabled the floor to be refurbished and the walls to be redecorated while the hall was closed. A substantial contribution had been made to the Froyle Festival. £5,000 which had been reserved for the football hut replacement had been returned to general funds as the project had not gone ahead. The year ended with a small surplus and the hall finances in a healthy condition. Charlie explained that the full accounts would be available on the Village Hall and Charity Commission websites. He thanked Ian Macnabb for his forensic inspection of the accounts. Julie Southern proposed and Andrew Potter seconded a motion to approve the accounts which was carried unanimously.

David Robertson reported that following a review of the rates charged by other local halls, a new and simpler tariff had been introduced from 1 January 2022 which had introduced an hourly rate. He explained that the Hall would continue to support start up ventures with discounted or waived hiring fees. The fees would be set at a rate to break even over the year. The important thing was that the Hall was used. 2022 had started well with bookings ahead of expectation and close to pre-covid levels. David noted the loss of Baby Ballet but the arrival of a Tuesday art class and the revival of the Mother and Toddler group which he hoped would be well supported. Since the start of the year the Hall had applied for further government restart grants amounting to £4,400. He thanked the Parish Council for its help in securing funding for a new Yamaha digital piano – see next page). Turning to the future David explained that while the hall had no current projects, a long term ambition was to raise the roof of the hall so that it could be used for a wider range of activities including



Following the arrival of the Village Hall's new digital piano, the Meeting Place witnesses an outbreak of 'Strictly'

theatrical productions. In the meantime the Committee would continue to explore ways to make the Hall more energy efficient and reduce its carbon footprint.

David thanked the committee for their work over the year including Harriet Wharfe and Gordon Mitchell who had respectively resigned and retired. Both had offered to continue to support the work of the Hall. David explained that the rest of the committee had agreed to stand for re-election. Asked to identify themselves, the committee stood and were re-elected unanimously. From the floor William Knowles thanked the officers for their ongoing efforts which was greeted with applause.

Later in the evening the Froyle Festival Film commissioned by the Village Hall Committee and produced by Mark Lelliott and Nick Whines was shown to general satisfaction and some amusement. It is hoped to make the film available on the Hall website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk.

Nick Whines

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Froyle Village Hall: Treasurer's Report for 2021

USE: During 2021 the Hall was closed until Easter, opened on a limited basis for the summer, when we charged users 50% of the normal hire rates, and fully opened in the autumn, with hire charges returning to pre-covid levels as limits on the number of people allowed in the Hall increased. Overall, we received just over £6,072 from hire charges, up from £3,635 in 2020 but well below the pre-covid average of around £10,000.

We reviewed our pricing structures, which had been in place since 2018, and increased the charges roughly in line with cost inflation since then. We introduced higher charges for weekend bookings, following a survey of other local venues. We also reduced the focus on booking full sessions (morning, afternoon, or evening) by publishing hourly rates.

OPERATING COSTS: We saw a £3,732 jump in costs vs 2020 as the Hall re-opened, with more cleaning and gas and electricity used. However, costs were also about £1,000 more than the average pre-covid. Utility prices have risen, as reported in the news. Castle Water started catching up on their invoicing. We had to repair one of the cookers and the boiler. As a result of a re-valuation of the rebuilding cost for the Hall, our insurance costs increased for the remainder of the year and for 2022. It is not clear why the rebuilding figure had got so out of line as it had been increased annually by our insurer using standard rebuilding inflation rates.

The net Operating Deficit was £3,238.

DONATIONS, FUNDRAISING and EVENTS: The 100 Club raised just over £600. Fireworks and Bonfire raised £2,641 but cost £2,971, so a net loss of £330. After including a couple of other event costs, our net deficit from Donations was £109.

ONE-OFF / PROJECT EXPENDITURE: During 2021, as the Hall was closed, and, as we had substantial financial support via the Government's Covid grants, we refurbished the floor (£1,884), redecorated (£2,950) and cleaned the curtains (£578), launched a new website (£1,146) and acquired new card readers (£260), umbrellas for the terrace (£336) and bunting (£160). We contributed to village activities: Christmas Carols (£130 towards the sleigh), and Froyle Festival (£2,923). In 2021, we received £500 from HCC towards the new dishwasher installed and paid for in 2020.

As there were no Fetes in 2020 and 2021, there were no funds available to support projects in the Hall and all the above costs were met from the Government Covid grants. In 2021, the Hall received Covid-related Government support of £16,573. (2020 £11,334.)

SUMMARY: The overall Surplus for the year was £3,261, including the above Covid grants.

PLANS: For 2022, we prepared a budget assuming the Hall operated at 50% until after the summer and usual capacity after the summer holidays. As a result, we expected an Operating Deficit of around £3,000, and a bottom-line Deficit of £7,000 when support for the Jubilee celebrations was included. However, at the end of Quarter 1, we are well ahead of expectations on use and have received further Covid grants of £4,400, so we now expect to 'break even'.

In 2018, 2019 and 2020 the Committee had put funds aside, designating £5,000 to support Parish Council plans to replace the Football Hut and enhance the Hall's position. As these plans have not gone ahead, this sum has been added back to our general funds.

The Hall's financial reserves have historically been strong and have recently been substantially boosted by the Covid grants. Therefore, we continue to be able to encourage and support new and existing users of the Hall and, from time to time, to help fund community activities in and around the Hall for the benefit of the village.

The full accounts are published on the Hall's and the Charity Commission's websites.

Charlie Findlay

Hon Treasurer, Froyle Village Hall

Roy Norkett

Jean, Sarah and all the family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, support and flowers following the passing of Roy at the end of February. It has been a great help during this difficult and sad time knowing just how much Roy meant to so many people and what a great loss to the community he is.

To celebrate the life of this wonderful man there will be a thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church, Upper Froyle on Wednesday 25 May at 11.00am. Refreshments will be served after the service in the village hall. All are very welcome.



The Meeting Place

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

May Kitchen Helpers

6 th	John Sexton	JaneMacnabb
13 th	Lori Taylor	Katherine Gilmour
20 th	Chris Muddeman	Gillian Pickering
27 th	David and Mary Perryman	

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

May Cake Bakers

6 th	Cherida Cannon	Sue Sharman	Shirley Bellis
13 th	Phoebe Aldridge-Lopes	Gillian Pickering	Elizabeth Sealey
20 th	Tina Massam	Jane Stewart-Smith	Maureen Fry
27 th	Barbara Graham-Clarke	Jenny Matthews	Laura Ozelyte

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

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

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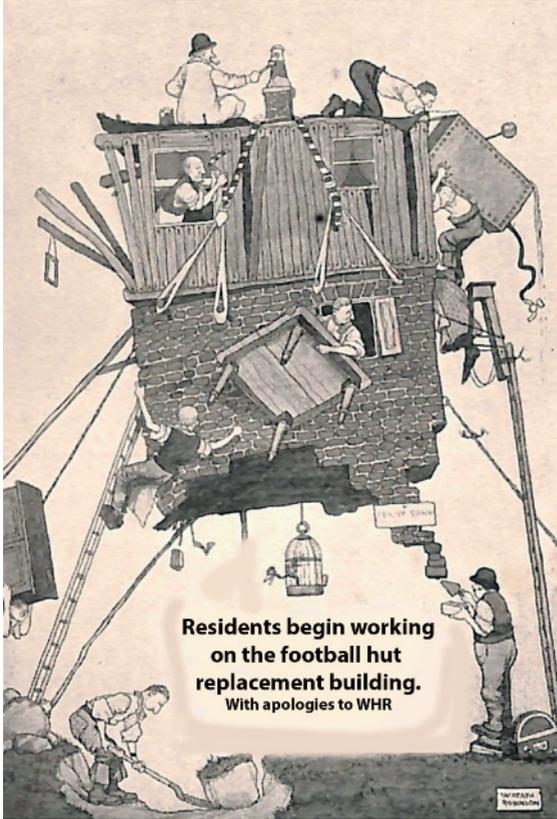
Don't forget...

...you can bring your donations for the Alton Food Bank to The Meeting Place every Friday, where there is now a permanent collection box. For a list of items which are really needed, see last month's magazine, or ask

Louise Marston 07785 350381

RIP Football Hut: a personal tribute

So the football hut is no more. Although I never kicked a ball or stood under the shower, over the last fifteen years the hut has played a not insignificant part in my life. It, or what to do with it, has occasioned so many conflicting emotions: fury, hilarity, bewilderment, obsession, exasperation, joy.



I have a file which bulges with plans and possibilities, engineering reports, funding applications, estimates and quotations and some wildly extravagant proposals. There are public consultations and sub-committee deliberations. False starts and dead ends. Running through the file a constant quiet drum beat: 'Just knock it down?'. And finally that's what we've done. Not reverently and piece-by-piece, listening to the voices of the players who over the years have used the hut: the pre match excitement and the post-match post mortem, the jokes and the singing, the goals endlessly relived. Our nostrils twitching with the smell of sweat, liniment and deodorant. No, we knocked it down quickly and brutally with an eight ton digger.

I couldn't bring myself to watch the destruction after so much over-investment. I arrived when the deed was done and the hut was just a pile of splintered wood and rubble. It hadn't put up much resistance,

although the driver did say it wasn't badly built. 'Normally I have a forty tonner. Don't normally do little jobs like this.'

'How were they?' I asked, eyeing the workmen's 'facilities'. They seemed more Winnebago than Portaloo. 'You've got to have 'em,' came the reply. 'It's the law.'

Then with extraordinary care and skill he lowered his bucket and scraped away three layers of lino to reveal 'the slab'.

'The view across the rec is much improved,' said a passerby.

Watch this space!

Nicholas Whines



TUESDAY ART

In the Village Hall
every Tuesday at 10 am

After some very positive comments following the introduction to her art class last month, the Village Hall is pleased to confirm that qualified art tutor **Sheila Corby**, from Farnham, will be continuing her sessions every Tuesday in the Village Hall from 10am for two hours.

The **cost will be £12.50 per session, payable on a pay-as-you-go basis**, with each term expected to last 8 sessions. (You will need to bring your own equipment although Sheila will be happy to advise on any materials you may require.)

So if you have any interest in joining, or just want to see what it is all about, no matter whether you are a beginner or a budding expert, do look in one Tuesday and get creative, as **all abilities are very welcome**. For more details, please **contact Sheila directly on 01252 448038 or 07814 364305**.

Speedwatch

We intend to restart our Froyle SpeedWatch group in the near future.

To do this we need to enlarge our volunteer group.

What is involved?

We work in groups of three or four, with the portable device provided by Hampshire Police, to monitor vehicle speeds at several approved sites around the village. We record the date, time, speed, vehicle make, colour and most importantly the registration of those exceeding the given speed limit. This data is then submitted to the Hampshire Police who send out a letter to the registered owner of the speeding vehicle with escalation of contact for repeat occurrences.

We hope to operate four sessions a month, usually to coincide with the morning and late afternoon busy periods.

The more volunteers we have the fewer sessions each person will need to do.

Come and join us: the banter and camaraderie is great and you will be helping to keep our village safer for young and older.

For more information please contact Gordon Mitchell, 01420 23851 or champersg@hotmail.com



Annual Spring Show - 2022

On Saturday 9 April, Froyle Gardening Club held its annual Spring Show in the Village Hall. We were pleased to receive entries not only from members but newcomers who entered several classes. In all there were 20 plus exhibitors and at least 50 exhibits. The hall looked an absolute picture with all but 2 classes filled with colourful exhibits.

A special thank you to everyone who donated plants for the plant stall. It was a huge success and many of us have taken home something different to grow. The raffle table was a big drawcard with lots of good prizes to be won.

Our President, Geoff Hawkins, gave some useful tips on seed sowing and suitable composts to use. We are indebted to him for standing in at short notice to judge the Horticultural classes, and to give advice for future entries.

We are sure the photographs below give an insight into this memorable event.



TROPHIES and PRIZES

TROPHY	Description	NAME
Caithness Paperweight	Best in Show in Horticultural Classes	Beryl Webster
Pollock Plate	Best Exhibit of Daffodils (Classes 1 to 11)	Brian Porter
Froyle Beech Bowl	Best in Class 15 - Mixed Spring Flowers	Anne Blunt
	Garden Gift Voucher - Competitor with highest points in Classes 1 to 25	Brian Porter
	Garden Gift Voucher - Competitor with the Best Flower Arrangement	Barbara Wheatley
	Garden Gift Voucher - Competitor with the Best Photograph	Beryl Webster

Beryl Webster, Show secretary

Dates for your diaries

13 May: Talk by Carol Gubler - "Aspects of Fuschias"

Carol, who owns a plant nursery, is giving us a talk and will be bringing plants for sale.

Garden visits

Friday 17 June: number 4/5 Old Compton House, Farnham, GU9 8EH, 7pm

Friday 22 July: Bumpers, Sutton Common, RG29 1SJ, 7pm

Enquiries to Brenda Milam on 01420 22216. Further details in the June magazine.

Annual lunch party: Saturday 6 August – postponed from Christmas 2021.

Anne Blunt (Chairman)

May from the Potting Shed

Sometimes it takes a while for problems to show up in a garden. The hard frosts at the end of March will now show shoots that were damaged by these frosts. Cut out the dead shoot to allow the new buds to break out and grow. Hopefully some of the flower buds on the fruit trees will have escaped the bad weather. Give strawberries a good liquid feed as a boost before the flowers open.

May is the time to do the Chelsea Chop. About the 3rd week in May you cut the tall late flowering herbaceous plants back by half to save you having to stake them. They will make more flowers though they will flower a little later. If the fear of frost is over tender bedding can be planted towards the end of the month.

Remember last year when we asked you to have a go at 'No Mow May'? This is where you will leave the mower in the potting shed and allow the grass to grow and any weeds to flower, thus helping the pollinating insects. How did you get on? I know some of you enjoyed seeing the insects come back into the garden and hopefully you will have even more this year.

Early flowering shrubs like forsythia, ribes and viburnum can now be pruned to encourage new shoots to flower next year. Clematis Armandii can also be pruned back to keep it controlled. Mine has suffered with the frost so lots of dead wood to remove. Always look out for any birds' nests in trees, shrubs, climbers and hedges that you wish to do any pruning on. Leave the nests alone and do any pruning after July/August when hopefully the young will have fledged.

The veg garden will be a hive of activity with planting out of the runner and French beans, sweet corn being sown and a range of brassicas to be sown and planted out. Continue to sow a few salad crops at 2-3 weekly intervals to give you a continuity of salad leaves. Try sowing and planting annual flowers amongst the crops to bring in pollinators and predators.

Enjoy your Garden

Geoff Hawkins.



Froyle Wildlife

Guided walk at RSPB Farnham Heath

Join us at [Farnham Heath](#) on **Saturday 21 May** for a 2h guided walk by RSPB reserves warden Mike Coates. Heathland is now a rare habitat, Surrey having lost 90%. Conservation management by the RSPB over the past 20 years has favoured rare birds including nightjars, woodlarks, and



Bugle

Dartford warblers; reptiles including endangered sand lizards; and invertebrates including field crickets and silver studded blue butterflies. Meet 10.30am at [Tilford Rural Life Centre](#) car park, Reeds Road, GU10 2DL.

Flora recording amble on Sunday 8 May, around Upper Froyle organised by Alton Natural History Society. Walk led by Isobel Girvan, meet 10am at Froyle Church. Come and find out what plants occur locally and learn to identify them.

Wildlife pond area maintenance:

Join us if you can help on Saturdays 14 May 2-4pm and 28 May 10am-12 at the wildlife pond near Gid Lane to mow paths for visitor access and remove any perennial weeds. Free exercise while benefiting local nature.

Do let us know what you have seen in Froyle by email info@froylewildlife.co.uk or Instagram www.instagram.com/froylewildlife/.

Barry Clark

'Bird Song Around Froyle'

In March, Hampshire's County Bird Recorder Keith Betton gave an enjoyable and informative talk on bird song that can be heard in Froyle. Keith explained that birds sing to establish and maintain a territory, and to attract a female. That is not to say that singing is restricted exclusively to male birds. Female Robins for example sing in winter when they separate from their partner and establish their own territory for a time.

Keith used recordings from the Collins Bird Guide app (available for Apple and Android devices) to illustrate the songs of birds likely to be seen and heard in Froyle. Some of the more striking songs of the common birds are the rich 'chocolatey' song of the



Great spotted woodpecker in garden

Blackbird, the note and phrase repeats delivered by the Song Thrush, and the powerful, loud and fast song of the tiny Wren. If you hear a bird of prey in Froyle, it is most likely to be the mewling sound of the very vocal Buzzard. Other notable sounds include the territorial tree drumming of the Great Spotted Woodpecker. The Green Woodpecker on the other hand mainly uses its loud ‘yaffle’ or ‘laughing’ call instead.

The quality and variety of bird song is important to the birds themselves. When attracting a mate, the variety of sounds a male has in his repertoire suggests to a female that he is an older, more experienced, individual who would make a good partner to start her next family.

Getting to know songs of birds is helpful to identify the presence of birds that are not easily seen, such as the Bullfinch, and to identify birds that look alike. For example, the Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler look similar (apart from different coloured legs), but they sound very different indeed.

Keith closed by updating us on the Peregrines nesting on Winchester Cathedral. Live streaming on the nest activities is viewed by many people around the world. The link is: <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/explore/peregrines/>.

Alan Dyos

‘Attracting Wildlife to your Garden’

In April we heard from Susan Simmonds of Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust.



Bee-fly on primrose

The chief take-away for attracting wildlife in your garden is to let your garden grow wild! Members of Froyle Gardening Club were faced with a dilemma. Do we tidily weed our gardens or do we allow these native plants to flourish because they are well-liked by pollinators (dandelions, germander speedwell), or are good for butterflies to lay their eggs on (nettles, garlic mustard), or provide nesting places for birds and hibernation sites for butterflies (brambles and ivy)? Susan also suggested that we leave at least some of our lawn to be uncut and we might be surprised what springs up – such as a wild orchid. Alternatively, you can scarify or remove a section of turf and sow wild flower seeds - it could just be a small patch.

Non-weed plants that benefit wildlife include mixed native hedges (buckthorn is used by brimstone butterflies), honeysuckle (for moths), scabious (for many pollinators), primrose (for bee-flies). BUT, Sue Clark pointed out that some ‘pollinator friendly’ plants at non-organic nurseries have been sprayed with pesticides!

Less of a dilemma was the introduction of a pond. It helps to have a shallow edge or ‘beach’ for easy access by amphibians and also some marginal planting such as water mint or purple loosestrife. The wildlife, including dragonflies and newts, will find its own way there. But don’t stock it with fish as they will gobble it up. Also, log piles and ‘bug hotels’ allow insects such as ladybirds and cardinal beetles to overwinter, and compost heaps do the same for slow worms and grass snakes. Blogs written by Susan can be found at <https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/-susan-simmonds>

Nigel Hughes

Water Conservation

With our lovely warm dry Easter, we need to be mindful of our water consumption. Although often called the blue planet, out of all the water on earth there is less than 1% accessible fresh water for us to use. The Antarctic ice sheet holds about 90% of the fresh water that exists on the Earth's surface.

The average person uses around 140 litres of water a day. As well as the water that comes out of our taps and toilets, there is hidden water usage in the products we buy. For example, one cotton t-shirt has about 2,700 litres of water embedded in its production (about 49 baths full of water). Agriculture uses around 70% of freshwater withdrawal. Population growth, rising water use and climate change will increasingly affect future water resources in the UK and we need to be even more alert to every little water saving trick.

Reasons to conserve water:

- conserving water saves energy, which is needed to filter, heat and pump water to and in our homes, so reducing water reduces your carbon footprint.
- using less water keeps more in our ecosystems and helps keep wetlands topped up for animals like otters, water voles, herons and fish.
- conserving water saves money.

“Waiting for the tap to run cold can waste 10 litres of tap water a day”

Save water in the kitchen by putting a large bottle of tap water in the fridge to save running the tap cold. Everyone knows about only filling the kettle with the amount you need, but putting lids on saucepans when boiling saves losing water and helps heat quicker.

Save water in the bathroom by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, otherwise you are wasting more than 6 litres of water a minute. Consider a cistern displacement device which could save you 5,000 litres a year – they are free from most water companies. Fix that dripping tap, which can waste 15 litres of water a day. Showering is better than filling a bath, unless you have teenagers like mine who have been known to try to watch Netflix whilst showering!

Save water in the garden by avoiding sprinklers – they can waste 1,000 litres an hour and the lawn will recover once it rains again. Use a water butt to collect rainwater, and mulch and bark your garden to reduce evaporation by up to 75%. Use that leftover water in glasses and drinks bottles to water your houseplants. It all makes a difference.

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JUBILEE BIG LUNCH ON THE REC CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday 5 June

As no doubt everyone is aware, large Village events, like the end-of-lockdown celebration on the Rec last September, or the Fete for example, simply do not happen without many of you volunteering your services to help, before, during and after. And the Jubilee Big Lunch on 5 June will be no exception.

So it would be hugely appreciated if as many of you who are able get in touch with Karen Potter – on 01420 520294, kwilson2525@btinternet.com – and let her know you will be available on that day to help. And we are only looking for people to help in approx. one hour slots, so you will all have the opportunity to enjoy yourselves for the rest of the time.

David Robertson

Lent Lunches 2022

Many thanks to all the hosts/esses who provided both hospitality and glorious soups. The total raised for the various charities was £1,146 which is a brilliant result – thank you all for your generosity.

I hope all those who attended enjoyed the company and the chat and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Jenny Gove 23697, govejenny@gmail.com



Footpath observance request

The owners of Husseys Farmland and Silvesters grass fields, which run either side of Husseys Lane, would respectfully remind people that there is no public access to them, and ask walkers only to use the marked footpaths across these fields. These footpaths run from Well Lane across to Husseys Lane, and the path from Husseys Lane across to Bentley is accessed between Baldwins and Ford Cottage.

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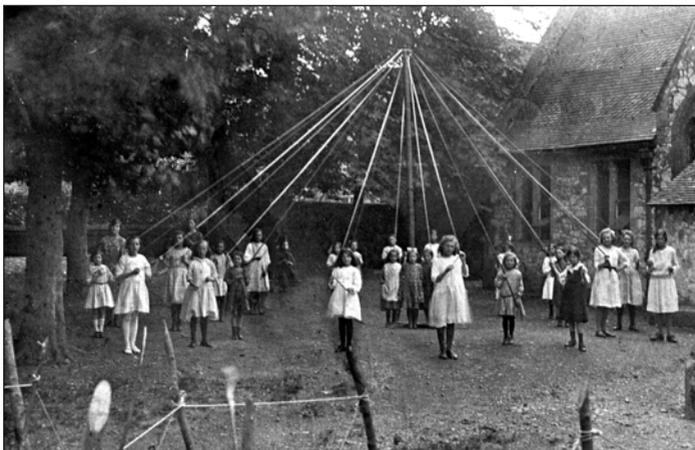
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May News from The Froyle Archive

Maypole Memories

Are you one of those who is old enough to remember dancing round the Maypole at school; those were such happy times and life seemed so much simpler. Thumbing through our book on Froyle School (*still available, by the way*) we came across these two photos of those happy times there.

The School logbooks tell us that in 1923 when the Duke and Duchess of York were married Froyle School was given a holiday to celebrate the occasion. Two of the managers of the school, Mrs Summers and Mrs Sedgwick, presented it with a maypole, so that maypole dancing could be part of the celebrations.

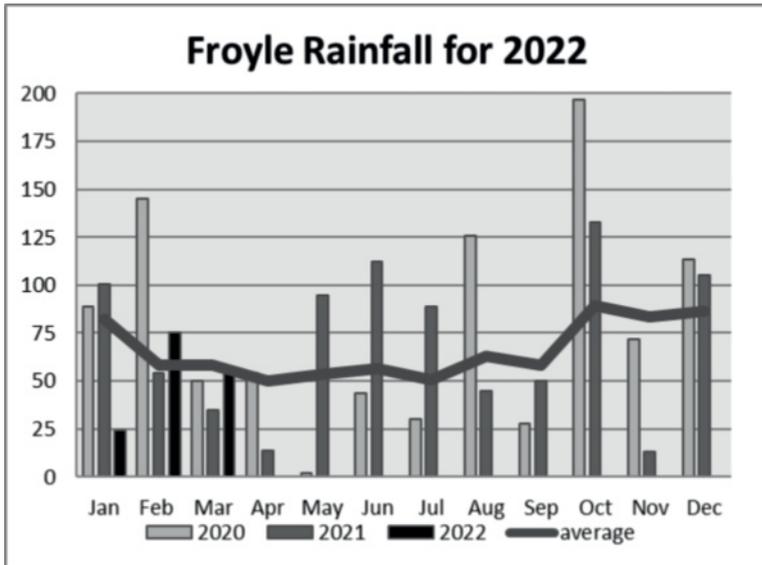


The photograph below shows the maypole still in use in 1967 and many of you may recognise yourself or others you know in it. In 1986 Froyle School closed and the Maypole went with it to Bentley to disappear into the mists of time and never be seen again - just the memories remain.



Froyle Rainfall for March 2022

This year	54 mm	2.1 ins
Last year	34.5 mm	1.4 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	58 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	153.5 mm	6.0 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	198.4 mm	7.8 ins



Virtually all March's rain fell in the first three weeks, which surprisingly has been a pattern repeated every year since 2019. As I said last month, it seems increasingly likely that, as has happened in the past, the dry first quarter we have had – which this year was some 22% down – will lead to a dry first half.



“The Umbrella Man”

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MAY SERVICES

Sun 1 st May	8.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
	11.00am Oakhanger	Holy Communion
Sun 8 th May	9.30am Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 Big Praise
Sun 15 th May	9.30am Bentley	Holy Communion
	11.00am Froyle	Morning Prayer
	4.00pm Binsted	Messy Church
Sun 22 nd May	9.30am Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am Kingsley	Holy Communion
	5.00pm Bentley	Live@5 Yum Yum
	6.30pm Froyle	Choral Evensong
Sun 29 th May	11.00am Froyle	Benefice Service

Please note the new service pattern. If you are not receiving it already but would like to receive our weekly digital pew sheet, which includes church news, events and notices, please visit our website and follow the links to sign up.

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

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

News from St Mary's

As we look forward to reopening the church building following the redecoration, re-wiring and new lighting project in the church (see the latest progress report from Nigel Southern on p23), here's an update of what else is going on in the Church in Froyle.

We were very sorry to have said goodbye to Yann, Hannah, and the family as they start their new lives and service at Headley. Yann has had a massive impact on our benefice with his inspirational ministry and we offer him, the family and Headley our very best wishes for the future.

We have been interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy – the process is ongoing, and we hope to be able to update you all soon.

In addition, we are in the middle of discussions with the Diocese about the future structure of the benefice – with the challenge of merging Bentley, Binsted, and Froyle into a single Parish, as well as adding Kingsley with Oakhanger (where many of you have been going while our church has been closed).



Making Easter gardens

all those involved!

So, as we reach the end of our refurbishment project, we look forward to an exciting future for our church. The refurbishment offers a new lease of life for St. Mary's. It has re-invigorated the interior, and the new lighting celebrates this. We open for services again on 1 May, at 0800, with our first Holy Communion for four months.

We are celebrating the reopening with a concert in the church on 28 May by the chamber choir "Cantique" – see the notice opposite. **Please note that if you would like to come to this, you will need to book in advance, as we expect it to be very popular.**

We have further ambitious plans to upgrade the facilities in the church, but we do need more funding! We shall be launching what we are calling our "1722" appeal, to celebrate the tercentenary of the church tower, by continuing to ask for donations for investment in the future of our beautiful and historic place of worship.

We now look forward to Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, with the celebration on the recreation ground and our special church service on 5 June (see page 24).

Although we couldn't use the inside of the church, we marked Easter by having an Easter Saturday garden-making and egg hunt in the churchyard – lots of children, who listened attentively as Gemma explained the Easter story to them with the help of props (as shown here). Before that we had a Passover supper in Froyle village hall on Maundy Thursday – also well attended, following a lovely choral Holy Communion Service in Binsted the same evening. Well done



Attentive children (and grown-ups) hear about the Easter story

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St Mary's Church: Project Apollo – Final Report

After a very hectic four months of Repairing, Rewiring and Redecoration, Project Apollo is nearing completion and by the time you're reading this magazine (if it's after 1 May) the doors of St Mary's Church will be open for you to come and see what we've been spending a lot of time and money on over the winter months.

Here's this month's headline news:

1. The stained-glass window cleaning team performed a cleaning miracle: all the windows meticulously and minutely cleaned with cotton wool swabs. A team of four village ladies worked tirelessly for two weeks to achieve a remarkable result. The glass looks so much brighter, vital and impressive. Thank you!

2. Our specialist conservator also achieved a cleaning miracle and the text and colours of the gold leafed fretting and stars in the chancel ceiling shine out with a long forgotten radiant lustre.

3. The new lighting and electrical system has been turned on – and it works. Rejoice.

4. Final painting has been completed.

5. After many attempts, BT and Openreach finally managed to connect us to the internet – not an easy task on such an old building with six feet thick walls and telecommunication providers with impenetrable corporate bureaucracies.

6. The final church tour, with forty people, happened without incident – phew...

7. The massive internal scaffold came down in a day.

8. The local jackdaws found their way into the church once again. Very annoying as they make such a mess, but a stray twig enabled us to identify their route in and we then sealed it up! Some of God's creatures need to stay outside and in the trees.

9. A church commissioner returned a 'loaned' chandelier to us; it has been away on a fifty-year loan to the Bishop of Winchester's palace. We were able to positively identify it as being ours as it is identical to the one that has been hanging in the nave for the past three hundred years. They're both going to look spectacular at this year's Advent and Christmas services when they'll be resplendent with forty candles each. Do come along: they're both magical evening services.

10. On his tour of the Project Apollo works, the church commissioner pointed out a detail in the heraldry of the medieval stained glass. He's sure it gives us a link to Westminster Abbey: we're about to start researching this and we'll let you know if there's any interesting news.

As I write, we've ten days to go before we open the doors to the village, passing pilgrims and all who wish to visit. There's going to be a flurry of cleaning, positioning of lights, rehanging of hatchments and chandeliers, repositioning icons, lifting of pews and chairs and a myriad other activities that make St Mary's the quiet, comfortable and reassuring church so many of us enjoy.

Look out for news of events over the coming months and do come and see for yourselves what we've been up to and what we're trying to achieve by way of making an ancient Christian building more comfortable and accessible for us all to use and enjoy.



Froyle's Thanksgiving Service for HM The Queen

11.00 am Sunday 5 June

Vanessa and I are working to create a memorable service where all in Froyle will feel welcomed and comfortable attending to recognise the Queen's long and unique reign. We are particularly keen to hear from those in our community who have memories of the Coronation Day on 2 June 1953 at Westminster Abbey. Where were you or a member of your family? What do you or they remember of the occasion? How has the Queen affected your life? Is there a story or tribute you would like to share, perhaps a poem or reading you would like to contribute? Please ask your family and friends what they can remember and get in touch to share your stories. We are also keen to hear from any singers in our midst who could join the choir for the service!

Sarah Roberts (520041 [/sarahfroyle@gmail.com](mailto:sarahfroyle@gmail.com)) Vanessa Remington (525322)



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Music at Bentley School

Over the pandemic music lessons at school (or home) carried on but for parts of the lockdowns we were unable to sing collectively, play any wind instruments, have close contact music lessons, and we really missed all of this terribly! This year at school it has been fantastic to get music fully up and running again at school. We have lots of our favourite music teachers back in school and the full curriculum is back in classrooms. We decided to really celebrate 2022 as a year of music and it has been going well already. Here is what is going on...

The whole school enjoyed a brilliant drumming session with steel pans and Japanese Taiko drums in February. The noise was tremendous and the school hall was filled with concentration as the children learnt how to play to the beat together.



All classes have a set music curriculum and have lessons each week. We use a programme called Charanga which is full of inspiration to help the teachers make lessons fun. Every class has opportunities to play an instrument and we have sets of ukuleles, recorders and glockenspiels. We also have lots of percussion instruments from all over the world for children to play.

Music appreciation is also woven into our curriculum. We play music every day in Collective Worship, we sing and enjoy hearing one another sing too! Every class has a composer they study. We ensure children are exposed to a wide range of composers and genres of music. We encourage children to enjoy listening to music for pleasure and talking about how different music makes them feel.

We have so many opportunities for individual music lessons too. Parents pay for tuition but we also have scholarship places. We currently offer; guitar, flute, violin, keyboard/piano and iRock (who teach performance with guitars, keyboards, drumming and singing). Lots of our pupils work really hard and go onto take music exams.

At Bentley we believe in giving children lots of opportunities to perform, from assemblies for other children and parents to amazing large scale events in Hampshire. There is nothing quite like the buzz of singing and performing with others. This spring we are looking forward to returning to the O2 with our Year 5 and 6 classes who will be performing an evening of amazing music alongside some VIP popstars! Over the year every class gets the chance to take to the stage (or help out backstage if they prefer with sound and lighting). We have had fantastic performances this year from every class from the Nativity to 'Yee Hah!' to 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' to Church and choir events too.

We have our biannual Music festival again this year. Our pupils take part with amazing acts and we all love the festival atmosphere. All the community are welcome to come along so save the date for 12-4pm on 18 June. This year we also invite any interested musicians to take the stage on our 'Visitor stage' to busk – if you fancy dusting off your

drum kit, know of a budding singer or rock act who'd love to have a chance to shine, please tell them to get in touch with the PTFA at adminoffice@bentley.hants.sch.uk. We'd love to hear from you!



Finally, something we always enjoy is hearing from experienced musicians in assemblies and in Collective Worship. We have 200 expert members of our audience aged 4-11 and they LOVE hearing brilliant musicians play. This year we have had a flute performance from Jess, some blue piano from Mark and we'd love to hear from you too! You will be much appreciated and may well inspire a young musician of the future.

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

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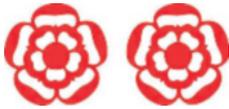
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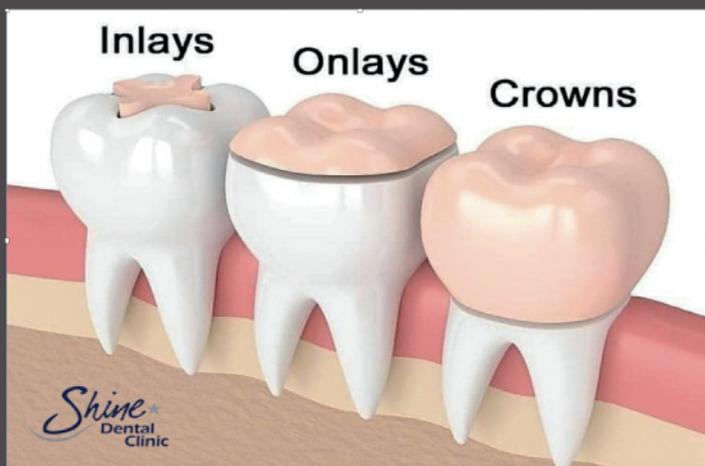
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