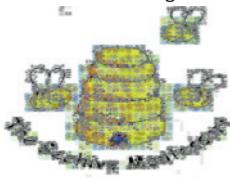


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Report from the Parish Council Meeting

FPC met on 22 October 2018. Apologies were received from Cllr Anfield, and the Clerk, Philippa Cullen Stevenson. No members of the public were present.

Froyle Park Development

Following requests from the PC, Linden has now installed a sign to direct guests to the Wedding Venue. However, its positioning could be improved and further discussions are ongoing to improve its visibility. Meetings have also been held to discuss street lighting and bollards required to improve safety around the development.

Noisy Traffic

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints about noisy cars and motorbikes, through the village. These will be referred on to the Community Police Officer and the PC will write to Rawles Motorsport to request their customers show restraint in the village.

Froyle Park Wedding Venue

The Chair of the PC is to follow up her phone call with EHDC CEO Sandy Hopkins to discuss her review of the enforcement investigation that had concluded that there had been no breach of planning control at Froyle Park. There is also to be a meeting with Mike Warren MD of Harbour Hotels to discuss ongoing management at the wedding venue.

Planning Matters

The PC is liaising with EHDC Tree Officers over a series of applications for tree felling and pruning. Further clarification is being sought on the application for a new dwelling adjacent to the Oast House on Froyle Park.

Football Hut

PC is still looking for builders to tender for the external improvements to the football hut on the recreation ground. We would welcome suggestions as to firms we might approach.

Website

As part of an external audit, the PC was advised that they should have an independent website. We are undertaking initial research and plan to keep close links with Froyle.com. We would welcome help from any villagers who have technical experience in this subject.

Next meeting 12 November 2018 at 7.45pm. All residents welcome to attend.



Froyle Bonfire Party

**Monday
5 Nov
6.00pm**

**Fireworks
7.00pm
approx**

**Admission free Bucket collection
Burgers Hot Dogs Mulled Cider
Come and help build the bonfire on
Sunday 4 November at 9.30am**



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

Hiring the Village Hall

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

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

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

News from the Village Hall

On 25 October the new front doors which have been causing us some issues will be removed, returned to the factory and then refitted. The key code will be replaced with a second lock. The key will then be kept in the key safe as previously. We shall also refit a cabin hook so the door doesn't blow shut in the wind. By the time you read this, I very much hope things will have gone to plan and we shall at last have a trouble-free door. What can go wrong?

The Village Hall Committee meets once a month currently on the first Tuesday. In October, we welcomed a new committee member Alex Marshall. Long-standing and hard-working committee member Gill Bradley has been on the move although we are relieved to say just down the road and if anything a little closer to the hall! We wish her much happiness in her new home.

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Bonfire Night is almost upon us and it is good to see that material for the bonfire is piling up in a very neat and orderly fashion. Bonfire building is scheduled for Sunday 4 November at 9.30am. Do please come and help. Wear gloves and stout boots to protect yourself from splinters and nails. After last year's fire which destroyed two cottages in Lower Froyle the Committee has been in close touch with their insurers to make sure we do everything we can to mitigate the risks involved in holding the event. It has been suggested by residents that we use the recreation ground for parking but we feel that the mix of cars and pedestrians in the pitch dark is too dangerous. If you come please walk, if you possibly can, and wear reflective clothing. The BBQ starts serving at 6pm with fireworks around 7pm or as soon as the bonfire dies down. Bucket collection as usual.

Help will be needed the following morning to tidy up the fire and rake it together. Please bring shovels and rakes.

The next Froyle film night will take place on Friday 16 November. We will be showing a recent film version of an old favourite 'Journey's End' set during World War 1 as part of the commemoration of the end of that war. If you can, please book your ticket asap because it really does help with the catering. Sausage bap included with the ticket price (£8). We have received an appeal for the hall to provide cushions to enhance the audience's enjoyment. In the past we have operated a bring your own policy but the Committee will give the matter serious consideration at its next meeting.

**The Harvest Supper saw the hall full to the brim. The event was
greatly enjoyed and thanks go to all the organisers.
The hall exists to be used - SO PLEASE USE IT!**



FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



Set in a dugout in Aisne in 1918, it is the story of a group of British soldiers, led by the mentally disintegrating young officer Stanhope, as they await their fate.

Journey's End is a British film adaptation of the play Journey's End by R.C. Sherriff. Rated 12A

To commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War

'JOURNEY'S END'

Starring
SAM CAFLIN

FRIDAY
16th NOVEMBER

Froyle Village Hall
Doors open 7 p.m.
Film starts 7.30 p.m.

Price = £8.00
(payment in advance would be appreciated)

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

Pay Bar available

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:
Karen Potter (01420 520294)**



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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



1st November 2018	Fireworks week	Decorate cookies with your own fireworks
8th November 2018	Space week	Build a rocket and make it soar!
15th November 2018	Hedgehog week	Fork hedgehog painting
22nd November 2018	Puppet week	Lets make and put on a show!
29th November 2018	Music week	Time to make some noise!



All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family.

Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots and lots of toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Any questions please call Molly on 07595354619

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am-12 noon. All are welcome to join us for delicious homemade cake, hot drinks and to catch up with the local news. There are books to borrow and any surplus local garden produce will be found a good home.

Last month our Macmillan coffee morning raised £515 for this wonderful charity. A new record! THANK YOU to those who helped in any way.

Cakes Bakers for November

2nd	Anne Blunt	Sue Sharman	Caroline Findlay	Bea Sword
9th	Ann Roberts	Madeleine Black	Kim Blake	Sue Lelliott
16th	Margaret Stanford	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sheila Cottington
23rd	June Trim	Susie Robertson	Louise Marston	Charlotte Baikie
30th	Corinna Whines	Sarah Basey	Pat Gasson	Sarah Khan

Please let us know if you are unable to bake for any reason and if you would like to claim reasonable baking expenses.

Kitchen Helpers for November

2nd	Lauraine Bourne	Caroline Findlay
9th	Kim Blake	Sue Marriott
16th	Judith Leslie Smith	Jane Macnabb
23rd	Brenda Millam	Sue Sharman
30th	Maureen Fry	Jenny Topping

Please arrange swaps amongst yourselves, but do let us know if there are any problems. *With the later start time, there is no need to be at the hall before 10.15am.*

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

DIARY NOTE:

The RNLI will be selling Christmas cards and gifts at the Meeting Place on **Friday 2nd November**.



save
the
date

MEETING PLACE
Friday 7th December

There will be some Christmas surprises at the Treloar Table at the Meeting Place on the first Friday in December.

Come to the Village Hall and pick up a present or two, while enjoying coffee and cake!



Treloar's
Inclusive Education



The Froyle Card (and other!) Games Club

Next Meeting Monday 5th November
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

(...and back to the first Monday of the month as promised...)

The charge is £2 per head to include tea (or coffee) and biscuits.

So even if you don't have a regular partner but love playing cards – *or if you haven't played for some time and would like to start again* - do drop by and we will fit you in with a game.

But any card or board game can be played, including Uno, Scrabble, etc...you name it, we'll play it...



Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)





FROYLE HARVEST SOUP LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

12 – 1.30 p.m.

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME

All soups freshly made using Harvest Festival produce

No charge – Donations welcome



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

FROYLE GARDENING CLUB

What an evening we had with Rosy Hardy - what a woman! So many achievements but still so enthusiastic. Beautiful plants and really helpful information made our October meeting memorable. Many of us went away with cars full of plants.

On 9th November at 7.30pm in Froyle Village Hall, we will welcome Mr David Cheston to tell us about Waddesdon Manor - a rather over-the-top house with a distinctive Victorian garden. Visitors very welcome.

Please note that following Anne Blunt's stirring speech, she will need help next year. I think Anne is extremely brave so please give her your support.

Brenda Milam (22216)

FROYLE GOLF DAY

Forget the Ryder Cup all eyes were on the 33 players who were tested by the course at Blackmoor, not sure in all cases tested was the right description, some capitulated far too easily, particularly the Anchor team who may still be trying to finish.

Anyway enough of them, let's celebrate the winners. There was one team that dominated the day. The Mills and Robertson combo. The individual winner was Nigel Mills with his playing partner David Robertson second and together with Jo Mills were the team winners.



Nearest the pin was won by David Wilkinson and Clare Briscoe respectively and the longest drive by Kieran Helps and Alison West.

A great day, the sun shone and for some the golf was actually decent.

Ian Whitmore

November News from The Froyle Archive

World War One - The Men Who Came Home

November is a month of Remembrance, when our thoughts are of those men whose names are on the War Memorial. We think of them as heroes, which they were, but we should never forget the men who came home. They were heroes too - every one of them, for they bore the scars of that terrible war and had to live with them for the rest of their lives. Sadly, in some cases, this was not long.

One such young man was Walter Andrew. Walter's family farmed Hodges Farm in Lower Froyle, but in 1911 they were living near Thame in Oxfordshire. The minute he reached his 18th birthday, Walter had signed up for four years service with the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars. His medical inspection report at the time of enlistment described him as 5ft 6ins tall, a 34½ inch chest, fair sight and in good physical condition. This photograph of him was taken soon after he enlisted, one would imagine.

After three years training, he joined the Expeditionary Force and served overseas from 20th September 1914, by which time the family had moved to Hodges Farm in Lower Froyle. Walter was very involved with the church in Froyle and the Vicar received a card from him dated Belgium, 12th November 1914, which he shared with the community in the December parish magazine:



Since writing you last our regiment has been in the firing line.

We were attached to the 1st Cavalry Division, who were rather hard pressed and who dismounted and worked as Infantry. We are nick-named 'The Lucky Oxfords' for though in the trenches for 10 days and our casualties were two killed and about twenty wounded it was rather an exciting experience to be under fire. The enemy seem to be in great force just near us for we cannot move them much. We are now returned behind the firing line for several days rest. I much appreciate being remembered at Church, for I am now aware of the need for it.

Walter continued to serve overseas until 5th June 1915, finally leaving the service on 1st May 1916. Tragically, this much loved member of the community was to lose his life just seven years later in 1923, when on his way to meet his fiancée in Andover, he was killed in a motorcycle accident. It somehow seems so cruel to have survived the hell that was the war, only to be killed when everything around him seemed to be going so well!

*An extract from "Lest We Forget" by Annette Booth
published by and available from The Froyle Archive at www.froyle.com*

Froyle Remembers 100 Years Since The End of WW1

The Royal British Legion Silhouettes come to Froyle

In last month's magazine you will have read about the excellent repairs to our War Memorial and Jamie Stewart-Smith's Poppy Appeal article, as part of the build up to our remembering the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Back in November 2014 Froyle Church and Froyle Parish Council came together to mark the 100th Anniversary of the commencement of the First World War. We have come together again and purchased several of the British Legion's silhouettes which will soon be appearing in the village in the run up to this year's Remembrance.

Froyle Remembers Them

During the 2014 Remembrance Service, both at the Memorial and later in Church we read out the names of the 30 men who left their homes and families never to return. During the Church service we included more detail, most notably their rank and age. It proved quite powerful to do so.

Subsequently during the service closest to the 100th anniversary death of each serviceman a member of the congregation, Andy Jeffs, has recalled the narrative of their short lives and death. Andy has drawn on information from Chris & Annette Booth who run the Froyle Archive, and his own research which has also included visiting the graves of the servicemen. This has been an important part of the church's contribution to remembering our fallen.

We will repeat the exercise once more during our **Remembrance Service** on **Sunday 11 November**, which will start with a short ceremony at the **War Memorial at 10.50 am**. We hope that as many villagers as possible, old and new, will attend. As normal, we will be stopping the traffic for a short period of time on the road adjacent to our War Memorial.



LEST WE FORGET



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100th Anniversary of the Two Minute Silence

The last soldier went ‘over the top’ at 4.20 am on 11 November 1918. The Armistice was signed at 5 am in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiegne, France. Then, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of Europe fell silent. The war was over. On that morning alone, there were 10,944 casualties and 2,738 deaths on the Western Front.

The following year, King George V, our present Queen’s grandfather issued a proclamation which called for a two minute silence: ‘All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead’. Each year since, at the **11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month**, the **two minute silence** is observed in the United Kingdom and all Commonwealth countries.

Bellringing on Remembrance Sunday

To commemorate the end of World War 1, Bellringers across the Nation have been asked to ring at 7.05 pm as part of the Celebrations. 7.05 may seem rather an odd time but this fits in with the day’s events and follows on from the lighting of 1000 beacons across the country.

You can see the list of these events if you go to www.brunopeek.co.uk. So if you are out and about at this time you should be able to hear a number of church bells ringing out joyfully, including Froyle. (We will of course be ringing half muffled before 11.00 as usual).

Ringing for Peace
Armistice 100



What a small world.....

In September we decided to take a road trip and go and explore what we thought were some of the more remote corners of these Isles. Braving the weather and the ferries we found our way to the south of South Uist, looking on to Eriskay, known for being the landing place of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the last home of the whisky-laden “SS Politician” of Whisky Galore fame. The wind was howling and the rain lashing down as we finished our dinner in the Polochar Inn. We were just thinking about an after dinner warmer when our neighbour engaged us in conversation. He asked us where we were from and being naturally cautious we replied Hampshire. He enquired further and on hearing that we lived near Alton became quite persistent. Imagine our surprise on discovering that our questioner not only knew Lower Froyle, clearly very well, but was born and brought up there. He was Grenville Start, son of Walter who was such a key figure in the village for so many years. We had an enjoyable chat with Grenville who enquired about many people who still live in the village. We encouraged him to look at the village website and even take a look at the magazine so perhaps he’s reading this.....

Gillian and Jonathan Pickering

An Autumn Update from West End Flower Farm

We would like to thank everyone local who has supported us this year; your local flower farm has supplied hundreds of weddings and events this year (even been held by royalty!) and it's with thanks to a lot of you! Many of you also signed up to weekly deliveries too; for which we are extraordinarily grateful.



Being a small business we have taken great care over our choice in flowers. This autumn we are expanding our growing space four fold; coming right up to the gate adjoining the footpath, so we will be closer for you all to enjoy; with a lot more shrubs, herbs and perennials- the mainstay of a cut flower farm.

We are about to plant 4000 ranunculus, 6000 anemones and 24,000 tulips so a busy few weeks before 210 new rose plants arrive and not to mention 1000's of hardy annuals that need to be planted by us before winter.

Please may we ask that you keep your dogs near you when close to the farm as we also have chickens; who are key to us fighting the slug battle!!

We have big plans for next year and will be looking for local people to join our team so if you're interested in working outdoors (in all weathers!) please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Bella and Will Butler (01420 767306)

Hitting The Cold Spots

Madeleine is the local Age Concern Hampshire 'Village Agent' volunteer for Froyle. She can help older people find information and services such as:



- **Getting out and about:** finding transport for shopping, medical appointments and local activities
- **Around the Home:** finding reputable trades people
- **Money Matters:** entitlement to claim benefits grants and loans

She can also help with keeping warm this winter with the aid of Hampshire County Council's *'Hitting the Cold Spots'* Campaign:

How can 'Hitting the Cold Spots' help?

- Visits from Advisors offering advice and practical support
- Support with emergency heating measures (electric heaters) if you are without heating
- Help to access funding where available for insulation and heating repairs and replacements
- Help to access funding for first time central heating
- Access to small grant support to help cope with winter emergencies
- Assistance to switch your energy provider or fuel tariff to help save money on your fuel bills

Other services they can help you to access

- Practical support and advice with debt, money and benefits
- Free home safe and well visits, which can include a carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector and a fire safety plan

Contact the 'Hitting the Cold Spots' information line:

Tel: 0800 804 8601 Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm

Email: staywarm@environmentcentre.com

Web: www.hants.gov.uk/cold-spots

Please call Madeleine on 23371 if you'd like any more information on the 'Hitting the Cold Spots' campaign, or call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk





Look out for Hedgehogs

This time of year can be especially difficult for hedgehogs who will be seeking places to hibernate such as under hedge bottoms or piles of brushwood and under timber buildings and sheds.

Some gardeners will be looking to have a bonfire but unfortunately a bonfire stack to a hedgehog is a perfect des res. The advice is to make the bonfire on the day you want to burn it and stack it elsewhere till then. Take care when sticking forks into the stack to move it though. Strimming can also cause horrific injuries and death to hedgehogs, (and amphibians and reptiles) in the very areas they lie up in to sleep during the day. They are not easily seen under vegetation in hedge bottoms, so it's vital to check thoroughly before you start.

In autumn also watch out for young hedgehogs that are underweight (less than 600gms) as their chances of surviving the winter are slim. In fact any hedgehog seen during the daytime is a cause for concern and advice should be sought.

Sadly our UK hedgehog population is declining with a number of reasons cited for this. Today our once common and endearing hedgehog is Red listed and a species conservation priority.

For more information see <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>

Help for Sick or Injured Wildlife

A lot of people want to help if they see an animal in distress, sick or injured. The following websites are particularly useful with emergency advice such as that from **Hart Wildlife** our **Nearest Wildlife Hospital** - in Medstead.

<http://www.hartwildlife.org.uk/advice/> *'keep it in a quiet place, keep it in the dark, keep it warm keep it confined, give it access to water, if practical. If you CAN'T capture an injured or sick creature take a note of its exact location and if possible, leave someone there to watch over it while you call us and get help'.*

Wildlife Aid also has very good information, see

<https://www.wildlifeaid.org.uk/wildlife-faqs/> just click on the relevant species.

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Winter Birds in Hedgerows and Gardens

At the time of writing some hedgerows in Froyle are burgeoning with fruits such as hawthorn, buckthorn, privet, blackthorn, dogwood - a veritable feast for winter visitors such as Redwing and Fieldfare. It's well worth taking a quiet walk along footpaths where these hedges occur. Don't forget binoculars if you have them to get a good look. Standing with the sun behind you gives better views and you are less obvious to the birds. You'll probably also see twittering flocks of mixed finches and yellowhammers flying down onto the stubble or winter crop to glean weed seeds then suddenly shoot back to the cover of the hedge if disturbed.



Yellowhammers are the only buntings you're likely to see in Froyle, they like to sit high up in the hedge and with the sun on them look stunning. They are species which rely on farmland and generally nest on or near the ground in hedgerows. These birds are seed eaters but take insects in the breeding season, with chicks especially needing a constant supply of insects and spiders. Years ago when cereal crops were brought down to be dried in the grain drier behind our house, flocks of yellowhammer would come down to feed on the spilt grain and in harsh winters would venture into the garden to feed on birdseed, always on the ground never at the bird table. Unfortunately those days are long gone.

Many birds including fieldfares and redwings are drawn into our gardens to feast on berried shrubs and windfall fruit. Holding some picked apples back and throwing them out when the weather is cold and the ground frozen can be a lifeline as are ivy berries which linger on well into the winter.

Bird Seed Supplier

If you are looking for a good supplier of birdseed Vine House Farm is recommended. Nicholas Watts, who farms 2,500 acres in Lincolnshire with his daughter and son in law, received an MBE in 2006 for his services to farming and conservation as well as a string of other awards. During the last 10 years they have given 5% of their sales to The Wildlife Trusts amounting to over £1 million.

<https://www.vinehousefarm.co.uk/> Most orders received before 3pm Monday - Friday will normally be delivered the next working day.

Sue Clark

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th	8.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Froyle Binsted Bentley	Holy Communion Holy Communion Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 11th	10.50am 10.00am 10.50am 3.30pm	Froyle Bentley Binsted Binsted	Remembrance Service at War Memorial Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Messy Church (in school)
Sunday 18th	11.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Froyle Binsted Bentley	Holy Communion Morning Worship Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)
Sunday 25th	5.00pm 8.00am 9.30am	Froyle Binsted Bentley	Choral Evensong Holy Communion Holy Communion and Children's Church



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 1 December at 6:30 pm

Froyle Church

Those of you who have been to this in previous years will know what a special event this is. This candlelit service of Advent comprises a mix of anthems sung by the choir, hymns sung by everyone and readings given by various people. It is one of the most atmospheric and inspiring events in our church calendar. It is both a solemn and a happy occasion. Do come along, particularly if you enjoy choral music – or just to get a special foretaste of the Christmas season to come.



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Every November we commemorate Remembrance Day, which this year actually falls on Sunday November 11th, 100 years to the day since the end of the First World War. I'd always thought that there must have been great celebration when that devastating war finally ended, but Vera Brittain, writing in *Testament of Youth*, said, "When the sound of victorious guns burst over London at 11am on November 11th, 1918, the men and women who looked incredulously into each other's faces did not cry jubilantly: "We've won the war!" They only said: "The War is over." Those lines have really made me think, not just about the men who fought and died, whose names are recorded on our War Memorials, but also of the men who came back and the people whose lives were deeply affected by wartime. At the beginning of the same book, Vera Brittain wrote, "When the Great War broke out, it came to me not as a superlative tragedy, but as an interruption of the most exasperating kind to my personal plans." It was a natural reaction for a young woman. She was not quite 21 years of age, she was engaged to be married, she was looking forward to a life full of promise. But as the war progressed, she lost her fiancé, two close friends and her brother. She was not alone in the extent of her loss. About 700,000 British soldiers lost their lives in that terrible war; in London 41,833 men never returned home, while some smaller towns and villages families lost almost all their young men.

How fortunate this generation is, not to have been thrown into such a major conflict. We owe this not just to the men who fought the two great wars, but also to those who have campaigned, negotiated and prayed for peace in recent times. On August 4th 1918, King George V called a National Day of Prayer and one hundred days later the war ended. In this centenary year our churches have been recalling that initiative by taking part in Remembrance 100, a cycle of daily prayers for Peace and Hope, which began on August 4th and will end on November 11th.

Trying to imagine the impact of such a huge scale of loss on small communities, has also prompted us here in our Benefice, to think hard this year about the men who fought, the men who survived and the villages that then tried to rebuild their lives. In all three of our villages, we have researched details of the men who died and those who returned – in Froyle we have been remembering each one of the local men who died over the last four years on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of their death. Also in Froyle a concert of choral music and readings has commemorated this centenary. In Bentley people have sponsored memorial plaques engraved with the names of the fallen. And in Binsted local people have made doves and are also contributing their own personal stories of War and Peace, for as Vera Brittain said in *Letters From a Lost Generation*, "Nothing in the papers, not the most vivid and heartbreakng descriptions, have made me realise war like your letters."

I hope many of you will join us this year at our Remembrance Day Services, when we will give thanks to those who died that we might live in peace today.

**Blessings,
Yann**



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR 2018

ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPPER FROYLE

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

11 am – 2 pm

Soup Lunch, Tea & Coffee will be available

**Excellent selection of stalls
for your Christmas gifts**

Paper Furniture
Fudge
Christmas Wreaths
Jewellery
Scarves
Sheepskin Rugs
Decorative Night Jars
+ Deli Goodies

Wanted for Christmas Fair

Gifts - good quality items wanted for this stall please; let us find a new home for unwanted gifts and as-new bits and pieces. There'll be a box at the Meeting Place for two weeks beforehand or ring me and I'll collect. *Caroline Findlay 22019*



Christmas Fare - cakes, mince pies, biscuits, home-made chutneys and marmalade and other Christmas goodies wanted for the stall please. *Susie Robertson 520820*

Partridge or Pheasant

If anyone wishes to have a pack of partridge or pheasant breast, please let *Jenny Gove* know on 23697 (there is an answerphone) by any Thursday evening, and they can be picked up the next day, Friday, at 11am from the Meeting Place.

Froyle 100 Club Winners for October

The 100 Club winners for October were:

1st – Nigel Mills 2nd – Karen Potter
3rd – Nigel Fisher 4th – Jenny Dundas

Congratulations to all winners!

William Knowles (23164)
wbk@wbknowles.com

Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group is fast approaching 50 members and is becoming a useful resource for community discussion, photography, walks, meetings and other events in our area.

We would like to extend a welcome to all residents within Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle to join and participate in this growing online group. To become a member, please search Facebook for "Froyle Residents" and select the button to Join the Group.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the group.

Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)

A Beater's View 'from the Woods'

“Some bete the bussh and some the byrdes take”

That line is from “Generydes”, a poem from around 1440. For over 578 years people have been beating but who are these strange people in green who appear from September to January?

Apparently, Mark Twain did not call golf a “good walk spoiled”. However, you could call beating, “a good walk enriched”. Before taking up beating, I’d rarely seen a deer or a hare in the wild and I’d never seen a live fox or a badger outside of TV. I’ve lost count of the different birds and animals I’ve seen. There really is something called a muntjac and I now know that if one runs at you, turn sideways, don’t dodge.



A keeper would say that the beater’s job is to do as they are told. Spend a day on the beating trailer and you’d think the job is to complain about most things and make fun of the rest. While free range chicken can live with up to 13 birds per square meter, game birds are reared and released so a pheasant may have $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre or more to itself. Keepers feed birds to keep them on the estate, but they are free to roam. Beaters help get the birds back from wherever they’ve wandered and we do this by walking the drives. Sometimes we’re quiet, just tapping sticks, but at other times we’re making noise, waving flags or we “bete the bussh”.

Perhaps beaters were once people who worked on the estate. The modern beating line is a group of people who enjoy spending a lot of time out of doors. Nobody beats for the money. In Froyle we beat for the food, the scenery, the sound of the Keeper’s dulcet tones over the radio, the pleasure of seeing your dog work for you, for the sloe gin, or maybe just for the craic.

“I want a nice straight line, right hand man in front, walking left handed” That means a diagonal line moving forward and toward the left. The beating line has its own language, so everyone knows what’s needed, no matter the conditions. You can be in baking sunshine in September or driving wind and sleet in January. You may rush across a ploughed field only to stand and wait for another part of the line to get in position. Some days you wonder why you do it but we come back, season after season. Perhaps we think it’s better a bad day in the line than a good day in the office.

Paul Massam

News from Bentley CE Primary School

The term seems to be flying by and the weather has taken an autumnal turn with the high winds bringing down the very popular conkers on the playground. I think most of our children have gone home each night with book bags full of those precious conkers. I certainly have piles of them in my house!

Our extra-curricular activities are in full swing this term and the children are enjoying the time they spend before and after school in the wide range of clubs we offer. Our regular clubs provided by external companies include Judo, Football, Orchestra, Club Morgan, Archery and Fencing, Ceramics (*see photo right*) and Boppin. In addition to the externally provided clubs, our Teaching staff run clubs in the Autumn and Spring terms. These can range from Newspaper Club, Choir, Computing, Art and Crafts, and Netball to Badminton, Storytelling, Drama, Harry Potter and Orienteering. We are lucky enough to have super volunteers who run Hockey, Cookery and Science Clubs, too. There are a number of fabulous music teachers who come into school to offer private tuition in piano, guitar, flute, violin, recorder and RockSteady, who puts together bands of drummers, keyboard players, vocalists and guitarists who perform regularly in school.



Our Wrap-a-Round childcare at school is also very popular, helping our working parents with a facility open from 7.45am to 6pm by providing a safe, fun space for their children. Our childcare has a play based focus where the children are greeted by school staff who provide a delicious breakfast in the morning and a light tea in the afternoon.

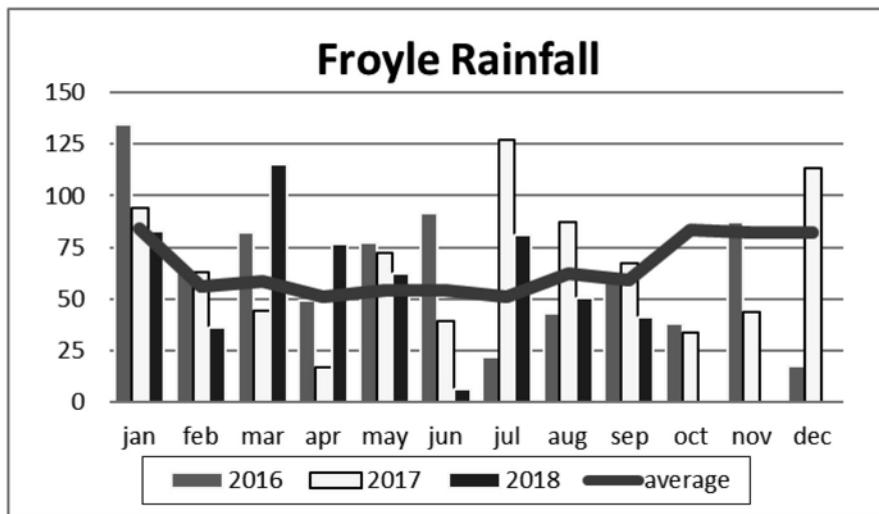


This term has also seen a mammoth apple pick! Before the end of term all our children will have walked up to a local orchard and spent an hour picking apples off the trees and gathering windfall. These are then delivered to the local press who turn them into delicious apple juice which is sold at school, in Bentley Stores and Holybourne Shop & Post Office. All the proceeds go to the PTFA charity which provides additional funds for the school. Huge thanks to the Slater family for allowing us to visit their orchard! If you would like to donate any apples from your own trees – or indeed would like us to send a team to pick them for you – please do get in touch. We are very happy to collect your apples if you are unable to deliver them to school.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

Froyle Rainfall for September 2018

This year	41 mm	1.6 ins
Last year	67.5 mm	2.7 ins
Wettest September (1995)	150 mm	5.9 ins
Driest September (2003)	7 mm	0.3 ins
Long-term average for September – the 5 th wettest month	58.9 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	552 mm	21.7 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	530.2 mm	20.9 ins



A slightly below average September still means we are on track for an above average year, which is around 770 mm or 30 ins, particularly as October - the wettest month of the year - currently looks to be around the mean.

And despite getting only 41mm of rain this month, September is still the 5th wettest month...but only just, because March is creeping up fast; this is because you will recall we had a absolute deluge of 115mm this year, the fourth wettest in 40 years.



“The Umbrella Man”

WATCH YOUR SPEED



The Speedwatch Group has had a busy summer and will be taking a break over the winter. Please do get in touch if you would like to join the team in the spring. In the meantime, we will be reminding you, over the next few months, of the dangers of speeding by bringing you some facts taken from ROSPA Road Safety Fact Sheet.

*Gordon Mitchell, Froyle Speedwatch Coordinator
champersg@hotmail.com 01420 89728*

FACT

Higher speeds mean that:

- Drivers have less time to react to what is going on around them.
- It takes longer for the vehicle to stop.
- It removes the driver's safety margin, turning near misses into crashes.

FACT

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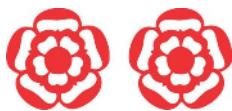
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4 8am HC	5 Refuse & garden 2.30pm Card Club From 6pm Bonfire	6	7 12pm Harvest Soup Lunch	8 9.45am Toddler Group	9 10am Meeting Place 7.30pm David Cheston GC	10
11 10.50am Remembrance Service War Memorial	12 Recycling 7.45pm PC Meeting	13	14	15 9.45am Toddler Group	16 10am Meeting Place 7pm Film night Journey's End	17
18 11am HC	19 Refuse & garden	20	21	22 9.45am Toddler Group	23 10am Meeting Place	24 Christmas Church Fare 11am-2pm St Mary's
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