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The PC met on 12th July and will next meet on Monday 13th September at 19.00 in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend. A vacancy still exists on the PC and anyone interested in joining can obtain more information on the role from any of the Councillors or apply to the Clerk.

1. It was agreed that the PC would coordinate the **Froyle Festival** celebration on Saturday 4th September with detailed arrangements being put in place by an event committee. The PC has provided funding alongside the Village Hall Committee (VHC), Fete Committee and a grant from our District Councillor. Attendance is free of charge and open to all Froyle residents with more details on both the activities and how to apply for 'tickets' available see page 3 and other online media.

2. In response to a request from Froyle Wildlife about planting additional native species trees on the Rec, the District Councillor advised of a **tree planting scheme** promoted by EHDC in response to its declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019. The PC understands that 120,000 trees are available and can be applied for by residents - details have been requested from EHDC and the Clerk will be happy to share this with any resident who is interested.

3. The **Speedwatch** team advised that, where comparative data was available, there appears to have been a reduction in incidents of speeding. The PC is extremely grateful to all residents for their care and attention when driving through the village and encouragement to through traffic to slow down.

4. Remedial work has been undertaken by the **playground** maintenance contractor during August to replace rotting timbers on the ship and maintenance of the zipwire.

5. As you may have noticed, the **bottle banks in the VH car park** became full to overflowing recently. These have now been emptied but the PC is concerned that the situation could recur as glass recycling facilities are being removed locally and more deposits appear to be brought to Froyle from neighbouring areas. Wherever possible please use the monthly kerbside collection, even if a second box is put out on the day. If the problem persists, it may be necessary to seek residents' views on whether the VH bottle bank should be removed, which would be extremely disappointing to the PC who want to encourage more recycling.

6. **Around the village** – no new planning applications were received since the last PC meeting. HCC Highways has requested that the impact of traffic transiting

to/from the grain dryer site at Round Wood, Upper Froyle on surrounding roads needs to be properly considered. This application has yet to be decided by EHDC.

7. Since the reopening of the **Froyle Park** wedding venue on 19th July, there has unfortunately been a number of incidents causing disruption to residents. These incidents, relating to late night noise from guests and contractors, smells (from the extractor fan), and intrusion on private property e.g. by drones, were largely similar to ones that had been addressed and managed by the venue prior to lockdown. The PC is disappointed that the venue has allowed these issues to recur and is extremely concerned that positions are getting polarised. It is a priority to ensure that matters can be brought back under control as soon as possible with goodwill being demonstrated by both sides allowing residents and the venue to coexist. To date, the District Councillor has been addressing the complaints with Froyle Park management and Harbour Hotels. A meeting is being scheduled in the next 2 weeks with all parties, including the PC, attending. A planning application to install a new extraction system is also being prepared by the Owners for EHDC approval. Please ensure that any complaint made to the venue management, is copied to District Councillor Tony Costigan (tony.costigan@easthants.gov.uk) and the Clerk, so a log of incidents can be maintained.
8. The meeting of the HCC Regulatory Committee to consider Veolia's application for a **waste incinerator** on the A31, that was scheduled for July, has been deferred to late September, pending receipt by HCC of additional information requested from Veolia. Further information is available from the No Wey Incinerator campaign group via its website www.noweyincinerator.com.
9. As you may have seen reported in the Alton Herald, EHDC announced that **Chawton Park Farm** west of Alton has been identified as the most sustainable area for a large development of up to 1,200 houses, as part of the Local Plan. All planning consents have still to be applied for and it is not anticipated that any work on the site will commence before 2027. It was also confirmed that the Northbrook Park site between Farnham and Bentley was no longer being considered for development due to issues with flooding and local opposition including from South Downs National Park and Waverley BC.
10. The PC has successfully used the Village Design Statement - prepared in 2017 - as the basis for objecting to certain planning applications in the village (a copy is available on the PC website). Over the coming weeks the PC will review the adequacy of this document and whether to revisit its contents, in light of guidance being received from the planning authorities on the application of the Government's new planning guidelines.

The PC website www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk and Facebook page provide useful information about PC activities, including meeting minutes, as well as village events and is a useful directory with links to local contacts and activities. Changes have been made to how information is accessed on the website including the introduction of a Village Calendar. Please have a look at what is there and provide any feedback to the Clerk on where further improvements could be made.

Froyle Festival

Saturday 4th September 2021, the Froyle Recreation Ground

Afternoon 2.30 - 5.00pm , Evening Event 6.30 - 10.30pm

Well this seems to have been a great idea, I think we have most of the village attending, and it is only open to village residents. So what will there be for you to enjoy:

The afternoon will commence with a range of children's races with commentary by Uncle Charlie. We then move on to slightly older children competing in a football frenzy courtesy of Jason Smith, Froyle's answer to Gareth Southgate.

Then it's the adults turn with a range of activities to entertain those competing and probably more entertaining for those watching. Finally a fiercely competitive tug of war between teams from Upper and Lower competing just for bragging rights. The winners then take on the children who are favourites to win.

Whilst this is all happening there will be a bbq, teas, ice creams, beer tent and pimms, served throughout the afternoon. Face-painting, a soft play area and a bucking bronco will also operate all afternoon. A wildlife stand where you can meet some of Froyle's tiniest inhabitants, competitions including 'hook a rare duck' and we hope everyone will help us make a large model of one of Froyle's most endearing mammals ready for Froyle's Ark the following day! There will be gardening club competitions for you to enter and to get to know the village you live in a Froyle archive exhibition in the village hall.

On arrival you should collect vouchers for the bbq and ice creams which are courtesy of the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council. But likewise both for the afternoon and evening you should bring your own beer tokens in the way of cash for the pay bar and pimms. But **NB We will be unable to accept card payments so CASH IS KING.**

In the evening it is free entry as is the hog roast and a vegetarian option but again a cash only bar will operate all evening. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

At the first meeting not one of the organising committee could spell ceilidh but we still thought it was a good idea. The definition of ceilidh is a traditional dance night where everyone joins in, regardless of age or ability, and it's a great way to meet lots of people in a fun way. That sounded very much what we wanted to achieve so with a good ceilidh band and a caller giving the instructions it should make for a decent end to the day. Plus in the intervals some disco music as well.

So remember to come, remember to bring cash and, as we are also celebrating the village response to covid at the end of the afternoon and evening, there will be an opportunity to donate to a local NHS charity, maybe with any cash you haven't spent at the bar! During both the afternoon and evening there will be official videographers recording the event which will be subsequently available to residents should they wish to view it

For free tickets apply to: froyleparty@froyle.com

(Ian Whitmore)



**FROYLE'S ARK WILL DOCK AT FROYLE CHURCH ON SUNDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER**

**COME ON BOARD ANYTIME ON THE 5TH - ADMIRE THE ANIMALS
TASTE NOAH'S PUDDING – SNIFF OUT THE INGREDIENTS & ENTER THE
COMPETITIONS!**

**From Monday 6th September until Friday 10th the Ark will be open for
visitors from 12.00 pm to 6.00 pm every day**

**On Friday 10th please join us for closing drinks and nibbles at 6.30 and
enjoy Mary's talk – see opposite.**

MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE AT THE FROYLE FESTIVAL – SEE YOU THERE

N.B. URGENT re ARK ANIMALS

To all the creative people who have made animals for the Ark.

Please could you email janemacnabb@hotmail.com, or
jan.elliott9353@gmail.com or wbk@wbknowles.com and one of us
will collect them!

*Reminder: Drinks, nibbles and a short
talk in celebration of Froyle's Ark*

The Art of The Flood & Other Creational Stories



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY MARY GINSBERG

FRIDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 6.30pm

(drinks – talk starts 7.00 pm)

St Mary's Church, Froyle

**All welcome: To reserve a seat (even if you reserved for the
earlier date for this postponed event) call Karen Potter
01420 520294**



Bookings:
Sarah Zorab
01420 520361

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Slowly the Village Hall is coming back to life with the removal of most restrictions. We urge users to continue to act safely, to use the hand wash provided and ensure good ventilation. For the time being we are limiting numbers to fifty.

With increased usage old problems return. Please take your rubbish with you at the end of a session. The bin capacity just cannot cope if you don't. The four WCs all empty into a single pipe which easily gets blocked if users try to flush away inappropriate objects. As a result effluent from the gents backs up into the ladies and vice versa. I have spent an hour or so recently observing these interactions and trying to decide whether or not to call a plumber or reach for a plunger. As per the cartoon on page 8, I would much prefer not to. So would Cindy who maintains the toilets immaculately. Please do not abuse the loos. Of course no resident of Froyle would dream of doing such a thing.

Recently a hot water urn was left steaming ,which resulted in several cupboard doors being damaged and having to be replaced. Accidents happen we understand. Thanks are due to Royston who undertook the repairs and who has also kindly agreed to PAT test all the hall's electrical appliances.

Having done good service for over ten years the ovens require maintenance. We await spare parts and a big bill. In the meantime the ovens can be used but not the cleaning cycle.

Outside the Hall, the Committee has hosted a bottle bank for many years which periodically EHDC's contractors empty. Hampshire County Council have recently closed the bottle bank at Alton tip. As a result, use of the Froyle bank has increased. This has coincided with problems with the contractor who has been unable to visit. As a result, at the time of writing the bins are overflowing and a large number of bottles have been left on the ground, some of which have got broken. Members of the committee have done their best to prevent further dumping but the general public are not easily dissuaded and glass continues to arrive. The matter has been raised with both our District and County Councillor.

The question therefore arises as whether we need the bottle bank. Should we ask for its removal given that the monthly doorstep collection continues efficiently? However should the doorstep collection be reduced we may miss the bottle bank, particularly those households who (how can I say this delicately...?) create a lot of glass. (UPDATE The bottles were all removed within 3 hours of a call to the office of the Leader of EHDC. There is a moral there somewhere...)

The upside of the pandemic has been the inflow of government grants into the Hall's coffers, most recently £8,000 towards the costs of reopening. The Committee has agreed to contribute £6,000 to **the Froyle Festival on Saturday 4th September**, and which you can read about on page 3. This is being organised by a joint Fete/Village Hall sub-committee and we thank its members for all the hard work which is going into what promises to be a memorable event. The Village Hall Committee is grateful to the PC for acting as banker to the Festival and thereby saving the VAT which would otherwise be incurred.

The **annual Froyle Quiz is planned for Saturday 30th October** and we hope to hold a film night in November. Suggestions for a suitable title welcome. More next month.

We have not held an **AGM** for several years and feel that we should. Please keep **Wednesday 13th October** free for this exciting event. **There will be wine and nibbles** and an opportunity to discuss future activities and projects at the hall. Our accounts for 2020 are now available on our website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

The Committee has been comparing its charges with neighbouring halls to ensure we are competitive and get the right balance between making the hall available to residents as cheaply as possible and being realistic about what we can charge commercially. It seems clear that we need an hourly rate so people can book the hall for short periods but this has to be balanced against the cost of heating the hall.

Looking much further into the future, **the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place over the weekend 4th /5th June 2022**. The Committee has secured an option on a large marquee, so whatever the weather we can celebrate in the dry. Just what form that celebration will take has yet to be decided so please let us have your ideas.

It's great to see how a much younger generation of residents are now getting involved in organising the community life of the village. That promises well for the future. Is that light I see at the end of the tunnel? Better than the view down the loo.



(Nick Whines, Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2022 (FOG22) (...and bindweed...)

Next year FOG22 will take place a week later than usual over the weekend 10th and 11th June 2022. This will mean that the gardens should be looking even better, as there will be more time for the roses and peonies to come into flower. We are on the lookout for new gardens and in particular small ones with plenty of interest. So if you are proud of your plot or know someone who is too modest to come forward do let me know.



In the meantime, has anyone discovered how to deal with bindweed which is currently strangling my garden and dragging much of it to the ground? Once on top, and with the light maximised, the leaves quadruple in size and more. Then it produces large white flowers to signal its triumph. I have more or less stopped fighting it and just look on with a sort of fascinated horror. Come the frosts it will all die back into the ground where it will build up its strength for next year's onslaught.

Nick Whines nick@whines.co.uk (23130)



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.

September Kitchen Helpers

3 rd	Jan Elliott	Brian Jones
10 th	Lori Taylor	Sue Sharman
17 th	Nigel Southern	Marje Hayhurst
24 th	David and Mary Perryman	

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

September Cake Bakers

3 rd	Jennie Thomas	Lisa Bowler	Anne Netherway	Jenny Gove
10 th	Gill Bradley	Marje Hayhurst	Alison Pincott	Shirley Bellis
17 th	Kay Pogson	Sue Sharman	Clare McMullen	Madeleine Black
24 th	Mary Perryman	Janet Dobson	Corinna Whines	Charlotte Inskip

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 after 9.30 am on Fridays.

N.B. On September 24th

**MACMILLAN coffee morning, cake sale and raffle.
Please come and support this wonderful charity.**

If anybody would like to make cakes (to be sold) or donate prizes for the raffle, please get in touch with Janet (23340) or any member of the Meeting Place team; it would be much appreciated.

(Gill Bradley (520484), Jenny Gove (23697), Susie Robertson (520820))

Yes it's August but the tough reality is that Autumn is just round the corner. Perfect **time to start a compost heap**. Whatever the size of your garden, however many plants you have, it is definitely worth composting your leaves, cuttings, kitchen peelings, scrunched up loo rolls, pet bedding etc. It can save you space in your general waste bins as well. There is lots of information online e.g. gardenersworld.com.

Did you know that composting at home for just one year can save global warming gases equivalent to all the CO₂ your kettle produces annually, or your washing machine produces in three months? You may ask "why do I need to compost when my waste will break down in landfill anyway?" When waste is sent to landfill, air cannot get to the organic content easily. As the waste breaks down it produces a harmful greenhouse gas, methane, which damages the earth's atmosphere if the landfill does not have a gas capture system. However when the same waste is composted above ground at home, oxygen helps the waste decompose aerobically which means little or no methane is produced which is good news for the planet. And after 6-9 months or so, maybe longer, you get free fertiliser for your garden.

Basic compost bins can be purchased from many sites for around £25 or £40 including a base. Anyone who is interested in composting but feels it is an expense too far at the moment, Froyle Parish Council are happy to subsidise five 330 litre compost bins on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact us below for further details.

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

Whilst the regular "Thinking Green" team were taking a well-deserved break a very informative website has reached my attention, moralfibres.co.uk. Their tagline is "Sustainable living that's hip, not hippie" and it contains a lot of interesting and wide-reaching information which mercifully avoids being preachy; so for example, recent posts include "how to paint a UPVC front door" and "treat nappy rash naturally and effectively with chamomile tea"!

And the site does contain many tips and hints on how to go green, such as this easy, practical and very cheap if not free, idea, namely bringing plants into your home:

Many of us know that plants improve indoor air quality. But did you know that the air inside your home can be 10 times more toxic than the air outside? Air quality is linked to a myriad of health problems. And because so many of us spend as much as 80-90 percent of our time indoors, that makes indoor air pollution a real public health risk.

We can't all plant trees in our free time. However, we can at least improve indoor air quality by bringing plants into our homes and workplaces. The data on plant-mediated indoor air quality comes from experiments conducted by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Here they found the top 10 plants for removing chemicals to be:

Areca Palm, Lady Palm, Bamboo Palm, Rubber Plant, Dracaena, English Ivy, Dwarf Date Palm, Ficus, Boston Fern, Peace Lily.

Many of these are sold in garden centres and are easy to get hold of. However do check with free local listings first in case anyone is giving them away for free. Think it's a smart move? You're right! Research has also found that having indoor plants makes people smarter.

(David Robertson)

AUTUMN RECIPE

Easy Fruit Galette

For autumn, apple, pear and blackberry is a great mix, but this casual open tart works with pretty much any combination of fruits in any season. The best thing about it – especially for those of us who don't manage tidy, gorgeous baked goods - it doesn't matter if it's not perfect. Let the juices leak a little, let the folded-over crust be uneven: it tastes just as good. Ice cream, clotted cream, any cream to top.

Ingredients

6 to 8 tablespoons/80 to 100 grams sugar, depending on the sweetness of the fruit (I use less)

½ teaspoon lemon zest

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Pinch of kosher salt

550-600 grams of fruit (3-4 sliced apples and pears -no need to peel; berries for the rest).

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 chilled pie crust (package of supermarket shortcrust works just fine).

1. Heat oven to 200°C (400°F).
2. Combine sugar, lemon zest, flour and salt in a large bowl. Add the fruit and lemon juice, but don't stir quite yet.
3. Roll piecrust into a 12" round. I do this on a sheet of silicone liner, but parchment works too; then just lay it on the baking sheet.
4. Stir the filling, pile the fruit on the dough, leaving a 2" border. Fold the crust over the fruit and gently seal the folds.
5. Put the galette in the freezer for 15 minutes until firm. If you want, before baking, brush the dough with beaten egg and crystalline sugar. Bake for about 45 minutes, till the crust is golden and juice is bubbling.

(Mary Knowles)

FROYLE 100 CLUB – JULY AND AUGUST DRAWS

We are happily back at the Village Hall Friday Meeting Place for the monthly draws – although not quite back to normal, since the 100 Club administrator has not yet managed any consistency as to which Friday of the month the draw is held on.....

The winners in July were:

1st – Lauraine Bourne

2nd – Marge Heyhurst

3rd – Will Butler

4th – Roger Cooper

And in August:

1st – Linda Cooper (drawn by Roger – the Coopers are having a good run!)

2nd – Vicky Poulson

3rd – Gillian Pickering

4th – Ann Roberts

Congratulations to all!

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



THURSDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY) 10AM - 2PM

Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

DROP IN!

NO NEED TO BOOK. ARRIVE WHENEVER AND STAY FOR AS LONG AS YOU WANT IN THIS COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE SET UP. NO NEED TO COMMIT TO EVERY WEEK.

£3 PER FAMILY (CARD OR CASH)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

Find "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook -UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON
HERE.





Froyle Wildlife

SWIFTS NEED YOUR HELP!

Swifts, the iconic ‘birds of Summer’, are in trouble. These beautiful and charismatic birds have declined across Hampshire and the UK by more than 50% over the last 23 years. The plummeting in their numbers is believed to be due to a big reduction in available nesting sites. However, it has been shown that if nesting places are once again provided, with either nest boxes or swift bricks, this can significantly boost local swift populations.

By the time you read this article, the swifts that we all enjoyed over Froyle this Summer with their aerial displays will be back in their African wintering skies. Amazingly an adult swift can fly 7,500km in just 5 days! However, we can think ahead for next year, when the swifts return in late April/early May, aiming to maximise the number of swift nest sites that are ready and available to them, thus helping to boost swift numbers in future years.

Tim Norris from Hampshire Swifts <https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk/> is happy to come and check your house to see whether you have a suitable site for a nest box. He and a colleague can then provide and fit a nest box for you. There is a small charge for this. Tim has fitted some nest boxes in Lower Froyle this Summer, and these have already attracted visits from swifts – please see photo below. This bodes well for their intended use next year.



If you are interested, and would like to see whether you might be able to help with siting of swift nest boxes around Froyle, please contact me on jaynefisher260@gmail.com or tel. 01420 520280.

(Jayne Fisher)

Flying beauties. The weather on the original July 'drop-in' day at the wildflower pond area near Gid Lane started wet turning cool and overcast. So although the wildflowers were splendid, most of the dragonflies, butterflies and bees stayed hidden in the vegetation. Repeated the following Saturday, hot and sunny weather ensured that we saw plenty. Butterflies included Marbled White, Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper. Of the 8 dragonfly and damselfly species seen, the Emperors stole the show with their aerial chases over the pond. Some of the 36 visitors sent us photos taken on both drop-in days, these included, Large Skipper, Mint moth, Banded Demoiselle and Four-spotted Chaser.



Marbled White

Do tell us about your sightings in Froyle with or without photos by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or put on Instagram with [#froylewildlife](https://www.instagram.com/froylewildlife).

We ran a moth lamp one evening in August at the meadow surrounding the wildlife pond and recorded 15 species, even though it was cool and breezy. These included Straw Underwing, Flame Shoulder and Spectacle moths. Butterflies and moths are useful indicator species for the health of our environment.

On a cool morning in July, a small group visited Bentley Station Meadow, our nearest SSSI, that is managed by Butterfly Conservation. We had close views of butterflies and other insects at rest because without sunshine they remained stationary. These included Ringlet, Gatekeeper, Roesels Bush-cricket and Shaded Broad-bar moth. Hidden in the lush vegetation we also spotted Herb-paris, an indicator species for ancient woodlands.

At the end of July we cut the area of perennial wildflower meadow on Froyle recreation ground using traditional scythes and then removed the cuttings. Thanks to the volunteers who carried out this annual maintenance and other tasks. Why not try your hand at scything when we cut selected areas of the wildlife pond area meadow, starting at 10am on 5th September. If you can help, please contact us by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or tel. 01420 23520.

(Barry Clark)



September from the Potting Shed

1. *Tomatoes in the greenhouse need the foliage to be kept dry so that they do not get blight which has already affected the outdoor varieties.*
2. *Any winter salads can be sown now to keep you supplied over the winter months.*
3. *Its always a good idea to make a note of vegetable varieties that have done well this year so that you can sow them next year.*
4. *Sow green manures to cover the bare soil. This protects the soil structure from rain. Green manures also absorb nutrients that may be lost during the winter rains. These nutrients can be returned to the soil in spring when the crop is cut down prior to sowing and planting.*
5. *Still time to take cuttings of tender plants that you want to overwinter. If plants are still blooming continue to dead head to prolong the flowers until the first frosts.*
6. *It's time to order the bulbs for winter containers and get them planted up for displays next spring. Lawns can be raked to remove thatch and moss and then given an autumn feed to strengthen the grass for the winter.*

We will be resuming our normal evening meetings next month when our speaker on 8th October will be Mark Porter, County Organiser for the National Gardens Scheme. And in November Geoff will give us "The Answer Lies in The Soil".

Before that **the club will have a stand at the Froyle Family Festival on Saturday 4th September, 2.30 to 5pm.** I hope that you all have your free tickets and will enter our Mini Show- just for fun! - or just visit the stand. **Children entering will all receive a small gift - and adults a lucky dip!!** Simply bring your exhibits to our stand between 11am and 12.45pm. Several of the classes will be judged by popular vote - so you can be a judge as well as an exhibitor! Come to vote between 2.30 to 3.30 pm.

Schedule as follows:

Class 1. CHILDREN up to 15yrs. Age taken into account

Miniature garden. Not to exceed 25cm x25cm

Class 2. CHILDREN up to 15 yrs. Age taken into account

Monster made from fruit and/or vegetables

Class 3. MEN ONLY **A loaf of bread**

(Classes 4 - 8 OPEN TO ALL)

Class 4. **A celebration Cake.** To be judged on decoration only. Will not be cut. Maximum size approx. 20cm (8ins)

Class 5. **Longest Runner Bean**

Class 6. **A garden curiosity**

Class 7. **Plate of home grown fruit.**

Plate not to exceed diameter of 20cm (8ins approx.)

Class 8. **Arrangement of any fresh plant materials in a recycled container.**

Maximum width 40cm (16ins)

Memories from The Froyle Archive

Grateful Thanks



Recently we had a wonderful surprise when Richard Ezzard, whose family had lived in Froyle for generations, presented The Froyle Archive with an album of postcards he had collected, all of Froyle.

He was leaving the village and thought the postcards should stay here with The Froyle Archive.

He can be seen here with his sister Joan and brother George being presented to HRH Princess Anne when she opened the new Heywood House at Lord Mayor Treloar School in 1997.

All three of the Ezzards worked at the School for several years
(Richard is the taller of the three in the group)

We would both like to say a very sincere thank-you to Richard for his very generous donation.

*Upper Froyle Pond
sometime before the
Second World War*



We found this postcard particularly interesting as it shows a fenced pond where Jubilee Green now stands. The pond was owned by Lord Mayor Treloar College, who had purchased The Froyle Park Estate in 1953.

In 1977, to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee, Froyle Parish Council approached LMTC with the aim of turning the pond into a "Jubilee Green". On April 14th 1997 LMTC handed over the Upper Froyle Pond to the Council at a rent of £1.00 a year. A seat and a plaque were installed to commemorate the occasion.

You may think you rather silly to get excited about a pond and a few posts, but these seemingly insignificant pictures are all part of Froyle's rich history. If you have any photos featuring Froyle, we would love to copy them to maintain the archive for future generations.

The Froyle Festival

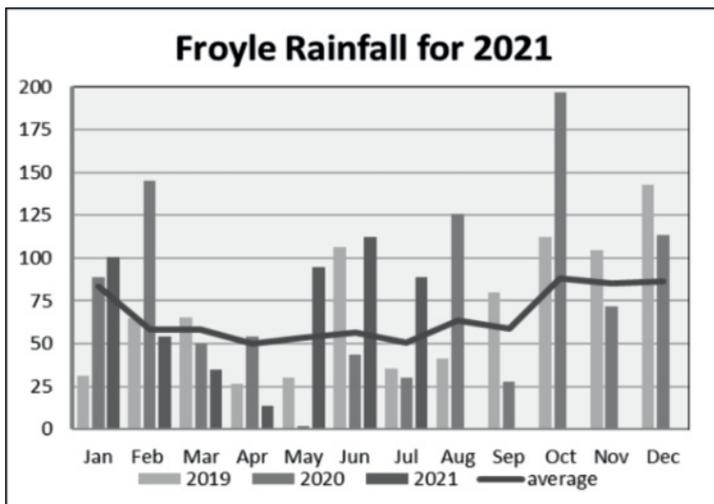
To learn more about our lovely village visit our Exhibition in Froyle Village Hall on September 4th.

Owing to our own vulnerability at this time re Covid, we shall not be in attendance, but do visit our website at www.froyle.com or ring us any time on the number below.

Chris & Annette Booth. The Froyle Archive. 0142022364

Froyle Rainfall for June and July 2021

	June		July	
This year	112.5 mm	4.4 ins	88.5 mm	3.5 ins
Last year	43.5 mm	1.7 ins	30 mm	1.2 ins
Wettest (2012/2007)	155.5 mm	6.1 ins	139.5 mm	5.5 ins
Driest (1995/2013)	5 mm	0.2 ins	10 mm	0.4 ins
Long-term averages – the 4th driest and 2nd driest month	56.3 mm	2.2 ins	50.9 mm	2.0 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far			498 mm	19.6 ins
Long-term average for the year to the end of July			409.9 mm	16.1 ins



It's strange how the monthly rainfall has departed so markedly from the mean this year – and in both directions: March and April, sharply below the average; May to July, sharply above it, the latter to such an extent that we are now some 20% above the norm for the year. To emphasise, despite a very dry early spring, deluges in June and July were of a size (201 mm combined) that has only been exceeded twice in the last 40-odd years, in 2007 (262 mm) and 2012 (251 mm).



“The Umbrella Man”

FULL FIBRE BROADBAND - LOWER FROYLE

Website: www.froylefibre.co.uk

Email: froylefibre@gmail.com

By now, residents in Lower Froyle will have received a leaflet describing the PC sponsored project to bring full fibre broadband into Lower Froyle. We hope that Upper Froyle will run a separate project in the near future.

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If we have sufficient interest (~ 50%), the infrastructure installation costs will be covered in full via a 'voucher scheme' run by the Government. This provides £1,500 per household or £3,000 per small business (including self-employed, sole traders and anyone operating a business from their address). Vouchers are pledged with a commitment to take up a full-fibre service package once the infrastructure is in place. The advantages of the voucher scheme include:

- Service provider independence - people can sign up with the provider of their choice (BT, Sky, Talk Talk etc.), including full-fibre upgrade options from existing packages.
- Open Reach will commit to installing the infrastructure within 12 months of us getting the commitment levels we need.
- There will be little or no disruption as it will be delivered the same way as your existing telephone cable.
- As well as fast, reliable broadband, it starts to prepare Froyle for 2025 when the analogue telephone network will be switched off.
- It is the fastest route to getting fibre into Froyle.

Keep an eye out on the website for details of a Zoom meeting where you will also be able to find out more and ask questions - The Open Reach Rural Engagement Manager, assigned to our project, will join the meeting.

Charlie Findlay, Mike Blanche and Michelle Essenson are collecting the necessary information from residents who are ready to commit, and will coordinate the Lower Froyle project through to implementation. Each postcode also has a specific volunteer who is helping with information distribution and communication.

Our aim is to gather details of everyone who is ready to sign up by 30th September. **Please email froylefibre@gmail.com or visit www.froylefibre.co.uk** to find out more, to request a zoom invitation or to confirm your readiness to be included.

(Michelle Essenson)

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 5 th	8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 Big Praise
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Froyle	Service of the Word
	4.00pm	TBC	Messy Church - see https://www.benbinfro.co.uk/youth-children/messy-church/
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 iPad
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 YumYum
	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

**We are continuing to provide online Sunday services at 11.00am
and weekday Thought for the Day videos at 6.30am.**

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

Froyle Church Register

2nd June, 2021 Wedding of Kirsty Mason and James Young

28th July, 2021 Cremation and Thanksgiving service for Beatrice Mayhew

An update from our Anna Chaplain

It's been a while since my last update ... through what feels like a marathon 6 months for all of us ... and with many of us carrying mixed emotions about the next season ahead. Some of us are still feeling quite anxious about getting out and mixing with people, others less so.

But I'd like to share my huge joy and relief that I've been able to restart regular home visiting as well as visiting residents at our two care homes: Bentley Lodge Care & Nursing Home and Pax Hill Care Home.

Although my amazing team of Anna Friends and I have kept up regular communication with our friends in the care homes, nothing beats a warm, friendly smile (through a mask) and a face-to-face conversation. So, it's been absolutely wonderful catching up with old friends, as well as starting to get to know new residents, over the last couple of months. We've also been fortunate enough to be able to start leading worship services in the care homes again – which has brought joy, and has lifted spirits.

I'd like to thank our fantastic team of Anna Friends who continue to serve faithfully in this community: Liz Carey, Sarah Roberts, Marilyn & Richard Greenway, Nick Carter and Steve Fice.

If you know anyone who would appreciate a phone call or visit from myself or one of our Anna Friends, please get in touch.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6. 24-26)

Keep safe and enjoy the sun when you can!

Nicky

(Rev. Nicky Smallwood (Anna Chaplain) annachaplain@benbinfro.co.uk 07765 058593)

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Although January is traditionally the time for new starts, with the making of resolutions at the beginning of the year, September is a time of new challenges for many of us. Facing a new term at school or college, maybe a new job acquired following graduation or other exam results, the month following the long summer holiday can be when many of us are breaking in new shoes and sharpening fresh pencils.

So, are you feeling refreshed by a vacation, vitalised by a change in routine and ready to face new challenges? Or are you apprehensive about the future as we emerge from restrictions and come to terms with how the last 18 months or so has affected everyone? Maybe, like some of the team here, you've been thinking that the limitations on travel have been a good thing, encouraging everyone to appreciate the less well-known delights of our own country for a change. Maybe you've breathed a sigh of relief that international travel is off the menu and enjoyed your garden and local walks instead.

We've all had to adapt to the pressures of recent times and we are very conscious that the past year or so has been hard for many people. But we have tried to rise to the challenge of working in different ways and hope you have been able to enjoy some of the initiatives that have been developed. For instance, our youth team developed the well received Creation Trails in August, allowing anyone, but especially our younger residents, to follow the story of God's creation through QR codes on their smart phones. And Froyle has successfully housed a whole shipload of quirky animals with the highly creative Froyle Ark project. At the same time, the return of traditional summer events, such as the extremely well attended Binsted Fete in July and the Froyle Open Gardens scheme in June, showed that we hadn't lost our appetite for old favourites.

Moving forward into the new term and then on into next year, we hope that we can keep innovating with fresh ideas, that we can keep responding to whatever challenges the future may bring and that we can blend the new with the old. And hopefully we have inspired you to do the same. Enjoy the month ahead, whether it's back to school, back to work or back to weeding the garden.

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

Church Youth & Children's Update

September is here and I feel so happy reading all the notices and articles in this magazine, the news on social media and through newsletters - there is so much good news and so many community initiatives either starting or restarting after a long time. There are coffee shops, community cafes, organised walks and picnics, church services and much more!

And it isn't any different when it comes to the youth and children's work within the benefice. Take a look at the image below which gives you a good idea of the amount of provision we have for our youth and children – it's so exciting! And that's not everything either – year 6 at Bentley have a lunchtime club on Fridays and we run small groups for our teenagers on Sunday evenings.

If you keep reading through the magazine, you'll find lots of information on most of these things, but if you can't find what you're looking for, take a look at the church website (<https://www.benbinfro.co.uk/youth-children/>) where you should find everything. If not then get in touch and I will help you out.

I'm super excited for September, for all of these clubs and gatherings, but most of all to get to know you and your young people.

(Gemma Ball, Pastoral Assistant (Youth) & Administrator, gemma@benbinfro.co.uk)

Froyle Harvest Supper



Froyle Harvest Festival

The ever-popular **Froyle Harvest Supper** will take place **in the Village Hall on Friday, 15th October 7.00 for 7.30pm**. Tickets, £12 for adults £6 for children, will be available from the 30th September from Jenny: 23697 or Gill: 520484. We look forward to seeing you.

St Mary's Church, Froyle – Harvest Festival

This will be held on **Sunday, 17th October** and we look forward to seeing as many as possible to help us **decorate the church on Saturday 16th from 9.30am**. We would welcome baskets of flowers, fruit and vegetables plus gardening tools, old pots or anything decorative from your garden.

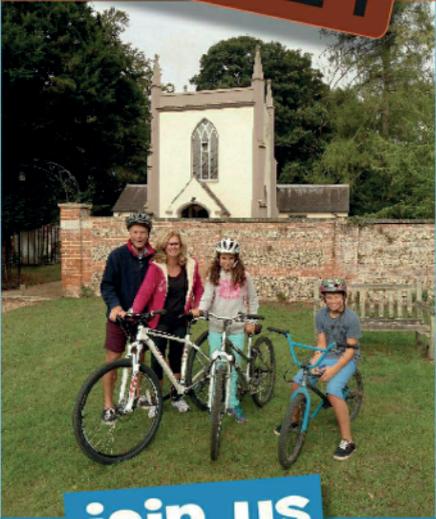
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THE WAVERLEY SINGERS' AUTUMN PROGRAMME

The Waverley Singers are delighted to announce exciting plans for the next term, and no fewer than **five concert performances in the coming season**. Now we're recruiting!

We gave a socially distanced concert on 8th July which helped us all to remember what is wonderful about singing together for an audience. But belonging to the Waverley Singers means much more than that. Choir friendships and support have mattered more than ever during these difficult and isolating times. We kept some continuity with online sessions, outdoor rehearsals, and socially distanced events but we can't wait to get back to our regular Thursday rehearsals at the beginning of September.

Our first performance of the new season will be at St Andrew's Church, Farnham on 9th October, including John Rutter's beautiful Requiem. This will be followed by our Christmas concert at St Lawrence Church, Alton on 4th December. Unusually, this season we will be putting on two large-scale concerts accompanied by orchestra, starting with Mozart's great Mass in C minor at the Farnham Maltings on Sunday 3rd April. We were devastated when the pandemic put an end to our planned performance of Bach's Mass in B minor in March 2020. The highlight of the 2021-22 season will be our return to this wonderful work at St Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot on 18th June. If you need any more encouragement, we also have the opportunity to sing Elgar's Dream of Gerontius with our "sister choir" the Romsey Choral Society on 2nd July.

If you would like to enjoy the Waverley Singers' exciting programme for 2021-22 as a singer, please contact us at membership@waverleysingers.com or more locally gillian@warrencottage.org.uk

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- The magazine online is in colour but remember the printed version is in black and white.

- Because of our ageing software please avoid complicated fonts and layouts – we have found they don't transfer well.

- Save the copy as a PDF and send both the PDF and the word document.

Articles

- Please send text and pictures separately. As a rough guide a page is about 500 words – with no pictures.

A careful comeback!



Odiham District

During July some of our groups took advantage of the better weather and met outside for their first face to face meeting after months of Zooming or not meeting at all. In September we hope most of our groups will return to their usual meeting pattern and enjoy coming together for chat and refreshments as well as the activity itself, as socialising is what we do best!

However, we are not turning our back on Zooming! Although at times it can be very frustrating it does allow those members who cannot easily attend a meeting to still join in. With this in mind our first Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 1st September will be a mix of members returning to Cross Barn whilst others can watch the presentation via Zoom. We have even set up our own Box Office on our website to ensure there is no overcrowding inside the Cross Barn. Details of these arrangements will be sent to all members in advance of the meeting.

We begin our programme with a talk by Paul Barwick entitled, *The White Mouse*, the story of World War 2 spy, Nancy Wake. A remarkable woman who lived with the daily threat of death for almost 5 years to help shorten the war for the allies.



New technology has also opened up other opportunities. We can now easily use speakers who are further afield without incurring the cost and time of their travelling, and some groups have found zoom so beneficial they are choosing to continue with it, e.g. Pilates, where members can take part from the privacy of their own home!

Online Membership Renewal for September 2021 to August 2022 is now open. If you would like to view our on-line brochure for this coming year, (there is even a printable version), or to become a member, please visit our website. We'd be delighted to hear from you.

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