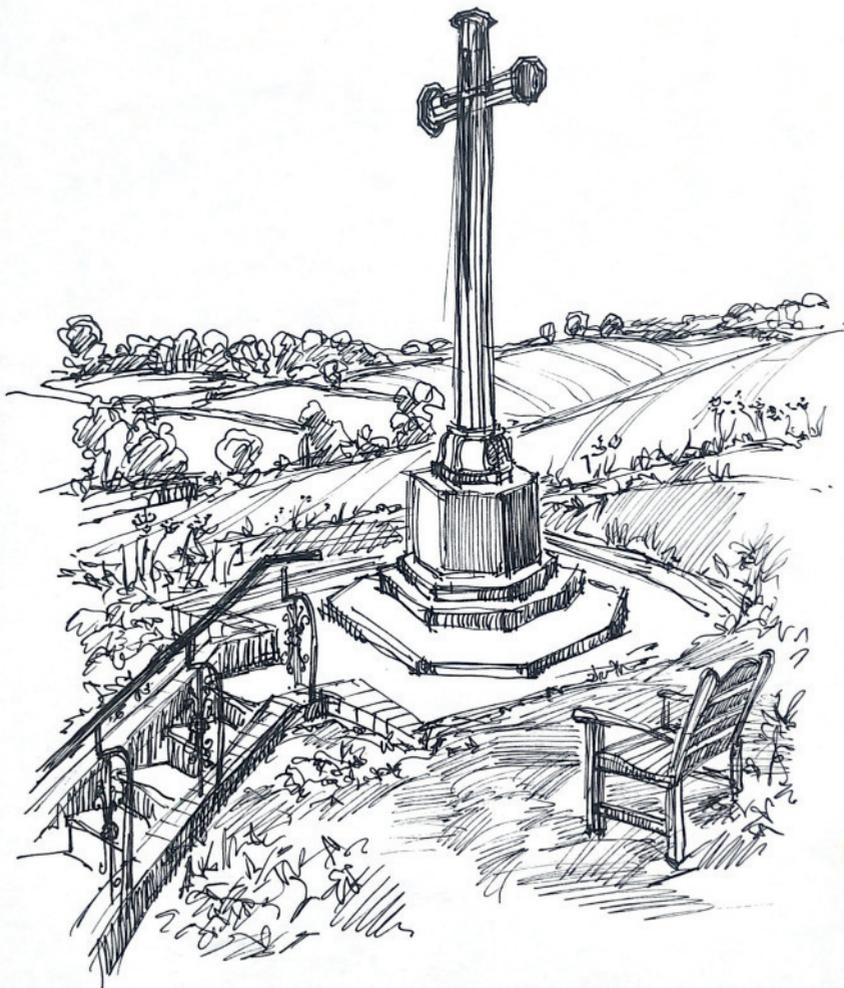


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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

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(PC) met on 11th October and draft minutes are available on the PC website.

1. The PC welcomed two members of a group of Parish Councils who presented a proposal to have the North Hampshire Downs designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The PC agreed to support the group's objectives in principle and to include Froyle within the proposed AONB area. Work on this is currently at an early stage so further information on the benefits etc of an AONB will be required before full commitment is given.
2. A grant of £600 was agreed to support the work of Froyle Archive with 50% being provided by a grant from the District Councillor.
3. The PC agreed to employ a contractor to cut the hedge along Ryebriidge Lane towards the Village Hall and remove the excessive bramble growth in it. It was also agreed to replace the gate into the Rec which is rotten. The PC was pleased to support the collection being organised by Mrs Marston for Alton foodbank.
4. A resident requested that the PC consider how to encourage dog owners to clear up after them and properly dispose of the poo bags in the waste bins provided. As the nights draw in, the problem was seen to be getting worse again on the Rec and footpaths. Additional signage was considered but with these already on waste bins and some posts, the PC was unsure whether this would make any significant difference. The PC thanks all dog owners who routinely clear up after their dogs and properly dispose of the bags but is seeking feedback from residents on whether more signs would be beneficial and, if so, where these should be located. A campaign against dog fouling has recently been launched by Keep Britain Tidy encouraging people to take pride in their community and do the right thing. A fixed penalty notice issued by the local council in respect of low-level environmental or public health crime can result in a fine of £50 for not cleaning up after your dog.

Around the village –

5. Two new planning applications were received since the last PC meeting. The PC agreed not to comment on an application for a side dormer and roof lights on a property in Upper Froyle but would comment on the proposed extension to a property in Lower Froyle due to its size and resultant loss of another smaller property from the village housing stock.
6. The PC agreed the advice it will give to residents on how it determines its response to planning applications and will publish this on the website. Concerns were raised

about residents without internet access being able to access and comment on planning applications. Any resident in this situation is encouraged to contact a member of the PC or Clerk to assist them.

7. The quarterly meeting with **Froyle Park Management** (FPM) was held on 14th October. Updates were provided on the actions from the previous meeting in particular the new extraction system and litter in the Avenue. FPM advised that EHDC planning have requested additional information about the extraction system and the District Councillor agreed to follow this up to try and get the application prioritised for approval. All present agreed that the litter deposited along the Avenue was unsightly and unwelcome. FPM stated that as this was private land, their preference was to continue a daily litter pick rather than instal a bin. Wording for new signs at the entrance to Froyle Green was proposed and will be taken to the owner, Nicholas James Group, for approval. A recent problem with an oversized coach manoeuvring outside the venue was discussed. FPM confirmed that the maximum size of coach allowed is specified in their hire contract and this is generally complied with. FPM were keen to demonstrate that they have taken action wherever possible to act as a good neighbour e.g. by taking trolleys through the venue and not using certain doors late at night to reduce noise even though this is an inconvenience to them. It was agreed that the operational protocols in place prior to the venue's closure through lock down now seem to be working again and actions agreed by the FPM since reopening such as installation of the new extraction system should resolve other outstanding issues.
8. The HCC Regulatory Committee to consider Veolia's application for a **waste incinerator** on the A31 will not now meet until December at the earliest after a new public consultation to consider Veolia's response to new WHO air quality guidelines was launched. This closes on 15th November; more details on the NWI website.
9. A proposal to construct a **new footbridge and lift at Bentley station** to replace the crossing was brought to the PC's attention. It was agreed to request South West Railway to include Froyle in its public consultation on this proposal.
10. The public consultation by the CAA on the proposed **expansion of Farnborough's controlled airspace** closes in November. If approved, aircraft movements over the village could increase. The PC and local MP have previously commented but residents can still email objections to the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee (FACC) at complaints@farnboroughairport.com.
11. The PC received a letter of resignation from Mr Macnabb who was thanked for all the work he had undertaken over the 6 years he was on the Parish Council. The process to identify a replacement Councillor will now commence.

Next PC meeting: **Monday 15th November at 19.00** in the Village Hall. For information about PC meetings, useful contacts and events around the village, visit the PC website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

One of the disadvantages of having a five digit telephone number is that people fail to hear it correctly because they are expecting six digits. Some computer systems refuse to recognise five digits altogether: it's six or an error message. So it was a combination of humans and computers that caused the long delay in getting the spare parts for the village hall ovens. Nobody rang me to tell me the parts were in because I had provided a correct but unacceptable telephone number. Once that issue was sorted out, other aspects of the system worked fine as a flurry of email told me exactly where the parts had reached and how long it would be before they arrived. The last ten miles was almost as exciting as an ebay auction. This is a long way round of announcing that the ovens are now fully back to health. The same cannot be said of me because I may have caught the engineer's cold just as the Froyle 'season' picks up steam.

Plans for the bonfire party continue apace. We have now located 100 pallets despite the current shortage with a few more promised. The mound of wood and brush has grown so fast, we are now calling a halt on contributions. The task list seems to get ever longer and we are fortunate to have so many volunteers. Safety is our priority and as usual a detailed risk assessment will be undertaken. To this end, we are also planning extended lighting for the evening which should make it even more enjoyable. This year the Froyle and Bentley School parties occur on the same evening which may sound like bad planning. However, from time immemorial, Froyle has held its party on November the Fifth, while the school always holds its party on the Friday (no school next day) which means a clash will happen periodically (*in 2027, 2032 and 2038 - Ed.*). We have exchanged notes with the school and wished each other a great evening.

Plans for the Froyle Quiz Night are also in hand. The number of tables is being limited as we remain Covid aware so the price of tickets has rocketed. A number of conflicting rumours are circulating on social media. Anyone caught using their mobile phone will a) have it drowned in a yard of ale; b) will be awarded an additional 30 points ensuring victory for their team and the honour of organising next year's quiz; and c) will be given sole responsibility for deciding what to do with the football hut and then implementing their decision.

On 13th October we held the much delayed Village Hall Annual General Meeting which for this year, and I suspect for this year only, had broken free from the Annual Parish

Meeting. The Chairman reported on the activities of the Hall during 2019 and 2020. The Treasurer presented and explained the accounts which thanks to various pandemic related government grants are, despite the rigours of lockdown, like the ovens in a surprisingly healthy state. The Treasurer outlined plans for a revised tariff, to include the introduction of an hourly rate and a modest increase in charges at the weekend.

There was a lively discussion on improvements to the hall: A proposal, albeit it at a very early stage, to create a glass roof veranda over part of the terrace was met with fierce debate; but there was general agreement that the priority is to reduce the hall's carbon footprint. Of course this is easier said than done. The hall already has solar panels, double glazing, led lighting and an efficient modern gas boiler with weather compensation. There is talk of air or ground source heat pumps but these are difficult and expensive to retrofit. Battery technology has some way to go before it becomes cost effective. Perhaps we can find a way to make use of the free electricity produced by our solar panels. We have considered installing two more solar panels but the existing type of panel is no longer made and more modern panel may not be compatible. We are open to ideas in particular conducting an energy saving audit as the next step.

We are grateful to the five residents who attended the AGM. Without them I would have to report that the hall management committee no longer existed and the hall doors would be closing possibly permanently. Despite widely publicising the meeting and offering the inducement of a drink and nibbles (which were excellent) the turnout was disappointing. I accept that the evenings are getting darker, there is plenty on the telly and that an AGM is not everyone's idea of fun but even so the sheer amount of work put in by the hall committee deserves a little more support. Having said that there was more wine and more nibbles for those who did attend and it was a jolly and convivial evening which resulted in the committee agreeing to stand again and being unanimously re-elected.

On 15th October the hall was pleased once again to host the annual Froyle Harvest Supper. Life is returning to normal...

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

FROYLE 100 CLUB – OCTOBER DRAW

The winners in the October draw were:

1st – Caroline Bush

2nd – Beverley Morgan

3rd – Sue Carr

4th – Ted Crowhurst

Congratulations to all!

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



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10.00 am - 12 noon. We have now returned to serving hot and cold drinks and home baked cakes from within the Hall, but everyone is very welcome to sit both inside and outside on the terrace as they like.

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY, THE MEETING PLACE WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPPER FROYLE ON NOVEMBER 12th. All welcome as usual, but do come and see the new kitchen in action. If any of our regular customers would like a lift to the church, then please let us know.

November Kitchen Helpers

5 th	Kim Blake	Corinna Whines
12 th (IN THE CHURCH)	Maureen Fry	David Robertson
19 th	Kerris Edmondson	Mark Carr
26 th	Linda Cooper	Yvonne Irvine

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

November Cake Bakers

5 th	Ann Roberts	Madeleine Black	Charlotte Inskip	Ann Netherway
12 th	Gill Bradley	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Julie Southern
19 th	Jenny Gove	Sue Lelliott	Jennie Thomas	Katie Rath
26 th	Jane Dunn	Sarah Basey	Jenny Matthews	Katherine Gilmour

It's always helpful to know what cake you are making, and if you can't bake for any reason, do please let us know. Cakes can be left in the porch at Wykeham House, Lower Froyle on Thursdays or bring to the hall - or the Church on 13th November only - after 9.30 am on Fridays.

(Gill Bradley 520484 Jenny Gove 23697 Susie Robertson 520820)



November in the Potting Shed

The milder wetter weather has prolonged the year in the garden. So do not be in a rush.

- *If the flowers have finished on the roses and buddleia you can cut the long stems back by half to stop the plants from rocking in the soil during windy periods. Final pruning can be completed in the spring. **Do not** cut back stems of shrubs that are going to flower early next year as you will be removing the flowering wood.*
- *If you can, use a rotary mower to collect the leave when they have fallen on paths and lawns. These can then be stored in black bags or piled into a heap to rot down and make into leafmould which is wonderful to add to your potting compost or use as a mulch. Always make sure that the leaves are wet as they will not rot down if they are dry.*
- *Are you a lover of garlic? Well now is the time to plant them especially the hard neck varieties. Plant about 1¹/₂in deep and 6in apart in soil with plenty of organic matter added.*
- *Once the leaves have fallen off trees and shrubs it is a good time to plant bare rooted plants. This was the traditional way before plastic containers arrived so to save on the use of plastic try obtaining bare rooted trees and shrubs if you are wanting to plant new areas.*
- *Keep the blades high on the mower as the grass will continue to grow in mild weather.*
- *Hardwood cuttings of trees, shrubs, fruit bushes and climbers can be taken at this time of the year. Use healthy shoots, about a pencil thick, of this years growth cut around 9in in length and inserted either into a sheltered cold frame or into a pot containing cutting compost. These will hopefully by the summer of next year have produced nice new roots and can be potted on into larger pots to grow on before planting out next autumn.*

(Geoff Hawkins)

Club News

Our well attended October meeting was a fascinating evening enjoyed by all. Mark Porter gave us a comprehensive history of the National Garden Scheme.

The idea of opening gardens was put forward in 1920 to raise funds for the Queen's Nursing Institute (founded in 1859) and continued annually except during WW11. After the war the scheme was promoted by the AA carrying the annual booklets n in their yellow vans.

In 1980 the NGS became an independent charity retaining the Yellow Books we have today. Since then 70 million pounds have been raised for Macmillans, Marie Curie and many other beneficiaries.

We were also shown many enticing photos of open gardens in Hampshire and surrounding counties that give us ideas for future visits.

GARDENING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th November at 7.30pm. For more good advice from Geoff do come to this meeting when he will be talking about 'The Answer Lies in the Soil'.

10th December at 7.30pm. AGM. This should be quite brief. Further details of the evening will be in the next magazine.

(Anne Blunt)



Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...

Autumn is upon us – the leaves are turning, and dropping; although a few brave insects are still out in the sunshine, their numbers are reducing; most of our migratory bird visitors have long gone back to warmer climes, leaving the natives; the harvest is in; the sheep are back around the Froyle Park pond – and there's still a lot going on and a lot to see in the natural world.

Some have said the autumn leaves aren't as red this year as they have been sometimes. Lots of factors contribute to autumn leaf colour, but one important one is the weather throughout the spring and summer. And this year's weather has been different, with a cold, wet spring, then a very dry early summer followed by wet, and a mild early autumn. No wonder the trees are confused, with their pigments assailed by unusual conditions. As the autumn sets in, for leaves to go red we need cold but not freezing nights, dry weather and bright sunny days. It still may not be too late...

Although there are still a few butterflies and moths about, most caterpillars should now be in their pupal stage and hidden away, going through the miraculous transformation process from which they'll emerge next year in their beautiful, and essential, glory. But even the caterpillars can be quite striking as these pictures show.

The trees planted on the Rec last November have all done well in their first year, putting on some good growth, with the mountain ash producing some fabulous coloured berries. Also look out for the silken button spangle galls on the underside of oak leaves: they house the eggs of the tiny Silk Button Gall wasp, which is parasitic on oak trees although not harmful. The wasp lays its eggs in the spring; the galls emerge in the summer and drop off in the autumn. The next spring, the adult wasps emerge and repeat the cycle.

If the old story about berries in the summer (look at all the hawthorns and hollies) heralding a severe winter are true then we may be in for one this year – and if so, look out for the fieldfares and redwings coming here to avoid the winter storms in Europe and feast on those berries, and crab apples.

Around the Froyle Park pond the sheep are back tending the vegetation and providing some natural fertiliser. You may have noticed the electric fence: it's there to keep the sheep off the edge and out of the pond, to avoid damaging the important habitats which are there. The pond is home to lots of newts, including the rare and protected great crested newt with its distinctive spotted underside, which means that the water there is healthy.

We ran a stall at the Froyle Festival in September, which was very popular, we hope not just because of the sweets and chocolate prizes. At the AGM, Tom Mabbett from Naturetrek gave us a fascinating talk on his favourite wildlife locations around the UK – more on this in December's edition. The (virtual) AGM on 21st October heard an account of the impressive number and range of activities which have taken place during the largely pandemic-struck year. And, as this magazine went to press we heard that the Parish Council have generously granted us £500 to help fund our activities in the coming year, which will be really helpful.

(Jonathan Pickering)



Great crested newt



Silken bun galls

Meanwhile down at the Gid Lane Pond, where last month the Froyle Wildlife Volunteers were doing battle cutting vegetation...



...here are a couple of examples of what they found during their labours...



Yellow-tail moth caterpillar



Elephant hawk moth caterpillar

Charity work at Bentley CE Primary

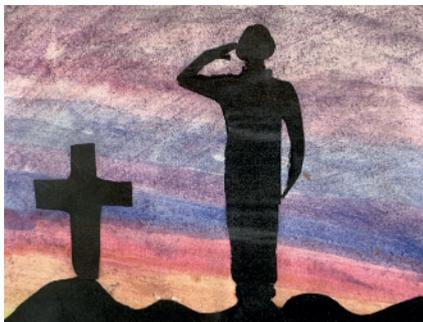
The children have nominated and voted for the charities they wish us to support this year. There was lots of thoughtful discussion around options and lots of them had passionate views about which charities they thought deserved whole school focus.

Nominations included local wildlife sanctuaries, support for hospices, charities supporting people with disability and support for vulnerable people in our society, both nationally and globally.

The three additional charities the pupils have chosen are The World Wildlife Fund, Cancer Research, and Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys. The children are involved in planning the charity days and take a huge amount of interest in their chosen charities, helping them to develop skills as young citizens.

This term we have also donated dried and tinned food to the Alton foodbank. Families were incredibly generous this year and an amazing 158kg of food was collected and taken to the foodbank by Mr Lucas, our Caretaker.

We also support the Royal British Legion in selling poppies after half term. This links in with our work in history lessons about Remembrance Day. We now have a number of children from Service families at our school and on this day we give great thanks to everyone who has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces.



(Katy Pinchess, Headteacher, Bentley C.E. Primary School)

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The Froyle Ark

at St Mary's Church, 5th September, 2021, Part 2...

Finally, after months of floating on a dark sea of Covid uncertainty and unfavourable winds a gentle wave of hope washed Froyle's Ark ashore outside St Mary's Church early on a bright September Sunday morning.

When people arrived outside Froyle's Ark, this was often heard:

'Goodness! I didn't think it was going to be that big.....so amazingly colourful. And this is just the outside of the Ark, what's it like inside?

It's remarkable what can be done with some old pantomime scenery a few tropical beach-print shower curtains, big helpings of imagination and lots of hard work.....

The real magic was to be found inside the Ark. We had plastic milk bottle Elephants, paper plate birds, ironing board alligators, cardboard box aquariums with schools of paper fish, a totally awesome hand-knitted Ark, prancing scrap-paper cats, gently soaring, painted butterflies and many, many more inspiring creations from the hard-working hands of so many villagers. We had herbivores, carnivores, insects, birds and fish. The animal kingdom was well represented with over two hundred separate exhibits.

There were animals peering out of beautifully painted Ark portholes that had been crafted by many talented folk. A watery soundscape alive with snorting Hippopotamus, screeching Macaws and trumpeting Elephants helped to complete the totally immersive animal experience. In the Galley there was also a tasting experience: Mrs Noah's Pudding – a tasty biblical breakfast recipe as well as quizzes for those who like a challenge.

It really was a happy and thought-provoking Ark that engaged all of our senses and helped us remember and appreciate some of life's varied textures which we'd all been missing during our Lockdown fast. There was even a rainbow of joyful hope to look up to over the door.

The week of the Ark culminated with an incredibly interesting talk from Mary Knowles that looked at art reflecting Flood Stories from religions around the world over the past three thousand years.

Froyle's Ark and the Froyle Festival together on the same weekend brought Froyle's magnificent and tangible community spirit back to life; once again we were pulling together, achieving together and enjoying together. Everyone was laughing, smiling, reconnecting and appreciating neighbourly creativity and talent.

And where did the magic come from? The Ships' Company were:

- Amanda Maher – Radio Officer
- Caroline Findlay – Chef de Cuisine
- Jan Elliott – Artistic Director
- Jane McNabb – Animal Trainer
- Julie Southern – Strategic Planning
- Karen Potter – Logistics
- Linda Bulpitt – Purser
- Mary Knowles – Curator and Librarian
- Nick Whines – Band Leader
- Nigel Bulpitt – Treasurer
- Nigel Southern – Shipwright
- Sarah Thursfield – Wardrobe Mistress
- Simon Marshall – Bosun
- William Knowles – Chief Officer

And finally a few more photographs to remind everyone what a magnificent and unforgettable undertaking the Froyle Ark was...







Age Concern Hampshire News

White Goods Grant Scheme

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government introduced a **COVID-19 Hardship Fund** soon after the start of the pandemic. Local Authorities were given a grant from the fund to support economically vulnerable people and households in their local area.

EHDC is using some of this money to fund a White Goods Grant Scheme. The scheme is designed to deliver essential white goods to households within East Hampshire who need it most. This is a referral scheme which can be made by an appropriate agency or Council Team on behalf of a resident.

To make a referral or for further details please contact Lauren on 01730 234114 or lauren.preston@easthants.gov.uk

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/support-people>

(Madeleine Black 23371 - Community Information Volunteer for Age Concern Hampshire)

An Autumn Recipe for those “chilli” nights...

As nights draw in and days get grey and cold, we all hanker for suppers which are tasty, warming and comforting as well as healthy. This vegetable Chilli really ticks all the boxes, and makes a delicious meal served with a some wholemeal flatbreads such as pitta or naan to scoop up the spicy sauce.

For four servings, you need:

- 2 medium onions, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 green chilli, de-seeded and chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and diced
- medium sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 2 red or yellow sweet peppers, coarsely chopped
- 1 x 432g tin cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 level teaspoons chilli powder
- 1 level teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 x 326g tin sweetcorn, drained
- 1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato puree
- Handful chopped fresh parsley
- 150ml vegetable stock
- 1 teaspoon soft brown sugar

To serve:

- 300ml thick Greek yoghurt
- About 100g grated Cheddar cheese

Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed saucepan, and fry the onion gently to soften. Stir in the garlic and chilli, and cook for a few minutes more. Stir in the chilli powder and cumin. Now add all the vegetables, including the beans and tomatoes. Season, and stir in the parsley.

Now combine the stock, sugar and tomato puree and add to the pan. Bring to a simmer, then turn heat to low and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes, until the vegetables are cooked through.

Serve in deep plates with the cheese and yoghurt passed round, and warm flatbreads for scooping.

(Sue Lelliott)



My first experience at sorting recycling came at secondary school, shortly after the arrival of Coke vending machines (it was the 90's). A small group of us would meet, magnets in hand, to sort the steel from the aluminium cans as the latter earned the school money; financially motivated recycling. Aluminium is a limited resource and costly to extract so it makes sense we keep it in circulation. As I got older, I became aware of the pressure on landfill space, and the need to recycle plastics because of the finite oil resources and the potential reduction in the manufacture of virgin plastic.

My latest recycling motivation stems from concern about breathing in increasing levels of toxic chemicals. If the plastic I use ends up in my waste bin it will be burnt in an incinerator, where some toxins are still emitted through the stack and retained in the ash. So, I rinse it, dry it, squash it, **put only the bottles in the recycling bin** and take the rest to Sainsburys. However, if my recycling bin is contaminated with other plastic items, non-recyclables, food or gets wet, it will be sent to an incinerator. In this event even the decent plastic bottles that could be destined to be recycled into something useful will be burnt and this will result in the release of toxins into the environment which we are being exposed to at increasing levels.

I find it frustrating that plastic items like yogurt pots or broken coat hangers aren't recyclable in our area – yet. But sadly, if I put them in the recycling bin, rather than finding alternatives or asking the council to consider ways of recycling them, the result is more likely to be that my recyclables and all the other recyclables in the lorry go to an incinerator. So **please take care with your recycling, include only the designated items and let's minimise the waste for incineration.**

For those items which you feel have the potential to be recycled, but you are not sure where or how, the recycle now website is a very useful starting point.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/can-recycle>

<https://www.recyclenow.com>

Anthea McRiley and Alex Roberts, alex.roberts@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

November News from The Froyle Archive

REMEMBRANCE 2021



At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them

Most people in Froyle will have passed by and seen Froyle's War Memorial, which is situated appropriately midway between Upper and Lower Froyle.

It was dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Thursday, April 14th, 1921 in the presence of "an exceedingly large gathering". Engraved on it are the names of thirty Froyle men who gave their lives in the Great War. Seven more men and women would be added following the Second World War.

The cross, supplied by Messrs. Gardiner of Evesham, bore the inscription, "In grateful memory of the men of Froyle, who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. Their names liveth for evermore." The cross cost, with the expense of erection, some £225. Sir Hubert Miller, Bart. was the chairman of the Memorial Committee, while the hon. treasurer, the Rev. W. Annesley, collected the whole of the money in the village of Froyle. The memorial was erected in a commanding position on "The Beeches", land owned by Sir Hubert Miller. There it remains as a loving tribute from the parish, despite suggestions in the 1950's that it should be moved to the Recreation Ground, an idea quickly squashed. The original steps up to the cross were wooden baulks held in place by iron ties. These were made by Jesse Bowram Martin at the forge in Upper Froyle. Later they were replaced by brick and concrete steps and, in 2010, Froyle Parish Council commissioned a decorated, green handrail with a red poppy motif.



Find out more at www.froyle.com/warmem.htm

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

**In last month's magazine we reported pictorially on
certain goings-on at the Husseys Lane Pond
For the *real* story read on...**

Two men in a boat (with a tennis net)

You may have noticed that over the summer the Husseys Lane Pond became increasingly lurid with an infestation of duckweed. In response a few residents, led by Gilly Little, formed a working group in an effort to return the pond to its original crystal clear condition.

Having taken advice, Gilly invested in fifteen 25kg sacks of Aquaplankton, a powder meant to naturally stimulate micro-organisms to de-silt the pond. It is guaranteed to not harm ducks, plants or any animals.

Then all that had to be done was to rake the duckweed to the side, sprinkle the powder into the water and let it do its work. Simple.

After a post on the Froyle Facebook page and many phone calls, Simon Marshall managed to acquire some waders, so on a sunny late August morning a group gathered and two valiant volunteers (David Edwards and William Knowles) entered the pond with a tennis net to remove the duckweed (see top photograph),

Problem 1: the duckweed was not going to be dragged anywhere (it evaded all raking and dragging).

Problem 2: after only a few steps into the pond the volunteers sank up to their chests in mud. It became apparent very quickly that scuba tanks would be required.

After some head-scratching, a solution was found in the form of Nigel Southern's boat which he kindly delivered to the pond promptly (middle photograph). Two volunteers then rowed around the pond, scattering the 375kg of powder into the pond (bottom photograph).

Since then we have been waiting (and waiting) to see if the pond becomes less lurid. So far not much has changed, but we are ever hopeful. Apparently the first frost might do the trick...

(Sophie Chalk)



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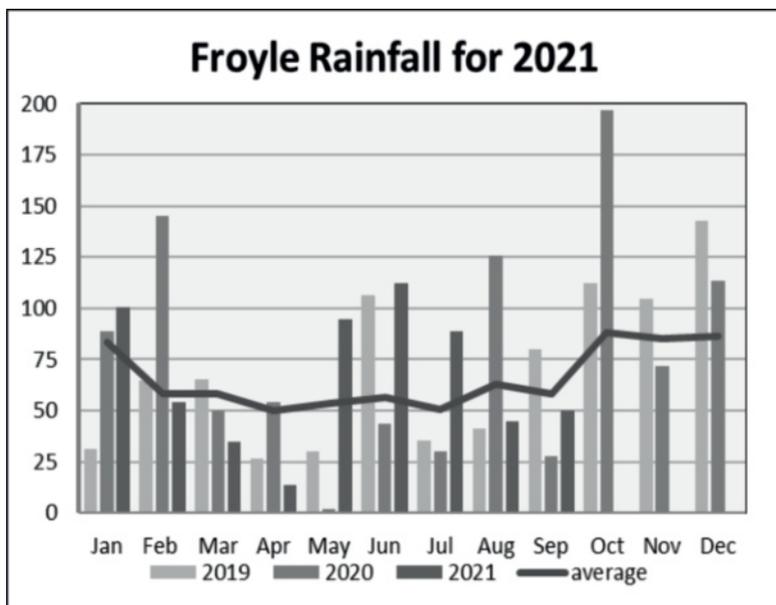
WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

Deli Stall: fresh savoury or sweet dishes, cakes, biscuits, home-made chutneys, jams and marmalade and other goodies wanted for this stall please.
Susie Robertson 520820

Gifts: good quality items 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.

Froyle Rainfall for September 2021

This year	50 mm	2.0 ins
Last year	27.5 mm	1.1 ins
Wettest September (1995)	150 mm	5.9 ins
Driest September (2003)	7 mm	0.3 ins
Long-term average for September – the 6th wettest month (7th on a per diem basis)	58.4 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	592.5 mm	23.3 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	531.3 mm	20.9 ins



At 183mm for the third quarter, strangely this was exactly the same amount of rainfall as last year. But Q2 and Q3 together came to 403.5mm, only the ninth time in 44 years they have been >400mm. History would suggest that this is more likely than not to lead to a drier final quarter than usual.



“The Umbrella Man”

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 7 th	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship (with Children's Church)
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th	10.45am	Froyle	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
	10.50am	Bentley	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
	10.50am	Binsted	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Remembrance
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Froyle	Morning Prayer
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 iPad
Saturday 27 th	6.30pm	Froyle	Advent by Candlelight
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 YumYum

For further details, see the benefice website at www.benbinfro.co.uk;
YouTube - BenBinFro Churches

**We are continuing to provide online Sunday services at 9.30am
and weekday Thought for the Day videos at 6.30am.**

FROYLE CHURCH

Advent by Candlelight

SATURDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER 6:30PM

This candlelit service of Advent anthems, hymns and readings in Froyle church is a beautifully atmospheric occasion. It was cancelled last year, but is happening again this year!

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,

Towards the end of the summer, when the first advertisements for Christmas goods began appearing, there was a collective groan from the team. It was far too early to think about December, but more recently, with supermarkets urging us to book Christmas delivery slots and tempting us to order from their so-called 'festive menu', the team has had to begin thinking about plans within the parish. Not only have we agreed to run the Binsted Advent windows programme for the third consecutive year, but Sam and Gemma's online advent calendar will return, and so will carol singing in Froyle.

So with Christmas plans well under way in Benbinfro, there was then some discussion about why seasonal events are so important to us. In the last three months of the year there is such a flurry of traditional activities; Harvest, Halloween and Guy Fawkes, followed by the intensity of the Christmas fairs, carol singing and Nativities leading up to December 25th. But other times of the year also have their special days and holidays, such as Shrove Tuesday, then the preparations for the Holy Days of Easter with its own traditions.

Of course, the church calendar is full of significant dates, but then so is everyday normal life. One of the consequences of the restrictions of the last 18 months has been the absence of recurring events, whether it be on a grand scale like the Chelsea Flower Show or parochial like the flower and produce shows at village fetes around the country.

We missed these occasions, not just because it was a chance to socialise or, in the case of village shows, exhibit our prowess as gardeners, but because all these events reassure us that there is a pattern to life and that there is continuity. In times of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that key dates will always be respected whenever possible. For most of us, recent months have been the *most* challenging we have ever known, but older generations and displaced families can confirm the reassurance that comes from celebrating traditions during and after times of hardship. Aid workers in the refugee and resettlement camps in Germany in December 1945 noted the efforts being made to celebrate Christmas that year, after all the Christmases that had been missed or lacking in provisions.

So this year, whatever is thrown at us, be it cold winter flurries, flu or fuel queues, let's suppress those groans, let us be grateful we are here and let's support every seasonal activity the benefice has to offer. No Bah Humbug in Binsted, Bentley or Froyle, but the resounding sounds of fireworks, crackers and carolling!

***Blessings,
Yann and the team***

Messy Church



We are going to be taking a short break for November, December '21 and January '22

We have found that, as we are slowly returning to holding services and activities following the lifting of pandemic restrictions, quite a number of people don't feel able to help in the ways they did at the beginning of 2020.

The Messy Church Team has shrunk and some rethinking needs to take place.

Please do get in touch if you have any comments or thoughts on how we return to providing Messy Church in Binsted
OR

Complete our short survey online

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TMY5PDK>

If you are willing to help us in any way – please do let us know.

We are considering the day of the week and time that we currently meet – would a change make it easy for your children to attend?

Hoping to get Messy Church back up and running asap

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Save The Date

FROYLE CHURCH FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Advanced notice of dates to save for December:

19th December - Carol Service at St Mary's.

22nd December – Froyle's Flying Carols will once again be touring the village.

Detailed timings to follow in the next magazine!

(Simon Marshall, Churchwarden)

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LOCAL EVENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST...

1. 8-week Wellbeing Workshops

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The sessions are run by an experienced Registered Nurse and Therapist and will include practicing mediation, relaxation, learn about the power of laughter. Sessions are interactive, supportive and accessible for ages from 16 to 75+.

For more information, see www.thehappyhealinghut.com

2. CYCLEALTON are very pleased to announce FREE cycle training for adults!

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Website: <https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/our-groups/cycle-alton/>

3. Phyllis Tuckwell “Light Up a Life” Service

The service will take place at **6.30pm on Sunday 5th December, at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham.** Readings, carols and prayers will help those who attend to remember special times they had with their loved ones and reflect on fond memories. During the service, the lights on the Hospice's Christmas tree will be switched on, to represent the lives of those special people to whose memory the service is dedicated.

Anyone who would like to remember a loved one – whether they were cared for by Phyllis Tuckwell or not – is invited to attend. If they wish to, they can also make a dedication in memory of their loved one and have their names added to the evening's Order of Service booklet. Their loved one's name will also be projected onto Guildford Cathedral, alongside an image of a giant Christmas tree, on the evening on Tuesday 7th December, for people to view.

For more details see: www.pth.org.uk/lual or call 01252 729446.

It's great to be back together!



Our 50 different Interest groups are the “beating heart” of the u3a as they enable members to pursue their interests and socialise. October saw all our groups meeting up to some extent. For example:

Our newest group has already managed two successful trips to the theatre to see “Austenatious” at the Haymarket, Basingstoke and “The Play That Goes Wrong” at the New Victoria, Woking. A third outing to see “Blood Brothers” is taking place at the end of November, with a further 9 outings already in the diary!

The mixed audience format for our Monthly Meeting is now well-established and our next presentation, November 3rd, is by David Boag: Nature’s Marvels. From butterflies to plants, symbiosis to photosynthesis! David’s camera brings them all to life!



The Ballet for Fitness group is enjoying being back at The Ridley Hall where the installation of a barre (as in dance, not drink!) has really improved the facilities. The group makes good use of it for ballet exercises.

Meanwhile the History Group was enjoying their new venue, Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club. A member commented, ‘...being able to look out over the cricket ground and beyond and wander out onto the terrace just added to the feeling of space. Topics included a talk on the Bank of England from 1694 to the present day and also on the Scottish Covenanters, plus a reminder of the dig being undertaken at the Cross Barn *looking for evidence of Sir Francis Walsingham's house* as part of the Great British Dig programme to be shown on Channel 4. So quite a varied morning!’



Craft and Chat were back in action in North Warnborough Village Hall. Social distancing was respected with each member having their own table and the lovely weather meant the doors could be kept open. When the tea/coffee and biscuits appeared on the tables, it was like old times!

If you would like to join or perhaps ‘test the water’ with a taster session, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Contact: membership@odihamu3a.org.uk

Our website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

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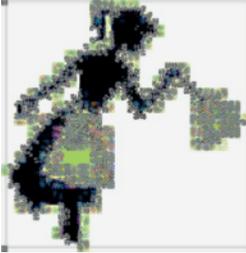
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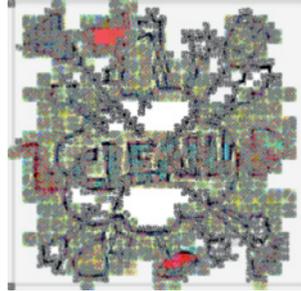
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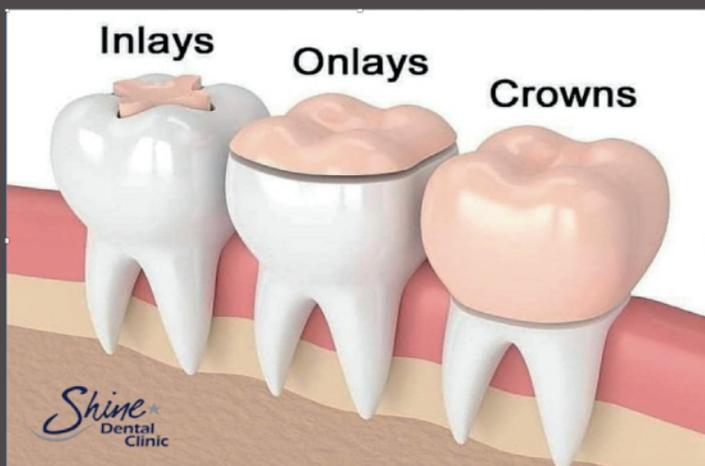
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