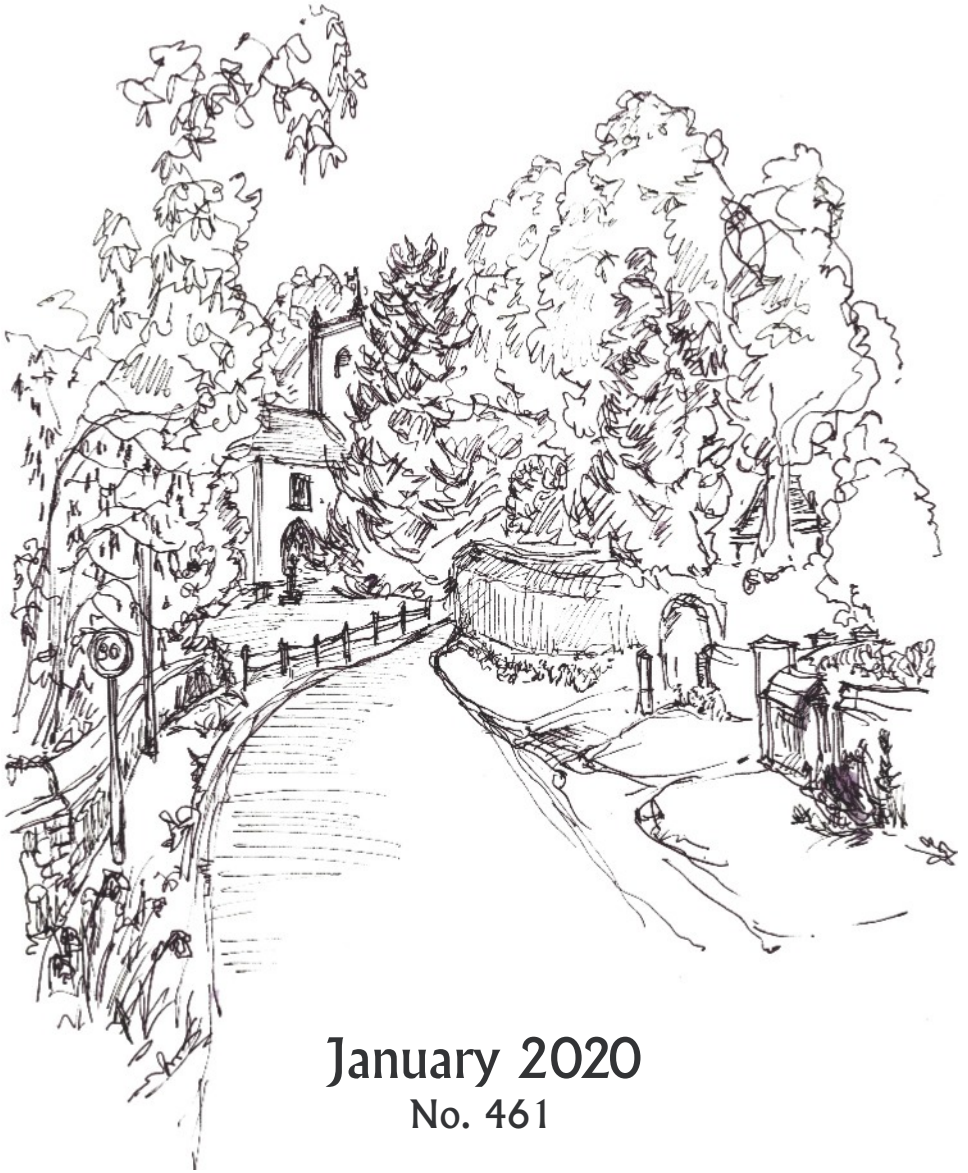


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Froyle Parish Council (FPC) news round-up

As the **inclement winter weather** begins to set in **all the grit bins in the village** have been checked and issues reported to EHDC which is responsible for maintaining them. The **drainage ditches** around the village are being surveyed in preparation for a programme of work to improve water flows subject to agreement with relevant landowners.

Concern has been expressed to the PC about the sale of **three plots of parkland** between Froyle Park and the A31 and on the opposite side of Hen & Chicken Hill including the risk of possible future development. The PC is investigating the terms of the sale and more immediately is seeking more information to ensure that **access rights to the Gid Lane wildlife pond** are safeguarded. More information can be found by searching 'land for sale Upper Froyle' at primelocation.com or through Savills.

The planning application for a car park next to the Froyle Park wedding venue has finally been turned down by EHDC and the PC will now investigate the implications especially for traffic management and parking. One **new planning application**, to fell a hawthorn tree in Hussey's Lane, has been submitted to EHDC this month. The PC does not have any comment on this but if any resident has concerns these should be raised with EHDC or via the Clerk. Conversations continue with the EHDC conservation officer regarding the **quality of the reinstatement of the listed wall to the walled garden** in Upper Froyle. The PC has also requested Cala homes to remove their **inappropriate development direction signs in Upper Froyle**.

Plans for the **future use of the football hut** have taken a major step forward with a variety of community benefits being identified. These include providing a permanent home for the Froyle Archive including research space, a meeting space and office for the PC, and community storage including the equipment for the proposed Froyle Youth football team. The feasibility of a toilet with external access is also being considered so that users of the playground and Rec don't have to rely on the Village Hall being open. Detailed plans and costing of converting the existing hut as compared to a new build will now be developed.

Looking forward to 2020, the budget and proposed precept were agreed at a level which would allow the PC to cover all its annual expenditure without drawing from reserves. For 2020 budgeted expenditure includes one-off expenditure for **repainting the Village Hall patio** and refreshing the **PC website and communication**

processes. The refreshed website and comms will be designed to provide opportunities for residents to get involved in discussion, activities, village initiatives via Facebook and Instagram and to sign up for a *latest news* email to keep them informed of village issues and alerts such as road closures. For those who prefer the analogue way of life, a summary will continue to be published in the monthly magazine to make sure no-one misses out. Watch this space for more details on how you can contribute to this exciting initiative.

The Bentley Action Group (BAG) recently held a meeting with EHDC's chief planning officer to discuss the proposal to **develop a garden village at Northbrook Park**. A number of issues were discussed including waste water disposal, pressure on the transport infrastructure, and the potential loss of a valued landscape. Sustainability is also a significant consideration particularly in the context of the declaration of a climate emergency by EHDC. There have been over **3,500 comments** elicited during the consultation process which EHDC say will take up to 18 months to process. The PC is staying in close touch with the BAG and particularly wishes to better understand the EHDC decision process going forward to ensure that there is opportunity to make views felt before a site becomes a fait accompli. More information is available at notonorthbrook.com.

In the wider community the PC have been advised by National Grid of work in 2020 to **upgrade power cables** but there is an assurance that this will not result in any power cuts. There has also been another alert from Hampshire Constabulary about a new **PayPal email scam** warning anyone who receives an email purporting to be from Paypal to access the website directly and not to click on the link.

And finally, an appeal for volunteers to help with **raising the flag** at the recreation ground to mark significant events. If you would be willing to go on a list of volunteers for this purpose, please get in touch with the Clerk.

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council is at 19.45 in the Village Hall on **13 January 2020** to which all residents are welcome.



Happy New Year

The editors would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, our readers, a merry and peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, and to thank you for your support during 2019.





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

It seems no time at all since I compiled the last 'News from the Village Hall'. Something I suspect to do with everything closing down for Christmas. So you may be reading this before the festivities have begun. In which case do come along and join in the carol singing on Monday 23 December at 5pm outside/inside the Village Hall. Minced pies and mulled wine will be served. There is a rumour that the snow machine has been rediscovered and there is just a chance that it will put in an appearance.

The Committee has been discussing activities for the New Year. In March we hope to show the film 'Mrs Lowry and son' which is all about the artist, famous for his stick-man figures who depicted life in Lancashire in the mid-twentieth century. It stars Timothy Spall and Vanessa Redgrave. We are also considering an evening of skittles and darts which could be great fun. More details in next month's Magazine. It goes without saying that if you have an idea for a Hall fund raising event which the village might enjoy do please let us know. I promise not to make you organise it!

The Village Hall is trialling a card reader so you won't need to come to village events in future weighed down with cash: just bring your plastic!

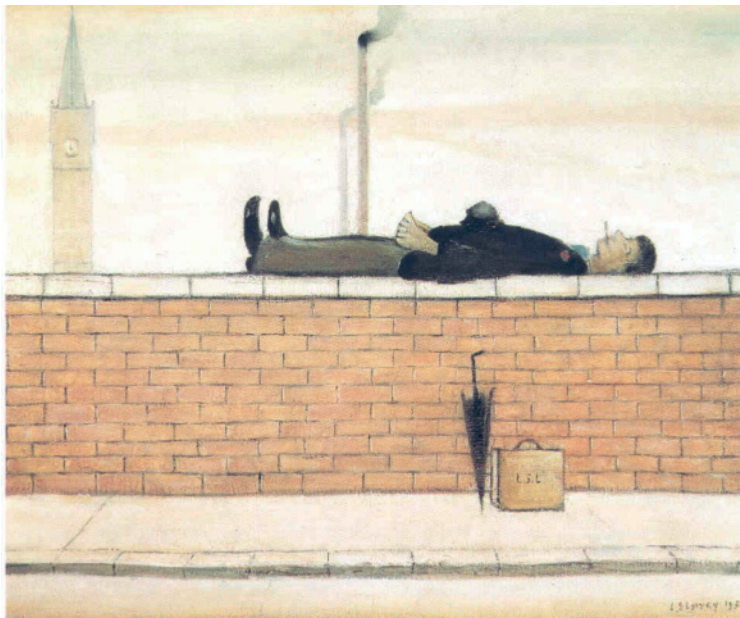
Sadly some of the art classes we were hoping to host in January have been cancelled but instead there will be mixed yoga classes. Please support this venture. No previous experience necessary. It may change your life.

Yvonne Irvine has stepped down from the Committee and I would like to thank her for all her help. If you would like to join the Committee or would like to know more, please make contact. We hold meetings once a month on the second Tuesday at 6.15pm. Members of the Committee automatically become trustees of the Froyle Village Hall Charity.

With the rain pouring down outside today it is hard to remember the summer sunshine but the sun shining on our solar panels resulted in yet another payment from the electricity company. This time for £649. As someone once said, 'Every little helps'.

There is no doubt about it, the world is getting more complex technologically. Take the hall boiler for example. On Friday 29 November at exactly 4.16am while most of Froyle was sleeping, I received an email from the boiler to say its PCB (printed circuit board) had failed and, with regret, it was turning itself off. As a result Baby Ballet had a very chilly session next morning and they had to dance more energetically than usual. The PCB was quickly replaced under warranty: problem solved, or so we thought.

And today, as I write this, it is election day which is also 'A nice little earner' for the Village Hall as someone else once said. In fact the Village Hall would love a few more elections in 2020 to boost our funds, and possibly a referendum or two. (*Is that groans I hear? Ed.*) The Hall gets well paid for providing a polling station. In return we always try to make sure the polling station officials who have to put in a long 15 hour day are warm and comfortable.



Our MP recovering from his re-election campaign with the proposed Energy Recovery Facility in the background? (With apologies to LS Lowry)

But today dawned and the hall heating was not doing its thing and the officials were decidedly chilly. How close to hypothermia would they have to get before closing the polling station and disenfranchising the residents of Froyle? Frantic calls were made to an engineer in Telford who diagnosed the problem: the weather compensation curve had reverted to its factory settings following the recent replacement of the

PCB. Urgent signals were sent to the boiler from Telford via Allendorf in Germany: 'it's cold outside ... heat up!'. The boiler responded magnificently. Within minutes the thermometer began to rise and the officials were able to remove their scarves. Froyle's general election was saved! As I write this I see from the app on my mobile phone that while the rain is beating against the windows, the hall is basking at a steady 21 degrees centigrade. I just hope you voted!

22-26 January is National Village Halls Week when the nation is invited to celebrate the important role in society of the village hall. (Not sure I will be either.) It would be nice to think that who ever wins the election will increase the funding available or at least reduce VAT, but I guess they'll be too busy nationalising the railways or building 40 hospitals to notice us.

So we shall soldier on as best we can in 2020. On behalf of the Village Hall Committee a very Happy New Year to all residents!

Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall (23130)



**The Froyle Games Club
Monday 6th January, 2020
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall**

Having now been going for 18 months, the first Monday afternoon of the month is becoming a firm fixture in the Village Hall Diary, as can be evidenced by the steady growth in our numbers. The emphasis is always on fun, so we play any card or board game - and generally two or three - that anyone would like to play; as usual, the charge is only £2 per head, to include tea/coffee and biscuits. So why not come along on the 6th and and see what the fuss is all about!



*Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)*



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 home made cake, hot drinks and to catch up with the local news. We collect used stamps for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there is a selection of books to borrow. We always welcome surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables and flowers.

As from January 2020, there will be a small increase in our prices:

Cake and filter coffee £1 each. Tea and instant coffee 50p.

Cake Bakers for January

3rd	Shirley Bellis	Elizabeth Sealey	Anne Blunt	Katie Merriam
10th	Gill Bradley	Brian Jones	Harriet Wharfe	Katherine Gilmour
17th	Bea Sword	Sally Turvill	Sue Lelliott	Corinna Whines
24th	Sue Carr	Alison Pincott	Deborah Dobson	Katie Rath
31st	June Trim	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Sherley Richards

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BAKE. IF YOU COULD ALSO TELL US WHAT CAKE YOU ARE PLANNING TO BAKE, IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Kitchen Helpers for January

3rd	Sheila Cottington	Chris Muddeman
10th	Elizabeth Sealey	Pam Green
17th	Sue Carr	John Dunn
24th	David Robertson	William Knowles
31st	Sherley Richards	Caroline Findlay

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.

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Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

9th January 2020	Story book week
16th January 2020	Cooking week
23rd January 2020	Dressing up week
30th January 2020	Pirate week

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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



Our AGM on Friday 13th December was well attended. The President reported on the year's activities with special thanks to the many members who had helped in numerous ways to make it a successful 50th year. Photos of the Anniversary Party were on display and can be forwarded on request. Many more can be seen posted on the Froyle website by Chris Booth.

Entertainment followed with an amusing tale of a Nativity play read by June Fenn and Geoff Hawkins' presentation of the Italian Lakes. His photos of magnificent gardens and wonderful architecture was very cheering on a dreary winter night.

Our next meeting will be the New Year Buffet Lunch on **Saturday 25th January**. **Tickets £7**. Partners and friends welcome. **For catering purposes please contact Gill Bradley no later than Monday 20th**. (01420 520184 / gahbradley@gmail.com).

Annual subscriptions are now due, £10, and membership cards available from the **Treasurer Michael Starbuck**, 01420 22180 michaelstarbuck@hotmail.com

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Anne Blunt



Froyle Wildlife

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, 25-27 January 2020

For four decades, the Big Garden Birdwatch has highlighted the winners and losers in the garden bird world. It was one of the first surveys to alert the decline in the number of song thrushes in gardens. This species was a firm fixture in the top 10 in 1979, but by 2019 numbers of song thrushes seen in gardens had declined by 76%. In Hampshire the top 10 seen in 2019 were House-sparrow, Starling, Woodpigeon, Blue tit, Blackbird, Goldfinch, Robin, Great tit, Long-tailed tit and Magpie.

See www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/. To take part simply count the birds in your gardens for 1 hour and then send your sightings to the RSPB.

Feeding garden birds: Different birds have different feeding habits and food preferences. Blackbirds, for example, mostly feed on the ground and will eat many things from fatty nibbles to mealworms. Tits, such as blue tits and great tits, prefer to use a feeder, eating seeds as well as suet and peanuts. Finches will use both a feeder and a bird table, and are particularly fond of sunflower hearts.



Bentley Station Meadow is our nearest SSSI, and Butterfly Conservation organise winter work parties there as part of habitat management. Come along and start the New Year by getting involved with hands on nature conservation, see www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php.

Meet once a month on Wednesdays, from **8th Jan 2020**, 10am.

Barry Clark (23520)

Poppy Appeal 2019



Thank you again for your kind generosity which raised £1,535 for the Royal British Legion.

Unsurprisingly the amount is slightly down on last year's record but is nevertheless a fantastic amount.

I would personally like to thank the collectors: Louise Marsden, Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Mark Cray, Linda Bulpitt and Simon Maher together with the Landlords of the Hen & Chicken and Anchor Inn, the owners of the BP garage, Froyle Park and the congregation of St Mary's Church.

We are looking for a further collector in Upper Froyle to cover the new houses. Do let me know if you are interested.

The background to “Poppies” by Jane Weir which appeared in the October edition.

The poem, though set in the present day, could refer to any war, from the Great War of 1914-1918, to the Afghan and Iraq wars of the 20th century. It reaches back to the beginning of the Poppy Day tradition. Armistice Day began as a way of marking the end of the First World War, so people could remember the hundreds and thousands of ordinary men who had been killed. Remembrance Sunday remembers those who fell in all wars since then. Jane Weir conflates the two.

When ‘Poppies’ was written British soldiers were still dying in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a way of expressing the suffering and grief caused by those deaths, the poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy asked a number of writers, including Jane Weir, to compose poems.

It is an interesting fact that neither of Weir's two sons has ever gone to war. However, this poem is about saying a last goodbye and questions who's really the brave one. An interesting comment made by one reader is that the soldier could be a daughter if one applies the story to recent times. If earlier it is more likely to be a son, though it is perhaps too easy to make assumptions.

Jane Weir clearly wished to portray the grief of bereaved mothers. As a mother herself she was able to imagine the feelings of women who had lost a son or daughter. It is a compassionate poem about the wider implications of war, the suffering it causes to those closest to a fallen soldier. We can apply the experience of the woman speaking in this poem to mothers at any place and any time whose offspring have been killed in conflict.

It is not a protest poem. At no point does she express anger at those political and military leaders who initiate and implement war policies, and there is nothing that could be said to be unpatriotic.

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A Gift from Nurse Burrows – Salford, 27/02/59

As remembered by Brian Jones aged 8.

It's a cold and wet Friday evening in late February. I arrive home from school to discover my Auntie Doris and my Nanna in the kitchen. I am told that Mummy is in bed and can't be disturbed. Later, I am sent on an errand to the factory where my Uncle Alf works. I am to wait for him at the factory gate and tell him, "It's tonight."

He spots me and gives me a Christmas smile. He takes my hand and we walk back to our house. After tea, a lady in a blue uniform arrives. I often see her cycling through the town. My brother and I spend the evening in the kitchen with Uncle Alf playing Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, draughts and drawing. Occasionally, Nanna enters the kitchen carrying sheets. Auntie Doris takes them into the back washhouse where the sheets are washed, put through the mangle and then hung over the Sheila in the kitchen to dry.

Later, after my brother has gone to bed, Daddy walks into the kitchen and says, "Come with me."

I follow him upstairs into Mummy and Daddy's bedroom. Mummy is sat up in bed. The lady in the blue uniform says, "Now then young man, look what we have here. You have a sister."

Sure enough, there is a baby lying in a little cot. I'm not sure what to say but I think it is probably quite a good thing to have a sister.

The next day, on the playing field, I tell my mate Dave that I have a sister.

"How?" he asks.

"Dunno," I say, "She just arrived last night. I think the nurse brought her."

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In the final term at junior school, girls were provided with rudimentary sex education. Boys were allowed to go out and play football.

My Uncle's Christmas smile was so called because, at home, he only put his teeth in for Christmas and high days. In 1944, following D-Day, he became tortured with toothache. A dentist in Belgium eased his pain by extracting every tooth. With no immediate opportunity to obtain false teeth, he learned to masticate with his gums and never really got used to false teeth. In later years, arriving home from work, his routine was: boots off, boiler suit off, teeth out. I remember his teeth smiling at me from inside a jar on the kitchen windowsill.

Brian Jones

U3A Alton

Alton U3A wishes you a Happy New Year. Our 2020 programme will start with John Stubbington talking about how Winston Churchill used information gleaned from the Enigma machines. What a brilliant start to the year's Monthly Meetings, on Friday 17 January at 2.00pm at the Community Centre.

Penelope Kennedy (85888)

Attendance Allowance



Attendance Allowance helps with extra costs if you have a disability severe enough that you need someone to help look after you.

You do not need to have someone caring for you already in order to claim.

You could be eligible if you...

- Are aged 65 or over.
- Have a disability or illness.
- Need help with personal care, such as getting washed, or supervision to keep safe.
- Have needed this help for 6 months (unless diagnosed with a terminal illness, in which case, you can claim straight away).

Did you know?

- There are two different rates: (rates for April 2019 - March 2020)
 - £58.70 per week if you need help in the day or night.
 - £87.65 per week if you need help in the day and at night.
- It is not means tested, it is tax free and it won't reduce any other income received.
- It may entitle you to other benefits such as pension credit, housing benefit or council tax support.
- You are not obliged to spend the benefit on a carer or other care. You may wish to spend the money on other services that assist you in day to day living. **To obtain a claim form, contact the Attendance Allowance helpline on: 0800 731 0122 / text phone: 080 731 0317. Find out more at www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance**

➤ Need help to apply?

- **Age Concern Hampshire's Information Service** can check if you are likely to be eligible and provide a home visit to help with completing the application form. Call them on **Freephone 0800 328 7154** or email info@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk
- The Department of Work and Pensions (0800 731 0122) or the Citizens Advice Bureau (03444 111 306) can also assist with form filling.

Your local Village Agent is

Madeleine Tel: 23371

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

Happy New Year from The Froyle Archive

The Story of St Joseph's (continued)



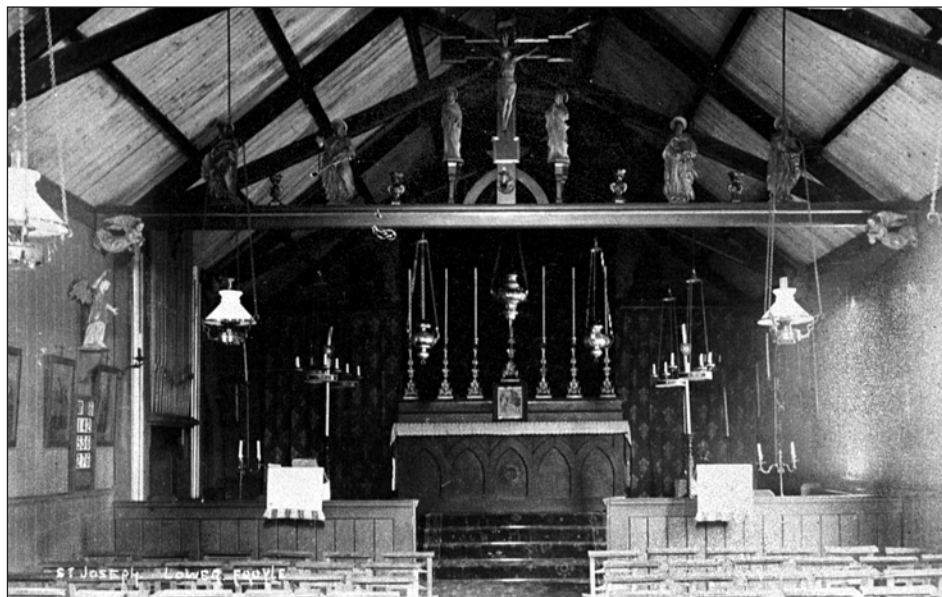
In April 2012 we were fortunate enough to read Sir Hubert Miller's personal scrapbook, and from this we now know that St. Joseph's Church in Lower Froyle was actually built in 1879/80 on this small plot of land opposite the "Prince of Wales" Public House. The "Mission Church of St Joseph" was dedicated at a special service on Thursday, March 18th, 1880 - you can read a report from the Hants & Berks Gazette of March 27th 1880 by following this link:-
<http://www.froyle.com/stjoded.htm>

Sir Hubert had been concerned that all should be encouraged to attend church and the idea was to save the villagers of Lower Froyle the walk of a mile or two to St. Mary's in Upper Froyle. It was supposed to be a temporary church until a permanent one could be built on other land in the village. However the Great War of 1914 delayed this and the land allocated for the permanent church was requisitioned to build council houses, so Lower Froyle never did get its new church. During the month of August, parishioners would have to travel to Upper Froyle to worship, as St. Joseph's would be closed. Being almost entirely constructed of corrugated iron - and, originally, painted red - it became unbearable in hot weather. Another problem with its construction was that, when it rained on the corrugated roof, no-one could hear themselves think, let alone hear what the minister was saying. During the autumn the children would sit and stifle giggles as berries from the trees which overhung the church dropped and bounced down the roof.

The Story of St Joseph's (continued)

The late Mrs. Lilian Smither, whose family, the Westbrooks, are mentioned in the Parish Records as far back as 1653, remembered the church well:

“Just inside the porch stood a mahogany stool given by my grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Westbrook, who died in January 1900. Inside, the stations of the cross were all around the walls and the congregation sat on chairs, not pews”.



Statues, for which Froyle is still famous, abounded. The organ had to be pumped by hand, a job more often undertaken by the younger members of the village. The building was finally demolished in 1967, and the site is now part of the garden of the appropriately named “Church Cottage”.

Now all that is left of Froyle's “Tin Tabernacle”, as it used to be affectionately called, is just a name on a cottage, some old photographs and a few fading memories.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Pheasant and Partridge from the Froyle Shoot to buy

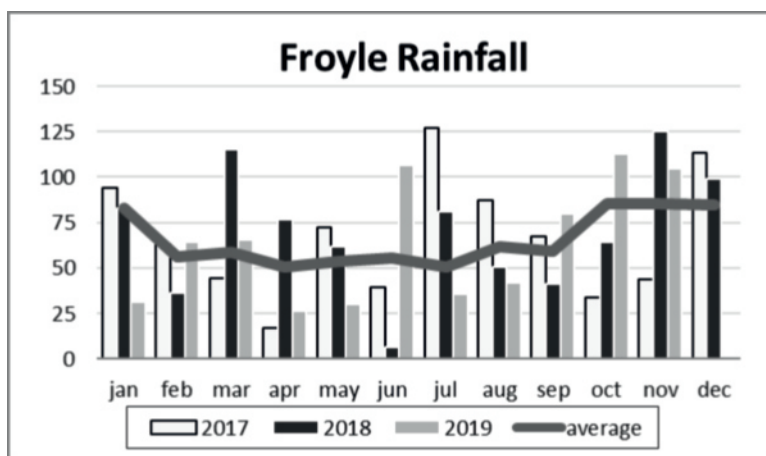
With the shooting season under way, there are packs of frozen pheasant or partridge breasts available to buy. In each pack there are either 4 pheasant or 6 partridge breasts, each costing £3 per pack. It is also possible to buy fresh packs by prior agreement.

Anyone interested should contact the keeper, Paul Edwards, on 07719 914850.

PS For a great website about cooking and eating game see:
<https://tasteofgame.org.uk/why-you-should-eat-game-meat/>

Froye Rainfall for November 2019

This year	104.5 mm	4.1 ins
Last year	125 mm	4.9 ins
Wettest November (2009)	198.5 mm	7.8 ins
Driest November (1978)	18 mm	0.7 ins
November long-term average– the 3rd wettest month	85.4 mm	3.4 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	698.5 mm	27.5 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	699.9 mm	27.6 ins



Last month I commented that the recent seemingly non-stop deluge would have to continue until the sound of Auld Lang Syne was ringing in our ears for us to have even an average year's rainfall.

November did continue the recent pattern so we have now caught up – as can be seen from the chart, 4 of the last 6 months have been above the trend line. But will this continue? Probably not, as only once (2012) in the last twenty-five years have at least five of the final seven months of the year all been above average.



“The Umbrella Man”

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

So, realising that the New Year we've entered is 2020, the Benbinfro office has been talking about the meaning of 20/20. Most of us thought it meant having perfect vision and that the phrase is often used to mark a level of perfection. Aha, we thought, so does that mean that this coming year will be perfect? A year in which all will go well and we will all feel satisfied that our wishes are being met.

And then some bright spark in the office Googled the phrase 20/20 and announced that it actually means a *normal* level of eyesight. That took some of the bounce out of everyone's step. So we won't be having a perfect year after all, we thought. It's going to be a normal year, full of the usual ups and downs and we'll have to make the best of it.

But of course, what is one person's idea of perfection might be someone else's idea of disaster. Your perfect day might be dry weather so you can do hours of gardening, while mine is more likely to be no gardening and a game of tennis. You might think having a big family get together is the perfect way to spend an afternoon, while others, like me, might prefer walking the dog in the rain and having time to organise thoughts and reflect on whatever has been worrying us.

We all have different ideas of perfection. But can we agree on what makes the perfect person? Aah yes, we all said, listing qualities such kindness, compassion and generosity, then hastily adding listening to each other as well. And is it always possible to be that person, we said, thinking of the times when there are queues in the bank, the supermarket and the post office and we arrive home laden with bags to find that the cat has caught a bird and distributed feathers all over the kitchen? Even the most good-tempered person has a breaking point and as it is said in Ecclesiastes 7:20 – *'Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins'*.

Most of us try to behave well most of the time, but everyday life tests us and sometimes we fall. We don't mean to, but we are tripped up by life's challenges. That is why the confession in our regular services contains these words: *'Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault'*. God knows that on the whole we try to behave well and pray we can do better in future.

So maybe the year ahead of us won't be perfect. Maybe it will challenge us in ways we aren't expecting. But perhaps, if we all try just that little bit harder to be perfect, if we strive to be considerate and kind, if we listen to the concerns of others, we will get a little nearer to making 2020 a good year, if not a perfect one.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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January Services

Sunday 5th

8.00am Froyle Holy Communion

9.30am Binsted Holy Communion

5.00pm Bentley Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm

Sunday 12th

9.30am Bentley Morning Worship with Children's Church

11.00am Froyle Holy Communion

3.30pm Binsted Messy Church at Binsted School

Sunday 19th

9.30am Binsted Morning Worship with Baptism

11.00am Froyle Holy Communion with anointing for healing

5.00pm Bentley Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm

Sunday 26th

8.00am Binsted Holy Communion

9.30am Bentley Holy Communion with Children's Church

6.30pm Froyle Evensong

St. Mary's Church - Churchyard clean-up

We are planning a churchyard clean-up on Sunday 19 January starting at 2.00p.m. Please join us to help weed, cut back, remove moss etc. etc. and possibly have a bonfire. Please come equipped with gloves, secateurs, fork, trowel or whatever is your favourite tool.

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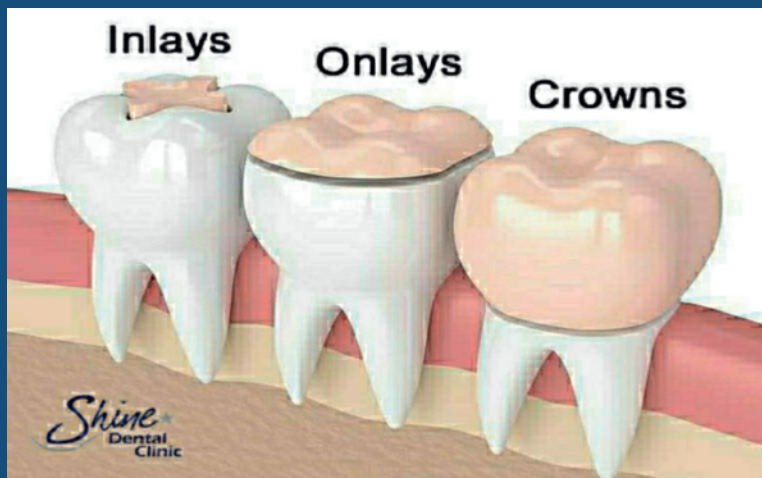
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5 <i>8.00am Church HC</i>	6 <i>2.30pm VH Games Club</i>	7 <i>Recycling & Glass</i>	8	9	10 <i>10.00am VH Meeting Place</i>	11
12 <i>11.00am Church HC</i>	13 <i>Garden Waste incl Christmas trees</i> <i>7.45pm VH FPC meeting</i>	14 <i>Rubbish</i>	15	16	17 <i>10.00am VH Meeting Place</i>	18
19 <i>11.00am Church HC</i> <i>2.00pm Churchyard working party</i>	20 <i>Recycling</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>10.00am VH Meeting Place</i>	25 <i>Gardening Club New Year Buffet Lunch</i>
26 <i>6.30pm Church Evensong</i>	27 <i>Rubbish & Garden Waste</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>10.00am VH Meeting Place</i>	

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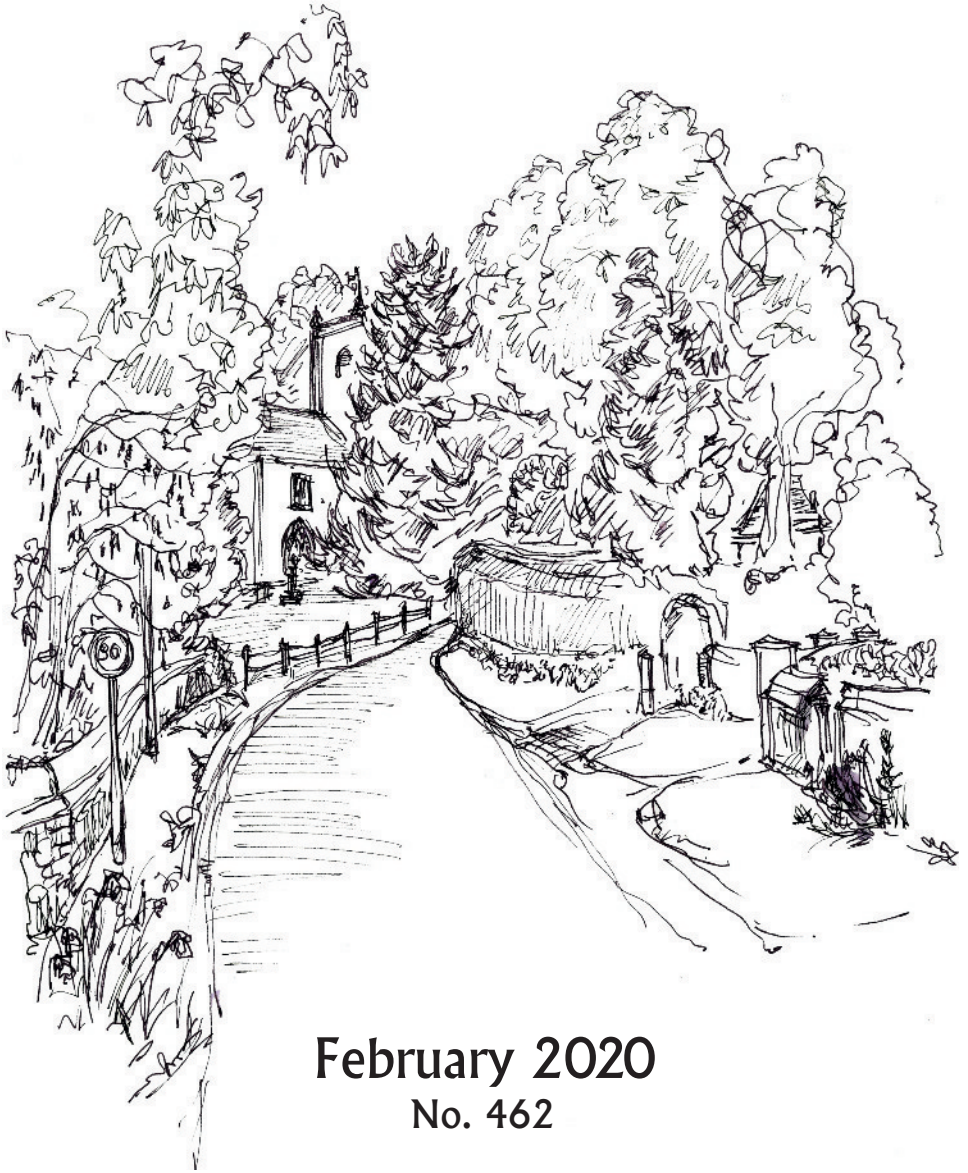
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Froyle Parish Council (FPC) news round-up

Froyle Parish Council met on 13th January and despite the howling gale and lashing rain were pleased to welcome a number of village residents to the meeting. Various concerns and suggestions for the provision of village facilities were raised - an additional dog poo bin on the Rec., roadside litter especially on the A31, parking on the footpath by the Village Hall and establishing a community shop in the refurbished football hut. The PC was grateful to have these matters brought to their attention and pleased to take them up with the relevant authorities on behalf of residents.

EHDC will be contacted to provide an additional dog poo bin if a location can be identified that is accessible from Westburn Fields by collection vehicles. Froyle residents' litter patrols are already established to pick along the verges of lanes through the village but there are some areas which are not presently covered especially in Upper Froyle. **Any volunteers to join litter patrols should contact the Parish Clerk but all residents are encouraged to take a carrier bag and pick up any litter that they come across when walking around the village.** With respect to the A31 litter, this is believed to come from Veolia lorries that are not properly netted. The matter has been raised with Hampshire Highways, who litter pick twice a year, and Veolia who deny responsibility. To be able to pursue this issue the PC needs photographic, preferably video, evidence. **Residents are asked to help the PC to address this matter by raising public awareness, including writing to the Alton Herald and their elected representatives. Any photographic evidence of litter being blown from rubbish trucks should be sent to the Parish Clerk so the PC can bring to the attention of Veolia.** Finally, residents are requested not to park on the footpath downhill from the Village Hall as this causes danger to young and old who are forced to walk on the road. The issue will also be raised with the Village Hall Committee.

As reported in the December magazine, plans are being formulated by the PC to refurbish the football hut. When complete, the building will provide space and facilities to support community activities both indoors and outdoors on the Rec. Details will be provided for resident comment in the coming weeks. The PC was made aware of a campaign that has been started by a resident to set up a community shop in this space. Many residents will recall that provision of a community shop was considered as part of the Parish Plan in 2013. A study into the viability of a community shop was undertaken by a residents' project team who sought input from advisors who specialise in setting up such shops, prospective managers regarding its commercial viability and the availability of volunteers to staff it. After significant effort over a number of months, the team concluded that a viable solution

could not be found and the PC supported this outcome. Many residents also expressed concern that a shop in Froyle could threaten the survival of existing local businesses in particular the Bentley shop and post office. The PC welcomes discussion about a shop being opened again but would need to be convinced that the conclusions of the earlier study had fundamentally changed to support a shop as PC funds are not available to set up and support a commercial enterprise. **A commitment was made by the PC to reconsider provision of a shop in the community space in the refurbished building if sufficient demand from residents, including volunteers to serve in the shop, could be demonstrated.**

Around the village - the recent wet weather has raised groundwater levels creating a risk of flooding and placing more urgency on the work being undertaken by the PC with landowners to improve waterflows through the ditches around the village. The PC has written to Savills and Froyle Park regarding the safeguarding of the existing access rights to the Gid Lane wildlife pond if the parkland is sold. No reply has been received to date. Pressure continues to be placed on the developer of the White House via EHDC to reinstate the 'listed' wall and clear building rubbish from the walled garden in Upper Froyle.

Resident safety and wellbeing - the coordinator of the **Froyle Neighbourhood Watch scheme** has indicated their readiness to step down and a new coordinator is now being sought (see article in this issue). Please contact the Parish Clerk if interested. There has been an alert from Hampshire Constabulary about 'Courier Fraud' where fraudsters purporting to be a police officer who states that there is an issue with your bank card then asks you to withdraw a large amount of money and hand this over as evidence. The Police will **never** ask you to withdraw money and hand it over.

Did you know that your car must be registered online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc> in order to take rubbish to a waste recycling facility in future. The form is easy to complete and if you try to enter a facility such as in Alton with a vehicle that has not been registered after the scheme becomes operational in the next few weeks then a charge will be made.

Do you Love Trees? Become a Tree Warden! EHDC is relaunching a tree warden scheme and looking to recruit volunteers willing to take on tasks to protect and nurture the district's trees. A meeting to describe the role is being held at 19.30 on 27 January in the Rose Room, Festival Hall, Petersfield and more information is available from Kevin Peters (EHDC Arboricultural Officer) at Kevin.Peters@havant.gov.uk or 02392 446485.

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council is at 19.45 in the Village Hall on 10 February 2020. All residents are welcome to attend.



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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

It already seems a long time ago but Carols round the Christmas Tree were again enjoyed by everybody who attended. Thanks are due to all those who helped including Jane Palmer on the joanna, Nigel Southern as Master of Ceremonies, June Trim for the always excellent mince pies, David Robertson for the mulled wine which kept out the cold and Karen and Andrew Potter for almost everything else.

A new Froyle tradition was established in which the singing of carols was interspersed with the telling of Xmas cracker jokes the only one of which I can remember is:

Q. What sort of pizza does Santa like best?

A. One that is deep and crisp and even.

(Now be honest, did you get it (deep-pan)? According to the Professor of Linguistics at the University of Sheffield this joke is almost too clever relying as it does on word play and a knowledge of pizza production and the words of a popular carol.)

The much heralded 'snow machine' put in an appearance but sadly no snow was forthcoming. We are told that a blocked nozzle was the problem. A sub-committee

has been set up to investigate, report back and, if necessary, take disciplinary action.



The hall has now a card reader which should be a boon to those who arrive at events organised by the Hall Committee without any cash.

The hall enjoys high speed broadband which is underused at present. We hope to again make a computer available at the Meeting Place – if we can find one. Does anybody have an unused one we can 'clean' and reuse? Anyone who would like help using the computer

should let us know as we could restart classes if there is sufficient interest.

Nick Whines and David Robertson are the nominated guardians of the defibrillator outside the village hall. We are looking for a another guardian. We are currently investigating the possibility of running a first aid evening which would include the use of the defibrillator. Again please let us know if you would like to attend.

The date of the next Froyle Film Night is Friday 27 March when we shall be showing 'Stan and Ollie', the story of Hollywood's greatest comedy double act. It promises to be so heart warming that it could melt your ice cream. You may wonder what happened to the previously announced 'Mrs Lowry and son'. Well, it was reviewed by the Film Night selection sub-committee and found to befrankly boring.

There is a rumour that skiffle is finally coming to Froyle. The booking is not until next year so you will have to contain your excitement.

If there are events you would like to see take place in the hall which you think would be popular. Do not hesitate to let us know: we won't necessarily make you organise them!

There have recently been complaints of cars parking with their wheels on the pavement/footpath near the hall causing inconvenience to pedestrians. If you are using the hall or dropping people off please park in the car park if there are spaces available and if the car park is full please park on the road, NOT on the pavement; it's wide enough. Do not block drive ways.

Finally the Village Hall Committee would like to thank the Fete Committee for their donation of £2000 to help pay for the recent work on the windows and the repairs to the beams above the front door. This is much appreciated. .

*Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall (23130)
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28th	Julie Southern	Jenny Gove	Sarah Basey	Tina Masam

Please let us know if you are unable to bake on your day, we can always accept cakes in advance and put them in the freezer! If you could tell us, by Thursday, what cake you are planning to bake it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Kitchen Helpers for February

7th	Julie Southern	Kerris Edmondson
14th	Yvonne Irvine	Marje Heyhurst
21st	Louise Marston	Ali Maude
28th	Katherine Gilmour	Nigel Southern

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 about 10.15am.

*Gill Bradley (520484) gabbradley@gmail.com
Susie Robertson (520820) sjrinfroyle@gmail.com*



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

6th February 2020	Jungle week
13th February 2020	Baby Sensory Scarf week
20th February 2020	Disney week
27th February 2020	Teddy Bear week

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 or message Molly on 07595354619.
Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



The Froyle Games Club
Monday 3rd February, 2020
2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

The emphasis is always on having a good time, as we play all sorts of card and board games - Scrabble and Five Crowns are the current favourites. **The charge is only £2 per head, to include tea/coffee and biscuits.** So do come and join us on the 3rd for a couple of hours of good old-fashioned fun!



Caroline Findlay (22019)
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FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



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FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Froyle Village Hall

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(payment in advance would be appreciated)

**Includes a sausage bap &
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(to be available before the film starts)

For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:

Karen Potter (01420 520294)

February News from The Froyle Archive



In 1965 Lilian Smither wrote of the demolition of “Five Cottages” (*as they were known then*) in the Hampshire Magazine. “This group of five old cottages, situated in the village street at Lower Froyle have been demolished by order of the Rural District Council. Certainly very old indeed, having been built in 1724, as shown on a tablet over the front door of the second cottage, and also bearing the initials T&W.C. Unfortunately the names of the persons commemorated cannot be established. The cottages were built of stone and brick with timber supports and tiled roofs. Maybe they all had thatched roofs in 1724; the fifth cottage retained it’s thatch roof until recent years, and here and there a modern window replaced the old.

The cottages, known as Westbrook Cottages, were built round a bend in the road, so that when approaching the first cottage the fifth one was not in sight, causing a blind bend line of sight for motorists. They were so planned that the front doors were quite separate, and not in view of each other, so that the occupants could not see who was calling on their neighbours. The first cottage stood back, the second juttred out, the third lay back, the fourth juttred out and the fifth again stood back.

They all had ample gardens, well stocked with vegetables and fruit trees and at one time were well cultivated and tended. Each cottage contained different accommodation, ranging from one to three bedrooms, with here and there a cellar.

There were two wells, one inside the second cottage and one in the garden, which served all the cottages, until the water main came into the village in the 1930s. One can imagine the gossip which went on around the wheel and bucket of those old wells. The sanitary arrangements in the garden were, of course, quite inadequate.

Now the cottages are gone completely and the motorist has a clear view and so will be able to travel even faster, at this point.”

The material salvaged after the demolition was used as part of the construction of the modern day “Semley House” and “Coxes Meadow”.



The photograph above, taken from the left hand side of “Box House” (formerly “The Travellers Rest”) clearly shows their layout, which had changed little since they were painted by William Anderson at the end of the 19th Century.



In future future magazines we hope to ‘visit’ other places that no longer exist.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

William “Bill” Stanford – A memory.



Claire and I arrived in Froyle in 1986 where we first met Bill Stanford, a Colonel of the Royal Horse Artillery. He and Margaret had moved to Beech Cottage in the late 1960's. In true style they made us most welcome. Bill ran a local rough shoot between Holybourne Down and Froyle, which he kindly invited me to join. We would parade at “Butler’s” Barn high up above Holybourne. The Colonel, with first Daniel then Daisy the spaniel to heel, and once pipe was lit, would give us our orders for the morning drives. As many will know The Down is steeply undulating and like The Grand Old Duke, he would cheerfully march

us up to the top and down again...and again! (any muttering under breath by guns or beaters not allowed).

The Boxing Day shoot with all our attendant families beating was the highlight of the season. With his sons Hugh and Giles and daughter Nicola all pressed into service. Margaret provided the much needed, mid-morning drink and delicious mince pies. Every shoot was a jolly occasion.

Having a Gun also involved being under-keeper. Out of season, Bill would enthusiastically lead teams of us, armed with chainsaws, axes and brush cutters into the deepest of thorn thickets. Thus, encouraged by Bill’s humour and energy we would set-to. Emerging hours later pricked and hot, having opened another ride in “Angels Heaven” or one of the other woods to which we laid claim.

Bill was a true Countryman and Gentleman. Shooting aside, he was also a member of the Bentley Fly Fishers. For many years his dedication and love of the sport was marked by frequent sightings of his blue Land Rover parked not far from the River Wey. He was either fishing or acting as ghillie, clearing weed for which, on occasions, several of the Shoot would willingly be volunteered to help.

He and Margaret also loved the Isle of Mull and Perthshire, where they would holiday with friends, walking, bird watching and exploring the crags and mountains. A keen ornithologist and member of the Ornithological Society he travelled to among others Burma and Ethiopia with fellow members seeking the more exotic of native and migratory birds.

In the 1990's Bill and Margaret moved to Bamber Cottage. Not long afterwards the lease for the shooting right was not renewed and with great sadness Bill closed the shoot down. Never daunted he threw himself with even greater energy into caring for the River Wey.

Bill you are much missed.

Jonathan Moore

Bill's family have asked us to let everyone know that there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Bill at St Mary's, Upper Froyle at 11.30 am on Tuesday, 25th February, and afterwards at the Froyle Village Hall, to which all are welcome.



Plant Stall: Froyle Open Gardens 2020

We have decided to have a plant stall outside the Village Hall over the NGS weekend (6th/7th June) as it proved so successful last year.

Any of your excess plants or rooted cuttings would be gratefully received. Perennials, summer bedding, vegetable and indoor plants all proved popular last year! Also empty plant pots are needed for potting up.

If you are happy to nurture plants until June just bring them to the Hall on the Saturday. Otherwise, I can collect, especially if potting up is needed. Plants and pots could also be left at Old Brewery House, Husseys Lane, in the open garage.

Proceeds will go to the NGS, which supports many charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, The Queen's Nursing Institute, Parkinson's UK, Mind and Treloar's.

Contact: viviennesexton@hotmail.com 01420 520098

Vivienne Sexton



A picture of rural life, Roy Norkett enjoying a walk with a number of his canine friends. Roy has been a Froyle resident for almost 50 years, previously the Farm Manager for Goschens Farm and Parish Councillor for thirty years, probably one of the best known and respected residents

February Report for the Froyle Magazine



A gathering of members and friends enjoyed our annual New Year Lunch party on 25th January. Sadly a number were unable to attend due to ill health and we wish them well. Special thanks go to Gill who organised the lunch and praise too for the efficient helpers in the kitchen, the 'waiters' and 'dishwashers', the delicious desserts and other dishes brought by members, Barbara for the raffle, Geoff for the closely contested quizzes and not least all those who helped clear away so swiftly - it was truly a great team effort.

Our first speaker of the year on Friday 6th February at 7.30 pm is Andrew Halstead with the intriguing title " Bugs that Bite Back".

Don't forget that we have a monthly competition, on this occasion a photograph, title "Winter".

May I remind you that annual subscriptions are now due £10. Visitors are always welcome £2.

Wishing you good gardening in 2020.

Anne Blunt (22262) a.blunt247@btinternet.com

June Stevens 1942-2019



I was sad to hear of the death of "June the Milk".

June Stevens died on the 13 December 2019. She delivered our milk in Froyle and Holybourne from 1957 to 2000. She was greatly missed when she retired.

Ann Figgins



Medicine for the Soul *FREE* audio books From the Hampshire Library



Following my article about audio books during last year, I thought I would let you know of another source of audiobooks, namely the Hampshire (Alton) Library... you can do the whole thing without having to leave your armchair and **THEY ARE FREE!**

You will need to do the following:

1. Go to the this webpage and register (NB include your email address) : <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library>
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And that’s all there is too it – Happy listening!

P.S. A couple of recommended audio books:

“The Human Factor” by Graham Greene, read by Tim Pigott-Smith; and
“Ned Sherrin” by Ned Sherrin and read by the author.

David Robertson (520820)

Neighbourhood Watch Relaunch



John Thursfield has decided to step down as Neighbourhood Watch coordinator and we should thank him for his efforts on behalf of the community. It has been suggested that we now take the opportunity to relaunch the scheme in Froyle. But does Froyle need Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is about making sure that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live. It's about people looking out for each other, crossing barriers of age, race and background to create strong, cohesive communities that benefit everyone.

Neighbourhood Watch provides the eyes and ears of the community. As a result, it has been shown that Neighbourhood Watch areas are far less likely to be targeted by criminals and this can sometimes result in lower insurance premiums.

Traditionally, Neighbourhood Watch activities have focused on the immediate vicinity of homes, with members looking out for anything suspicious and helping to prevent typical rural crimes like theft from outbuildings and fly tipping. However, more and more schemes are broadening their work to target a range of other problems such as cyber-crime, scams, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and fraud.

If we do relaunch the scheme membership will be available to any household in Froyle free of charge who wants to join. Members will become part of a communication network passing information to and from the police and other agencies. So if there is a spate of burglaries in your area you will be among the first to know. If there are tricksters operating locally you will be forewarned. If you have concerns about the security of your home or are worried that your bank details have been stolen advice will be available.

Among the membership we will need to appoint co-ordinators in Upper and Lower Froyle to be the first point of contact for local residents and the wider community and ensure a smooth flow of information and communication between the police and scheme members, and other relevant agencies.

Co-ordinators pass concerns from the community about criminal or anti-social behaviour on to the police and create a way to regularly interact with the police to discuss community safety issues. Co-ordinators will need deputies of course to ensure that the scheme is resilient.

Being a member of Neighbourhood Watch means being a good neighbour and caring about the local area. It requires little more than common sense and being aware. It doesn't mean interfering in other people's business; just that your neighbours will look out for you, your family, your home and your village, and you will do the same for them.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes only work when the scheme members engage with it – it has to be a community initiative. The co-ordinator can't be expected to do everything. • If nobody turns up to meetings or responds to emails or social media posts, the scheme will fizzle out.

Although it does happen, fortunately the crime rate in Froyle is low. Froyle is already an active caring community where by and large we do look out for each other. We already have basic communication systems through the Magazine, email lists, the Meeting Place and Facebook. So do we really need Neighbourhood Watch? That's what the Parish Council would like to find out. So please either write to the Parish Clerk, email him or ring him on as soon as possible with your views. Is it a good idea? Would your household want to join? If your arm were twisted would you consider an active role perhaps?

We will hold a meeting in the spring to discuss how we go forward. And if you already have experience of Neighbourhood Watch please let us know (mobile 07979 030571 email clerk@froyleparishcouncil.co.uk).

You can find a lot of information about Neighbourhood Watch at www.ourwatch.org.uk

Nick Whines on behalf of Froyle Parish Council

U3A Alton

February's Monthly Meeting has a local flavour. Colin Channor has been a journalist since leaving school at 18. He has been a Sports editor and editor of many newspapers here and abroad, including the Alton Herald. On February 21st at 2.00 in the Community Centre, Colin will share with us the experiences of those times. All welcome, further information on the U3A Web site.

Penelope Kennedy (85888)

Froyle Wildlife



Volunteers Wanted to Build a Willow Dome on Froyle Recreation Ground, Saturday 29th February

Use your extra day in 2020, the leap year, to benefit wildlife and the community!

Froyle Wildlife will be erecting a living willow dome (similar to the one pictured below) on the recreation ground on **Saturday 29th February from 10am – 12 pm and then 1pm – 3pm.**

We are hoping that this will provide a lovely natural place for residents (most likely the younger ones!) to use. Willow domes are also beneficial for wildlife, specifically insects and birds.



No experience necessary, the work will include clearing a circular ring in which to push the willow rods, weaving and tying in the rods and mulching the area with bark. The dome will have a diameter of 3 metres and be approximately 1.5-1.8 metres tall.

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided! Please bring along gardening gloves and secateurs if you have them.

If the weather is bad we will postpone until Sunday 1st March, or the following weekend.

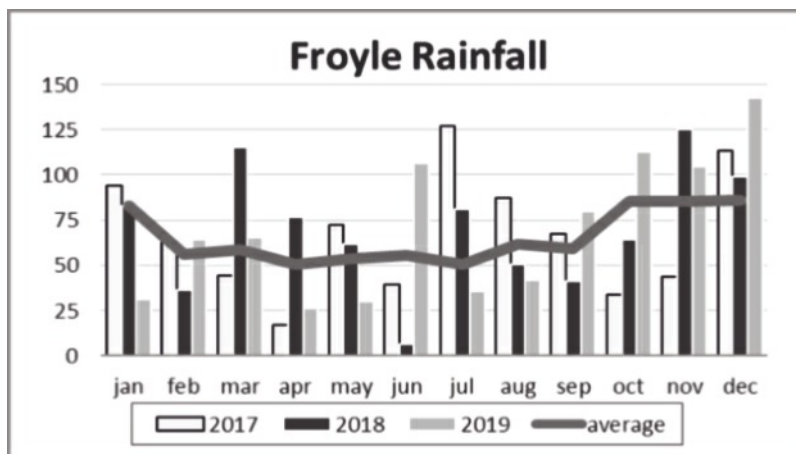
Please come along and support this wonderful, new community project.

This project has been supported by **Froyle Parish Council**, who have worked to secure a grant for the cost – thank you for their work!

Jenny Mathews

Froyle Rainfall for December 2019 and for the whole of 2019

This year	142.5 mm	5.6 ins
Last year	99 mm	3.9 ins
Wettest December (1989)	167 mm	6.6 ins
Driest December (1988)	17 mm	0.7 ins
December long-term average – the wettest month	86 mm	3.4 ins
Total rainfall for the whole of 2019	841 mm	33.1 ins
Long-term average for the year as a whole	785.8 mm	30.9 ins



With the third highest rainfall since 1978, December is now officially the wettest month in the calendar, having ousted both November and October for that honour. Indeed we have not suffered a wetter month since January 2014 nor, at 359.5 mm, a wetter final quarter since 2009. Because, in the middle fortnight, we had 122 mm of rain, the most in a two week period since my records began! So - as not predicted last month - for the first time in 25 years, five of the last 7 months of 2019 *were* above average, hence the year as a whole was the highest since 2014.



“The Umbrella Man”



Lent Lunches 2020



It's that time of year already, and our first Lent lunch takes place on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 26th.

For those who have not attended any before, they are a simple affair of bread & cheese and home made soups. They run from 12.30 to 2 pm on each of the Wednesdays and the donations given by attendees go to a charity chosen by the hostess.

Ash Wednesday **February 26th at Beech Cottage**, in aid of Farms for city children. Please park at the village hall and walk from there as parking on site limited.

Caroline Findlay 22019

March 4th at Brecklands in aid of RNLI.

Jo Mills 22384

March 11th at Old Court in aid of Royal Osteoporosis Society. Parking limited. Sarah Roberts has kindly offered the use of her drive at The Old Dairy, Old Court 100 yards from there.

Sarah Zorab 520361

March 18th at St Katherine's in aid of Naomi House & Jack's Space.

Janet Dobson 23340

March 25th at Copse Hill Farm in aid of Outdoor Learning Treloars.

Jane Macnabb 23195

April 1st at Warren Cottage in aid of Crohns & Colitis UK. Please park at the village hall.

Gillian Pickering 23209

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Jenny Gove 23697

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Although by this stage in the winter we often begin to feel we have suffered dark gloomy days, muddy lanes and rain for far too long, just think how hard it was before electric light, central heating and warm cars. The days would have felt truly dreary with the prospect of many more to come before spring, so it is not surprising that people welcomed an opportunity to recognise the gradual passing of winter, such as Candlemas Day which always falls on February 2. This day marks the halfway point between the shortest day of the year and the spring equinox. Although it is seldom recognised these days, Candlemas Day is so called because it was the day when all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year were brought into church so they could be blessed, hence a ‘mass’ for the Candles.

But in the church calendar and in a merging of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, Candlemas is also a festival to commemorate the ritual purification of Mary, forty days after the birth of Jesus. At one time women were not allowed to take Communion or even attend Church until they had been ‘purified’ after giving birth. This practice was usually referred to as ‘cleansing’ and even in more recent times it was commonly known as being ‘churched’, after the birth of a baby. But such references now seem not only archaic, but are alien concepts for modern ears more used to equality of the sexes and tolerance of life styles.

What is more acceptable to current thinking is the idea of giving thanks for the safe arrival of a child and the health of its mother. Not so long ago childbirth was a highly hazardous procedure and infant mortality was tragically high. Even today, with modern obstetrics and health care, birth is not without risk and many of us have sighed with relief at the news that a loved one has been safely delivered of a healthy baby. So thinking of Mary and other mothers in ages past, it is no wonder that those around them were glad to give thanks to God, even if they did deem it ‘purification’.

Here in the Benbinfro team, we’ve been thinking about this little-known festival and decided it has also made us reflect on how old traditions can adapt with the times. We may not be banning new mothers from Church these days, nor are we dreading the long dark weeks of winter to the degree people once did, but we can still reinterpret former practices and find something meaningful and relevant to modern life. The ancient churches of our Benefice, rich in their glorious histories, can provide new inspiration for our mission in faith, with old and new growing together.

And perhaps now, at the beginning of February when the days are often grey and dank, when we may still have weeks of snow, sleet and rain ahead of us before the warmer months of spring, we might recognise Candlemas for its dual significance and give thanks for both the lengthening of our days and for the love of Mary, safely delivered of her son.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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February Services

Sunday 2nd

8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 with food served at 4.30 pm

Sunday 9th

9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church

Sunday 16th

9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion with anointing for healing
5.00pm	Bentley	Live @5 with food served at 4.30pm

Sunday 23rd

8.00am	Binstead	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

Wednesday 26th - Ash Wednesday

9.30am	Froyle	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
7.00pm	Binstead	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Church Round-Up

Christmas.....

.....seems a long time ago, but a big thank you to all who helped make our church Christmas celebrations a success – in particular to those who helped to decorate the church to the usual high and imaginative standard. It was good to see a big ‘delegation’ from Burnham Square at the Carol Service – definitely contributed to the terrific atmosphere at that service!!

Thank you also

.....to those who came to help do a clear up at the churchyard last week-end; the results of the fight-back against encroaching moss and ivy is definitely noticeable!

Looking ahead

Lent starts before the end of February – the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is on 26th Feb, when we hold a lovely contemplative service in the church at 9:30 am; alternatively, you can attend a similar service in Binsted at 7:00 pm that evening. Not long thereafter, on Sunday 8th March, the Bishop of Basingstoke, Bishop David, will be giving the sermon at our 11:00 service – he is a powerful speaker, well worth listening to; that afternoon, he will conduct a service in Bentley (Live@Five) at which 12 people from the Benefice, including some from Froyle, will be formally confirmed as full members of the Church – do go along and support them!

More about our events over Easter will appear in the March edition of the Magazine.

Modernisation of church facilities

Since the last report on this, in the November magazine, we have been proceeding with the lengthy process of getting permission from the Diocese to upgrade and refit the vestry. The introduction of changes to a Grade I listed building such as the church is, understandably, tightly controlled. This upgrade, as we said in November, is intended to be the first of a broader modernisation of the facilities in the church over the next few years – essential if our unique church, which is such an important part of what makes Froyle so special, is to remain a relevant part of our community life, not just for regular churchgoers but for all of us.

We hope to receive this permission in the coming weeks. Drawings showing our plans for the vestry have been on display in the church for some time. The next step is for us to finalise and circulate to all who are interested a visual impression of what the renovated vestry is likely to look like. The ‘look’ of the cabinet units is not yet set in stone (so to speak) - all feedback on this will be most welcome before we proceed.

Church Round-up continued

We also touched in the November magazine on the financial aspects of this. We have been able to launch this modernisation project due to some extraordinarily generous donations. Further funding will be required, and we have to bear in mind that not only do we need chunky capital amounts for the modernisation, but also we need to do all this while sustaining our day-to-day regular income to meet our regular outgoings - small, incremental increases in giving are therefore as welcome as larger capital contributions. We shall be more specific about all this in the March magazine.

William Knowles Mob: 07775 928933

Lent Concert by Alton Choral Society

The Lent concert by the Alton Choral Society will be held in Alton Abbey Church.

They will perform highlights from Duruflé's Requiem and other choral favourites.

The Concert will be held on Saturday February 29th. It will start at 2.30pm and be followed by tea.

Tickets cost £10 are available from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Alton Abbey.

Please include a SAE & a telephone number and/or email address.

Events in 2020 will be important fund-raisers for the Friends as we plan to build an access ramp to the church to make this easier for the less active, and those within wheelchairs, also the church lighting is to be updated. Please do support us.

For more information email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com

This will be a wonderful start to Lent, so do come and join us.

Froyle 100 Club January Winners

The 100 Club winners for January were:

1st – Jeanette Cray	2nd – Nigel Southern
3rd – Pat Cranford	4th – Gill Bradley

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles 07775 928933

wbk@wbknowles.com

A Message from Froyle's Postwoman

I would like to thank all of the families that gave me tokens of their appreciation of my service to the community of both Lower and Upper Froyle during the past year; I received many lovely gifts that are very much appreciated. I wish you all a very happy healthy and prosperous 2020.

Roz

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Thursdays at 7.00 pm Body Firming

Binsted Village Hall from January 10

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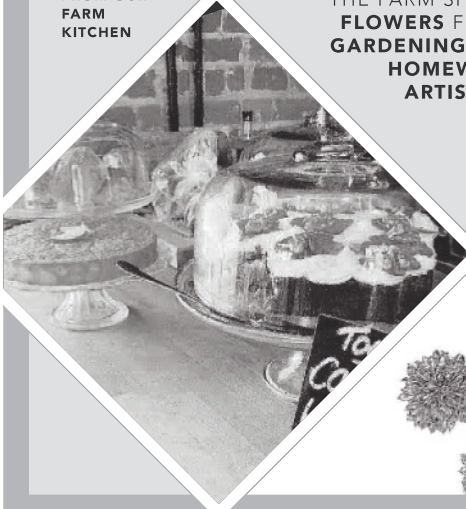
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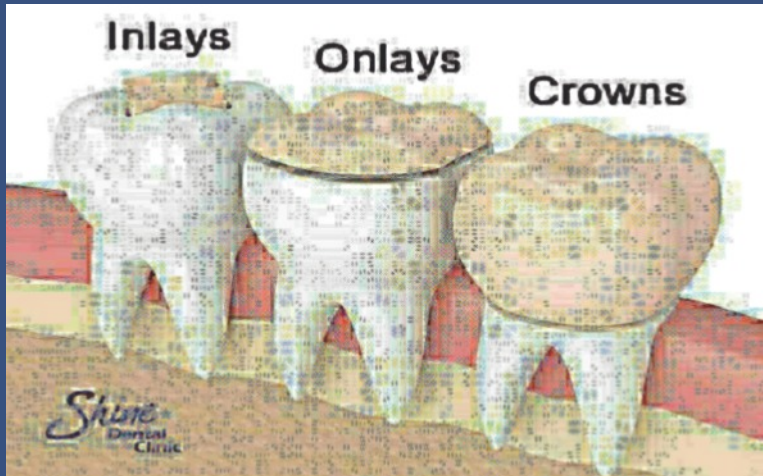
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9 11.00 Church HC	10 Rubbish & Garden Waste 7.45 VH FPC meeting	11	12	13 9.45 VH Toddler Group	14 10.00 VH Meeting Place	15
16 11.00 Church HC	17 Recycling	18	19	20 9.45 VH Toddler Group	21 10.00 VH Meeting Place	22
23 6.30pm Church Evensong	24 Rubbish & Garden Waste	25	26 9.30 Church Ash Weds. HC 12.30 Lent Lunch	27 9.45 VH Toddler Group 7.30pm VH Froyle Film Night	28 10.00 VH Meeting Place	29

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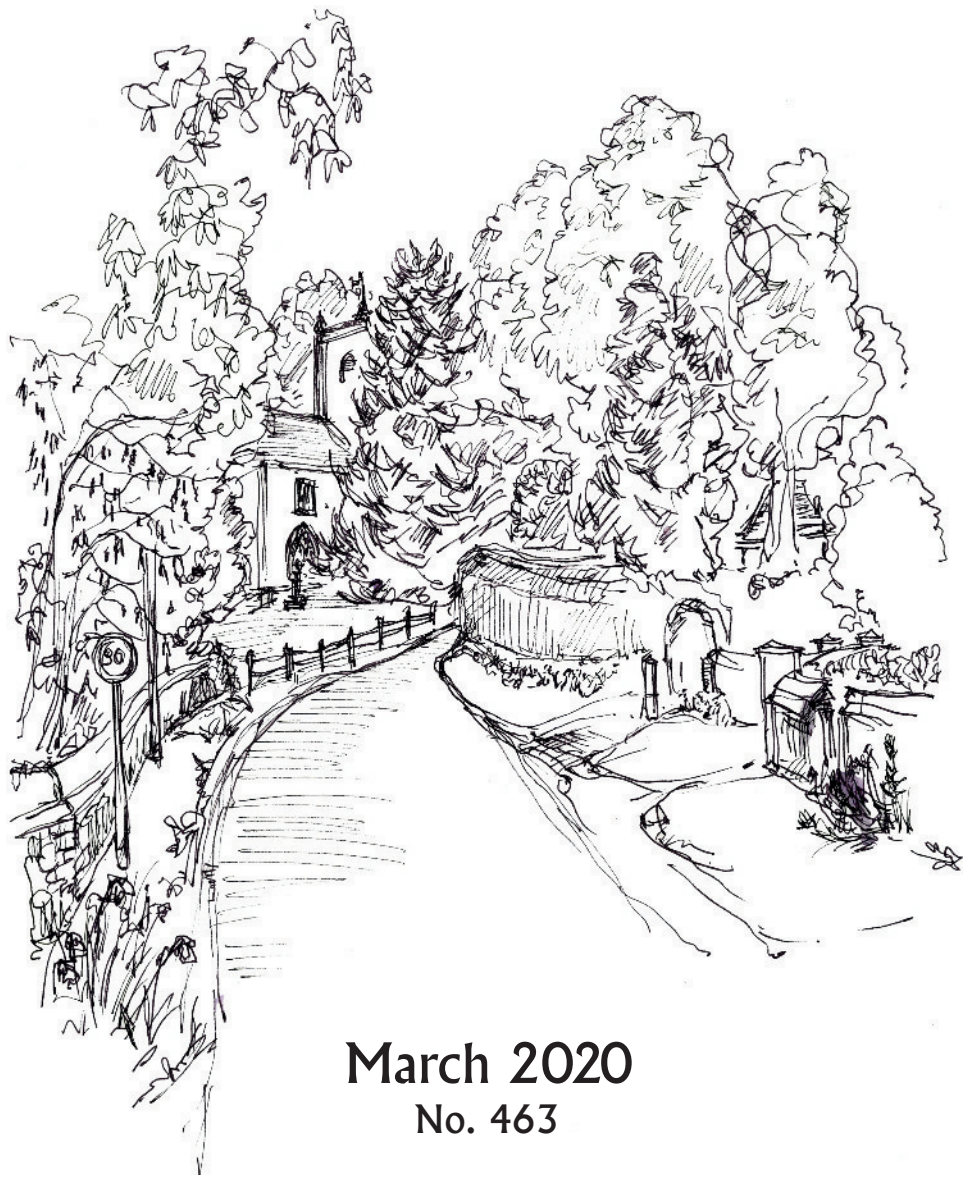
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February News from your Parish Council (PC)

Froyle Parish Council met on 10th February. The first part of the meeting focused on the actions being taken to address issues raised by residents in particular rubbish on the A31, dog poo on the Rec and parking at the Hen & Chicken.

Thanks to the watchfulness of a resident who took a video of rubbish falling from the back of a Norse refuse lorry en-route to the Veolia facility. This was shown to EHDC who took the matter up with Norse who have reminded drivers of the proper procedure to secure their vehicles. EHDC were also appraised of the problem of **unsightly litter along the verge of the A31**. Work is now progressing to fix a date to collect the rubbish. The PC pointed out that the root cause of the problem must be addressed to avoid recurrence so continued vigilance by residents to gather evidence of lorries shedding loads is strongly encouraged (see separate article in this issue on plans to redevelop the Veolia waste management site).

EHDC have been asked to provide a quote for an **additional dog poo bin at the exit from the Rec into Westburn Fields**. This is in addition to the existing ones at the exit gate and by the bus shelter at the Village Hall. The PC is grateful to everyone who diligently cleans up after their dogs but unfortunately this is not always the case as a resident was recently subjected to verbal abuse when politely reminding a dog walker on the Rec to clean up after their dog. Dog poo has been found on occasions in the playground area which is totally unacceptable given the risk this brings with young children frequenting that area.

Many thanks to those who responded to the article in the February magazine about reactivating the **Neighbourhood Watch scheme**. Crime does continue to occur in the village with the most recent incident being an attempted break-in to a car in Westburn Fields. The PC is considering how best to progress with revitalising the scheme – more information in the next issue.

A representative of the **Froyle Wildlife group** attended the meeting to provide a report on its activities in 2019 and request a grant of £400 from the PC to support their programme of activities in 2020. The PC was pleased to approve the grant. The next Froyle Wildlife event is on 29 February when willow dome will be constructed on the Rec – volunteers to lend a hand would all be welcome. Purchase of the willow dome was facilitated by a grant from Froyle's District Councillor Tony Costigan.

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Resident safety and wellbeing – latest scam alert from Hampshire Constabulary is about calls advising that you have been charged for a subscription to Amazon Prime. If you receive such a call do not press 1 as instructed as this will connect you with a scammer. Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam and instead hang up and contact the company directly using a known email address or phone number.

Members of the PC met with the landlord of the Hen & Chicken and a representative of the BP filling station to discuss the growing problem of parking at that location especially at peak times. This matter has been raised by residents who are concerned about the dangers arising from parked vehicles, especially lorries which block sight lines. The landlord of the Hen & Chicken advised that he regularly monitors car parking at busy times and will request car owners to move their vehicle if it is creating a hazard. It was jointly agreed to seek a solution that did not impact on the commercial wellbeing of these ventures.

National Grid are replacing power lines that cross Lower Froyle near the Anchor - this work is not expected to have any impact on residents but please see the separate article in this issue for details.

Around the village – The Walled Garden in Upper Froyle continues to attract the attention of the PC. The Walled Garden is an integral part of the Grade 2 listed White House curtilage that was previously owned by Treloars. Since it was sold to a developer, the garden has been allowed to deteriorate and openings created in the listed wall around the garden. The conditions of the planning consent attached to the previous works affecting the listed wall have not been adhered to and EHDC has now agreed to take measures against the developer to enforce these.

In the last week, a planning application (case ref 58562) was submitted to EHDC for the construction of a 600m² single storey building inside the Walled Garden. An earlier application in 2012 to build in the Walled Garden was opposed by the PC and subsequently rejected by both EHDC and the Planning Inspectorate. The PC is seriously reviewing this new application to determine its response. Residents may review this application and submit any comments either to the Parish Clerk or directly via the EHDC Planning portal <https://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The **Froyle Parish Council Facebook** group is now live. For those Facebook users out there, please join to keep up to date with the latest news of what is happening in and around the village.

The PC approved the appointment of a design consultant to undertake **surveys of the football hut** and prepare detailed design drawings from which costings can be obtained. These studies will inform the PC when making their decision on whether or not to proceed. Prior to this decision being taken there will be an opportunity for residents to view the plans and provide comments.

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Early notice of the **Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 April in the Village Hall**. The format of the meeting will be different to previous years, less formal with drinks before and after so do make a note in your diary and come along.

Many thanks to Ron Figgins who has agreed to stand in to fly the Union flag at the Village Hall on specified occasions over the next month and to all Froyle residents who generously contributed over £1530 to the 2019 Poppy Appeal.

The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council is at 19.45 in the Village Hall on **9 March 2020**. All residents are welcome to attend.

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**Veolia Advanced Energy Recovery Facility (AERF)
Public Meeting Monday 9 March 2020 3-7.30pm
Froyle Village Hall**

Just as the magazine went to press, we all received a flyer from Veolia about their plans to redevelop their existing waste management facility on the A31 to an AERF – an incinerator that burns waste to generate electricity. Veolia are holding a public consultation event on **Monday 9 March 3-7.30pm** in the village hall. We urge you to attend. Alternatively other dates are available between 2nd and 4th March in Alton, Holybourne and Binsted.

The new facility will be significantly larger than the existing waste management plant and, in addition, it will have two 90m chimneys each roughly the height of the Big Ben tower. The Parish Council are gathering information, liaising with other local Parish Councils in order to ask pointed questions relating to the visual impact of the plant, the air quality downwind of the chimneys and the significant increase in vehicle movements on the A31. We need to get a true and accurate picture of what is proposed and its impact on our communities.

Please mark the date in your diary and drop in to learn more about what is being proposed. Veolia have given a deadline of 16th March for comments. It is important to have your say and the Parish Council are keen to canvas opinion. It would therefore be helpful if you could email your comments to uk.alton.planning.proposal@veolia.com and copy these to the Parish Council's dedicated email address at aerf@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk



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

News from the Village Hall

Froyle Village Hall (FVH) is a registered charity whose purpose is to provide, manage and maintain a community hall for the residents of Upper and Lower Froyle. The Hall is run by an ad hoc committee of volunteers (trustees) who represent various elements of village life. There are four officers: Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Bookings Secretary. The Committee meets once a month to discuss finance and fund raising, forthcoming events, maintenance and matters of policy.

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting (VH AGM) will be held on Wednesday 22 April 2020. This year we plan to hold the meeting as part of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) rather than separately. As usual we shall present our accounts for approval, the Committee will stand down, and those present will have the chance to re-elect them or otherwise. In consultation with the VH Committee the Parish Council have decided to change the format of the APM with more time to be spent looking forward to issues affecting the village and rather less time on reporting the past. We think this will make for a more interesting meeting and the promise of a welcome drink will help.

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More information will be included in next month's magazine together with a report on what the Hall has been up to in the last year.

Once every ten years Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) conducts a major national survey on village and community halls. The results of the survey are used to campaign for better support for halls and help inform government policy. FVH will be taking part. If you have any thoughts or comments which you think should be included in our response either about the operation of our hall or more generally please let me know.

Turning to matters more mundane. There is no greater joy than to be rung of an evening when one has settled down with a glass of red wine to watch the next blood tingling episode of *Dracula*, to be told that the Village Hall loos are all blocked and that Yoga or Art are due in next day. This is a real test of one's community spirit. Do I don my marigolds and seize a plunger and leave the Count to continue on his monstrous way. Or do I phone a plumber and wait for them to phone back by which time Dracula will have been thoroughly staked and consigned to history. Instead I phone a friend who just happens to have a plumber in residence. (This is Froyle after all.) 'Do you think he might take a look', I plead.



Manhole covers are lifted. Torches are directed into the stygian gloom of the drain where nothing moves. 'This is a job for the rods,' says the plumber grimly.

I invite you to consider the word 'disposable' as in disposable nappies. I don't want to get into a debate about disposable versus reusable, and all the many implications for the environment and climate change. Nor do I propose to contest the BBC's view that in landfill it takes a disposable nappy 500 years to degrade. The only point I want to make is that 'disposable' does **NOT** mean you can put them down the loo because they will block the drain and all the loos and village hall life as we know it will come to an inconvenient end.

There is also the cost. Rodding out doesn't come cheap and is not a whole lot of fun!

To end on a happier note: please book your tickets for 'Stan and Ollie' which will be presented in the Village Hall on Friday 27 March. Doors open at 7pm. In addition to a hot dog and a choc ice to enjoy, there will be an opportunity to pay using the Hall's newly acquired card reader. What excitement!

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Looking further into the future, in September it will be three years since we had a Safari Supper which has always proved a wonderful opportunity to meet people and see inside their houses while being well-fed! Wheels are beginning to turn so expect an announcement shortly.

More immediately on 9 March the Hall is hosting Veolia who want to tell us all about the power station they hope to build on the other side of the A31.

Finally thanks are due to those who have offered computers for use at the Meeting Place. We are now looking for someone with computer skills who can help manage this initiative.

Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle Village Hall (23130)
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National Grid HV Cable Renewal

National Grid are renewing high voltage cables on the power line that runs through Froyle from the Bentley/Crondall direction mainly over fields then crossing the A31. The new cables will use the existing pylons so you can visually identify the route taken by this work. At a consultation meeting on 30 January National Grid advised that:

- the work on the section through Froyle is scheduled to be undertaken between late April and early August 2020;
- the lines cross Froyle Road just down from The Anchor. Scaffolding will be erected on either side of Froyle Road with disruption to traffic only being for short periods (c. 30 minutes) on a limited number of days to erect and remove netting from under the cables. Road traffic during these periods will be managed by manually operated stop/go boards;
- EHDC will put up 'footpath closed' signs where the lines cross a footpath. These have a mandatory 6 month validity which is longer than the period when the contractors are working overhead. Please use your discretion and comply with any instructions given by National Grid contractors if wishing to use the footpath during the period of closure;
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Cake Bakers for March

6th	Sarah Roberts	Jane Stewart	Smith Charlotte	Inskip	Katie Rath
13th	Holly Tooze	Sue Sharman	Shirley Bellis		Helen Macdonald
20th	Caroline Findlay	Maureen Fry	Jenny Matthews		Sally Turvill
27th	Bea Sword	Louise Marston	Sue Lelliott		Katherine Gilmour

Please let us know if you are unable to bake. If you could also tell us what cake you are planning to bake it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Kitchen Helpers for March

6th	Jane Macnabb	Mary Knowles
13th	Brian Jones	Sue Sharman
20th	Lauraine Bourne	Pam Green
27th	Barbara Starbuck	Gillian Pickering

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.

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Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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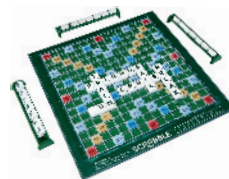


The Froyle Games Club Monday 2nd March 2020 2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall

The emphasis is always on having a good time, as we play all sorts of card and board games - Scrabble and Five Crowns are the current favourites. **The charge is only £2 per head, to include tea/coffee and biscuits.** So do come and join us on the 2nd for a couple of hours of good old-fashioned fun!



*Caroline Findlay (22019)
David Robertson (520820)*



Gardening Club Report for March 2020



What do you give your loved one on Valentines night. Yes, a trip to the Gardening Club to listen to Andrew Halstead (Retired principal entomologist - insect specialist) for the Royal Horticultural Society, who gave us his wonderful talk all about insects that are going to bite you, sting you, suck your blood and leave you all itchy. See it's not all about bugs that attack plants, we get bugs attacking

us as well. A very informative and even entertaining evening despite the subject matter. He especially warned us about the Asian Hornet which, although no more dangerous to us than our native hornet, is a serious pest of our native honey bees and other native insects. At the moment it has not formed any over wintering colony in this country but we must look out for any strange dark black and orange hornets in the spring and early summer. Take a photo and report it to alertnonnative@cch.ac.uk or even better get the Asian Hornet Watch app for your smart phone.

Geoff Hawkins

This month on 13th March, our speaker is Ray Broughton (Senior Lecturer at Sparsholt College) on 'Gardening Made Easy', a subject that should be of benefit to us all. The competition is 1 stem of a flowering shrub.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
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Froyle 100 Club

The 100 Club winners for February were:

1st - Ann Netherway 2nd - Eva Brambley

3rd - Jenny Gove 4th - Sue Marriott

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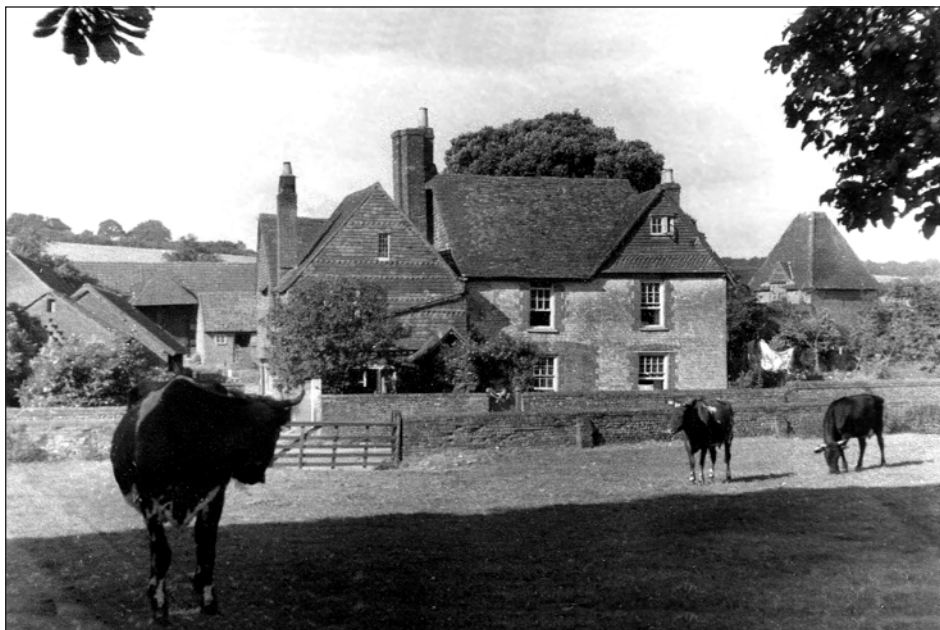
Come along on the 25th April at 8pm to the Froyle Village Hall for a lively night of bingo, games & prizes. All in aid of the Froyle Baby & Toddler Group. Cash bar available with a variety of tipples.

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£10 a ticket
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Tickets available from Toddler Group on Thursday, Meeting Place on Friday or by contacting Molly on 07595354619
BINGO NIGHT



March News from The Froyle Archive Rock House Farm by *Lilian Smither*



About the year 1855, my paternal grandfather, William Westbrook, purchased Rock House Farm in Lower Froyle and settled in with his bride. The house was very old, having been built in, or quite possibly, before, the 16th century. It was built chiefly of quarry stone, taken from a quarry beside the main road about two miles away. The front elevation had two gables at the extreme ends, gables of tile hanging made up of plain and decorative tiles. It had four sash windows, obviously added at a later date. The brick archway of a much larger window above the present dining room sash window could still be seen. The rear elevation had a sloping tiled roof coming down to within about five feet of the ground with one small attic window giving a view of the farm yard.

There were two distinct attics, with separate staircases to each, the pigeons occupied one and Grandfather's sons, when grown up, occupied the other. The pigeons made an awful mess and flew in and out of the pigeon holes built in the side of the house for that purpose. The pigeons quarters were referred to as the Loft. In later years grandfather, at the age of 80, climbed the rickety stairs to the loft and fell backwards, the result being a cut head and a few stitches, but he soon recovered. An enormous chimney stack reared up in the middle of the house, a dark passage ran along the interior at the back. This brick floor was very uneven and a wooden plank was put down which moved at every step and no matter how carefully one walked it made such a noise that grandmother was always aware of someone approaching.

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An old heavy refectory table, complete with stool, stood on one side of the room and my father could recall harvest suppers around that table, when all the farm workers sat down to a good meal of home made food and home made beer and wine. A noble looking grandfather clock stood nearby and a weather glass hung on the wall. This barometer was always referred to as the weather glass or glass by the members of the family. An old HMV gramophone stood on an equally old piano. Oak beams ran across the ceiling and the room was dark.

The drawing room was entered from the dining room and had a corner fireplace. Its oak floor was covered with an old much worn carpet, with various arm chairs and numerous antimacassars.

The old bakehouse had been turned into a kitchen, with a smoky kitchen range. Two or three rooms were not used at all or so it seemed to me. A third front room held the water pans and as the well was at the front of the house within three feet of the wall, the window stood open and each bucket of water drawn from the well was simply tipped through the window into the pans. In later years this room became a kitchen.

By 1962 the old house stood forlorn and empty and the walled in garden had become a wilderness; soon the hand of a demolition squad was at work attacking some of the outbuildings to make way for a dwelling house, with the old walnut tree, planted by my uncle over a century ago, standing guard over the whole scene. And now the old farmhouse has gone, too, and lives only in memory.



Traction engine at Rock House Farm in the 1920s



Rock House Farm in 2007

Read more at-<http://www.froyle.com/rock.htm>

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)



The Barn Owl Project Hampshire Talk on Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm

Do join us for a talk by Kim Boog about ‘*The Barn Owl Project Hampshire*’. We’ll hear about the perils barn owls face in the modern world, rescuing rehabilitation and release, habitats and nest boxes. If you’ve never seen a Barn Owl up close before this is your chance as Kim will be bringing one of her rescues (which is unsuitable for release).



Kim runs the Birds of Prey Hospital with which The Barn Owl Project is aligned and is accredited for rehabilitation of wild orphaned or injured birds of prey.

Doors open Froyle Village Hall 7pm for teas and coffees, talk to start at 7.30pm. All welcome, entrance £3 for non members.

Date for your diary: Our next talk on **Tuesday 21st April** will be about Chalk Grassland given by Mike Allen from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Sue Clark

Make a difference by volunteering

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic band of volunteers to call on but you can never have too many! This spring we plan to sow cornfield annuals again on a 5x10m area of bare ground on Froyle recreation ground. We will need to remove any perennial weeds, rotovate the area and rake the soil before sowing. Assistance would be appreciated on Saturdays 2-4pm, **21st March and 4th April**.

The wildlife pond and wildflower meadow near Gid Lane has become a hotspot for local biodiversity since construction in 2016. The meadow area has established well but still benefits from regular maintenance. Join us if you can help in 2020 at our first work party 10am-12pm on Saturday **28th March**. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news or phone 23520.

Barry Clark

Worried about memory loss?

Many of us get a little more forgetful as we get older. But if you are worried about your memory or someone else's, then there is help available.



Speak to your GP

Your doctor will be able to refer someone for assessment to find out for certain the cause of the problems.

Hampshire's Dementia Advice Service

Andover Mind is the organisation providing Hampshire's Dementia Advice Service to residents anywhere in Hampshire. They can be contacted on:

Tel: 01264 332297 or by email: enquiries@andovermind.org.uk

Other organisations

The Alzheimer's Society produces lots of information and advice on memory loss and different types of dementia. www.alzheimers.org.uk or contact their **National Dementia Helpline on Tel: 0300 222 1122**

Dementia UK also has a helpline which is manned by Admiral Nurses:
Tel: 0800 888 6678

Memory Cafes are springing up all over the county, often run by local groups. To find one near you, use Connect to Support Hampshire's online Community Directory: www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent,

Madeleine on 23371

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

Off to the Land of Dragons

I recently overheard a conversation in which the owner of a, newly acquired, super-sized, SUV was explaining the need to book the car in for the fitting of roof bars and an equally super-sized top box. This essential requirement necessitated by a planned motoring holiday consisting of four adults. I smiled as my mind flipped back to August 1959 when my Mum and Dad, my brother and baby sister, together with luggage and pushchair, headed off to Wales for our annual holiday conveyed by nothing more than a motorbike and sidecar. The hero of the expedition was our, inspirationally named, motorcycle: the BSA Gold Flash upon which I rode pillion.

I lean back, Dad's foot descends
on the kick-start; a cough, a splutter,
the Gold Flash roars 'Ready'.
Scent of Dad's bike suit, petrol and Castrol.
Cocooned in the sidecar
Mum, our kid, our baby sister.

Heading off the estate there's
a wave here, a nod there,
A curtain moves at number 13,
"I wonder where they're off to?"
We're off to the Land of Dragons.

Fading behind sooted bricks, ahead
posh Worsley where
Mock Tudor reflects
in the ferrous canal.

Barton, the bridge swings,
a freighter steams towards Salford Docks.
Towns stream past my goggles;
Patricroft, Irlam, Cadishead, Partington
Glazebrook, Warburton.
Soon it's fields and trees,
faster Dad, faster.

A hand reaches behind;
I'm still here Dad.
Our path bisects rustic fields
and a sea of tanks and pipes:
Stanlow Oil Refinery.

Meat paste sarnies, boiled eggs,
Mum's made a fruit loaf.
The air rich with the scent
of tar from across the road where
the oil refinery flare pipes endlessly
lap at the sky.

Time to press on;
brush off the crumbs,
'wipe your mouth lad',
fold the rug, bag the waste.

Board the sun baked pillion;
helmet on, goggles on,
feet on pegs, fire up the Flash:
land of dragons here we come.

Names that now regale and
punctuate our journey proclaim
mystery and adventure.
Patricroft, Irlam and Cadishead are
relegated by St. Asaph, Bodelwyddan
Llandulas: only 10 miles to Conwy.

We cross the Menai Bridge;
above, through strobing girders,
Conwy Castle beckons and
beyond, ranks of caravans
await inspection.

The throttle blips, exhausts crackle, the Flash eases us on to the grass verge for our roadside picnic.

The Flash comes to rest; silence, save the clicking of contracting steel. Time to dismount and explore. Will we once again visit Llanfairpwllgwyn-gyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch.

Brian Jones



Wednesday 22nd April 2020

**Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and
Village Hall Annual General Meeting (VH AGM)**

Hen & Chicken
Upper Froyle, GU34 4JH Tel: 01420 22115 <https://www.henandchicken.co.uk>

ARTISAN CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 21st March (Free Entry)
11:30am - 3:00pm

The perfect opportunity to buy gifts for Easter and extra ones for Mother's Day.
The Pub & Pizzeria will be open too!



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A note about the Church electoral roll

Last year, St Mary's prepared a new electoral roll. The roll is a list of people who can vote in some church elections, the most important being for members of our Parochial Church Council. The PCC, along with the priests in the parish, is the group which runs the church, looking after things like service arrangements, the building and the churchyard.

Being on the roll means you can vote in the PCC elections, which gives you a say in who runs the church. Please enrol if you're interested in the church, and the village, of which it is an important part, and want your views to be represented. Once on the roll you're also eligible for election to the PCC, if you want to have a say yourself. The elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which this year is on Thursday 2 April.

This year I will be revising the roll, to take account of changes in its membership and to include anyone who would like to be on it. Signing up is easy: you have to complete and return a form, which simply asks for your name, address, email address and whether you have a sufficient link with the church. You don't have to pay, and we promise only to use your data in relation to church electoral roll matters. If you're already on the roll and want to stay on it, you don't have to do anything; if you'd like to be included, please complete the enrolment form.

You can apply for inclusion on the new roll from 5 till 18 March. You can find a form in the church, at the Meeting Place, or from me. Please do sign up.

Jonathan Pickering
Warren Cottage, Lower Froyle
Church Electoral Roll Officer

jonathan@warrencottage.org.uk

LENT LUNCHES

It's that time of year again and our first Lent lunch (on Ash Wednesday) has already taken place. Here is a reminder of the next five lunches at different venues throughout Upper and Lower Froyle.

For those who have not attended any before, they are a simple affair of bread & cheese and home made soups. They run from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Wednesdays and the donations given by attendees go to a charity chosen by the hostess.



March 4th at Brecklands in aid of RNLI.

Jo Mills 22384

March 11th at Old Court in aid of Royal Osteoporosis Society. Parking limited. Sarah Roberts has kindly offered the use of her drive at The Old Dairy, Old Court 100 yards from there.

Sarah Zorab 520361

March 18th at St Katherine's in aid of Naomi House & Jack's Place.

Janet Dobson 23340

March 25th at Copse Hill Farm in aid of Outdoor Learning Treloars.

Jane Macnabb 23195

April 1st at Warren Cottage in aid of Crohns & Colitis UK. Limited parking for a couple of cars is available at the house. Otherwise there is ample parking at the village hall.

Gillian Pickering 23209

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Jenny Gove 23697



Saturday 25th April, 2.00 pm Froyle Church Jumble Sale

Our annual Jumble Sale in the Village Hall, a church fundraising event, is a good opportunity to bargain hunt, browse or just drop in for a hello, cuppa and cake moment. You could also win something on the raffle! Put the date in your diary.

In next month's magazine we will share all stall details to encourage donations.

Sarah Robert (520041) & Julie Southern (520620)

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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March Services

Sunday 1st

8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (food served at 4.30pm)

Sunday 8th

11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church
5.00pm	Bentley	Live @5 Confirmation Service (food served at 4.30pm)

Sunday 15th

9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion with anointing for healing
5.00pm	Bentley	Live @5 (food served at 4.30pm)

Sunday 22nd -Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Mothering Sunday Service
9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

Sunday 29th

11.00am	Binsted	Benefice Holy Communion Service
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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

At a time of year when everything seems fresh and new, when green buds are glimmering on the trees and primroses are thick beneath the hedgerows, it seems appropriate for the Benbinfo team to think and discuss how we can revitalise ourselves and our work. We have new energy in our youth team with Sam and Gemma, but for much of the time it is all too easy for us to continue conducting our services with familiar words and patterns. And for many of us, that is exactly what we want and expect. Intoning words that have been repeated time and time again is both comforting and reassuring. But when something becomes that familiar, does it become less meaningful? Are we less aware of its significance?

This kind of thought crops up whenever one of us attends a service in another part of the country, where the liturgy has been rewritten or where the expected elements of the service appear in a slightly different order. One of us came back from a brief holiday with the news that they had attended a service in which the Peace had come immediately after the introduction to the service! Shocks all round, but then when we thought about it, there seemed to be some merit in encouraging the entire congregation to make peace with one another before proceeding to the even more serious business of preparing for Communion.

And now this week, a member of the team has returned to report that in North Cornwall, the cluster of six churches there is promoting the idea of Holy Habits. We all thought that would obviously mean serious prayer, contemplation and definitely very long periods of silence. But no, apparently in that group of parishes, it can mean simple everyday activities like singing a favourite hymn, writing a poem, or even baking a cake! What, we all said, how can these be Holy Habits and how can this benefit our churches? But there's more to it, our informant said. These habits or activities are to be dedicated to God. So we could sing a favourite hymn or worship song privately to God as a gift to him. Thank goodness it said 'privately', one of us said, then it won't offend anyone else!

But seriously, how can this be an act of faith? So we all began to think about it and then one of us said, it's about being the best version of yourself that you can be. It's about making the most of your God-given talents and trying to improve any skill which is unique to you. It means recognising that we must all offer ourselves to the service of God and do our utmost to find a way to best express our appreciation for the talents we have been given and not waste them. Whether that is singing (privately or in public), writing, painting, gardening or baking, we must do it whole-heartedly and be thankful for these gifts.

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But what if we aren't creative, can't sing for toffee and can't bake lemon drizzle cake? And that was when another idea culled from a service in a different parish offered a solution. There, the preacher had talked about each of us not only being 'a light' shining in the world but also being like salt. Each member of the small congregation was offered a pinch of sea salt and asked what salt meant to them. Salt preserves and is also itself ever-lasting. Dissolved in water that is heated and boiled until all the liquid has evaporated, there will still be grains of salt. By being salt, we can preserve and spread our faith. And also, those of us who aren't star bakers or great artists, can be like salt which is used to enhance flavour, by encouraging and supporting others and bringing out the best in them.

We ought to go on holiday more often, the team decided after a length discussion. And then one of us, who had spent most of the time Googling Bible quotes about salt, said this one ties in perfectly with our recent sermon on James, who warned about the perils of the tongue and the harm it can do.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:6

So let's all be saltier!

Blessings, Yann & The Team

Church Round-Up

Underground.....

You might have noticed in recent weeks small teams of people with rather sophisticated equipment looking busy in the churchyard. They are helping us to find out whether changes in soil condition are causing the movement of the tower against the nave which has become apparent in recent years, and also giving us better information about the drainage systems running through the churchyard, which we shall need when we come to upgrade the facilities in the church.

....and above ground.....

The first part of this upgrade is now beginning to look very real. Earlier in February the Diocese gave its approval to the refit of the vestry, as referred to on these pages in February's magazine. We are now in a position to make a start on this. This project is being led very kindly by Nigel Southern, supported by a small group comprising Jane Macnabb, Jan Elliott, Mike Starbuck and me.

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The first step is to find a temporary home within the church for the existing contents of the vestry. Once we have cleared the vestry and taken up the carpeting, we can address, alongside our architect, Louise Bainbridge, the existing damp and ventilation issues and how best to deal with the drainage facilities which the refitted vestry will need. Only then can we decide upon contractors for the various aspects of the work. At that stage we shall finalise the 'look' of the cabinet units and surfaces – an aspect of the work which will be of interest to everyone who uses the church. In terms of timing, we would not expect any contracted work to be started until early summer. We shall have to ensure that the work is timed and organised so as not to disrupt the weddings over the summer. And, for you loyal supporters of Teas on Tuesdays, held in the church every Tuesday afternoon in June, rest assured we shall not be deterred by the disruption.

We shall not, therefore, be making commitments to contractors until well after the **annual meeting (the APCM)** which we hold in the church each year in April – this year **on Thursday 2nd April** and at which we hope to discuss progress and expectations. So, if you are on the church electoral roll, do please come along to that meeting – **wine will be served from 7:00pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30pm.** We also expect to provide an update three weeks later at the Parish Council AGM on Wednesday 22 April. In the meantime, if anyone has any concerns, do contact me at any time.

Lent is upon us, Easter not far away

Our Easter events will be highlighted in next month's magazine – there will be a wide range of these across the Benefice on each day of the Easter weekend, starting with the very special Choral Communion Service in Froyle church on 9th April (Maundy Thursday), and the always interesting and entertaining Benefice Passover meal later the same evening – venue tbc.

In the meantime, don't forget that, as highlighted in last month's magazine, the Bishop of Basingstoke is giving the sermon at the 11:00am service in Froyle on Sunday 8th March, followed by the confirmation of a number of people from the Benefice, including some from Froyle, at the 5:00 pm Live@Five service in Bentley – do go along and support them!

William Knowles 07775 928933

Take Care

We continue to have isolated occurrences of crime. Last Saturday week, in the middle of the storm, a van and shed in Lower Froyle were broken into. Do continue to take care and make sure all your property and vehicles are secure, even if they are far away from the road.

Music at Bentley CE Primary School

It would be fair to say that we have a real passion for music at our school, with a fair number of adults in school who are choir members or musicians themselves, which all helps to inspire the next generation.

Pupils have lots of opportunities to share their musical interests from our much anticipated X-Factor competition, for Years 5 and 6, to musicals and other plays on our stage in the school hall. Every child gets the chance to 'have a go' and takes part over their school career, a real joy in coming to a small school where each child is valued and encouraged to take part.



This year we have introduced 'sharing assemblies' to hear what other classes have been learning and to give a real performance at the end of each instrument block. Pupils have the opportunity to learn how to play different instruments in their music lessons and every child learns to play the glockenspiel, recorder and ukulele over their school career. The children have lots of singing lessons and we use a really popular music programme which covers R&B, reggae through to gospel music making lessons a lot of fun.

In addition to our music lessons for everyone, children can really start to develop either skills by taking up one to one or small group music lessons with a specialist teacher. Currently we have brilliant music teachers available to teach; flute, violin, oboe, piano, guitar and recorder. We have an amazing junior school orchestra and a very popular choir too. We also have a very popular 'Rock performance' group where children learn electric guitar, bass, drums and singing skills working in a band.

We think that music is a real joy and we love to sing together every week as a whole school and in Collective Worship. We also get out and perform to an audience whether we can! We sang at the O2 last year with 7000 others which was AMAZING and we were all **very** excited when our choir was chosen to perform on Eagle radio!


We love to get out and visit our local elderly friends in the Bentley community for carols at Christmas.

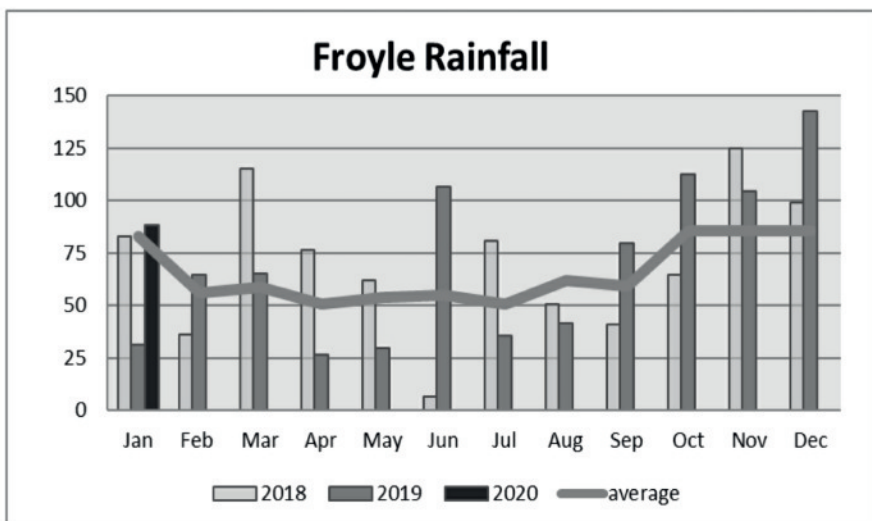
We have our bi-annual music festival this summer and you are all very welcome to come and enjoy the music of the Bentley pupils at B-FEST on 13th June – we'd love to see you there!



Mrs Vogel, Music Leader

Froyle Rainfall for January, 2020

This year		88.5 mm	3.5 ins
Last year		31.5 mm	1.2 ins
Wettest January (2014)		191.5 mm	7.6 ins
Driest January (1997)		13 mm	0.5 ins
January long-term average – the 4 th wettest month		83 mm	3.3 ins



January this year was a little ahead of the long-term average, which is quite rare, as it is the month with the second highest standard deviation (only November is higher). But despite there being more rain than usual, there was one good sign on the 25th; according to legend:
 “If St Ananias’ Day be fair and clear,
 It betokeneth a happy year.”
 It was...!



“The Umbrella Man”

Luminosa Concert 28 March 2020

Alton-based choir Luminosa Voices celebrates its ten-year anniversary with a concert in the magnificently refurbished All Saints Church, Odiham on 28 March at 7.30pm, featuring:

Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs, which finishes with the majestic Antiphon "Let all the World in Every Corner Sing".

Cecilia McDowell's large-scale Da Vinci Requiem, premiered in May 2019 at the Royal Festival Hall in London by Wimbledon Choral Society under the baton of Neil Ferris. Salve Deus, Rex Judaeorum, an Easter Cantata composed by choir member Alison Willis, a feted composer.

Tickets at £15 are available via email boxoffice@luminosamusic.com, or on sale via www.ticketsource.co.uk/luminosa-music, and at local venues, to be confirmed. More information can be found on our website www.luminosamusic.com

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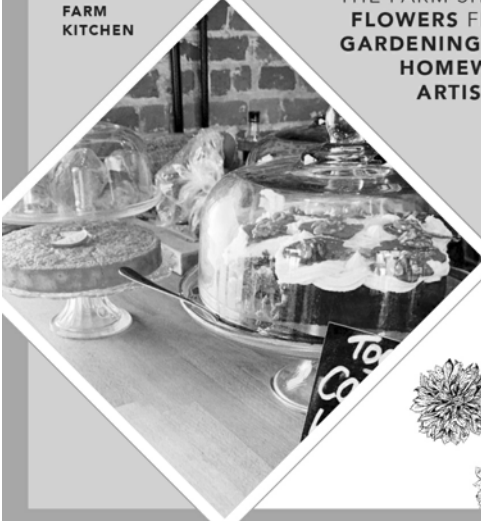
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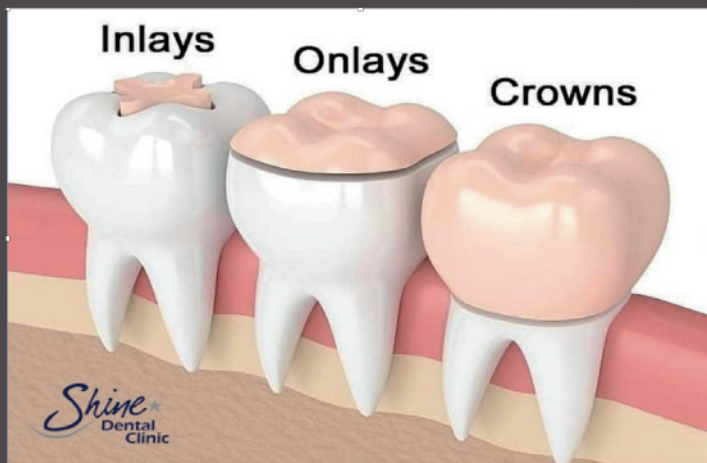
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8 <i>11am Church HC</i>	9 <i>Rubbish</i> <i>3-7.30pm AERF public mtg VH</i> <i>7.45pm PC mtg</i>	10	11 <i>12.30pm Lent Lunch</i>	12 <i>9.45am VH Toddler Group</i>	13 <i>10am VH Meeting Place</i> <i>Gardening Club</i>	14
15 <i>11am Church HC</i>	16 <i>Recycling</i>	17 <i>7.30pm FW Talk on Owls</i>	18 <i>12.30pm Lent Lunch</i>	19 <i>9.45am VH Toddler Group</i>	20 <i>10am VH Meeting Place</i>	21 <i>11.30-3pm Craft Market H&C</i> <i>2-4pm FW Rec ground</i>
22 <i>6.30pm Church Evensong</i>	23 <i>Rubbish</i>	24	25 <i>12.30pm Lent Lunch</i>	26 <i>9.45am VH Toddler Group</i>	27 <i>10am VH Meeting Place</i> <i>7pm Film Nigh VH</i>	28 <i>10-12pm FW Gid Lane pond</i>
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The Meeting Place	<i>Susie Robertson - 520820</i>
Froyle Wildlife.....	<i>Barry Clark - 23520</i> www.froylewildlife.co.uk
Froyle Village Agent for Age Concern	<i>Madeleine Black - 23371</i>
Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	<i>- 23440</i>
Police	Call 101 (999) in an emergency)
Wildlife Crime Officer	<i>PC Scott Graham</i> <i>Scott.graham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</i>
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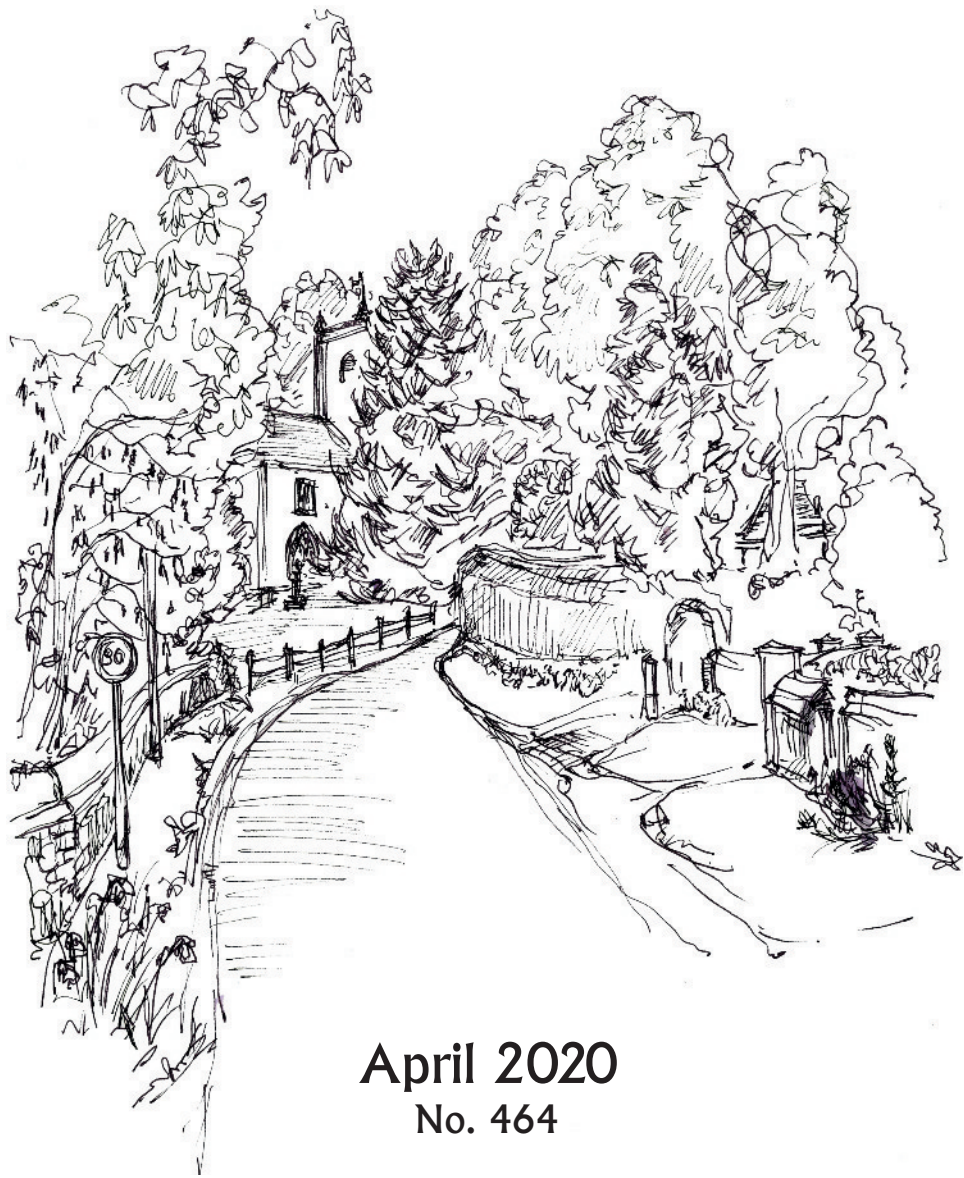
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March News from your Parish Council (PC)

Froyle Parish Council met on 9th March immediately following the Veolia consultation with residents on their proposed incinerator (Advanced Energy Recycling Facility 'AERF') on the site of the existing waste management facility on the A31. In conjunction with Binsted and Bentley Parish Councils, the PC organised an open meeting for all residents from the three parishes on Thursday 12th March. In advance of this meeting the PC awarded contracts for planning consultancy and verified views to show the scale of the proposed plant from local viewpoints. In excess of 130 people attended the meeting which comprised a short presentation focusing on the visual impact of the plant, possible issues of concern and what happens next. Those present unanimously agreed that an Action Group should be formed to coordinate objections to the Veolia proposal under the campaign logo **No Wey Incinerator**. For more details on the objectives of the Action Group and how to offer your help or just keep informed of developments, please see the separate article in this issue.

The owners of Froyle Park have withdrawn the proposed sale of parkland in Upper Froyle from the market thus safeguarding residents' access rights to the wildlife pond off Gid Lane for the time being at least.

A quote has been received from EHDC to purchase and install an additional mixed bin including dog poo at the exit from the Rec into Westburn Fields however EHDC would not empty this bin. It was agreed to consult further with Westburn Fields' residents to determine whether and how to proceed.

Resident safety and wellbeing – the PC discussed the impact on village life of Coronavirus (Covid 19). The impact of this is moving very quickly and the PC will follow Government advice. The Village Hall committee were asked to consider this matter at its meeting on 10th March with respect to users of the Village Hall. The Village Agent, who attended the meeting advised that the community support structure in Froyle was considered to be very effective especially in providing support to elderly residents. **If anyone is experiencing difficulties with shopping etc. due to self-isolation, they should contact Madeleine Black, Village Agent, on 01420 23371 or email her at mablack50@gmail.com.**

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Around the village – the PC considered its responses to five planning applications. It was agreed that no objection would be made to four of these of which two were with respect to tree pruning, one for a new veranda to the rear of the property and one for demolition of an existing garage and construction of a replacement. The wording of the Parish Council objection to planning application (case ref 58562) for the construction of a 600sqm single storey building inside the Walled Garden in Upper Froyle was agreed.

Further to last month's notification regarding HV cable renewal and the temporary closure of footpaths, the Hampshire Countryside Service have provided further details that can be viewed on the PC website at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk. The footpaths will be closed at some point between 20th April and 20th September but only whilst the works are taking place.

Plans to reactivate the **Neighbourhood Watch scheme** will now be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting at a date yet to be advised. Don't forget to visit the **Froyle Parish Council Facebook** page to keep up to date with the latest news of what is happening in and around the village. The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council and AGM is yet to be confirmed and residents are welcome to attend.

Coronavirus Help in Froyle

If you need help during this difficult time Froyle Parish Council are co-ordinating a support service for those who live in the village.

If you need help contact Madeleine Black who is managing a team of village volunteers to help those who are self-isolating or can't get out of the house.

Telephone: 01420 23371 or by email on mablack50@gmail.com

If you are online, information will be regularly updated on the Froyle Parish Council and Froyle Residents Facebook pages and up to date advice is available on the Gov.UK coronavirus pages.

For help collecting prescriptions and lifts to medical appointments contact the Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care group on 01420 23440.

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01420 520361

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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

With each day that passes concern about the impact of the Coronavirus increases. What seems like an over-reaction on one day becomes common sense on the next. On the one hand should we shut the hall completely to eliminate all risk of people cross infecting one another or on the other hand at a time of self-isolation, quarantine and sickness should it stay open to boost morale and provide a source of help and advice?

At the time of writing we have decided to cancel the Film Night on 27 March. We have also postponed the Annual General Meeting until later in the year. A synopsis of the hall accounts can be found overleaf and the full document is available on our website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk. The existing committee and officers will soldier on for the time being. We have advised against continuing with the Meeting Place in its usual form as so many of those who attend are in the 'at risk categories', that is to say over seventy. A replacement event taking place on the patio where the risk of infection will be lower is being considered.

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With regret we have agreed to cancel a number of private bookings including sadly some children's parties. We shall of course return any payments or deposits. The Parish Council have agreed that the playground and patio can continue to be used.

We are not taking further bookings for events involving large numbers of people but for small meetings the hall will remain available on a case by case basis. Art groups and yoga can continue for the time being. Those attending will be responsible for taking the normal precautions: washing their hands on arrival and departure and for disinfecting door handles, furniture, and any equipment they have used etc.

By the time you read this towards the end of March the situation may have changed. Updates will be on the website and the hall noticeboards. The Coronavirus will certainly have a negative financial impact on the hall but we have funds in reserve to keep the hall going for at least the next 6 months even if our income is minimal.

If residents can see ways in which the hall and its committee can provide help and support during what is likely to be a difficult time please email me.

Meanwhile we have a new maintenance project: to replace a number of double glazing units where the seal has failed and the window mists up.

Finally if you do use the hall in the coming weeks, remember to keep your distance and wash your hands thoroughly: clean hands are happy hands!

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

Froyle Village Hall: Summary Treasurer's Report for 2019

(Accounts, Notes, Five year trends and comparison to Budget and the full Report are available on the Hall website.)

USE: Bookings increased during 2019 by about 10% but overall receipts from users were down just over £1,000 to £9,957. This resulted from reduced hiring rates where the Committee agreed the activities were start-ups or not self-supporting, such as Baby Ballet and Toddlers respectively. Also, we increased charges for bookings taken after April 2018 and this may have had an impact on the number of new regular or ad hoc 'commercial', or higher value, bookings in 2019.

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OPERATING COSTS: Costs reduced slightly. We had the kitchen ‘deep cleaned’ which has become a bi-annual cost. The impact of this was offset by a reduction in Utilities costs, mostly Water. The solar panels earned the Hall £890. The net Operating Surplus was £1,507 - down from 2018 mostly due to lower income.

FUNDRAISING: A successful Race Night in June contributed £900. The 100 Club now has 101 members and raised £606. The Bonfire and Fireworks broke even, compared to an average surplus of approx £500 in recent years, as it was a mid-week event with a somewhat damp forecast. The Film Nights continued to make small surpluses, £7 in February and £85 in November.

ONE-OFF / PROJECT EXPENDITURE: During 2019 we bought a stair gate (£44) and a playpen (£70) for the Toddlers, cushions for the seats (£174) and a new speaker (£139). We replaced the main Hall spot lights with LEDs (£1,200). The garden was dug out and replanted (£762). The external woodwork was repaired and repainted (£1,700) including sorting out some very rotten but happily only decorative framing above the front doors. In total, project expenditure was £4,123.

We had budgeted £1,700 for the LEDs and speaker. The other items were not planned for but the 2019 Fete agreed to help with £2,000 for the garden project and the external repairs and painting.

PLANS: We have no specific project plans for 2020 but have reserved funds for internal redecoration in 2021 and the refurbishment of the floor in 2023.

In 2018 and 2019 the Committee noted but had not budgeted to support Parish Council plans for the Football Hut. Given the recent progress, we have included in the 2020 budget £2,500 to support an appropriate project which might directly or indirectly increase the Hall’s revenue, which enhances the overall area and which fits with our charitable purpose.

SUMMARY: The overall Surplus for the year was £2,626 vs a Deficit in 2018 of £4,225. (Note 2018 included the costs of new front doors and a new boiler.)

2020 BUDGET: For 2020 we have taken a cautious approach and forecasted revenue similar to 2019 which results in a budget surplus of £16. However our 2020 cash flow will benefit from the £2,000 Fete contribution received in January 2020.

*Charlie Findlay Hon Treasurer Froyle Village Hall
treasure@froylevillagehall.co.uk*



As the FPC report outlines, it was agreed at the recent VH meeting to form an action group to respond to the proposed building of a commercial incinerator on the current Veolia recycling site. A small steering group has now been formed to tackle the immediate priorities, working cooperatively with FPC.

85 people from Froyle, Bentley, Binsted, Neatham, Holybourne, Alton and Blacknest registered at the meeting in Froyle and asked either to help, or to be informed. That is a good start, thank you. We will need to grow the group 'membership' so please make contact via the email address or website below if you have not yet confirmed your details and wish to be kept up to date or to help.

This article is to let you know what has happened since the meeting, what is happening now and how you will be able to help fight the proposal.

We don't yet know what effect the Covid virus may have on the timing of a planning application, so for now, we **assume the application will be lodged at the end of March, followed by a 30 day consultation period.**

In total the planning process is expected to take around 16 weeks. This may be extended and clearly there may be an appeal afterwards depending on the outcome. We will update you as we learn any more about timings.

More than 50 individual letters of objection have been sent to Veolia and copied to the action group email address info@noweyincinerator.com. Thanks to everyone who did this, it will be really helpful to have our own evidence of the size and strength of early local feeling about the proposal as we move into the next phase.

There are three primary objectives for the steering group. These will further develop as we become more established.

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1. To raise funds. As Julie Southern mentioned on 12th, an experienced and successful planning consultant has been engaged to help develop our response. Other specialist consultants will be needed and we will inevitably need to spend money on publicity, materials and other items. **We urgently need a minimum of £25k for the initial consultants advice and likely considerably more to fund our critical work.** We will shortly be asking for some initial contributions and may follow up with a wider funding campaign.

2. To work with the planning consultant and others to develop key objections to the proposal. Our task will be to develop some 'plain English' key messages we can all use in our individual formal responses to HCC during the consultation phase of the application.

3. To communicate with residents, Parish, District and County Councils, our MP and other relevant bodies. This will likely be through a combination of channels, guided by the unfolding restrictions on public meetings and travel. Our website www.noweyincinerator.com, will shortly be updated and should act as the primary source of information. An email will also be sent to everyone who registered their details at the meeting. We also aim to provide updates to village magazines, newspapers and through focal points, Facebook pages, Whatsapp groups, etc in each village.

You can help now by making sure that all of your local contacts are aware of this potential planning application. Despite the 'greenwash' being applied by Veolia, the planned development seems to be a commercial undertaking. The burning of 330,000 tonnes of industrial waste, transported long distances over already busy roads through Farnham, Four Marks, Selbourne, Farringdon or Alton doesn't appear to be the right answer to our waste problems. The facility will be massive and will generate noise, light, pollution and residue which will still need to be buried. The relatively small amounts (25%) of electricity inefficiently generated will not be supplied directly to local homes and businesses. There are no known plans for any of the very considerable amounts (75%) of heat to be used for anything beneficial. We need to reduce and recycle our waste in preference to incineration and dumping.

We will need further help as the steering group develops plans. **Above all, we will need you individually to respond formally to HCC during the planning consultation period to make sure that they are aware of the strength of local feeling about this application.** Timings and details for this are not yet known. We will provide guidance on how to respond when they are. Understandably our thoughts are significantly diverted to family and supporting others regarding the virus currently, but we may not have much time to respond to this application.

Philip Roberts, Mark Weldon, Will Butler, Simon Marshall
info@noweyincinerator.com

The Meeting Place

Sadly we will have to suspend the Meeting Place for the foreseeable future. When the weather warms up and depending on the situation with the coronavirus outbreak we hope to be able to serve coffee and cake on the patio.

The MP Team



The Wharfe family would like to say a huge thank you to The Meeting Place for their continued support of The Elizabeth Foundation following their recent donation. Our son Theo benefited hugely from his attendance at this wonderful deaf preschool and we are delighted to continue to support them. Many thanks from us all!

Harriet Wharfe

LENT LUNCHESES

The fourth Lent lunch was held on Wednesday March 18th at the Village Hall, and numbers were, as expected, lower than normal.

Given the current advice from Government about social distancing, there will be no more lunches this year.

In spite of this, the total raised for charities by the four lunches that did take place was £730, which is a fantastic amount.

Many thanks to all the hostesses, and to those who partook of the soups. Let's hope that next year, we will manage our customary six lunches without incident!

Jenny Gove

Froyle 100 Club

The 100 Club winners for March were:

1st - Sandra Fry 2nd - Jenny Gove

3rd - Sue Carr 4th - Jan Elliott

Congratulations to all!

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Village Events / Activities

At the time of going to press, it will come to no surprise that the majority of our village events, activities planned for the month of April have been postponed. We have tried to capture them here on one page to make it easier for you to see what the situation is. However, as this is constantly evolving, we would strongly urge you to contact the organisers should you need up to date information. It is hoped that normal activities will resume as soon as is practical once we are over this current crisis.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am (during term times)
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**Froyle Church Jumble Sale
planned for Saturday 25 April**

**Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and
Village Hall Annual General Meeting (VH AGM)
on Wednesday 22 April**

**Froyle Baby & Toddler
Group presents...**

**Bingo Night
on 25 April**



The Froyle Games Club

Gardening Club Report for April 2020



Spring is here - it is just after mid-March and I already have tulips and some cowslips in bloom. Sadly our Spring Show in April and our May meeting are now cancelled and we must wait for further advice for the club's summer and autumn activities.

Many of our members are in the 'over 70's or vulnerable' group but we are fortunate in Froyle to have our gardens to enjoy and lovely surroundings for walks. There is also a great community spirit and special thanks go to all those volunteering to help those of us in isolation.

Wishing you all a good gardening season and may you keep safe and well.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
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R Ambling Walk Recommendations

As we are told to self-isolate and social distance by the Government we are also told to keep active and if you live in the country go for a walk. If you meet anyone just remember to keep a distance of 2 metres from each other.

So we decide to bring R Ambling out of winter hibernation to recommend a couple of local walks.

Approx: 2.5 Miles, 1/1.5hours. A Combination of road, tracks and fields, can be a little boggy in places so maybe Wellingtons until mid April.

Leave the Village Hall and walk towards Upper Froyle and turn right into Bamber Lane. Keep on Bamber Lane up the large incline and when you reach the top of the hill you will see a large house on your left which is Saintbury Hill. Just after passing the house you will see a metal gate on your left, go through this and keep on the grass path through two further metal gates passing the tennis court on your left. On exiting the third gate you will see the path going through the large field passed the remains of a large tree and at the bottom continue along the path keeping the hedgerow on your left. On reaching the lane, turn left and walk towards St Mary's Church. You are now in Upper Froyle. At the tee junction by the church turn left walking down hill keeping the church on your right. Just prior the thatched cottage on your right you will see a stile into a field which may contain sheep, cross the style and follow the path across the field to a

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gate, go through the gate, turn left and walk down the avenue of trees. At the end of the avenue, go through the gate, turn right onto the lane and very quickly turn left onto the footpath signposted as St Swithuns Way, follow this path all the way to the Anchor. Turn Left on the road and walk approximately a quarter of a mile until you reach Park Lane turn left into Park Lane and as you get to the White House turn right and follow the path to the Recreation Field and cross it to return to the village hall.

Approx: 4 Miles, 1.5/2 hours. A combination of road, tracks and across fields so appropriate footwear is advised.

Starting again at the village hall walk to Husseys Lane, either around the road or across the recreation ground and down Park Lane. Walk all the way up Husseys Lane, it becomes a track after the last house, keep going until you come to the road, turn right. Follow the road past Isnage farm on your right and again keep on this road probably for approximately a mile until you come to a tee junction on a tight bend, turn left and follow the road and then the drive to Bury Court, just before the gates of Bury Court Barn turn right and follow this path, this takes you through an avenue of trees up to Bentley Church. When you get to the Church turn immediately right and follow the road past a cottage on the left and onto the tee junction by Jenkyn Place. At the tee junction turn right and then immediately left, go through the parking area for the cottages on your left, through two gates and follow the edge of the field with the vineyard on your left, keep going and when you get to the horses follow the path as directed and then through a gate along a narrow path and then turn left on Pax Hill Drive. Just before the first house, take the stile into the field, follow the defined path across the field and then through the gate and then to Coldrey Drive, follow the drive up to the next gate, go through and then keeping Coldrey Cottages on your right, return to Froyle Road turn right and then return to the village, passing the Anchor Inn on your left.

R Ambling

Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group now has over 200 members and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all newcomers. In the difficult times ahead, online groups such as The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group are a great way to communicate and safely stay in touch with neighbours and your local community. It is heartening to see that in recent days many residents have offered their time and support to the community to provide assistance to others. Thank you.

If you haven't already joined, please search Facebook for "Froyle Residents" and select the button to Join the Group. We look forward to welcoming you.

Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)

simon@watmore.com

Just some offers of help nearby...



Bentley Stores are near and open as usual.

Mill Farm Organic Isington will deliver to those self-isolating. See their ad on page 29 in this magazine.

Newlyns Farm Shop “announce a Home Delivery service to anyone living within a 10 mile radius of our Farm Shop. If the Coronavirus has forced you to isolate under Government guidelines, we are here to help. Please call 01256 704128 and place an order over the phone and we will deliver to your door with no delivery charge”.

The **Hen & Chicken** are offering to deliver meals. Please check out their takeaway menu at www.henandchicken.co.uk, Facebook and Instagram pages. Mains selection is as follows and there are also Pizzas and Desserts to choose. Tel 01420 22115.

Mains

Badger Beer Battered Cod and Chips

'Hall and Woodhouse' beer battered fish served with chips, tartare sauce, garden peas and a slice of fresh lemon

Hunters Chicken 🍷

Seared chicken breast on the grill topped with smoked bacon, barbecue sauce and melted cheddar cheese. Served with either chips or buttered new potatoes and a mixed salad

Fusilli Pasta 🍷

With pesto, cherry tomatoes and feta cheese

Homemade 8oz Prime Beef Burger

Served in a toasted brioche bun, mayonnaise, gem lettuce, tomato, dill pickle and chips

Breaded Chicken Burger

Served in a toasted brioche bun, mayonnaise, gem lettuce, tomato, dill pickle and chips

Scampi and Chips

Deep fried whole tail scampi served with chips, tartare sauce, garden peas and a wedge of lemon

Rack of Barbecue Pork Ribs

Served with corn on the cob and coleslaw. Choose from chips, mash or new potatoes

Roast Dinner of the Day

Served with all the trimmings

all £10.00 each

For information:

Citizens Advice offices are closed but there is a telephone number for East Hampshire residents: **0300 3309 028**. In addition, they are asking people to visit the national website www.citizensadvice.org.uk where they can get up to date information, and contact by email or webchat.

Scammer Alert!

While we are busy answering the phone from family and friends checking up on each other, watch out for that unknown caller who addresses you personally, and says your warranty for TV/ washing machine/ boiler is due for renewal now. They will take the payment from your card again... Oh! The card has failed, can I just check the number? etc etc.

Neighbourhood Alert are reporting COVID 19 ransomware circulating online.

Madeleine Black, VA, 23371



Medicine for the Soul



With all of us having what will probably be quite a lot of time on our hands over the next few weeks, this might be an opportunity to catch up with our reading – or listening. So here are a few good reads – three recent and one classic (all of which, bar the Molly Case, are available in audiobook form):

“Me” by Elton John: you saw the movie (“Rocketman”), now read the book. Reviews include such phrases as “Absolutely phenomenal...”, “Loved every minute of it”, “Funny, fearless and brutally honest”, “Shockingly self-aware and funny (often laugh out loud)...”.

“Russians Among Us: Sleeper Cells, Ghost Stories and the Hunt for Putin’s Spies” by Gordon Corera: remember Anna Chapman the flame-haired Russian spy who lived undercover in the US for many years? This is the fascinating story of her, her cohort and how they were caught.

“How to Treat People; a Nurse at Work” by Molly Case: a love letter to the nursing profession, Molly’s father and her patients; “A wonderfully crafted piece of writing”.

“The Quiet American” by Graham Greene: a story of the French colonial war in Vietnam before the US arrived, as told by Fowler, a cynical journalist, about his dealings with American idealist Pile; “Elegant, both prophetic and historic”.



Froyle Wildlife

Walks and (No) Talks

Our planned talk in March about *'The Barn Owl Project Hampshire'* was postponed at short notice due to concerns about coronavirus and changes in government advice. Similarly, April's talk about 'Chalk Grassland' is postponed until further notice. We may be able to arrange outdoor walks that ensure 'social distancing' in the coming months. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news.

New Living Willow Dome

At the beginning of March, we enjoyed completing the willow dome construction on Froyle recreation ground. Thanks to the volunteers who transformed bundles of willow rods into a structure that should root and grow. We are hoping that this will provide a lovely natural place for residents (most likely the younger ones!) to use. Willow domes are also beneficial for wildlife, specifically insects and birds.



Ryebridge Stream overflow in February

The wildlife pond and surrounding meadow near Gid Lane is adjacent to Ryebridge Stream that rises from springs in Upper Froyle and flows down to the River Wey. It's seasonal flow usually dries up in summer and appears to be no more than a small ditch. After this year's exceptional rainfall in February the stream overflowed into the field like a river and made a temporary new lake about 200x20m in size. By mid-March the flood had subsided and the overflow ceased.



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Thames Water repair

I reported a leak of raw sewage in the field near the Gid Lane pumping station and it was then promptly repaired by Thames Water. The leak was caused by a fractured pipe in March and contaminated ground near the public footpath. The pollution should degrade naturally with no lasting environmental damage.

Wildlife Sightings in Froyle?

Do continue to send us your observations while out and about in Froyle or in your garden to info@froylewildlife.co.uk. Last year's reports included Little Owl, Slow Worm, Great Crested Newt, Scarlet Tiger, Elephant Hawkmoth caterpillar and Crab Spider. Have you seen your first Swallow of the year or heard a Cuckoo, do let us know.

Barry Clark

Froyle Park Wildlife Pond 2019

The wildlife pond and surrounding wild flower meadow continued to attract new species in 2019. These included, in no particular order, Slender Ground-hoppers, a bumble bee mimic hoverfly - *Volucella bombylans* var. *Plumata*, Ashy Mining Bee and Kingfisher. Day flying moths included Scarlet Tiger, Hummingbird Hawk-moth and Mother Shipton - look this up on the 'UK Moths' website to see how it gets its name. Butterflies recorded have risen to 24 species with Painted Lady and Small Heath butterflies and the dragonfly list has gone up to 16 species with the addition of Migrant Hawker.

In Our Gardens

With the coronavirus it looks as though most of us will be spending quite a bit of time at home this year. Getting out in the garden and looking for the wildlife that is sharing your patch can be very absorbing and calming. There are many UK websites to aid identification and you never know what might turn up, last year for instance we found a Red Data Book, Toadflax Brocade moth larva feeding on... - yes you guessed it -Toadflax. But even the everyday species have amazing stories to discover.

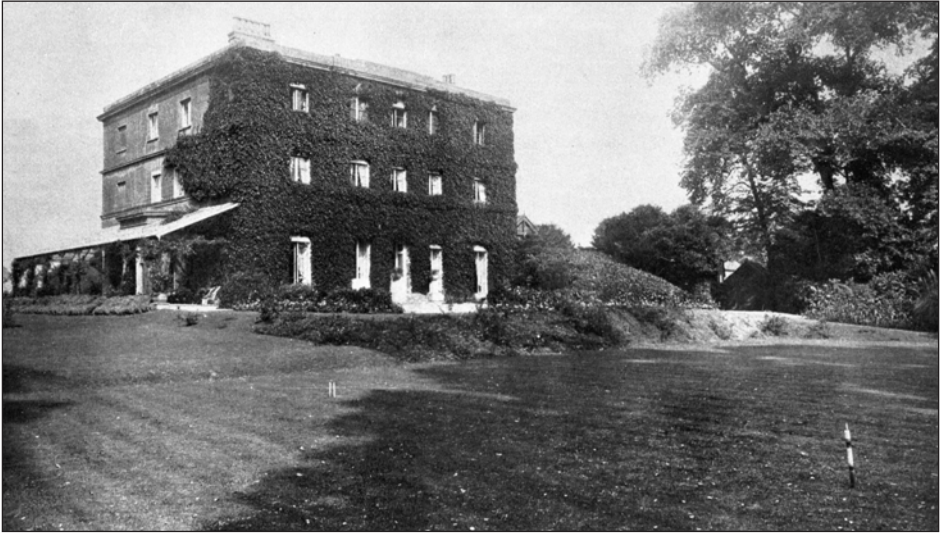
Sue Clark

Pheasant and Partridge Breasts for sale

There are still packs of frozen pheasant or partridge breasts available to buy. In each pack there are either 4 pheasant or 6 partridge breasts, each costing £3 per pack.

Anyone interested should contact Paul Edwards (gamekeeper) on 07719 914850.

April News from The Froyle Archive Froyle House and Cattleys



Ten years ago Sir John Smiley, whose family lived in Froyle House between 1937 and the early 1950s, lent The Froyle Archive the Smiley family albums which gave a fascinating insight into life in Upper Froyle just before World War 2. Very recently we received another communication from Sir John, in the form of a letter his mother, Lady Smiley, received in December 1937, from Sister Nora, a relative of the Burningham family who had built Froyle House in 1820. Our records show that it was actually built on the site of Cattleys Farm. Nora mentions that she visited the house in 1928 when it was empty and that the first house, Cattleys Farm, was built mainly on the front lawn - set out for croquet in the 1915 picture at the top. In 2012 we joined the Hampshire Field Society in visiting the cellar, which gave us both the impression that the building above must have been quite impressive as the cellar itself was of a very substantial construction.

(see more photographs overleaf)



The vaulted ceiling of the cellar



You get some idea of the thickness of the walls in the two photographs above. The rather ornate lock could have been for the wine cellar?

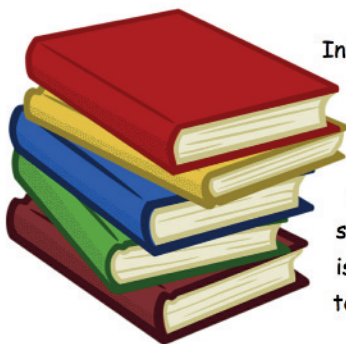
We assumed that the cellar windows were covered when the site was back filled to construct the new house.



Read more at:-
<http://www.froyle.com/fhcellar.htm>
Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Looking for something to do while self isolating?

We would love you to listen to children read or read to children while they are not at school



Introduce your favourite book to the younger generation; let them introduce you to one of their favourite books or pick an entirely new book together - all that we ask is the book chosen is age appropriate. Children would benefit from the reading routine while not at school and it will hopefully provide some much needed entertainment and company for those self-isolating. All interaction can take place remotely via whatever technology is available for both listener and reader.

Froyle children will be matched with Froyle Self-Isolators. If you are interested in finding out more (whether parent of child or self-isolator), please contact Amanda Sinclair at mandasinclair@yahoo.co.uk 07866 511061

Maths at Bentley CE Primary School

Maths is a vital life skill. At Bentley we believe the calculation skills children learn in their journey through our school will be drawn upon and used many times whilst at secondary school and beyond.

We aim to develop confident mathematicians who are willing to give each challenge a go and use what they know to support their new learning. Pupils are encouraged



to use resources to help build their understanding of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. In addition, resources such as numicon, diennes place value counters, support children to talk about their mathematical thinking and begin to explain and their understanding.

Year 1 children discussing how to partition numbers

Once the children have understood the new concept they can move to show their understanding through pictures.

With our new wonderful Year R outdoor learning classroom, the children can really get their hands dirty! Using various real life objects the children have been able to investigate capacity. Our Year R teacher, Miss Smith, has been impressed with the variety of mathematical language the children have been using - bigger than, smaller than - as well as predicting the container that will hold the most.



Year R children in their outdoor learning space

A key skill for the children to learn is the multiplication facts up to and including the 12 times tables. In addition, they need to know the related division facts. Once the children have understood the patterns within the times tables and are quickly able to recall the facts, they begin to understand more abstract mathematical concepts such as fractions, area and perimeter, and ratio. We use a variety of teaching methods to support this learning including the on-line programme 'IT Rockstars'. Each child from Year 1 up has their own login and are encouraged to practise their times tables at home. We have noticed those that are regular users make rapid progress through our times table scheme. At the end of this academic

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year, Year 4 will be taking the first Multiplication Tables Check which is a national test set by the Government.

During lessons, all children are encouraged to self-select their independent task to reflect their current level of understanding. The different tasks give all children a sense of achievement and build their mathematical confidence. If a child finishes their independent task they can move to the ‘chilli challenge’ which is an investigative task to get the children to think more deeply and encourage them to explain their thinking.

Why not have a go at a recent Year 4 Reach 100 activity? The children need to create a number sentence which has two 2-digit numbers which make 100. How many possibilities did you find? Did you use a variety of addition, multiplication, subtraction and division? All answers would be greatly received by me!

Every term we have a whole school reasoning activity which is really exciting as the children love the idea that the whole school is working on a similar task. Have a go at our autumn reasoning task.

Beads & Bags

This challenge involves three beads and lots of bags. There are as many bags as you need.

Find a way to put the beads into some of the bags.

Find another way to put the beads into some of the bags.

How many different ways can you make? Have you tried putting a bag into another bag?

Can you record your ways? How do you know you got them all?

In addition, we run two whole school ‘Week of inspirational Maths’ which include a variety of activities to encourage children to discuss maths. Great fun!

We believe the children should be given opportunities to experience maths away from the classroom; at Bentley we run various extracurricular clubs that support mathematical learning such as maths club, cookery club, board games and chess club.

You are very welcome to have a go at some of the above challenges and send any interesting findings to the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs Rushin, Maths Leader

Easy Easter baking with kids: Mini Egg Brownies

5 minutes prep, 15 minutes cooking

Ingredients

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups Mini Eggs divided

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray two muffin trays generously with baking spray to prevent brownies from sticking, or use paper cases.
- In a large bowl sift together sugar, cocoa, flour, salt and baking soda.
- Using a mixing spoon or hand mixer, mix the melted butter, eggs and vanilla into the dry ingredients.
- Crush 1 cup of the Mini Eggs and stir into batter. Use a Ziplock bag and go over them with a rolling pin. You want them to be in smaller pieces, but not completely obliterated.
- Divide batter evenly into muffin trays, put in oven and bake for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven and press remaining Mini Eggs gently into the tops of brownie bites and bake for 3 more minutes.
- Allow brownies to cool slightly. Run a knife around the edges and then gently transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Enjoy!

GAMES AND PUZZLES

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Find the word that links these pairs of words, making each of them into a new word:

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MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

- 1, 3, 7, 13, 21, ??, 43

Happy Easter from Mr Bunny
Please colour me in...



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

After weeks of grey skies, heavy with rain, after variously named storms, this letter is being written with the sun shining on spring flowers. So that made us think that despite the current climate doom and gloom with alarming headlines in the papers every day, we should all consider how we can best survive challenging times. Coronavirus, bare supermarket shelves, floods and the possible development of a polluting incinerator right in the midst of Benbinfro, are all creating anxiety and giving some sleepless nights.

Of course, there are many members of our three churches congregations and residents in our villages, who will scoff and say, 'think this is challenging? It's nothing compared to the war.' One of our team was talking to elderly ladies in a local care home recently, who laughed at the prospect of impending doom as they recalled sucking on Oxo cubes instead of sweets and creating inventive recipes from potatoes and beetroot.

And as this very letter is being written, there will be others, of a younger generation, who are trying to find room in their crowded homes for yet another enormous multi-pack of toilet rolls. Newspaper pictures and TV coverage of empty supermarket shelves are fuelling the assumption that essential supplies will run short, encouraging the mass purchase of cleaning products, hand gel and pasta, despite assurances that there won't be shortages.

But not everyone can buy in bulk. What about the person on a very limited budget, or an older person who can only carry a few items at a time? Not everyone has the finances or the wheel-power to cart home multiple purchases. Shouldn't we all at this time be thinking about people who are vulnerable, and not just those who are physically less capable, but also those whose mental fragility may make them more susceptible to unsettling anxiety? We can make sure they have sufficient essential supplies, but how do we calm their worries, reassure them and help them put current problems into perspective? And more to the point, how do we do the same for ourselves?

Psychiatrists and therapists often suggest the simple technique of thinking of three good things every day, or 'counting your blessings' as those elderly ladies would say. So we all thought of good things about the day as this letter was being composed: clusters of primroses bursting into flower, the warmth of the sun's rays, the 'smell' of spring in the air, baking with children, unicycles, arranging sprigs of blossom in vases, driving around in open top cars and watching the bluetits building nests in the clematis. We can all list three good things and it truly does help us to feel better about our current situation. Can anyone guess which ones Yann chose?

And above all, we can turn to the power of prayer and many find the serenity prayer particularly helpful: God, grant me the serenity to accept the **things I cannot change**, Courage to **change** the **things** I can, And wisdom to know the difference.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Services and Other News

As most of you know, the Church of England has with huge reluctance asked that churches refrain from all forms of face-to-face public worship for the time being, along with other church-related public gatherings and governance meetings. This means, very sadly, that there will be **no services or other public events over Easter or otherwise until further notice.**

At the time of writing this, Froyle church remains open for anyone wishing to spend some reflective time there, and of course we should all pray for each other and for the world, and look out for those particularly exposed to hardship in the coming weeks and months. In this latter regard, there are various measures, of which you will be aware, being taken by the parish council and others, including by the pastoral care group of the benefice, to reach out to those in need in our communities.

The Church is looking both nationally and within our own benefice at ways of bringing church services into our homes - nationally, for example, by increased radio and TV broadcasting of services. At the benefice level, a BenBinFro YouTube channel has been created. There may be some trial and error in getting this up and running, but, for those with internet access, this is an exciting development. Yann's intention is to post on it every Sunday a video of a short 'virtual' service. There will also be a brief 'thought for the day' posted every weekday morning. You can get to the channel by searching on YouTube under 'BenBinFro' (I have just tried...). Alternatively, get in touch with me or look on the BenBinFro website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) for a link. In any event, keep

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checking the BenBinFro website and the Froyle village website (the 'St Mary's church notes' section of <http://www.froyle.com/fropro.htm>) for updates on this and other church developments in these extraordinarily difficult times.

Home groups and bible study groups have also been suspended – groups are looking at ways to keep in contact through WhatsApp groups or social media or otherwise via the internet or by phone. There is an audio-visual aid called 'Zoom' which is brilliant for linking small groups of people 'face to face' over the internet for chats of up to 40 minutes; it is very user friendly - even I have managed to get it to work without tearing my hair out as I normally do....

Froyle church's annual general meeting was due to be held on 2 April. The Church of England has deferred the deadline for holding such annual meetings until the end of October. We shall therefore wait until later in the year before deciding on a date. In the meantime, the PCC members and others normally elected at these meetings will continue in office. We shall nonetheless (probably before the beginning of April) finalise and post on the Froyle and BenBinFro web-sites, and distribute to those who wish, the Annual Report for 2019, which would normally be presented to and discussed at the annual meeting.

The Benefice Administrative Office will continue to function so far as possible. The difficult process of reorganising the weddings due to be held in Froyle church this summer is just starting. The Church of England has said that weddings can continue to be celebrated in churches, but without guests – so only the couple, the two witnesses required by law and the presiding priest. Funerals, crushingly, will have to be conducted with only next-of-kin in attendance.

Do please contact me at any time with any questions or concerns. I have been sending emails to some of you in recent weeks with updates of developments. I shall continue to do so, however sparingly. If you have been receiving these emails and would prefer not to, let me know. Conversely, if you have not received anything from me in this regard and would like to do so in future, also please let me know.

William Knowles 07775 928933

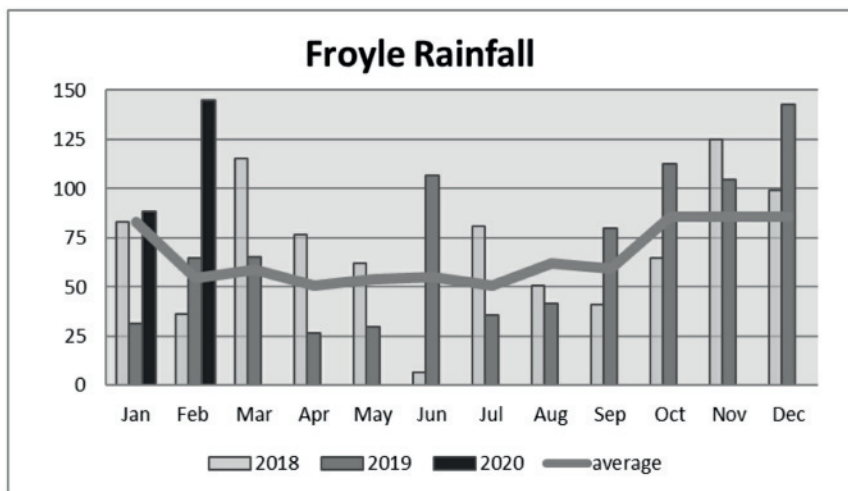
Church Flowers over Easter

As there will no be Services over Easter we shall not be decorating the Church as we usually do. If anyone would like to put flowers in the Church for Easter, please feel free to do so. Vases are now behind the blue curtain under Mary.

Gill Bradley 01420 520484

Froyle Rainfall for February, 2020

This year	145 mm	5.7 ins
Last year	64.5 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.2 ins
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for February – the 5 th driest month	56.0 mm	2.2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	233.5 mm	9.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	137.7 mm	5.4 ins



“The wettest February on record followed by the driest March and a drought lasting most of the summer...”

A prediction? Actually not, because those words refer to 1990 rather than 2020. This year was incredibly wet but here in Froyle it *wasn't* a record, even if it was Froyle's wettest single month since January 2014. History though might repeat itself, because like 30 years ago, a soaking February is often followed by a below-average March.



“The Umbrella Man”

Brain Teasers

- Insert the missing vowels to give five plants. What are they? Hint: they could be flowers, vegetables or trees.

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LMND

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Answers on page 40

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BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

Dr Melanie Way, Dr Abigail Evers, Dr Iona Moore, Dr Natalie Smith

The surgery is open from 8.00am – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday
and the dispensary from

8.30am – 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday
(except on Wednesday afternoons when the dispensary is closed)

When the surgery is closed please call 111

To register for Online appointment booking and repeat prescriptions,
please ask at Reception.

Tel: 01420 22106 www.bentleysurgery.org.uk

HOME HELP NEEDED ?

Local lady available for evening work 6.30pm until late and weekends from 6.30am until late Saturday and Sunday.

Available for cleaning, childcare, mothers help, dog walking, cat sitting, shopping and companionship for the elderly. All work considered.
£10.00 per hour.

Please contact Gina on gccooper1@hotmail.co.uk or call 07811779971.

FROYLE SMALL ADS

Don't forget - Small ads are *free* to all Froyle residents (one per month)

So why not advertise items you no longer need, or are looking for, right here?
or indeed services you can offer or are trying to find?

Just email your text - and a photo if you have one - to magazine@froyle.com

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on Thursdays at 5.30 pm Yoga for everybody**

**in Bentley Village Hall
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Beginners
on Wednesdays at 7.15 pm Slow-flow yoga
starts on 09/01/20
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starts on 10/01/20**

**on Fridays at 10.00 am Yoga class for
everybody**

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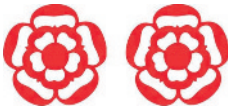
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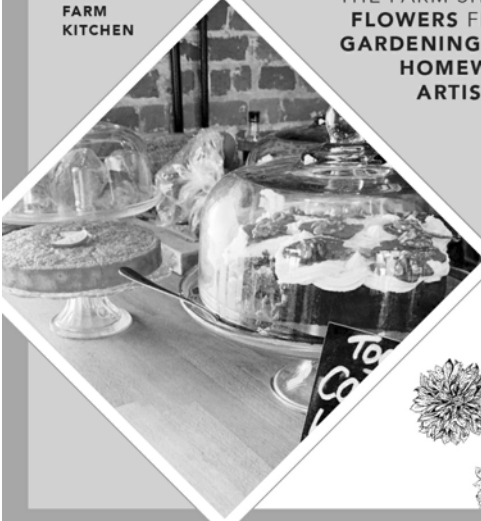
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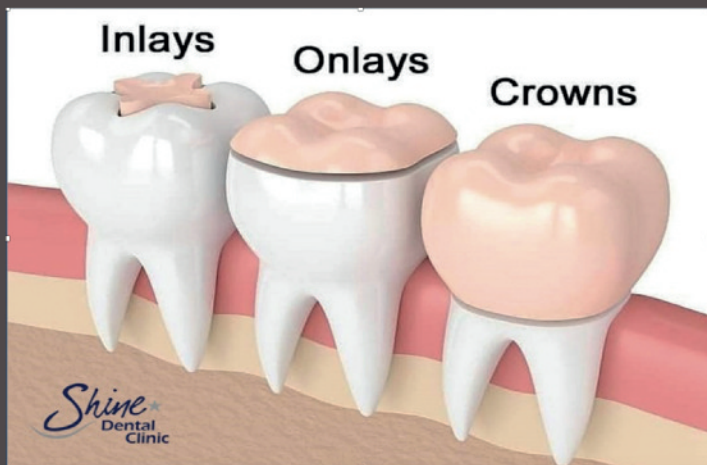
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For people suffering with symptoms associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) there are Public Health England [guidelines regarding the disposal of waste](#).

This includes sealing personal waste such as tissues and disposable cleaning cloths in smaller plastic bags and storing them for 72 hours before double bagging your waste and placing it in your green wheeled bin.

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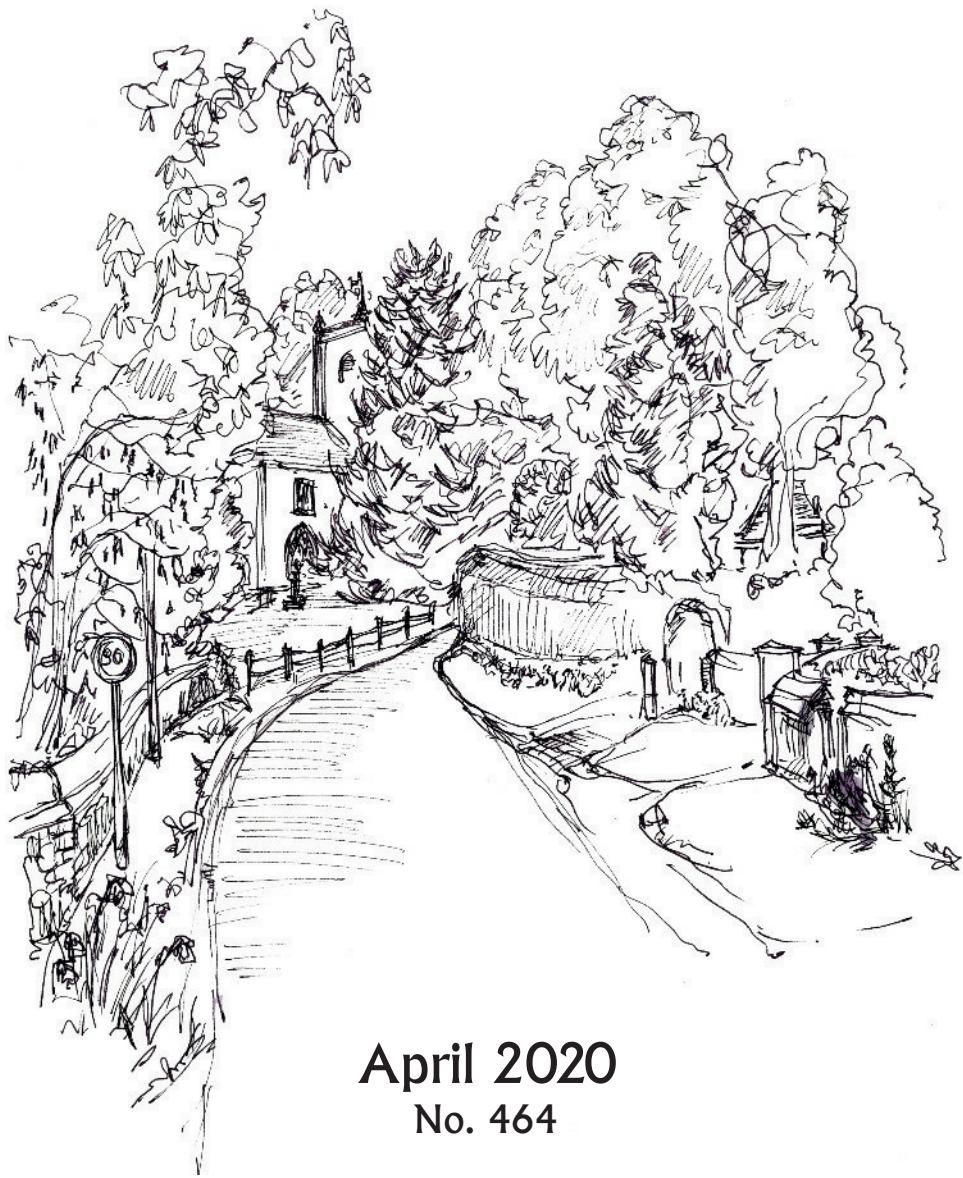
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March News from your Parish Council (PC)

Froyle Parish Council met on 9th March immediately following the Veolia consultation with residents on their proposed incinerator (Advanced Energy Recycling Facility 'AERF') on the site of the existing waste management facility on the A31. In conjunction with Binsted and Bentley Parish Councils, the PC organised an open meeting for all residents from the three parishes on Thursday 12th March. In advance of this meeting the PC awarded contracts for planning consultancy and verified views to show the scale of the proposed plant from local viewpoints. In excess of 130 people attended the meeting which comprised a short presentation focusing on the visual impact of the plant, possible issues of concern and what happens next. Those present unanimously agreed that an Action Group should be formed to coordinate objections to the Veolia proposal under the campaign logo **No Wey Incinerator**. For more details on the objectives of the Action Group and how to offer your help or just keep informed of developments, please see the separate article in this issue.

The owners of Froyle Park have withdrawn the proposed sale of parkland in Upper Froyle from the market thus safeguarding residents' access rights to the wildlife pond off Gid Lane for the time being at least.

A quote has been received from EHDC to purchase and install an additional mixed bin including dog poo at the exit from the Rec into Westburn Fields however EHDC would not empty this bin. It was agreed to consult further with Westburn Fields' residents to determine whether and how to proceed.

Resident safety and wellbeing – the PC discussed the impact on village life of Coronavirus (Covid 19). The impact of this is moving very quickly and the PC will follow Government advice. The Village Hall committee were asked to consider this matter at its meeting on 10th March with respect to users of the Village Hall. The Village Agent, who attended the meeting advised that the community support structure in Froyle was considered to be very effective especially in providing support to elderly residents. **If anyone is experiencing difficulties with shopping etc. due to self-isolation, they should contact Madeleine Black, Village Agent, on 01420 23371 or email her at mablack50@gmail.com.**

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Around the village – the PC considered its responses to five planning applications. It was agreed that no objection would be made to four of these of which two were with respect to tree pruning, one for a new veranda to the rear of the property and one for demolition of an existing garage and construction of a replacement. The wording of the Parish Council objection to planning application (case ref 58562) for the construction of a 600sqm single storey building inside the Walled Garden in Upper Froyle was agreed.

Further to last month's notification regarding HV cable renewal and the temporary closure of footpaths, the Hampshire Countryside Service have provided further details that can be viewed on the PC website at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk. The footpaths will be closed at some point between 20th April and 20th September but only whilst the works are taking place.

Plans to reactivate the **Neighbourhood Watch scheme** will now be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting at a date yet to be advised. Don't forget to visit the **Froyle Parish Council Facebook** page to keep up to date with the latest news of what is happening in and around the village. The next meeting of Froyle Parish Council and AGM is yet to be confirmed and residents are welcome to attend.

Coronavirus Help in Froyle

If you need help during this difficult time Froyle Parish Council are co-ordinating a support service for those who live in the village.

If you need help contact Madeleine Black who is managing a team of village volunteers to help those who are self-isolating or can't get out of the house.

Telephone: 01420 23371 or by email on mablack50@gmail.com

If you are online, information will be regularly updated on the Froyle Parish Council and Froyle Residents Facebook pages and up to date advice is available on the Gov.UK coronavirus pages.

For help collecting prescriptions and lifts to medical appointments contact the Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care group on 01420 23440.

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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

With each day that passes concern about the impact of the Coronavirus increases. What seems like an over-reaction on one day becomes common sense on the next. On the one hand should we shut the hall completely to eliminate all risk of people cross infecting one another or on the other hand at a time of self-isolation, quarantine and sickness should it stay open to boost morale and provide a source of help and advice?

At the time of writing we have decided to cancel the Film Night on 27 March. We have also postponed the Annual General Meeting until later in the year. A synopsis of the hall accounts can be found overleaf and the full document is available on our website at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk. The existing committee and officers will soldier on for the time being. We have advised against continuing with the Meeting Place in its usual form as so many of those who attend are in the 'at risk categories', that is to say over seventy. A replacement event taking place on the patio where the risk of infection will be lower is being considered.

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With regret we have agreed to cancel a number of private bookings including sadly some children's parties. We shall of course return any payments or deposits. The Parish Council have agreed that the playground and patio can continue to be used.

We are not taking further bookings for events involving large numbers of people but for small meetings the hall will remain available on a case by case basis. Art groups and yoga can continue for the time being. Those attending will be responsible for taking the normal precautions: washing their hands on arrival and departure and for disinfecting door handles, furniture, and any equipment they have used etc.

By the time you read this towards the end of March the situation may have changed. Updates will be on the website and the hall noticeboards. The Coronavirus will certainly have a negative financial impact on the hall but we have funds in reserve to keep the hall going for at least the next 6 months even if our income is minimal.

If residents can see ways in which the hall and its committee can provide help and support during what is likely to be a difficult time please email me.

Meanwhile we have a new maintenance project: to replace a number of double glazing units where the seal has failed and the window mists up.

Finally if you do use the hall in the coming weeks, remember to keep your distance and wash your hands thoroughly: clean hands are happy hands!

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

Froyle Village Hall: Summary Treasurer's Report for 2019

(Accounts, Notes, Five year trends and comparison to Budget and the full Report are available on the Hall website.)

USE: Bookings increased during 2019 by about 10% but overall receipts from users were down just over £1,000 to £9,957. This resulted from reduced hiring rates where the Committee agreed the activities were start-ups or not self-supporting, such as Baby Ballet and Toddlers respectively. Also, we increased charges for bookings taken after April 2018 and this may have had an impact on the number of new regular or ad hoc 'commercial', or higher value, bookings in 2019.

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OPERATING COSTS: Costs reduced slightly. We had the kitchen ‘deep cleaned’ which has become a bi-annual cost. The impact of this was offset by a reduction in Utilities costs, mostly Water. The solar panels earned the Hall £890. The net Operating Surplus was £1,507 - down from 2018 mostly due to lower income.

FUNDRAISING: A successful Race Night in June contributed £900. The 100 Club now has 101 members and raised £606. The Bonfire and Fireworks broke even, compared to an average surplus of approx £500 in recent years, as it was a mid-week event with a somewhat damp forecast. The Film Nights continued to make small surpluses, £7 in February and £85 in November.

ONE-OFF / PROJECT EXPENDITURE: During 2019 we bought a stair gate (£44) and a playpen (£70) for the Toddlers, cushions for the seats (£174) and a new speaker (£139). We replaced the main Hall spot lights with LEDs (£1,200). The garden was dug out and replanted (£762). The external woodwork was repaired and repainted (£1,700) including sorting out some very rotten but happily only decorative framing above the front doors. In total, project expenditure was £4,123.

We had budgeted £1,700 for the LEDs and speaker. The other items were not planned for but the 2019 Fete agreed to help with £2,000 for the garden project and the external repairs and painting.

PLANS: We have no specific project plans for 2020 but have reserved funds for internal redecoration in 2021 and the refurbishment of the floor in 2023.

In 2018 and 2019 the Committee noted but had not budgeted to support Parish Council plans for the Football Hut. Given the recent progress, we have included in the 2020 budget £2,500 to support an appropriate project which might directly or indirectly increase the Hall’s revenue, which enhances the overall area and which fits with our charitable purpose.

SUMMARY: The overall Surplus for the year was £2,626 vs a Deficit in 2018 of £4,225. (Note 2018 included the costs of new front doors and a new boiler.)

2020 BUDGET: For 2020 we have taken a cautious approach and forecasted revenue similar to 2019 which results in a budget surplus of £16. However our 2020 cash flow will benefit from the £2,000 Fete contribution received in January 2020.

*Charlie Findlay Hon Treasurer Froyle Village Hall
treasure@froylevillagehall.co.uk*



As the FPC report outlines, it was agreed at the recent VH meeting to form an action group to respond to the proposed building of a commercial incinerator on the current Veolia recycling site. A small steering group has now been formed to tackle the immediate priorities, working cooperatively with FPC.

85 people from Froyle, Bentley, Binsted, Neatham, Holybourne, Alton and Blacknest registered at the meeting in Froyle and asked either to help, or to be informed. That is a good start, thank you. We will need to grow the group ‘membership’ so please make contact via the email address or website below if you have not yet confirmed your details and wish to be kept up to date or to help.

This article is to let you know what has happened since the meeting, what is happening now and how you will be able to help fight the proposal.

We don’t yet know what effect the Covid virus may have on the timing of a planning application, so for now, we **assume the application will be lodged at the end of March, followed by a 30 day consultation period.**

In total the planning process is expected to take around 16 weeks. This may be extended and clearly there may be an appeal afterwards depending on the outcome. We will update you as we learn any more about timings.

More than 50 individual letters of objection have been sent to Veolia and copied to the action group email address info@noweyincinerator.com. Thanks to everyone who did this, it will be really helpful to have our own evidence of the size and strength of early local feeling about the proposal as we move into the next phase.

There are three primary objectives for the steering group. These will further develop as we become more established.

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1. To raise funds. As Julie Southern mentioned on 12th, an experienced and successful planning consultant has been engaged to help develop our response. Other specialist consultants will be needed and we will inevitably need to spend money on publicity, materials and other items. **We urgently need a minimum of £25k for the initial consultants advice and likely considerably more to fund our critical work.** We will shortly be asking for some initial contributions and may follow up with a wider funding campaign.

2. To work with the planning consultant and others to develop key objections to the proposal. Our task will be to develop some 'plain English' key messages we can all use in our individual formal responses to HCC during the consultation phase of the application.

3. To communicate with residents, Parish, District and County Councils, our MP and other relevant bodies. This will likely be through a combination of channels, guided by the unfolding restrictions on public meetings and travel. Our website www.noweyincinerator.com, will shortly be updated and should act as the primary source of information. An email will also be sent to everyone who registered their details at the meeting. We also aim to provide updates to village magazines, newspapers and through focal points, Facebook pages, Whatsapp groups, etc in each village.

You can help now by making sure that all of your local contacts are aware of this potential planning application. Despite the 'greenwash' being applied by Veolia, the planned development seems to be a commercial undertaking. The burning of 330,000 tonnes of industrial waste, transported long distances over already busy roads through Farnham, Four Marks, Selbourne, Farringdon or Alton doesn't appear to be the right answer to our waste problems. The facility will be massive and will generate noise, light, pollution and residue which will still need to be buried. The relatively small amounts (25%) of electricity inefficiently generated will not be supplied directly to local homes and businesses. There are no known plans for any of the very considerable amounts (75%) of heat to be used for anything beneficial. We need to reduce and recycle our waste in preference to incineration and dumping.

We will need further help as the steering group develops plans. **Above all, we will need you individually to respond formally to HCC during the planning consultation period to make sure that they are aware of the strength of local feeling about this application.** Timings and details for this are not yet known. We will provide guidance on how to respond when they are. Understandably our thoughts are significantly diverted to family and supporting others regarding the virus currently, but we may not have much time to respond to this application.

Philip Roberts, Mark Weldon, Will Butler, Simon Marshall
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The Meeting Place

Sadly we will have to suspend the Meeting Place for the foreseeable future. When the weather warms up and depending on the situation with the coronavirus outbreak we hope to be able to serve coffee and cake on the patio.

The MP Team



The Wharfe family would like to say a huge thank you to The Meeting Place for their continued support of The Elizabeth Foundation following their recent donation. Our son Theo benefited hugely from his attendance at this wonderful deaf preschool and we are delighted to continue to support them. Many thanks from us all!

Harriet Wharfe

LENT LUNCHESES

The fourth Lent lunch was held on Wednesday March 18th at the Village Hall, and numbers were, as expected, lower than normal.

Given the current advice from Government about social distancing, there will be no more lunches this year.

In spite of this, the total raised for charities by the four lunches that did take place was £730, which is a fantastic amount.

Many thanks to all the hostesses, and to those who partook of the soups. Let's hope that next year, we will manage our customary six lunches without incident!

Jenny Gove

Froyle 100 Club

The 100 Club winners for March were:

1st - Sandra Fry 2nd - Jenny Gove

3rd - Sue Carr 4th - Jan Elliott

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles 07775 928933

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Village Events / Activities

At the time of going to press, it will come to no surprise that the majority of our village events, activities planned for the month of April have been postponed. We have tried to capture them here on one page to make it easier for you to see what the situation is. However, as this is constantly evolving, we would strongly urge you to contact the organisers should you need up to date information. It is hoped that normal activities will resume as soon as is practical once we are over this current crisis.



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

**Froyle Church Jumble Sale
planned for Saturday 25 April**

**Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and
Village Hall Annual General Meeting (VH AGM)
on Wednesday 22 April**

**Froyle Baby & Toddler
Group presents...**

**Bingo Night
on 25 April**



The Froyle Games Club

Gardening Club Report for April 2020



Spring is here - it is just after mid-March and I already have tulips and some cowslips in bloom. Sadly our Spring Show in April and our May meeting are now cancelled and we must wait for further advice for the club's summer and autumn activities.

Many of our members are in the 'over 70's or vulnerable' group but we are fortunate in Froyle to have our gardens to enjoy and lovely surroundings for walks. There is also a great community spirit and special thanks go to all those volunteering to help those of us in isolation.

Wishing you all a good gardening season and may you keep safe and well.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
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R Ambling Walk Recommendations

As we are told to self-isolate and social distance by the Government we are also told to keep active and if you live in the country go for a walk. If you meet anyone just remember to keep a distance of 2 metres from each other.

So we decide to bring R Ambling out of winter hibernation to recommend a couple of local walks.

Approx: 2.5 Miles, 1/1.5hours. A Combination of road, tracks and fields, can be a little boggy in places so maybe Wellingtons until mid April.

Leave the Village Hall and walk towards Upper Froyle and turn right into Bamber Lane. Keep on Bamber Lane up the large incline and when you reach the top of the hill you will see a large house on your left which is Saintbury Hill. Just after passing the house you will see a metal gate on your left, go through this and keep on the grass path through two further metal gates passing the tennis court on your left. On exiting the third gate you will see the path going through the large field passed the remains of a large tree and at the bottom continue along the path keeping the hedgerow on your left. On reaching the lane, turn left and walk towards St Mary's Church. You are now in Upper Froyle. At the tee junction by the church turn left walking down hill keeping the church on your right. Just prior the thatched cottage on your right you will see a stile into a field which may contain sheep, cross the stile and follow the path across the field to a

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gate, go through the gate, turn left and walk down the avenue of trees. At the end of the avenue, go through the gate, turn right onto the lane and very quickly turn left onto the footpath signposted as St Swithuns Way, follow this path all the way to the Anchor. Turn Left on the road and walk approximately a quarter of a mile until you reach Park Lane turn left into Park Lane and as you get to the White House turn right and follow the path to the Recreation Field and cross it to return to the village hall.

Approx: 4 Miles, 1.5/2 hours. A combination of road, tracks and across fields so appropriate footwear is advised.

Starting again at the village hall walk to Husseys Lane, either around the road or across the recreation ground and down Park Lane. Walk all the way up Husseys Lane, it becomes a track after the last house, keep going until you come to the road, turn right. Follow the road past Isnage farm on your right and again keep on this road probably for approximately a mile until you come to a tee junction on a tight bend, turn left and follow the road and then the drive to Bury Court, just before the gates of Bury Court Barn turn right and follow this path, this takes you through an avenue of trees up to Bentley Church. When you get to the Church turn immediately right and follow the road past a cottage on the left and onto the tee junction by Jenkyn Place. At the tee junction turn right and then immediately left, go through the parking area for the cottages on your left, through two gates and follow the edge of the field with the vineyard on your left, keep going and when you get to the horses follow the path as directed and then through a gate along a narrow path and then turn left on Pax Hill Drive. Just before the first house, take the stile into the field, follow the defined path across the field and then through the gate and then to Coldrey Drive, follow the drive up to the next gate, go through and then keeping Coldrey Cottages on your right, return to Froyle Road turn right and then return to the village, passing the Anchor Inn on your left.

R Ambling

Froyle Residents' Facebook Group

The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group now has over 200 members and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all newcomers. In the difficult times ahead, online groups such as The Froyle Residents' Facebook Group are a great way to communicate and safely stay in touch with neighbours and your local community. It is heartening to see that in recent days many residents have offered their time and support to the community to provide assistance to others. Thank you.

If you haven't already joined, please search Facebook for "Froyle Residents" and select the button to Join the Group. We look forward to welcoming you.

Simon Watmore (2 Burnham Square)

simon@watmore.com

Just some offers of help nearby...



Bentley Stores are near and open as usual.

Mill Farm Organic Isington will deliver to those self-isolating. See their ad on page 29 in this magazine.

Newlyns Farm Shop “announce a Home Delivery service to anyone living within a 10 mile radius of our Farm Shop. If the Coronavirus has forced you to isolate under Government guidelines, we are here to help. Please call 01256 704128 and place an order over the phone and we will deliver to your door with no delivery charge”.

The **Hen & Chicken** are offering to deliver meals. Please check out their takeaway menu at www.henandchicken.co.uk, Facebook and Instagram pages. Mains selection is as follows and there are also Pizzas and Desserts to choose. Tel 01420 22115.

Mains

Badger Beer Battered Cod and Chips

'Hall and Woodhouse' beer battered fish served with chips, tartare sauce, garden peas and a slice of fresh lemon

Hunters Chicken 🍷

Seared chicken breast on the grill topped with smoked bacon, barbecue sauce and melted cheddar cheese. Served with either chips or buttered new potatoes and a mixed salad

Fusilli Pasta 🍷

With pesto, cherry tomatoes and feta cheese

Homemade 8oz Prime Beef Burger

Served in a toasted brioche bun, mayonnaise, gem lettuce, tomato, dill pickle and chips

Breaded Chicken Burger

Served in a toasted brioche bun, mayonnaise, gem lettuce, tomato, dill pickle and chips

Scampi and Chips

Deep fried whole tail scampi served with chips, tartare sauce, garden peas and a wedge of lemon

Rack of Barbecue Pork Ribs

Served with corn on the cob and coleslaw. Choose from chips, mash or new potatoes

Roast Dinner of the Day

Served with all the trimmings

all £10.00 each

For information:

Citizens Advice offices are closed but there is a telephone number for East Hampshire residents: **0300 3309 028**. In addition, they are asking people to visit the national website www.citizensadvice.org.uk where they can get up to date information, and contact by email or webchat.

Scammer Alert!

While we are busy answering the phone from family and friends checking up on each other, watch out for that unknown caller who addresses you personally, and says your warranty for TV/ washing machine/ boiler is due for renewal now. They will take the payment from your card again... Oh! The card has failed, can I just check the number? etc etc.

Neighbourhood Alert are reporting COVID 19 ransomware circulating online.

Madeleine Black, VA, 23371



Medicine for the Soul



With all of us having what will probably be quite a lot of time on our hands over the next few weeks, this might be an opportunity to catch up with our reading – or listening. So here are a few good reads – three recent and one classic (all of which, bar the Molly Case, are available in audiobook form):

“Me” by Elton John: you saw the movie (“Rocketman”), now read the book. Reviews include such phrases as “Absolutely phenomenal...”, “Loved every minute of it”, “Funny, fearless and brutally honest”, “Shockingly self-aware and funny (often laugh out loud)...”.

“Russians Among Us: Sleeper Cells, Ghost Stories and the Hunt for Putin’s Spies” by Gordon Corera: remember Anna Chapman the flame-haired Russian spy who lived undercover in the US for many years? This is the fascinating story of her, her cohort and how they were caught.

“How to Treat People; a Nurse at Work” by Molly Case: a love letter to the nursing profession, Molly’s father and her patients; “A wonderfully crafted piece of writing”.

“The Quiet American” by Graham Greene: a story of the French colonial war in Vietnam before the US arrived, as told by Fowler, a cynical journalist, about his dealings with American idealist Pile; “Elegant, both prophetic and historic”.



Froyle Wildlife

Walks and (No) Talks

Our planned talk in March about *'The Barn Owl Project Hampshire'* was postponed at short notice due to concerns about coronavirus and changes in government advice. Similarly, April's talk about 'Chalk Grassland' is postponed until further notice. We may be able to arrange outdoor walks that ensure 'social distancing' in the coming months. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news.

New Living Willow Dome

At the beginning of March, we enjoyed completing the willow dome construction on Froyle recreation ground. Thanks to the volunteers who transformed bundles of willow rods into a structure that should root and grow. We are hoping that this will provide a lovely natural place for residents (most likely the younger ones!) to use. Willow domes are also beneficial for wildlife, specifically insects and birds.



Ryebridge Stream overflow in February

The wildlife pond and surrounding meadow near Gid Lane is adjacent to Ryebridge Stream that rises from springs in Upper Froyle and flows down to the River Wey. It's seasonal flow usually dries up in summer and appears to be no more than a small ditch. After this year's exceptional rainfall in February the stream overflowed into the field like a river and made a temporary new lake about 200x20m in size. By mid-March the flood had subsided and the overflow ceased.



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Thames Water repair

I reported a leak of raw sewage in the field near the Gid Lane pumping station and it was then promptly repaired by Thames Water. The leak was caused by a fractured pipe in March and contaminated ground near the public footpath. The pollution should degrade naturally with no lasting environmental damage.

Wildlife Sightings in Froyle?

Do continue to send us your observations while out and about in Froyle or in your garden to info@froylewildlife.co.uk. Last year's reports included Little Owl, Slow Worm, Great Crested Newt, Scarlet Tiger, Elephant Hawkmoth caterpillar and Crab Spider. Have you seen your first Swallow of the year or heard a Cuckoo, do let us know.

Barry Clark

Froyle Park Wildlife Pond 2019

The wildlife pond and surrounding wild flower meadow continued to attract new species in 2019. These included, in no particular order, Slender Ground-hoppers, a bumble bee mimic hoverfly - *Volucella bombylans* var. *Plumata*, Ashy Mining Bee and Kingfisher. Day flying moths included Scarlet Tiger, Hummingbird Hawk-moth and Mother Shipton - look this up on the 'UK Moths' website to see how it gets its name. Butterflies recorded have risen to 24 species with Painted Lady and Small Heath butterflies and the dragonfly list has gone up to 16 species with the addition of Migrant Hawker.

In Our Gardens

With the coronavirus it looks as though most of us will be spending quite a bit of time at home this year. Getting out in the garden and looking for the wildlife that is sharing your patch can be very absorbing and calming. There are many UK websites to aid identification and you never know what might turn up, last year for instance we found a Red Data Book, Toadflax Brocade moth larva feeding on... - yes you guessed it -Toadflax. But even the everyday species have amazing stories to discover.

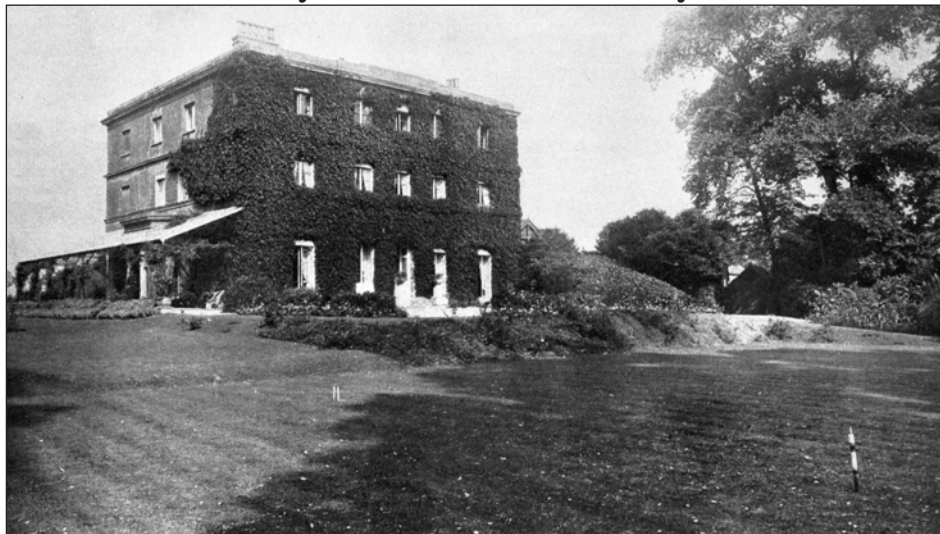
Sue Clark

Pheasant and Partridge Breasts for sale

There are still packs of frozen pheasant or partridge breasts available to buy. In each pack there are either 4 pheasant or 6 partridge breasts, each costing £3 per pack.

Anyone interested should contact Paul Edwards (gamekeeper) on 07719 914850.

April News from The Froyle Archive Froyle House and Cattleys



Ten years ago Sir John Smiley, whose family lived in Froyle House between 1937 and the early 1950s, lent The Froyle Archive the Smiley family albums which gave a fascinating insight into life in Upper Froyle just before World War 2. Very recently we received another communication from Sir John, in the form of a letter his mother, Lady Smiley, received in December 1937, from Sister Nora, a relative of the Burningham family who had built Froyle House in 1820. Our records show that it was actually built on the site of Cattleys Farm. Nora mentions that she visited the house in 1928 when it was empty and that the first house, Cattleys Farm, was built mainly on the front lawn - set out for croquet in the 1915 picture at the top. In 2012 we joined the Hampshire Field Society in visiting the cellar, which gave us both the impression that the building above must have been quite impressive as the cellar itself was of a very substantial construction.

(see more photographs overleaf)



The vaulted ceiling of the cellar



You get some idea of the thickness of the walls in the two photographs above. The rather ornate lock could have been for the wine cellar?

We assumed that the cellar windows were covered when the site was back filled to construct the new house.

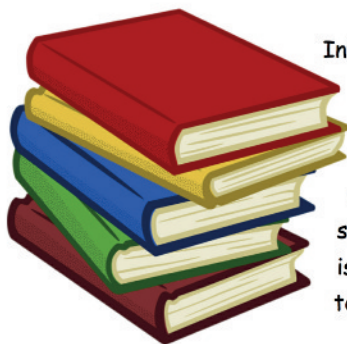


Read more at:-

<http://www.froyle.com/fhcellar.htm>
Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Looking for something to do while self isolating?

We would love you to listen to children read or read to children while they are not at school



Introduce your favourite book to the younger generation; let them introduce you to one of their favourite books or pick an entirely new book together - all that we ask is the book chosen is age appropriate. Children would benefit from the reading routine while not at school and it will hopefully provide some much needed entertainment and company for those self-isolating. All interaction can take place remotely via whatever technology is available for both listener and reader.

Froyle children will be matched with Froyle Self-Isolators. If you are interested in finding out more (whether parent of child or self-isolator), please contact Amanda Sinclair at mandasinclair@yahoo.co.uk 07866 511061

Maths at Bentley CE Primary School

Maths is a vital life skill. At Bentley we believe the calculation skills children learn in their journey through our school will be drawn upon and used many times whilst at secondary school and beyond.

We aim to develop confident mathematicians who are willing to give each challenge a go and use what they know to support their new learning. Pupils are encouraged



to use resources to help build their understanding of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. In addition, resources such as numicon, diennes place value counters, support children to talk about their mathematical thinking and begin to explain and their understanding.

Year 1 children discussing how to partition numbers

Once the children have understood the new concept they can move to show their understanding through pictures.

With our new wonderful Year R outdoor learning classroom, the children can really get their hands dirty! Using various real life objects the children have been able to investigate capacity. Our Year R teacher, Miss Smith, has been impressed with the variety of mathematical language the children have been using - bigger than, smaller than - as well as predicting the container that will hold the most.



Year R children in their outdoor learning space

A key skill for the children to learn is the multiplication facts up to and including the 12 times tables. In addition, they need to know the related division facts. Once the children have understood the patterns within the times tables and are quickly able to recall the facts, they begin to understand more abstract mathematical concepts such as fractions, area and perimeter, and ratio. We use a variety of teaching methods to support this learning including the on-line programme 'IT Rockstars'. Each child from Year 1 up has their own login and are encouraged to practise their times tables at home. We have noticed those that are regular users make rapid progress through our times table scheme. At the end of this academic

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year, Year 4 will be taking the first Multiplication Tables Check which is a national test set by the Government.

During lessons, all children are encouraged to self-select their independent task to reflect their current level of understanding. The different tasks give all children a sense of achievement and build their mathematical confidence. If a child finishes their independent task they can move to the ‘chilli challenge’ which is an investigative task to get the children to think more deeply and encourage them to explain their thinking.

Why not have a go at a recent Year 4 Reach 100 activity? The children need to create a number sentence which has two 2-digit numbers which make 100. How many possibilities did you find? Did you use a variety of addition, multiplication, subtraction and division? All answers would be greatly received by me!

Every term we have a whole school reasoning activity which is really exciting as the children love the idea that the whole school is working on a similar task. Have a go at our autumn reasoning task.

Beads & Bags

This challenge involves three beads and lots of bags. There are as many bags as you need.

Find a way to put the beads into some of the bags.

Find another way to put the beads into some of the bags.

How many different ways can you make? Have you tried putting a bag into another bag?

Can you record your ways? How do you know you got them all?

In addition, we run two whole school ‘Week of inspirational Maths’ which include a variety of activities to encourage children to discuss maths. Great fun!

We believe the children should be given opportunities to experience maths away from the classroom; at Bentley we run various extracurricular clubs that support mathematical learning such as maths club, cookery club, board games and chess club.

You are very welcome to have a go at some of the above challenges and send any interesting findings to the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs Rushin, Maths Leader

Easy Easter baking with kids: Mini Egg Brownies

5 minutes prep, 15 minutes cooking

Ingredients

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups Mini Eggs divided

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray two muffin trays generously with baking spray to prevent brownies from sticking, or use paper cases.
- In a large bowl sift together sugar, cocoa, flour, salt and baking soda.
- Using a mixing spoon or hand mixer, mix the melted butter, eggs and vanilla into the dry ingredients.
- Crush 1 cup of the Mini Eggs and stir into batter. Use a Ziplock bag and go over them with a rolling pin. You want them to be in smaller pieces, but not completely obliterated.
- Divide batter evenly into muffin trays, put in oven and bake for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven and press remaining Mini Eggs gently into the tops of brownie bites and bake for 3 more minutes.
- Allow brownies to cool slightly. Run a knife around the edges and then gently transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Enjoy!

GAMES AND PUZZLES

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Find the word that links these pairs of words, making each of them into a new word:

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Insert the same two letters into the exact centre of the words below to make four new longer words. What are the two letters and the four new words?

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MISSING NUMBER

Which number should replace the ??

- 1, 3, 7, 13, 21, ??, 43

Happy Easter from Mr Bunny
Please colour me in...



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

After weeks of grey skies, heavy with rain, after variously named storms, this letter is being written with the sun shining on spring flowers. So that made us think that despite the current climate doom and gloom with alarming headlines in the papers every day, we should all consider how we can best survive challenging times. Coronavirus, bare supermarket shelves, floods and the possible development of a polluting incinerator right in the midst of Benbinfro, are all creating anxiety and giving some sleepless nights.

Of course, there are many members of our three churches congregations and residents in our villages, who will scoff and say, 'think this is challenging? It's nothing compared to the war.' One of our team was talking to elderly ladies in a local care home recently, who laughed at the prospect of impending doom as they recalled sucking on Oxo cubes instead of sweets and creating inventive recipes from potatoes and beetroot.

And as this very letter is being written, there will be others, of a younger generation, who are trying to find room in their crowded homes for yet another enormous multi-pack of toilet rolls. Newspaper pictures and TV coverage of empty supermarket shelves are fuelling the assumption that essential supplies will run short, encouraging the mass purchase of cleaning products, hand gel and pasta, despite assurances that there won't be shortages.

But not everyone can buy in bulk. What about the person on a very limited budget, or an older person who can only carry a few items at a time? Not everyone has the finances or the wheel-power to cart home multiple purchases. Shouldn't we all at this time be thinking about people who are vulnerable, and not just those who are physically less capable, but also those whose mental fragility may make them more susceptible to unsettling anxiety? We can make sure they have sufficient essential supplies, but how do we calm their worries, reassure them and help them put current problems into perspective? And more to the point, how do we do the same for ourselves?

Psychiatrists and therapists often suggest the simple technique of thinking of three good things every day, or 'counting your blessings' as those elderly ladies would say. So we all thought of good things about the day as this letter was being composed: clusters of primroses bursting into flower, the warmth of the sun's rays, the 'smell' of spring in the air, baking with children, unicycles, arranging sprigs of blossom in vases, driving around in open top cars and watching the bluetits building nests in the clematis. We can all list three good things and it truly does help us to feel better about our current situation. Can anyone guess which ones Yann chose?

And above all, we can turn to the power of prayer and many find the serenity prayer particularly helpful: God, grant me the serenity to accept the **things I cannot change**, Courage to **change** the **things** I can, And wisdom to know the difference.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Services and Other News

As most of you know, the Church of England has with huge reluctance asked that churches refrain from all forms of face-to-face public worship for the time being, along with other church-related public gatherings and governance meetings. This means, very sadly, that there will be **no services or other public events over Easter or otherwise until further notice.**

At the time of writing this, Froyle church remains open for anyone wishing to spend some reflective time there, and of course we should all pray for each other and for the world, and look out for those particularly exposed to hardship in the coming weeks and months. In this latter regard, there are various measures, of which you will be aware, being taken by the parish council and others, including by the pastoral care group of the benefice, to reach out to those in need in our communities.

The Church is looking both nationally and within our own benefice at ways of bringing church services into our homes - nationally, for example, by increased radio and TV broadcasting of services. At the benefice level, a BenBinFro YouTube channel has been created. There may be some trial and error in getting this up and running, but, for those with internet access, this is an exciting development. Yann's intention is to post on it every Sunday a video of a short 'virtual' service. There will also be a brief 'thought for the day' posted every weekday morning. You can get to the channel by searching on YouTube under 'BenBinFro' (I have just tried...). Alternatively, get in touch with me or look on the BenBinFro website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) for a link. In any event, keep

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checking the BenBinFro website and the Froyle village website (the 'St Mary's church notes' section of <http://www.froyle.com/fropro.htm>) for updates on this and other church developments in these extraordinarily difficult times.

Home groups and bible study groups have also been suspended – groups are looking at ways to keep in contact through WhatsApp groups or social media or otherwise via the internet or by phone. There is an audio-visual aid called 'Zoom' which is brilliant for linking small groups of people 'face to face' over the internet for chats of up to 40 minutes; it is very user friendly - even I have managed to get it to work without tearing my hair out as I normally do....

Froyle church's annual general meeting was due to be held on 2 April. The Church of England has deferred the deadline for holding such annual meetings until the end of October. We shall therefore wait until later in the year before deciding on a date. In the meantime, the PCC members and others normally elected at these meetings will continue in office. We shall nonetheless (probably before the beginning of April) finalise and post on the Froyle and BenBinFro web-sites, and distribute to those who wish, the Annual Report for 2019, which would normally be presented to and discussed at the annual meeting.

The Benefice Administrative Office will continue to function so far as possible. The difficult process of reorganising the weddings due to be held in Froyle church this summer is just starting. The Church of England has said that weddings can continue to be celebrated in churches, but without guests – so only the couple, the two witnesses required by law and the presiding priest. Funerals, crushingly, will have to be conducted with only next-of-kin in attendance.

Do please contact me at any time with any questions or concerns. I have been sending emails to some of you in recent weeks with updates of developments. I shall continue to do so, however sparingly. If you have been receiving these emails and would prefer not to, let me know. Conversely, if you have not received anything from me in this regard and would like to do so in future, also please let me know.

William Knowles 07775 928933

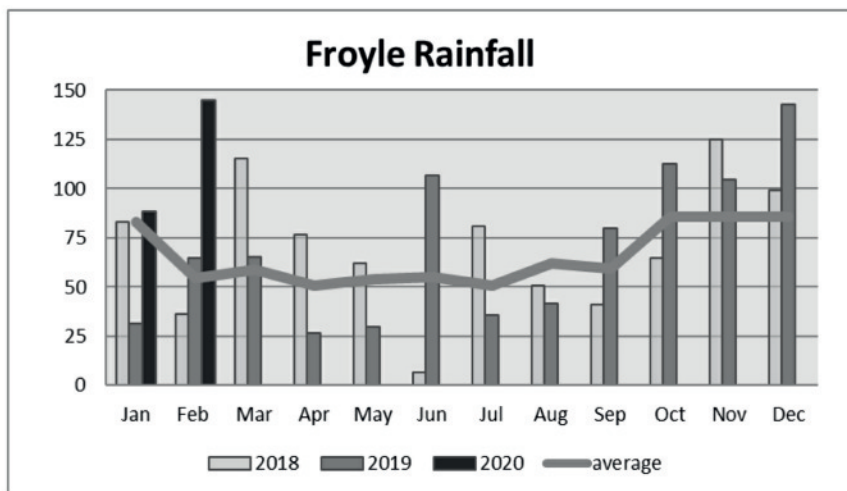
Church Flowers over Easter

As there will no be Services over Easter we shall not be decorating the Church as we usually do. If anyone would like to put flowers in the Church for Easter, please feel free to do so. Vases are now behind the blue curtain under Mary.

Gill Bradley 01420 520484

Froyle Rainfall for February, 2020

This year	145 mm	5.7 ins
Last year	64.5 mm	2.5 ins
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.2 ins
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for February – the 5 th driest month	56.0 mm	2.2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	233.5 mm	9.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	137.7 mm	5.4 ins



“The wettest February on record followed by the driest March and a drought lasting most of the summer...”

A prediction? Actually not, because those words refer to 1990 rather than 2020. This year was incredibly wet but here in Froyle it *wasn't* a record, even if it was Froyle's wettest single month since January 2014. History though might repeat itself, because like 30 years ago, a soaking February is often followed by a below-average March.



“The Umbrella Man”

Brain Teasers

- Insert the missing vowels to give five plants. What are they? Hint: they could be flowers, vegetables or trees.

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Answers on page 40

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BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

Dr Melanie Way, Dr Abigail Evers, Dr Iona Moore, Dr Natalie Smith

The surgery is open from 8.00am – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday
and the dispensary from

8.30am – 12.30pm and 4.00pm – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday
(except on Wednesday afternoons when the dispensary is closed)

When the surgery is closed please call 111

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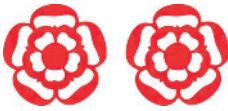
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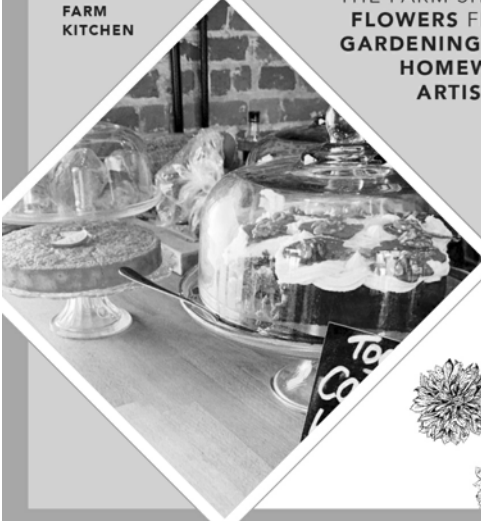
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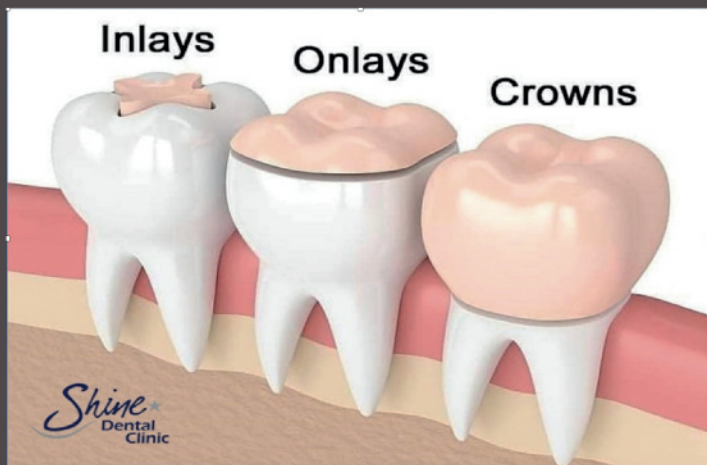
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For people suffering with symptoms associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) there are Public Health England [guidelines regarding the disposal of waste](#).

This includes sealing personal waste such as tissues and disposable cleaning cloths in smaller plastic bags and storing them for 72 hours before double bagging your waste and placing it in your green wheeled bin.

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April News from your Parish Council (PC)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bookings:
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News from the Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Gardening Club Report for May 2020



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

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

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

'Sweet April showers do spring May flowers'

Anne Blunt (22262)



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

**Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am (during term times)
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In light of the Covid-19 outbreak, please keep an eye on the facebook page or call/message me for more information. We will be following Bentley School's closures.

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Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.

Froyle 100 Club April 2020 Doggy Draw

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

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



The briefing...

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



The draw...

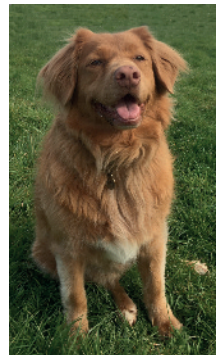
How did the dogs do it? We'll have to leave that to your imagination.

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

So the winners this month are:

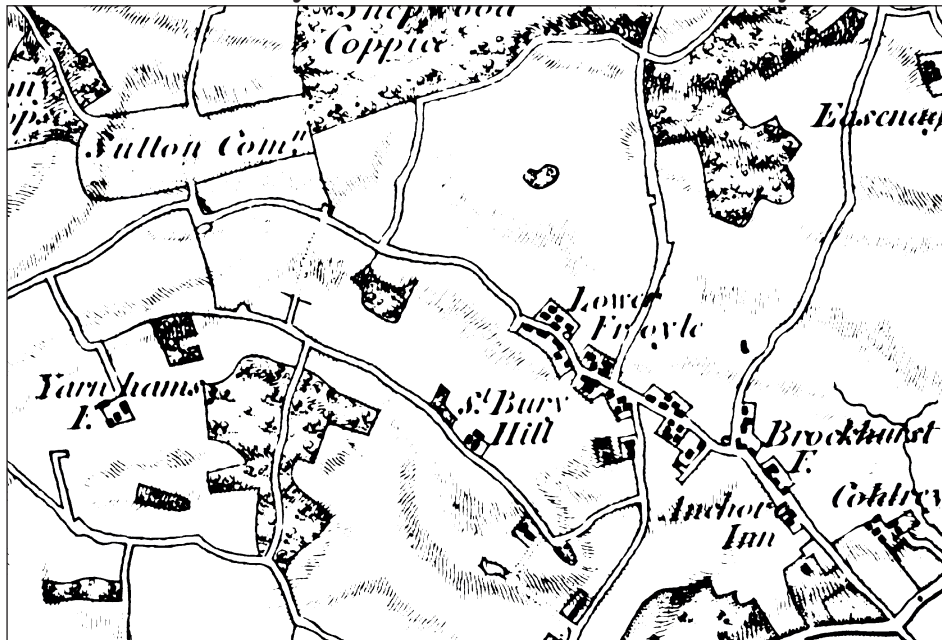
- 1st – Annette Eyre
- 2nd – Roy Norkett
- 3rd – Dolly Blanchard
- 4th – Margaret Robinson

Congratulations to all!
Woof woof...



The supervisor...

May News from The Froyle Archive Banburys and the Ordnance Survey



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Put Bonfires on the Back Burner during Coronavirus Crisis

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

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

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

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

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

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



Manage Your Mental Wellbeing

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

For East Hants Mind go to:

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

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

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

Beware of Covid-19 scams



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

Tips on spotting scams:

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

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

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

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent:

Madeleine on 23371

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



Froyle Wildlife

Nature carrying on as usual, despite Covid-19

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Jayne Fisher

Views of Froyle

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



*Photos by courtesy
of Barry Clark*

Plant Sales for National Gardens Scheme (NGS)

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

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

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

For more information please contact us:

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Maths Puzzles

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

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



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

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

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

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

David Robertson (520820)

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



Bentley CE Primary School

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

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

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

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

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



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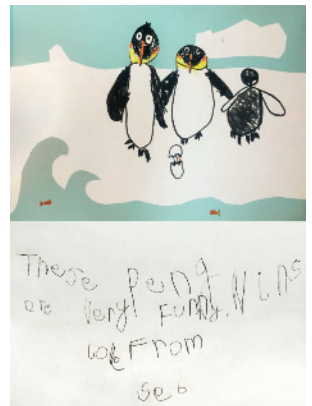
We have heard some great adaptations and extensions to make it 'just right' for each family but have had lots of feedback that keeping to a routine helps everyone to cope better.

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

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

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

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



Businesses urged to confirm their details for coronavirus grants

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

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

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

There are two grants available:

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

Both grants are subject to eligibility criteria.

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

Manage your business rates online

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

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



Citizens Advice East Hampshire: here to help the community



A letter to the residents of East Hampshire

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

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

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

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

We will continue to provide advice to East Hampshire residents through this pandemic, but to protect your safety and that of our staff and volunteers, we will be doing this **by telephone** from 18 March 2020. Our offices across East Hampshire will be closed to face to face callers, however, we are putting all our resources on providing a telephone service via the **Adviceline 0300 3309 028 (East Hampshire residents only)** and we encourage you to call this number with any advice query. If you already have an appointment with us, we will be in touch as to how we can deliver this by phone.

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

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

All the best

Helen Drake

Chief Executive
Citizens Advice East Hampshire

Citizens Advice website:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

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ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Services and Other News

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

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

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

William Knowles

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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Update

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

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

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

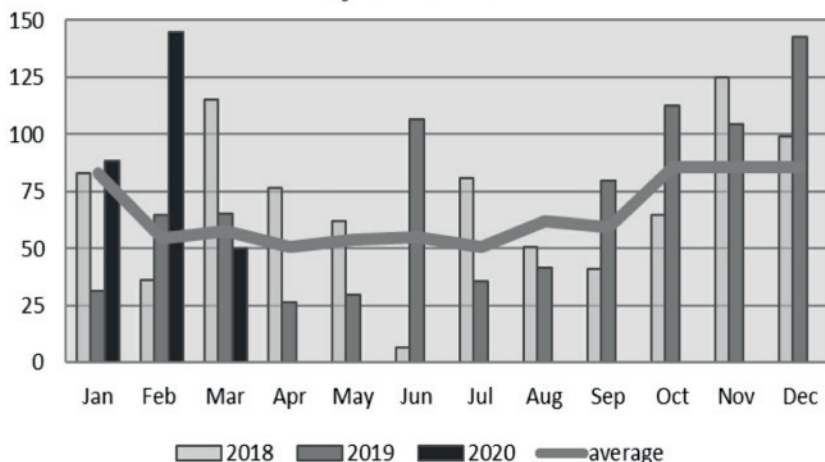
So far, we have been baking, drawing, eating, playing games and worshipping! As United, we feel meeting little and often is more important, especially for those in isolation, so please get in contact with me by email, gemma@benbinfro.co.uk, or call/text 07774 344309 to find out more and see how your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

*Gemma Ball
Pastoral Assistant (Youth) and Administrator*

Froye Rainfall for March 2020

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

Froye Rainfall



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



“The Umbrella Man”



SUPPORT SERVICES

WHERE TO GET HELP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

- Hampshire Helpline **0333 370 4000**
- Portsmouth **023 9268 8004**
- Southampton **023 8083 4800**
- Isle of Wight **01983 823 600**

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

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

Helplines:

- Mind Charity **0300 123 3393** Text: 86463 Email: info@mind.org.uk
- Samaritans **116 123** Email: jo@samaritans.org
- The Silver Line (advice and friendship for the elderly) **0800 470 80 90** www.thesilverline.org.uk
- Age UK (telephone friendship service for over 60s) **0800 678 1602** www.ageuk.org.uk
- Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service **03300 165112**
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline **0808 2000 247**
- Childline **0800 1111**
- Respect Phonenumber **0808 8024040**



www.hampshire.police.uk

Deaf? Non-emergency text

07781 480999

For crime and community information

www.hampshirealert.co.uk

Visit Neighbourhood Watch

at www.hinwa-nw.org.uk



THE WILSON PRACTICE

Patient update 17 April 2020

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

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

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

A few reminders for the week:

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2. If you are concerned that staying at home/indoors for another three weeks might start to impact on **your mental wellbeing**, there is useful advice from the Every Mind Matters team at the link below. Please remember however, if you have worrying symptoms or an exacerbation of previous concerns, you should contact the practice or your usual support team (or NHS111 if out of hours).

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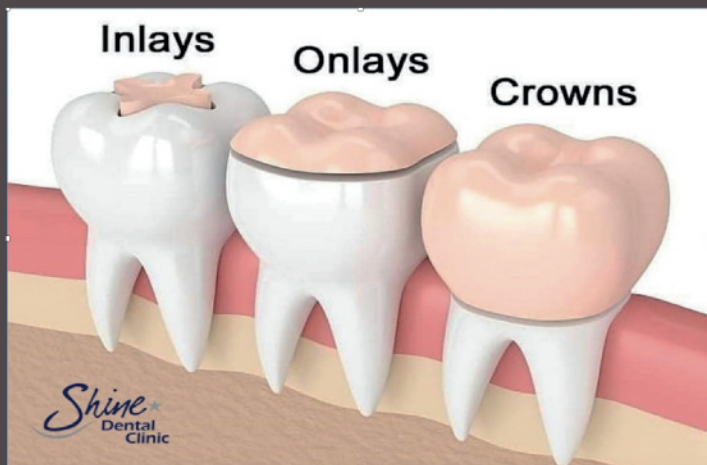
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April News from your Parish Council (PC)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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News from the Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Gardening Club Report for May 2020



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

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

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

'Sweet April showers do spring May flowers'

Anne Blunt (22262)



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

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

**All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £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 or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.

Froyle 100 Club April 2020 Doggy Draw

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

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



The briefing...

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



The draw...

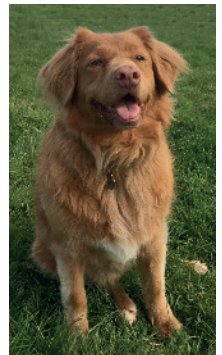
How did the dogs do it? We'll have to leave that to your imagination.

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

So the winners this month are:

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

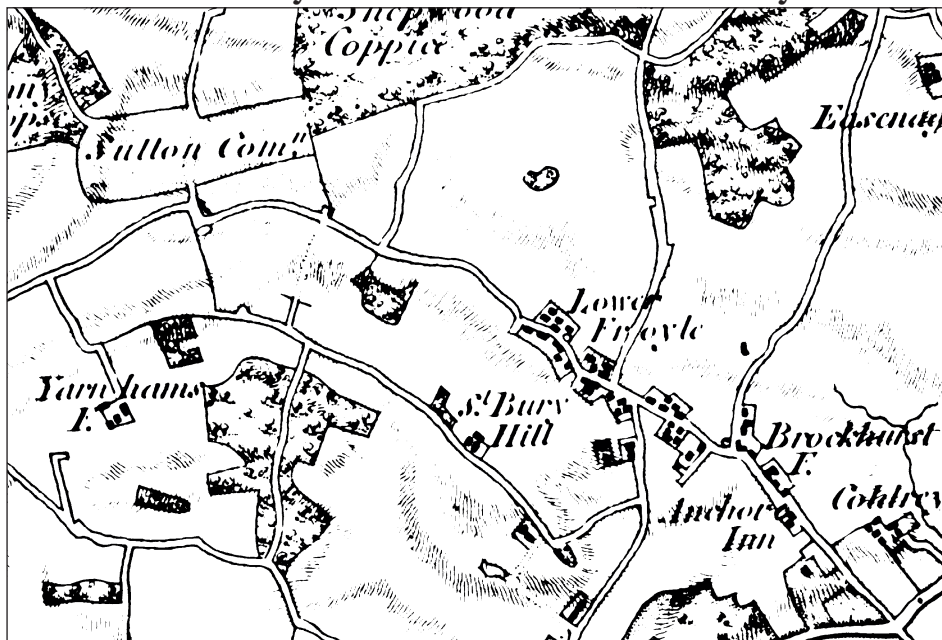
Congratulations to all!
Woof woof...



The supervisor...

May News from The Froyle Archive

Banburys and the Ordnance Survey



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Put Bonfires on the Back Burner during Coronavirus Crisis

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

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

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

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

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

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



Manage Your Mental Wellbeing

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

For East Hants Mind go to:

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

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

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

Beware of Covid-19 scams



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

Tips on spotting scams:

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

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

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

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent:

Madeleine on 23371

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



Froyle Wildlife

Nature carrying on as usual, despite Covid-19

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Jayne Fisher

Views of Froyle

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



*Photos by courtesy
of Barry Clark*

Plant Sales for National Gardens Scheme (NGS)

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

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

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

For more information please contact us:

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Maths Puzzles

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

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



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

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

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

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

David Robertson (520820)

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



Bentley CE Primary School

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

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

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

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

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



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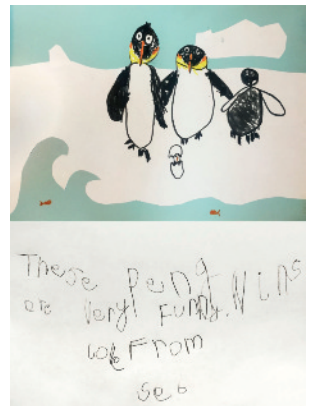
We have heard some great adaptations and extensions to make it 'just right' for each family but have had lots of feedback that keeping to a routine helps everyone to cope better.

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

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

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

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



Businesses urged to confirm their details for coronavirus grants

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

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

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

There are two grants available:

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

Both grants are subject to eligibility criteria.

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

Manage your business rates online

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

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





A letter to the residents of East Hampshire

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

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

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

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

We will continue to provide advice to East Hampshire residents through this pandemic, but to protect your safety and that of our staff and volunteers, we will be doing this **by telephone** from 18 March 2020. Our offices across East Hampshire will be closed to face to face callers, however, we are putting all our resources on providing a telephone service via the **Adviceline 0300 3309 028 (East Hampshire residents only)** and we encourage you to call this number with any advice query. If you already have an appointment with us, we will be in touch as to how we can deliver this by phone.

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

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

All the best

Helen Drake

Chief Executive
Citizens Advice East Hampshire

Citizens Advice website:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

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ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Services and Other News

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

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

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

William Knowles

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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Update

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

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

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

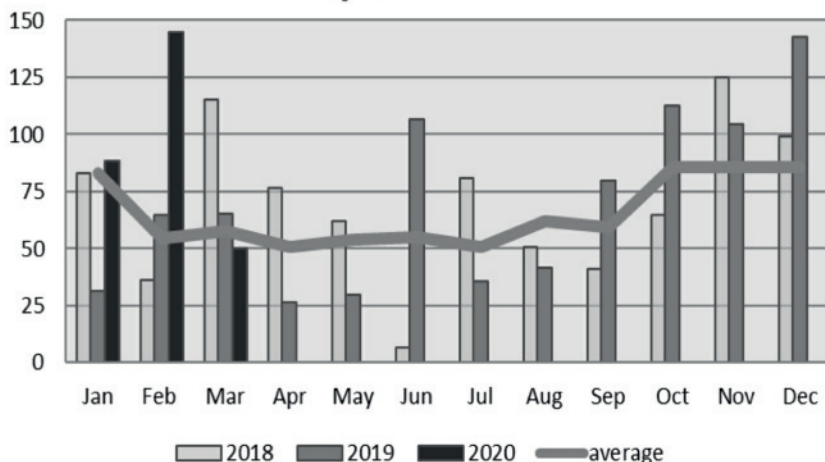
So far, we have been baking, drawing, eating, playing games and worshipping! As United, we feel meeting little and often is more important, especially for those in isolation, so please get in contact with me by email, gemma@benbinfro.co.uk, or call/text 07774 344309 to find out more and see how your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

*Gemma Ball
Pastoral Assistant (Youth) and Administrator*

Froye Rainfall for March 2020

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

Froye Rainfall



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



“The Umbrella Man”



SUPPORT SERVICES

WHERE TO GET HELP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

- Hampshire Helpline **0333 370 4000**
- Portsmouth **023 9268 8004**
- Southampton **023 8083 4800**
- Isle of Wight **01983 823 600**

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

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

Helplines:

- Mind Charity **0300 123 3393** Text: 86463 Email: info@mind.org.uk
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Patient update 17 April 2020

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

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

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

A few reminders for the week:

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2. If you are concerned that staying at home/indoors for another three weeks might start to impact on **your mental wellbeing**, there is useful advice from the Every Mind Matters team at the link below. Please remember however, if you have worrying symptoms or an exacerbation of previous concerns, you should contact the practice or your usual support team (or NHS111 if out of hours).

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3. Please continue to be watchful over the **younger members of your family**; it is unusual for younger children to have many, if any, symptoms related to COVID-19. If you are not sure about your child's symptoms and whether they need to be seen, click <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/national>), contact the practice or, out of hours, call NHS111. And for information about crying babies, click <http://iconcope.org/parentsadvice/>.
If your child appears severely unwell and advice is not quickly available, call 999 or take them to A&E as you would in other times.
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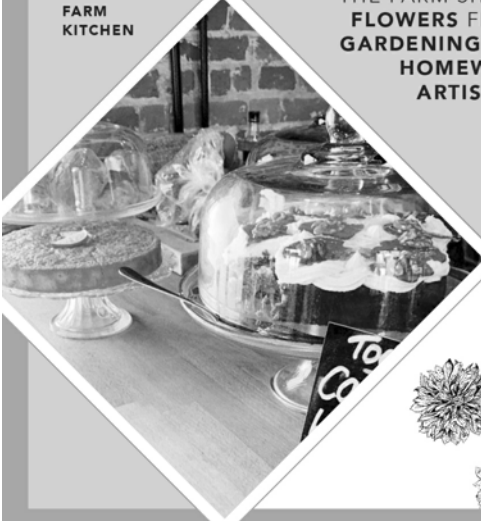
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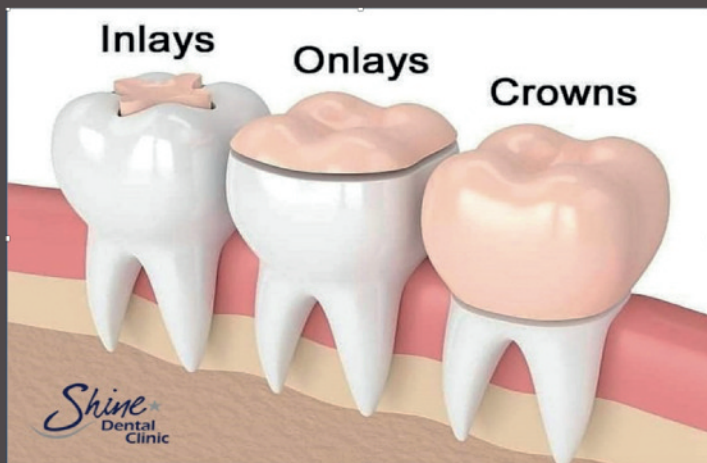
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+		+		-	
2	x	7	x	4	56
-		+		-	
9	x	8	x	5	360
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May News from your Parish Council (PC)

All members of Froyle Parish Council (FPC) hope that you and yours continue to keep safe and well and have been able to start enjoying your gardens and our beautiful countryside a little more following the first level of lockdown restrictions being lifted. FPC continues to maintain contact with the Village Agent who works tirelessly to ensure that any resident in need of assistance is helped. FPC is extremely grateful to her and all other residents who have volunteered to provide care and assistance, organised collections for food banks or provided help and support to their friends and neighbours in any other way. **If anyone is experiencing difficulties or needs details of support agencies, they should contact the Village Agent by email to mablack50@gmail.com or phone 01420 23371 in the first instance.**

A meeting of the FPC was held on Tuesday 19th May using a web-based meeting system. The main topics discussed were the project to repurpose the football hut to create a community facility with the possibility of wider use and a particular focus on supporting users of the Rec.; and how FPC should respond to an appeal lodged by Froyle Park's owners following rejection by EHDC of their application to construct a car park in pasture land at the top of the Avenue. Other matters included the approval of annual accounts and agreement of meeting dates for 2020/21. The accounts will now be audited and then made available for public review. A supplement outlining the plans for the football hut will be included in next month's magazine to obtain residents' feedback.

Around the village – FPC considered its responses to three planning applications received since its last meeting resolved not to comment on any of these. One of the three was with respect to tree replacement and the other two for single storey extensions, one to the rear of a property and the other to the side. Planning applications can be reviewed and comments posted using the link <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-appeals>. With regard to the Froyle Park car park appeal, FPC's preference is that there should be no car park on pasture land rather than planning permission being granted with mitigating conditions such as grassing the unused car park on Hen & Chicken Hill. The focus of FPC's response will be to support EHDC's objections by seeking to invalidate the applicant's reasons for appeal.

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FPC regrets that **the playground on the Rec must remain closed for the foreseeable future** in accordance with Govt. Guidelines as 'there is a higher risk of close contact and touching surfaces'. The tape around the playground has been replaced and residents are asked to respect this.

Many of us have been lucky enough to use our daily exercise slot to explore the beautiful walks around Froyle. Now that we are able to increase our time outside you might be looking for new places to walk. If so have a look at Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> which has hundreds of FREE walks to download and print.

National Grid has advised that the project to replace power lines which run through the village has been delayed until later in the summer. The footpath closures notified by EHDC associated with these works will remain in place and should be observed when overhead work is being carried out by contractors.

Be suspicious of any contact from someone unknown to you. Unfortunately, unscrupulous people continue to seek to benefit from people's vulnerability and new scams are continually being reported. Any suspicious call should be reported to Action Fraud either online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

We would also encourage residents to report anything or anybody that they consider to be suspicious to the police as there have been reports of an increase in rural crime especially with break ins to outbuildings.

Communications – the FPC continues to seek ways to enhance the quality and timeliness of its communications with residents. The new Froyle Parish Council website should go live later this month to complement its Facebook page. Please visit these for further information about the village and keeping up to date with the views of your fellow residents. **You can also be included in FPC email alerts by sending your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk** with YES in the subject line.

The next FPC meeting is scheduled for **Monday 15th June** and is expected to be a web-based meeting. Residents are welcome to attend and should contact the Clerk for joining details.

Volunteers ready to help!

You may be self-isolating or otherwise unable to go out at the moment and have arrangements in place for shopping. If your circumstances change, remember there are people ready to help. Just call Madeleine Black on 23371 who will find a local volunteer to help you.



Bookings:
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News from the Village Hall

Sadly the Hall remains closed and at the time of writing this report we have no idea when it might reopen. Meanwhile...

In April EHDC paid a grant of £10,000 to the Hall as part of the Government's scheme to support business rate payers who do not benefit from the emergency rates 'holiday'. As the Hall, in normal times, gets a substantial discount from the full business rates, it qualifies for this 'no rates benefit' grant. With this contribution, the Committee have agreed to:

- Write off payments due of £260 from our more financially distressed hirers.
- Hire out the Hall for free for the first two months after it re-opens, although we will still take deposits.
- Offer a 50% reduction from the normal rates from then on until the requirements for social distancing are relaxed and the Hall can have more normal occupation rates. This will allow classes etc to start up but with reduced numbers. If occupation is still restricted at the end of the year, we may have to review this discount.
- Plan for the Hall to host and fund a social gathering/party/celebration for the village once this type of event is acceptable.

In other news:

Ian Macnabb has reviewed the **2019 accounts**, as our independent inspector (aka auditor). The Chairman and Treasurer have signed the summary and the Secretary will submit this and the Treasurer's and Chairman's reports to the Charities Commission. If we do have a delayed public AGM, and if there are any changes required, we can always update our submission then.

Safari Supper. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest. Any others?

Ideas/Suggestions/Thoughts. The Committee has been approached about offering the Hall to help Bentley School as it restarts activities with the requirements for reduced class sizes in each class room and so, potentially, the need for more space. If anyone has other ideas, suggestions, thoughts on how we can use the Hall during the coming months, please let us know.

Charlie Findlay
treasurer@froylevillagehall.co.uk



And a big THANK YOU to Anna MacInnes for letting us use her design for our June issue of the magazine. Her drawing is an illustration of the support shown by our community which is reflected in the many messages seen in windows, on hedges, etc, to all those who have worked tirelessly during the Coronavirus/ Covid 19 pandemic.

Look out for our July/ August issue for another village view drawn up by Anna.

Editors

Old Sheet for Scrubs

Sadly the promised fabric from the NHS has not arrived yet... So in true Brit style our team of 12 sewers from Froyle have created some wonderfully colourful scrubs out of old sheets, which are now on their way to York. Photo to follow...!

A huge thank you to you all for your patience, understanding and ability to adapt. I would like to give a special shout to 20-year old Sophie Spearing who has created 'user friendly' patterns for us to use. She has also made several sets of scrubs in just 48 hours!

We are now looking for more good quality cotton coloured sheets so we can keep sewing. If anybody has anything suitable please contact me at sarah@sarahzorab.co.uk or phone 01420 520361 or 07990 572990. I will also happily pick up...

Froyle Fête CANCELLED

Not surprisingly we have decided to cancel this year's Fête due to Covid 19.

We will however be back soon and support the Village Hall in organising a village party when circumstances allow this to happen.

*Ian Whitmore
Froyle Fête Committee*

Froyle 100 Club May 2020 cLucky Draw

It has been a busy month at the Froyle 100 Club.

The dogs involved in the April 100 Club Draw (see last month's report) were all fired (no, not fur-loughed...) for failing to pick their owners' numbers. If a dog can't be relied upon to look after its owner's interests, what use is it.....?

A desperate search ensued to find replacement assistants – Froyle residents capable of understanding and complying with the Prime Minister's rather confusing new partial lockdown restrictions and with a proven track record for steadfast integrity, sound judgement, quiet efficiency and steely fortitude. The obvious answer (you guessed...) was chickens – not just any chickens, mind you; only the brightest and the best.

And so, as you will see from the photos, and in between much socially distanced clucking, pecking and other less palatable activities, the chickens chose.....

The results were:

1st – Pat Cranford

2nd – Lauraine Bourne

3rd – Martin Wimshurst

4th – Jo Wallis

Congratulations to all!



Cluck cluck...



WHERE is this?

Have you walked this footpath...?

Whilst we can spend more time in the countryside,
please remember to follow the Countryside Code.

Respect, protect and enjoy the outdoors.

Photography Gillian Pickering

Gardening Club Report for June 2020



What an amazing spring we have had and now, only May, it feels like midsummer. Watering all the young plants has been a major task but it takes our minds off coronavirus and lockdown.

I hope that your flowers and vegetables are thriving as we are arranging a virtual show in July. There will be classes that will photograph well, taken from all the sections in the usual shows on Fête Day.

Entry will be open to everyone whether you grow flowers, fruit or vegetables, are a cook, craft person, flower arranger or child. All the information you will need for entries will be available at the beginning of July on this website:

<https://froylegardeningclub.weebly.com>

I wish you an enjoyable and productive season in your gardens. Do let us see some of your results in July.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
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Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak, this group is currently not running, please keep an eye on the facebook page or call/message me for more information.

**All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £3 per family.
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots and lots of toys in a
lovely, relaxed setting.**

Any questions please call or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.

NO WEY INCINERATOR

ONE LOCAL ACTION GROUP v £24 BILLION ANNUAL REVENUE MULTI NATIONAL HELP US WIN THE FIGHT

Thank you for helping us to spread the No Wey Incinerator message. Our support base is growing fast and now stretches from Four Marks to Farnham. But we cannot win this fight alone. We must pay for expert advice.

We are consulting specialist in planning, landscape and ecology, who will provide the most effective grounds on which to object to Veolia's planning application. Their invaluable advice will be passed on to you so that you can draft your own letters of objection to the planning application when it has been presented. Veolia's investment in the project is in the region of £200m and they are employing top advisers such as Lexington Communications, a major corporate public relations consultancy. So, we know we must fight hard to win this battle.

To date we have raised over £25,000 for our cause through the generosity of local residents. We still need more financial support and so have opened a JustGiving account to reach our initial combined target of £40,000. Please help us to give you the best advice by going to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/no-wey-incinator>

As soon as we know that the planning application has been submitted, we shall be able to advise you on the most effective points to be incorporated in your letter of objection. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any questions at info@noweyincinerator.com and please share our new video at https://youtu.be/Ua_HQneFcJs. Together we can win this. THANK YOU.

**www.noweyincinerator.com
Sign up at info@noweyincinerator.com
or follow us on Facebook**

Friendly Service and Hard Work from our Local Shops

Thanks to our local food purveyors—several located right in Froyle, others nearby with Froyle connections. Here are updated hours and contact details:

Alton Market, Tuesdays, 9:00-3:00—much reduced, but several food stalls hanging in there.

Hands Butchers, Rowledge (formerly Humphries), Tel. (01252) 792204. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00-3:30, Sunday 10:00-3:30.

Hen & Chicken Inn, Tel. (01420) 22115, www.henandchicken.co.uk. Order and collect menu (click Takeaway button on website, or call). Thursday-Saturday, 5:00-9:00 pm, phones on from 3:00 pm. Sunday, noon-4:00 pm, phones on from 10:00 am.

Holybourne Stores, Tel. (01420) 83323, <https://holybourneshop.co.uk>. Still delivering our newspapers, (wo)manning the post office and offering a range of local specialties-- fresh, frozen and baked. Open every day: Monday-Saturday, 6:00-4:00, Sundays, 6:00-1:00.

Loaf Bakery, <https://www.loafbakery.co.uk>. Open Monday-Saturday. Four Marks, Tel. (1420) 562449, Mon-Fri 7:00-2:00, Sat 8:00-2:00; and Ridgeway, Tel (01252) 723279, Mon--Fri 7:30-3:00, Sat 8:00-2:00. (Downing St. shop closed). Proprietors Peta and Simon Jarman are Froyle residents.

Mill Farm Organic Shop, Tel. (01420) 22331, www.millfarmorganic.com, Wednesday-Saturday, 9:00-5:00 pm. Purchases of organic meat, vegetables, fruit and dairy from front desk.

Newlyn's Farm Shop, North Warnborough, Tel. (01256-704128), www.newlyns-farmshop.co.uk. Monday-Saturday. Click and collect availability of meat, fish, dairy, vegetables, bakery, etc.

West End Farm, Tel. (01420) 767306, but not answered when closed—or (07921) 393016, www.westendfarmshop.co.uk. Friday & Saturday, 9:30- 3:30. Takeaway orders for coffee, tea and cake; counter sales of flowers, vegetables, eggs, bakery and fish.



Scam Alert

Scams are still being created. Stay Alert!

We cannot list them all...

However Action Fraud now have a system for reporting suspect emails. Simply forward them to:

report@phishing.gov.uk

Home Recipes for Full or Partial Lockdown

Flatbreads/ Tortillas

Really easy and I think much nicer than the cardboardy ones you buy vacuum packed in plastic.

250g self raising flour
250g natural yoghurt
good pinch of salt

Mix the ingredients together, then turn out onto a floured surface and knead for a few minutes until soft and pliable.

Divide the dough into 4-6 pieces and roll out into rough rounds about the thickness of a one pound coin (although a little thicker is fine).

Heat a large heavy-based frying pan and very lightly oil it.

Lay the flatbread carefully in the frying pan (or straight onto a simmering Aga plate) and leave to bubble up for a couple of mins. Turn over and cook the other side, then place in a clean tea towel while you cook the others.

Great fillings include: grilled halloumi cheese, salad and sweet chilli sauce,
fried mushrooms, avocado and cheese,
chicken and refried beans,

or just serve them with a heap of meat or veggie chilli, cheese and sour cream.

Grapefruit and Yoghurt Cake (sounds weird but it is delicious)

190g self raising flour
1½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
3 large eggs
180g Greek yoghurt
200g light brown sugar
120ml vegetable oil
60ml freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
1½ tbs grapefruit zest
1 tsp vanilla extract

Mix all the ingredients together and fill a standard loaf tin with the batter (lined to 5-6cm above the edge of the tin to allow for expansion). Bake for about 40 mins at 175 degree C but keep an eye on it.

When cool, glaze with icing sugar and grapefruit juice mixed to a thick consistency.

Alex Roberts

June News from The Froyle Archive

Not all readers of the Village Magazine may be aware that, since 2012, The Froyle Archive has been regularly staging small exhibitions in the Clive Barter Cabinet at the back of St Mary's Church in Upper Froyle. Just before the Lockdown we set up "An American Connection". This is the story of a fascinating episode in Froyle's history which will remain until St Mary's reopens.

Froyle's American Connection

On the south side of St Mary's Church, tucked up against the outside wall, is a large family tomb. The inscription, now no longer visible, states:



"In memory of ISAAC ROYALL Esqr, late of Medford in New England, who departed this life October 16th 1781 aged 62. Also in memory of MARY McINTOSH ERVING, daughter of the above ISAAC ROYALL and wife of GEORGE ERVING Esqr, late of Boston in New England and now of this parish. She departed this life November 11th 1786 aged 42."

The question arises as to how Isaac Royall and his daughter came to be buried in a quiet English churchyard thousands of miles away from their home? But there is a further American connection inside the church. High on the North wall is the hatchment of Sir William Pepperell, who died in London in December 1816. The full entry in the Church Records reads,

"Pepperell, Sir William. Buried 27th December 1816. Of London, aged 70."

A hatchment was originally displayed over the front door of the house of a dead person, whose arms it portrayed, remaining there until the deceased person was buried in the local church, whence it was then conveyed and hung on the wall of the nave aisle until a tomb or monument was erected.



Sir William Pepperell's hatchment

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Sir William's father-in-law was Isaac Royall, pictured below in this portrait by Robert Feke in 1741. His wife & daughter are by his side along with other relations.



The Royalls were an influential family who owned several plantations and over 25 slaves. They also enabled the founding of Harvard Law School. But everything was to change in 1776 with the Declaration of Independence. Isaac refused to cast his lot with that of the Revolution and in 1778 he was publicly proscribed and formally banished from Massachusetts. The following year he returned to England, his wife Elizabeth

having sadly died of smallpox in October 1775 and been buried in Boston. And this is where Froyle comes into the picture. Isaac's daughter, Mary, had married a George Erving on 26th January 1775 in Boston, Massachusetts. George was born there in 1738, and, after graduating from Harvard College, operated a store that sold goods imported from Europe, and by the time of the Revolution, he had become a Loyalist. In March of 1776, Erving left Boston with the British Army. He settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia, before coming to Froyle. Erving's later efforts to receive compensation for property lost in Boston were unsuccessful. George, apparently, owned Shrubbery House, 'The Shrubbery' in Upper Froyle. (*pictured below right in 1912*) although, frustratingly, we can find no record of this.

Between 1772 and 1781 there was an outbreak of smallpox in the village and, sadly, Isaac, who was either visiting his daughter or living with the family, died.

He was buried here at St Mary's on October 17th 1781. His daughter, Mary McIntosh Erving was buried in the same tomb on November 11th 1786. She was aged 42.



As you can see from the photographs of the restored tomb on the previous page, the dead were buried below ground level, with the actual tomb acting as a commemorative memorial, something many people may not realise.

For the full story of The American Connection,
visit <http://www.froyle.com/amcon.htm>.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Bentley CE Primary School

A 'Virtual' Residential Visit

Residential visits promote self-esteem, independence and encourage exploration and intrigue. Each year our Junior children are invited to join their peers on a residential visit. Despite this year's annual trip to the Gordon Brown Centre in Rotherwick being cancelled, the Year 4 teacher Mrs Scott-Bromley, and I did not want the Year 3 and 4 children to miss out on an experience that has become a somewhat rite of passage in the school community.

As part of their 'Virtual School' learning, which began at the beginning of lockdown, both teachers planned a virtual residential week of activities. These activities included: nature walks, mini-beast hunts, den building, environmental art and design, and roasting marshmallows around a campfire. Year 4 even incorporated a Viking Day, linked to their history curriculum, where costume was encouraged and activities included artefact exploration, making Viking shields and writing a diary about a day in the life of a Viking.

The response from pupils and parents was overwhelming and both teachers were overjoyed at the efforts made by the Year 3 and 4 families. Many of the children even set up 'camp' outside and slept in the garden after a day out in nature.

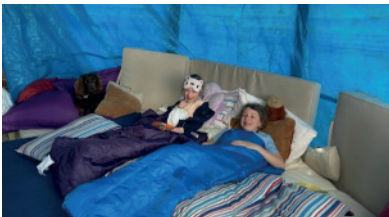
This week of hard work and creativity reflects the overall response from parents during this lockdown period and the school is very proud to work with such committed, resilient and caring families.

*Miss Hand
Year 3 Teacher*

Environmental art by Mary (Yr 3)



Emily (Yr 3) and Olivia (Yr 4) in their den



Charlotte (Yr 4) on Viking Day



*Nicholas (Yr 4) and his sisters
all getting involved*



Lockdown Lessons in the Roberts Family

Life is better without homework in the evenings.

Snitching on your sister rarely works out well.

The food is usually better than at school and home-made cakes are on offer most days.

Trigonometry is actually less scary than it first seems.

There is not an endless supply of tennis balls if you hit them over the wall.

Some parent-recommended films are really very boring.

Some parent-recommended films are really very good, especially with a young Leo Dicaprio in them!

Friday morning school assemblies are so much more comfortable in your pjs and while still under the duvet.

Every letter or card you send or receive means so much more when you aren't able to see that person.

You learn to appreciate the garden and eating outside so much more.

If you have an argument with your family, it becomes a very small house to live in.

Facetime/zoom/houseparty is a lifeline to friends and family.

Hide chocolate under lock and key if you want it to still be there when you want some.

A bag of kettle chips sounds nice until you realise that the rest of your family has already got to it first.

Lockdown birthdays can be just as fun if your sister secretly organises messages from all your mates into a little slideshow.

Be thankful every day for the indoor and outdoor space you have, as many do not.

Be thankful for good health and think about what you can do to help those that are suffering.

Thank you to the Roberts household

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Maths Puzzles

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Harder

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Froyle Wildlife



Blackbirds -The weather has been glorious for weeks and we have watched two pairs of blackbirds collecting mud and debris from a tray of discarded plants to construct their nests. When this started to run out more damp soil plus moss and dry grass raked from the wild lawn was added - they seemed thankful and flew off with large beak-full's. If this dry weather continues I'll be making sure the trays are ready for any future nesting attempts.

Third week of May - We are now seeing 2nd broods of blackbird fledglings in our garden. The parents have been coming down close by to where I am digging to pick up worms mostly, plus other invertebrates to feed their vocal offspring hiding nearby in undergrowth. Parents diligently keep an eye out for predators such as cats and make a loud fast 'PinkPinkPink' alarm calls when they see one. Usually it is easy to find the offender and usher it away with a clap of the hands. According to the RSPB a pair of blackbirds can raise 2-3 families between March and end of July, in a good year there may be a 4th but it is estimated that at best only 30-40% of nests produce fledged young. A dry June can shorten the season and cause starvation in late broods.

Nesting starts approximately 2 weeks later in woodlands to coincide with the emergence of caterpillars on which their young feed.



Look out for day-flying moths - There are quite a few moth species that can be encountered in the daytime comprising the true day flying ones and those that are easily disturbed from vegetation. Some you may see include Scarlet Tiger, Ruby Tiger, Mother Shipton, Silver Y, Burnet Companion, Cinnabar, Six-spot Burnet, Hummingbird Hawk-moth, and Large Yellow Underwing. If you spot a day flying moth search 'UK Moths' on the web for identification help or email a photo to info@froylewildlife.co.uk we may be able to assist.

World Environment Day 5 June 2020

'The theme for World Environment Day, 5 June 2020 is biodiversity - a call to action to combat the accelerating species loss and degradation of the natural world. One million plant and animal species risk extinction, largely due to human activities. Hosted by Colombia, in partnership with Germany, World Environment Day urges us to rethink how our economic systems have evolved and the impact they have on the environment. These are issues the world cannot lose sight of even as we tackle the coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing climate crisis. Colombia has one of the

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highest diversities of species in the world, boasting among many others, 3500 types of orchids and 19 per cent of the world's bird types. The government has made biodiversity preservation a national priority.' **Try a quiz on biodiversity and for students there are 30 quests to celebrate, explore and connect with nature.** <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/?c=1>

Something for the whole family to enjoy – '30 Days Wild /The Wildlife Trusts

This June, join thousands of people taking part in our annual nature challenge, **30 Days Wild!** We want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

You'll get a free, downloadable pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!). For extra 'bonus' items, keep an eye on your emails for additional, fun activities, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography.' - Search '30 Days Wild' on the web for more information.

Sue Clark

What's about in Froyle

Lockdown in sunny weather has had its benefits; it was a great spring for bluebells and exploring the local countryside as everything dried out. Keen eyes will have spotted lots of insects flitting about the hedgerows and if you head out at dusk you will see the bats taking full advantage! Other insectivores made an early appearance this year - the swifts can now be heard shrieking over the roof tops, arriving about a week earlier than usual, although numbers so far look slightly down on last year. Swallows and Martins have returned and now it is starting to feel like a proper summer!

Walking through the field footpaths you can spot the solitary mining bees darting in and out of surprisingly small holes. Ashy mining bees are colonial and have been spotted in Upper Froyle, as has a very beautiful hummingbird hawk moth. These large moths don't land when they feed, using their long proboscis instead, are also migratory, but since this one appeared in late April it must have overwintered here.

By mid-May, most of the native species of bird are fledging their first brood, and with almost no cold and wet weather it could be a good year for them. From my dog walks there seem to be more partridge this year and hares seem to be on the up, but stoats have also been seen, let's hope leverets don't get hypnotised as easily as rabbits!

Find us on our new Instagram page: @froylewildlife and share your wildlife photos using #froylewildlife.



Another Dose of Medicine for the (locked-down) Soul



(With many thanks to Chris Little)

Fiction:

“Found” by Erin Kinsley – the most gripping, emotional thriller of the year (a BBC Radio2 Book Club pick).

“When the Crows Sing” by Delia Owens – “A painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature ...”

Non-Fiction:

“In the Kingdom of Ice” by Hampton Sides – “A stirring story... a brilliant exposition of narrative non-fiction: moving, harrowing, as gripping as any well-paced thriller but a lore more interesting because it is also true.”

“The Worst Journey in the World” by Apsley Cherry-Garrard – “...a gripping account of an expedition gone disastrously wrong...[it] is to travel writing what War and Peace is to the novel... a masterpiece.”

Happy Reading!

David Robertson (520820)

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All puzzles, games, quiz solutions can be found on PAGE 40.

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

None of us would have thought at the start of this year, as we made our New Year resolutions and looked forward to plans we had made for holidays, education and work, that we would soon be in the midst of strange and challenging times. A few months ago, the thought of the restrictions that we have had to accept would have seemed quite unacceptable and the term 'lockdown' would have sounded alien.

But it is extraordinary how people have adapted. While some have felt isolated and lost, missing friends and families and while home schooling has proved trying for many, others have felt set free by this time. Many have enjoyed having closer contact with their children and still more have relished the time to develop new skills or revive talents long neglected.

If we accept that there is an 'up side' to the situation we are now experiencing, most of us can easily find some positives. There has been a growth in community spirit, with neighbours, friends and families reaching out to help each other and celebrate the dedication they see in our carers at all levels.

People have been resourceful, using their skills for the common good in making facemasks and other protective equipment and finding new ways to raise money for the NHS and charities. They have been creative, making fun videos on social media, circulating inspiring messages and generally spreading cheerfulness throughout this worrying time. Others have embraced the sudden freedom from normal working hours and routines to paint, sculpt and write, or even just to enjoy time to indulge in more gardening and baking. And many believe the environment has benefited too, with skies clear of jet trails and roads free of exhaust. We have certainly been more aware of the dawn chorus and the activities of birds this spring.

As long as we remain safe and well, we can view this distancing from normal life as a gift, a precious time we can use to question the way we live. Maybe slowing down is giving us time to reflect on life and what matters, as it has so often in the past. Large tracts of the Bible were written while the Hebrews were experiencing monumental change for their nation, such as the Israelites flight from slavery in Egypt and their deportation to Babylon. Christ was born and lived under Roman tyranny, a time of great change, as there is now.

So, this may be the perfect time for each of us to evaluate what is really important in our lives; what we want to cling on to and what we can live without. In the quiet times when we can think and dwell on the deep things of life, we may hear God's voice calling us. For many of us, this will confirm our faith and trust in God and his promises.

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Shortly after his resurrection, when the disciples were cowering in an upstairs room, John 20:19 records: when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” May we all know this peace.

We continue to pray for all those living in our villages and hamlets and for all who have suffered during these anxious months. We hope that you are all able to stay safe and well and find true peace in this time of difficulty.

Blessings, Yann & The Team

Hampshire Countryside Services – North Access Team

I am sure many of you have been taking the time to explore your local Rights of Way Network during these unprecedented times. The North Access Team have been working hard to ensure that the Rights of Way are kept accessible and safe for all.

We have recently been in contact with your Parish Council to assist with footpath and ‘no right of way’ signs and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and other members of the North Access Ranger Team. My name is Gemma (Community Engagement Ranger) and I work with Mitch (Access Ranger) and his assistant Abi. To give you an insight: my job includes preparing, organising and running volunteer tasks on our public Rights of Way, promoting volunteering to different audiences, and managing Path Wardens. Please do say hello if you see us whilst out and about!



Our work is very diverse with day to day jobs such as waymarking, mowing or clearing up fallen trees and working with volunteers. We also carry out larger projects such as resurfacing work or the installation of bridges, often in conjunction with our colleagues from the South and Central areas. It is the diversity of the work that I enjoy the most. We also get to see some beautiful parts of the Hampshire countryside and its wildlife.

If anyone would like more information on volunteering with us, please take a look at our website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/volunteering> OR get in touch with me directly: Gemma.Clinch@hants.gov.uk

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG) 2020

A Tour in Pictures

Like so much else, as a result of the pandemic we have had to cancel FOG 2020. It may be possible later in the year for 'pop up' gardens to open but we will have to wait and see. Last year FOG raised nearly £10,000 for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) which in turn passed on £3 million to various medical and nursing charities including Macmillan and Marie Curie. The loss of funds this year will be enormous.

The gardens are still there. The gardeners have been as busy as ever despite the fact that they are not opening. Plants have been on sale at various garden gates and the crop of heritage tomatoes this year should be amazing. So thanks are due to all those who have bought, sold and propagated. The proceeds, currently approaching £700, will all go to NGS. We are also busy making a short film about the Froyle Open Gardens which we hope will be released early in June on the NGS website about the time we would have opened. If you would like to donate to NGS you can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/supportourgardens>

If you do so, please mention FOG or you can send a cheque made out to NGS to the FOG treasurer: Corinna Furse, Day Cottage, Lower Froyle GU34 4LL. Your help really will be appreciated.



Rosa Buff Beauty - one of the most famous of the hybrid musk roses. Bred sometime after World War I but kept a secret for many years. Loves to be placed in full sun which enhances its fragrance.

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG) 2020 A Tour in Pictures



Oriental Poppy - comes from northern Turkey and Iran. Leaves largely disappear after flowering to cope with the heat. There are lots of fancy cultivars.



Nigella Damascena or 'Love-in-the-mist' or 'Ragged Lady' or 'Devil-in-the-bush'. Take your pick. Self-seeds prolifically. Dries beautifully so great for flower arranging.

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG) 2020 A Tour in Pictures



Iris Hollandica or Dutch Iris - the result of much inter breeding of Spanish, Portuguese and North African wild iris. Note it flowers with 3 large spreading or pendent fall petals, alternating with 3 erect, often smaller, standard petals.



Clematis with the emphasis on the 'e' or on the 'a'? Does it really matter when it's so beautiful.

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG) 2020 A Tour in Pictures



Alstroemeria or Peruvian lily or Lily of the Inca - a popular cut flower. They last so long in water that you may get bored with them before they begin to shrivel. Hardy and easy to grow if you can give them enough morning sun.



Buttercup, Ox-eye daisy, Ragged Robin which is very attractive to insects which by turn attracts frogs, toads and other animals. The little splash of magenta is Vetch a member of the pea family.

Photography Nick Whines

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Services and Other News

Sadly, the church still has to remain closed for the time being. Do continue to look online, if you can, for the YouTube Sunday services, 'Thought for the Day' and other offerings from the Benefice. It is worth getting into the habit of checking regularly on the Benefice website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) to see what activities are going on in the absence of us being able to meet together.

An on-line Evensong is in the process of being recorded, featuring members of our own choir recording their parts of the choral music from their homes – quite ambitious but very exciting if it comes off! We hope it will be broadcast as the YouTube Sunday service quite soon – possibly as early as 31st May, but maybe a week or two later. I'm not sure yet at what time it will be broadcast (although, like all the Sunday services, it will continue to be available on YouTube once it has been broadcast). Details will of course be posted on the Benefice website.

Also on the website, you will see that, as in the last several years, the Benefice is participating in the global 24/7 Prayer Week held between Ascension Day and Pentecost – this has particular resonance and presents particular challenges this year, of course. We shall be part way through this Prayer Week when this magazine is distributed. The idea is that, from 24th May (the Sunday after Ascension Day) until the following Sunday (Pentecost), individuals from the Benefice will pray in hourly slots – there is an on-line rota of volunteers - which together cover every hour of the week; it's an impressive undertaking. Normally, this takes place in the

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Bentley church hall, which is converted into a prayer room full of prayer stations. This year, it has to be done from home, and is being supported by a 'virtual prayer wall' – have a look on the website to see how this all works! The prayer wall, like the prayer stations during a normal year, has been created by a range of people from throughout the Benefice.

There are two important telephone facilities for those who don't have access to the internet:

- First, the Church of England has set up a dedicated phone line (0800 804 8044) called 'Daily Hope'. This free telephone line provides recordings of various hymns, reflections and prayers; it starts with an introduction by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is available 24 hours a day.
- Secondly, and more importantly for us locally, you can call a number at local rates (01420 552652), where you will find a recording of the most recent Sunday benefice service. Each Sunday the recording will be replaced by the new service. So at the time of writing, you can listen to the service from 17th May, led by Yann, with a sermon from Christopher, a personal testimony from Sarah Roberts, a reading by Ali Maude and prayers by Nigel Hughes. There are so many people involved in these on-line services in one way or another, and now everyone can participate!

As always, do get in touch at any time if you want to.

William Knowles 07775 92893

View from the Woods

In these strange and difficult times I am one of the lucky ones – I work largely on my own in the open air, so my day-to-day routine can accommodate the lockdown better than most.

The putting together of a shooting season, however, involves many other people engaged in many different activities, not all of which lend themselves to social distancing. It is a regular, season-specific activity, which is usually planned in February/March for the year ahead through to the end of the following January.



The bulk of the investment needed for the year normally has to be committed by the end of March. So this March, as we moved closer to lockdown, we were struggling to work out how we could make commitments about activities not due to occur until the summer, autumn and winter. Once the lockdown started, we gave up and suspended our attempts to plan for the coming year until the situation became clearer. At the time of writing, we are cautiously optimistic that we shall still be able to organise a shooting season this year, but

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on a rather smaller scale than normal. So at least we have a sense of purpose now, and something to look forward to.

In the meantime, one big consolation for many people locked down in Froyle and the surrounding villages has been the opportunity to get out walking, running and cycling on a regular basis in the beautiful Hampshire countryside at a time of year when it is exploding into life. Thoughts of the wet winter are now far behind us (as the pre-lockdown world seems to be), and the glorious weather has lifted everyone's spirits, even if we now really need rain again.

I am meeting lots of new faces on my 'rounds', which take me through the stretch of land running roughly from Lower Froyle in the North East to Alton in the South West, on the other side of Froyle and Holybourne to the A31. For the most part, it has been good to have so many new people appreciating what regular readers of this magazine have long known, namely how lucky we are to live where we do. It is important, though, that we all (and our dogs....) respect the flora, fauna and other users of the countryside. For regular readers, this is second nature, but, as we play host to many who are less familiar with the countryside, we should all remind ourselves and impress upon others the basic rules:

- Please make sure before you set out that you know where the public footpaths and other rights of way are, and keep to them.
- Try not to damage the crops, and in particular do not walk on the headland strips on the edges of fields except where public rights of way exist – even if it looks as if they have been walked on before. Those headlands are planted by farmers to encourage wildlife and wild flowers both in the strips themselves and in the bordering hedges. The farmers are paid to plant them, and they can be penalised if those strips of headlands are disturbed by walkers. In addition to disturbing wildlife and plants, therefore, those walking on the headlands are potentially depriving farmers of part of their livelihood.
- If your dog fouls the footpath or other public right of way, please clean up after it.
- Wherever you go, keep your dogs under control. This is a particularly dangerous time of year for ground nesting birds which, if disturbed on their nests, may lose their eggs or chicks – this is the case not just for pheasant and partridge, but for other ground nesting birds such as skylarks and (in a good year when they breed here) lapwings.

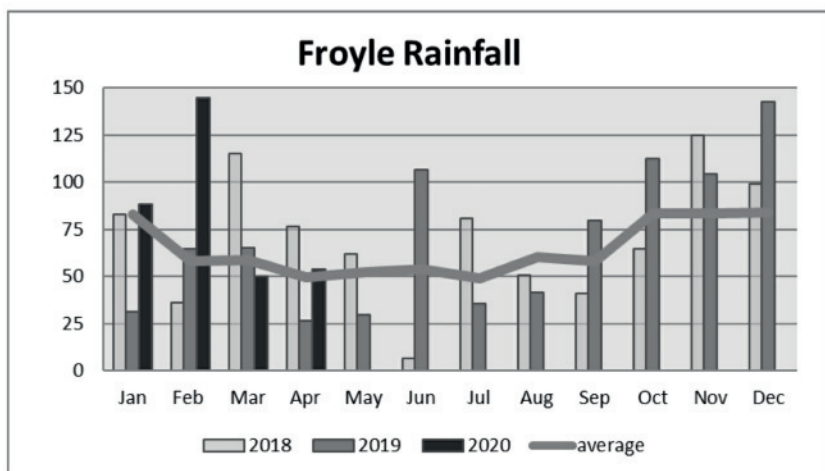
On the positive side, do take note of the profusion of wild flowers in the hedgerows and listen to the birdsongs which are so strong and varied at this time of year. Try to identify them! Use of Apps, iPhone cameras and pocket books for identification makes this easier and the walk so much more interesting – a pair of binoculars is also an essential companion on any country walk.

I look forward to meeting some of you on the footpaths and other public rights of way around Froyle as the summer progresses and, we all hope, the lockdown gradually eases.

Paul Edwards, Gamekeeper

Froyle Rainfall for April, 2020

This year	54 mm	2.1 ins
Last year	26.5 mm	1 ins
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins
Long-term average for April – the driest month	49.8 mm	2 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	337.5 mm	13.3 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	249.5 mm	9.8 ins



The average for April continues to fall, from 51.8mm five years ago to 49.8 mm this year, well below the country as a whole which averages almost 10 mm more. Comfortably Froyle’s driest month, “April Showers” remains somewhat fantastical, for us at least. But as I said last month, after a wet first quarter, a dry summer is most often followed by a bit of a soaking come autumn.



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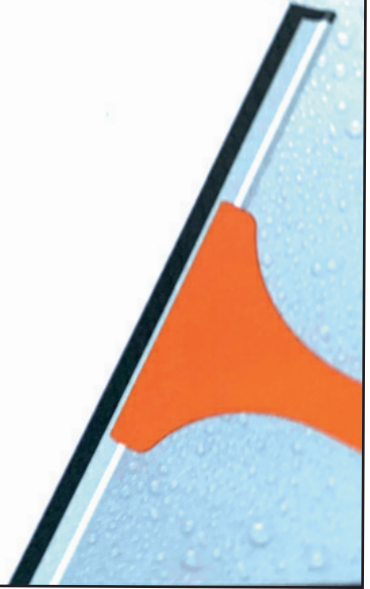
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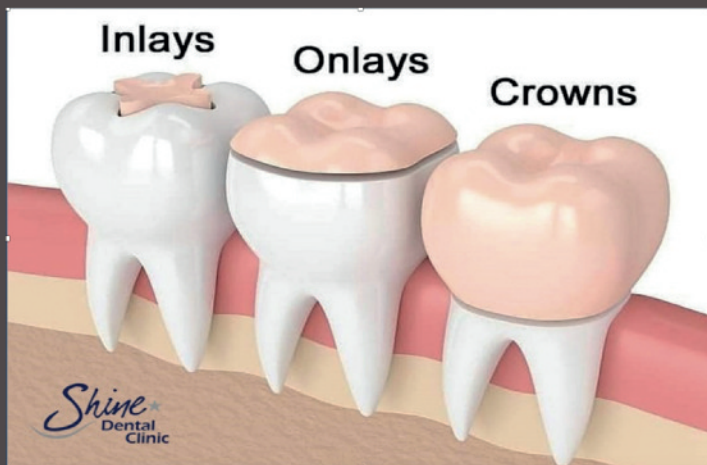
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- 2) Which fruit has the latin name Rubus idaeus?
- 3) What is the main ingredient of the Liverpudlian dish, Scouse?
- 4) What percentage of alcohol is in Bacardi?
- 5) Mammouth, Colossal Giant, Jumbo, Superior and Brilliant are all sizes of what edible item?
- 6) Tomatoes originated from which continent?
- 7) Which popular drink once contained cocaine? Extra kudos if you can give the year it was taken out!
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- 10) What is the gas responsible for rising in baking?

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June 2020 News from your Parish Council

A meeting of the FPC was held on Monday 15th June using a web-based meeting system. The main topic discussed was the resident consultation process to consider the project to renovate and repurpose the football hut to create a multi-purpose community space. Details of the project are contained elsewhere in this Magazine and a reply slip has been included which residents are asked to complete and return to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

FPC discussed a suggestion raised by residents to fence the playground on the Rec. This matter was considered when the playground upgrade was undertaken in 2017 and decided against but concerns have been raised again because of the difficulty of stopping usage of the playground during lockdown and regular discovery of dog poo around the playground equipment. It was observed that fencing the whole playground is a very large area and could disrupt the open vistas of the Rec. FPC decided to seek a quote for the cost and a decision would be made when all relevant information was available. Please let us know what you think?

It is disappointing to regularly get complaints from residents about anti-social behaviour in the village with the most common being dog owners not clearing up and disposing of the poo in the rubbish bins provided. FPC would remind dog owners that they have a legal obligation to clean up after their dogs.

Concerns have also been expressed about speeding down Bamber Lane which is particularly dangerous at present due to the increased number of walkers using it and the occurrence of cars being parked on pavements blocking access to families with pushchairs and residents with mobility problems. Please be considerate to your fellow residents.

Finally, many thanks to all those residents who have reported the overflowing bin on the Rec. This has been emptied now but, due to its location, was regularly missed by the weekly collection. EHDC have agreed with FPC to move it as soon as possible to a more accessible location near the exit to Westburn Fields.

A grant of £200 was approved to support the work of Home-Start Hampshire.

The 2019/20 accounts have been finalised and are available for public review.

Around the village – FPC considered its response to two new planning applications received since its last meeting and resolved not to comment on either of these. One was with respect to tree pruning and the other for demolition of an existing garage and replacement with a new one. An application has been submitted for a development of 93 houses off Hole Lane in Bentley. This is being vehemently opposed by Bentley Parish Council and FPC will also express its concerns particularly about the potential impact on local amenities. Planning applications can be viewed and comments posted using the link <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-appeals>.

As you may have seen in the Herald, EHDC have announced their approval of a large-scale development site for 1300 houses in Whitehill/Bordon. None of the other large development sites considered in the recent Local Plan consultation, including Northbrook Park, were considered technically ready for allocation. EHDC intends to ‘identify a broad area of search along the A31 corridor’ for inclusion in a subsequent Local Plan. FPC will continue to monitor this issue.

It was also reported in the Herald that a letter has been sent to the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner on behalf of Alton Town Council and most of the surrounding rural parishes raising concerns about the serious lack of police resources in the Alton area. We would encourage residents to report anything or anybody that they consider to be suspicious to the police as there have been reports of an increase in rural crime especially with break-ins to outbuildings. A recent fly-tipping incident by the cemetery in Upper Froyle was dealt with promptly thanks to the vigilance of a local resident.

Did you know that due to the high demand, a booking system was introduced at the waste recycling facility in Alton from 15th June? To book a slot, residents should go online to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment>.

The next FPC meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th July. Time and location will be posted on the notice boards and all residents are welcome to attend.

Information about the village and useful links can be found on the FPC website at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk. Matters concerning residents should be addressed to the FPC via the Parish Clerk or, to seek wider views, post your suggestions on the FPC Facebook page. You can also be included in FPC email alerts by sending your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk with YES in the subject line.

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It is nearly time for everyone to act. The next phase is to help as many people as possible to object effectively to the planning application. Individual submissions, based on the issues, will most influence the decision making process. To this end, there will be a new poster campaign, a flyer drop to all the local households and the media platforms will be constantly updated.

The main objections are likely to focus on: visual impact, proximity to the South Downs National Park, the noise and traffic of demolishing the current Material Recycling Centre, the building of the incinerator and then its operation, the waste is commercial and not necessarily Hampshire's, there are no identified users for the heat generated and that Hampshire needs to recycle more waste, not burn it.

Do keep an eye on the website which will be updated as the consultants provide the best 'material planning considerations' to include in your submissions. Objections written in your own style will carry most weight, but the website will include a form that you can complete. Most importantly, when the flyer arrives at your door, please take action and submit your objection.

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We are reproducing below a copy of the letter received by George Annible from Damian Hinds MP. George wrote to Damian Hinds as part of his school homework which asked them to contact their MP about environmental issues that were concerning them. We are printing it by kind permission of George and his parents.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Mr George Annible

28 May 2020

Dear George

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The government wants more to be recycled and they have a plan for this. You may have heard about the 'waste hierarchy', where the top priority is to prevent waste in the first place. Burning waste is sometimes the best option for waste that can't be prevented, reused or recycled. It means less landfill, and can make energy.

Energy from waste plants is regulated by the Environment Agency and there are strict emission limits. They won't issue an environmental permit if a proposed plant would have a big impact on the environment or health.

The proposed new incinerator near Alton will be looked at by Hampshire County Council. I have said that I think they should look at other places instead of this one. I will keep in contact with the council and also make sure they know about the views of people who live nearby, like you.

It is great to see young people like you taking this issue so seriously. Thank you once again for contacting me and my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Damian Hinds'.

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

I am sad when I walk past the village hall and see it shut up and the car park mostly empty. On the recreation ground it's worse with our fine playground taped off and the zip wire out of action. And no fete to look forward to.

In an attempt to cheer things up, the Meeting Place team decided to try a takeaway, outdoor, socially-distanced, Friday gathering on the patio. This has been appreciated by those who have come along and sat keeping their distance in small groups on deck chairs, the benches and on the grass. It has to be said the combination of social distancing and the hearing of some of our more senior residents has led to more volume than might be expected. Thanks are due to the virus-aware, aproned-and-gloved organisers who encouraged attendees to keep apart and served tea, coffee and cakes and then wielded sanitisers over the picnic tables.

The committee however was not unanimous in the decision to permit this initiative. Some members felt that it was contrary to the spirit of government instructions and potentially risked compromising the health of the community. One member of the committee has resigned over this matter and has been thanked for their service. I think this demonstrates just how difficult it is in the current situation to determine the best course of action. Exactly how do you balance protecting people from the virus while ending social isolation, allowing children to return to school and restarting the economy? At least we only have the village hall to run.

As the lockdown rules have gradually relaxed the committee feels comfortable continuing with the decision to permit the Friday gathering. We have taken advice on two occasions from the county village hall adviser who emphasised the importance of ensuring that the social distancing rules are maintained.

One day lockdown will end and we will be able to hug each other or shake hands. I must admit when I meet people, I still feel like Dr Strangelove whose left hand is always having to restrain his right hand. When that day comes we will hold a party for the village and another Safari Supper. Can I thank all those who have offered to host meals.

Looking even further into the future, 2022 will be the 70th anniversary of the Queen ascending the throne. The committee are aware that facilities like marquees get booked up very early so suggestions how we might celebrate would be welcome. Do I sniff an ox roast? Sadly no. A light touch of Covid 19 has left me with little sense of taste or smell.

STOP PRESS

It can be difficult to keep up, but the government has just announced that village halls may reopen on 6 July. Do not get carried away with excitement however. I have just glanced at some of the accompanying advice which will keep us reading for some time to come. The action list looks formidable but we will do our best.

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY

PLEASE NOTE that during the Covid-19 pandemic Bentley Village Surgery is changing the opening times of the DISPENSARY at the Practice.

The revised times shown below will remain in place until normal practice services can be resumed.

Monday 8.30am - 2.30pm

Tuesday 8.30am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 8.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 8.30am - 2.30pm

Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm

We are extremely grateful for your support during this time.

**Donna Mant
Practice Manager**

**Susan Marlow
Dispensary Manager**

Froyle 100 Club - June Draw



The Briefing

So now back to humans: this month we turn in particular to youth to help restore the sanity of the 100 Club process: a family, well known to many of us, who happened to be wandering the streets of Upper Froyle one lovely afternoon in mid-June.

Did they do a better job than the dogs or the chickens? If you are on the list below, you will certainly think so....



The Draw



Some dogs still think their advice would be helpful...

As regular readers will know, we have gone to some lengths during the lockdown period to combine social distancing with the continuation of the 100 Club draw. In April, we entrusted the draw to some very distinguished dogs, and in May to some equally fine chickens. It is fair to say that, when it comes to drawing numbers out of a bag, both types of creature have their strengths (?) and weaknesses.....

- 1st – Janet Dobson
- 2nd – Yvonne Irvine
- 3rd – Ann Netherway
- 4th – Beverley Morgan

Congratulations to all.

William Knowles



The Meeting Place

Having been advised by Action Hampshire that we are acting entirely within government guidelines, until further notice, the (non) Meeting place will continue to provide take away drinks and pre-wrapped cake from the terrace at the village hall, on Fridays from 10.30 am to 12 noon, weather permitting.

If you attend, please continue to follow the relevant social distancing rules.

There will be no access to the hall facilities but hand sanitizer will be available. Therefore, we will not be needing any kitchen helpers, but cakes from our bakers on the list would be much appreciated.

The Meeting Place Team



Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

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

In light of Covid-19, this group is currently not running. I am planning to restart back in September. Please keep an eye on the facebook page or call/message me for more information.

**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 or message Molly on 07595354619. Please search "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.



Gardening Club Report for July & August

Plans have been going ahead for the virtual Flower Show thanks to Ian Webster acting as our on-line Show Secretary. Do look at the schedule and instructions for entries. They will be available on the website on 1st July. I am sure that the schedule includes classes for everyone to have a go, it includes photos of your garden, cake decoration, crafts and children's classes as well as the horticultural ones. Perhaps you could help a friend who does not have access to a computer.

Entries will close on 22nd July. They will be posted on the website for you to look at before they have been judged and results will follow in August.

Website: <https://froylegardenclub.weebly.com>

We have not made any plans for an Autumn show in September but hope that we may be able to hold our usual evening meetings after that.

Good luck with your gardening – at last we seem to be having a beneficial amount of rain.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

FROYLE FLOWER SHOW 2020

Virtual On-line

Classes

OPEN TO ALL

Entries to be made 1st - 22nd July

See Gardening Club report (above) for
website and further details

Worried about falling?

You can help prevent it happening to you



Stay active – physical activity and exercises designed to improve muscle strength, balance, coordination and flexibility, are the most effective in preventing falls. You can do these at home or join an online exercise class.

Make your home safer – use good lighting, especially on the stairs. Tidy away things you might trip over. Use a non-slip underlay under rugs. In the bathroom, have grab bars put in and use non-slip mats in the bath or shower. Use a small stepladder to reach high places, not a chair. Clean up any spills as soon as they happen.

Have your medication reviewed – some medicines or combinations of medicines can make you sleepy or dizzy.

Have your vision and hearing checked – problems with sight can lead to trips and problems with hearing can affect your balance, so phone your doctor or optician if you are concerned.

Eat well – a balanced healthy diet will ensure you get all the essential vitamins and minerals to keep your body and bones healthy.

Wear suitable footwear – make sure your shoes and slippers fit well and stay on properly. Don't walk indoors in socks or tights. Take care of your feet by trimming your nails regularly and having any foot problems looked at. Age Concern Hampshire offer foot clinics, which are expected to reopen in July. Call 01489 572819 for more information.

If you are worried, speak to your doctor. Also, consider having a personal alarm, so you can call for help if you need it.

For more information, contact your local Village Agent

Madeleine....on ...23371

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



Froyle Open Gardens (FOG) 2020



Saturday 6th June, when Froyle Gardens were supposed to open, dawned cold and wet and miserable and I was almost glad that we couldn't. Nobody would have come. A few days later when the sun was shining and the garden was looking spectacular I felt it would have been so nice to share it. After all it's the buzz you get from the visitors that makes you want to do it all again. You forget the hard work and the anxiety as you bask in their approval and the fact that people so enjoy their visits.

We were not allowed to open this year because of the pandemic but by the time you read this the rules will have relaxed and visits become possible. In Froyle we have decided against opening later in the summer. The idea of booked tickets and timed slots was just too complicated to be practical for a group opening. We will be back next year.

But we haven't been idle (what gardener ever is). As previously reported, Anne Blunt and Vivienne Sexton helped by others have propagated vast numbers of plants which they have sold at their garden gates. As a result of their efforts, a cheque for £1023 has gone off to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) to be distributed to the various nursing and medical charities they support. This is a brilliant result and outstrips the amount raised selling plants at FOG 19. So well done everybody, buyers and sellers alike.

Mark Lelliott and I have completed a twenty minute film showing a selection of seven Froyle Gardens which can now be seen in high definition glory on the NGS website. Look for 'Virtual Garden Visits' and scroll down a bit. Alternatively you can go straight there using the link <https://ngs.org.uk/froyle-gardens-hampshire-a-smorgasbord-of-delicious-gardens/> Please pass on the link to fellow gardeners and anybody you think would be interested.

We are not sure about the 'smorgasbord' bit which was dreamed up by the NGS. Maybe it was because we mentioned Freya the Norse goddess of love and fertility in the film. Thanks are due to Yann Dubreuil who did a sterling job of the commentary despite constant interruption from the producer. A good film should appear seamless but this disguises the enormous amount of work that goes into weaving together innumerable tiny moments of sound and picture. Mark's commitment and professionalism has been tremendous. So I would like to thank him along with all the gardeners who allowed us access to their gardens.

The purpose of the film, apart from keeping Mark and I out of trouble, is to raise money for the NGS to make up for the funds we would have raised if we had been able to open our gardens as usual. So if you watch the film and think it has merit (and even if you don't) at the end there is a button to click which will allow you to donate. Many thanks to those who already have.

Lockdown has resulted in an increase in gardening and the pleasure and relaxation that can be gained from it. We are on the look out for new gardens for FOG 21. Please let me have your suggestions.



Nick Whines (nick@whines.co.uk)

NGS Plant Stalls

The Froyle plant stalls raised a total of £1023.

We would not have reached this impressive amount without the support of so many of you and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Froyle.

The money has been passed to the NGS and will be used to support nursing charities, the focus of their fundraising this year.

We hope your plants are flourishing!

Anne Blunt & Vivienne Sexton



Froyle Wildlife

Drop-in Day at the Pond - Saturday 4th July

Call in anytime between 10am and 4pm to visit the wildlife pond and meadow, near Gid Lane, Upper Froyle. There should be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day. Please ensure social distancing during your visit.

Members of Froyle Wildlife will be on hand to assist with identification of wildflowers, dragonflies and butterflies. Wildflower species to look out for include; knapweed, lady's bedstraw, rough hawkbit, self heal, purple loosestrife, water figwort and bird's-foot trefoil. Last year six species of dragonfly and ten species of butterfly were noted on the 'drop-in' day. No need to book, just pop in and see what you can spot. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/.



Barry Clark

What is yellow and black, has wings and are seen in gardens? - Bees and wasps for sure but also many hoverfly species which have evolved to mimic these stinging and often unpalatable species as a means of warding off predators - known as Batesian mimicry. Hoverflies do not sting (or bite), they are beneficial pollinators visiting flowers to sup nectar for energy and pollen for protein. In addition the larvae of about 40% of British species feed on aphids whilst most others feed on decaying animal and plant detritus. They are classed as 'true flies' having only one pair of wings as opposed to bees and wasps which have two pairs, there are about 280 species in the UK.

The largest UK hoverfly is a Hornet mimic *Volucella zonaria*. Similar but slightly smaller is *Volucella inanis* with *Volucella bombylans* being a convincing bumblebee mimic. The Great Pied Hoverfly *Volucella pellucens* is a striking large black hoverfly with an ivory white band across its middle and dark marks on its wings. The larvae of Britain's commonest hoverfly - the Marmalade Hoverfly *Episyrphus balteatus*, feed on a wide range of aphids and can be numerous especially when periodic mass migrations from Europe occur. Good news for farmers as these hoverflies feed on cereal aphids and cabbage aphids. The above species and more have been recorded in Froyle

nectaring on various flowers, Buddleia being a favourite with the larger species. Why not take a closer look at your garden flowers, grab a few hoverfly photos and Google UK Hoverflies to get identification help.



Wildlife sightings in Froyle – Earlier in the year 166 flower heads of Ladies Smock were counted on the Rec. perennial wildflower area. They have increased wonderfully from the plants Brenda grew from seed. Other sightings received include Grass Snake, Badger, Fox, Hare, Hummingbird Hawk-moth, Lesser Stag Beetle, flock of 29 Lapwing, a Cuckoo calling 12.30am! Best of all we had a report of a Turtle Dove sighting in Upper Froyle. The last time I heard a turtle dove in Froyle was 7th July 2007!

Do let us know what you see this summer by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk. Also find us on our new Instagram page: [@froylewildlife](https://www.instagram.com/froylewildlife) and share your wildlife photos using [#froylewildlife](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/froylewildlife).

Turtle Doves are in crisis and red listed. It is a summer breeding visitor and the fastest-declining bird in the UK. Between 1967 and 2016 their numbers dropped by 98%, within a few years we may not see them here at all. They are the only migratory dove in Europe and winter in Africa, a 5,000km flight away.

Reasons for decline in UK include loss of suitable breeding habitat and food, illegal shooting during migration in the Mediterranean and loss of habitat in wintering grounds.

The Big Butterfly Count is back and runs from 17th July to 9th August. It's a simple and fun 15 minute activity on a bright, preferably sunny day. If you're keen you can submit separate records for different dates at the same place and for different places that you visit. Download a handy butterfly identification chart or a free app for iOS and Android to identify and record the butterflies you see or send in your sightings online. For more information see <https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/about>. The survey is run by the charity Butterfly Conservation.

Sue Clark

Wagtail Rescue



Last week we rescued a baby wagtail who fell out of its nest and into a puddle! It wasn't able to fly and as it was at night, there was no sign of the parents. We nursed it throughout the night and took it to Hart Wildlife the next day where he is eating and doing well.

Nicki Riglar

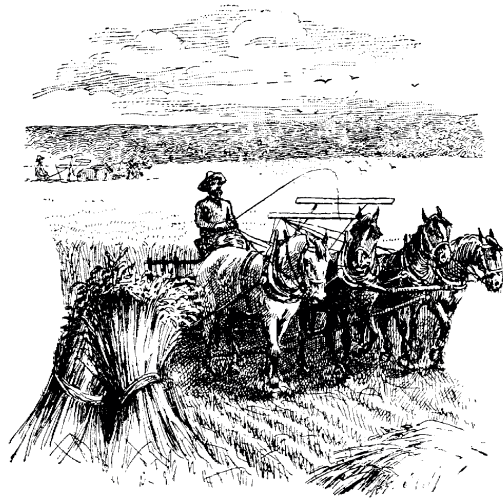
Thursley Common Fire

You will have seen reports about the devastating fire on Thursley Common recently. A campaign has been launched by Elstead and Thursley Parish Councils to 'Preserve our Reserve' which is aiming to raise funds to help restore the Common to its beautiful best and also to support longer-term projects so that everyone can enjoy the Common safely for many years to come.

If you would like more details of the campaign or how to make a donation then please visit <https://elsteadvillage.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/POR-Campaign-Launch.pdf>

Andrew Potter

The View From Yarnhams Farm



In these difficult and strange times, we are fortunate to be able to carry on with farming activities, thankfully all fieldwork is done in a solitary way.

As ever in farming, no two years are the same. The current cropping scenario in 2020 could hardly be more different to the benign conditions at the equivalent time in 2019.

During the horrendously wet winter, winter cereals, where sown, have suffered; their roots sitting for long periods in saturated, even waterlogged, soils. Although the soil at Yarnhams is better suited to winter drilling, it became necessary to wait till spring. Finally, in the latter part of March, the drier weather allowed a lot of catching up with spring drilling, albeit much of it at later dates than deemed to be 'ideal'. Dry soils and high temperatures in April created concerns about the impact on yield potential. Many crops are showing signs of drought stress and although we have had rainfall, it has not been significant enough.

The crops we are growing this year are Winter Wheat and Barley, Winter Beans, Winter Oilseed Rape, Spring Barley and Grain Maize. Grain Maize is being grown in fields around Saintbury Hill and the field that abuts some Lower Froyle gardens. This is a new crop for us – it is late sown and late harvested, probably November. Grain Maize has many uses, it could end up in animal feed or ethanol production.

As always, we very much hope to get good yields – however, it all depends on the weather.....

As an aside to farming the land, but albeit a very important one, the headlands/margins round all our fields are being managed for conservation and wildlife under Natural England's Environmental Stewardship Higher Level Scheme and so we would appreciate it if walkers would leave them undisturbed and untouched.

Please could we remind everyone, whether walking, cycling, running or riding to keep to the footpaths and rights of way. Thank you.

Ali Maude



Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million.

How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what you need to do:

1 - Watch out for scam messages

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

2 - Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

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NHS Test and Trace scams:

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public have confidence and trust in the service. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

What you need to know:

Contact tracers will only call you from the number 0300 013 5000. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

July News from The Froyle Archive

Froyle Fêtes Past

Firstly, we hope that you are all safe and well

As there is no actual fête this year, owing to the pandemic, let us take the opportunity to look back and reminisce over fêtes gone by.

Before the turn of the previous century it was more of a 'club' than a Fête and was, apparently, held on Whit Monday, when the village would hold a cricket match, at which there would be a few stalls and a band.

Sir Hubert Miller, Lord of the Manor of Froyle, was responsible for starting an Annual Flower Show and, since that time, the Fête has been run in conjunction with this. At those first shows, the exhibits were displayed in the school as well as at the Show and there was a Best Kept Gardens Competition. For a while in the 1930s the Flower Show lapsed, but it was revived by the Froyle W.I. in 1940 and has taken place in July or August ever since, although now it is organised by the Froyle Gardening Club which itself was formed in 1969.

Around 1947 the newly formed Sports Club had joined forces with the Flower Show and turned the event into a real village Fête Day.

These Fêtes were often held in the grounds of various large houses in Froyle, but from the late 1960s they were held on the Recreation Ground, as they still are to this day. This photograph below was lent to us by Alec Wells (*our next door neighbour, who sadly died in 2008*) who was a member of the very successful Froyle Tug of War team in the late 1940s and early 1950s. In those days the Froyle team won many trophies in the various local competitions. Training involved hoisting heavy weights suspended over the branches of tall trees! The picture shows the annual village fête in the early 1950s on the only occasion as far as we are aware that it was held in the



grounds of Froyle House.

In the 1970s many new ideas were tried to attract visitors - there was a driving test on the Recreation Ground and a Fête Queen competition, the winner of the event opening the fête after a procession from Upper Froyle.

Here we see The Alton Morris Men, along with their splendid dragon, leading the Fancy Dress Procession from Froyle School to the Recreation Ground for the start of the 1982 Fête.

Around this time we had special guests to judge the Fancy Dress. In 1977 Patrick Moore dropped in, below, and we also had a visit from Roger Royle. In later years we have had hot air balloons as well as Chinooks from RAF Odiham, which were very popular indeed.



Other memorable images from later fêtes include Roy and Roy shearing sheep in 1982 and, from 1988, a puzzle picture....what is going on? It's only The Dog Show

And, of course, our team of cooks, seen here in 2009.

Hope to be back in 2021!!

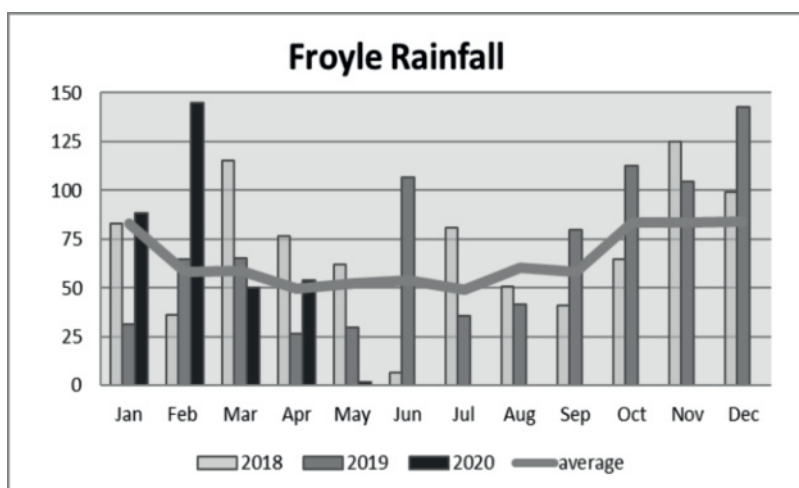


For more pictures of Froyle Fêtes see www.froyle.com/fetehistory01.htm.

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

Froyle Rainfall for May 2020

This year	2 mm	0.08 ins
Last year	30 mm	1.2 ins
Wettest May (1979)	111 mm	4.4 ins
Driest May (2020)	2 mm	0.08 ins
Long-term average for May – the 3 rd driest month	52.5 mm	2.1 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	339.5 mm	13.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	301.9 mm	11.9 ins



The driest May on record, and almost the driest month ever but that honour falls to both April 2007 and April 2011, when we had just one mm. (The previous driest May was in 1991 - 3.5 mm). And not surprisingly, an ultra-dry May nearly always leads to a below average 2nd quarter, something around 20% below. But even if this was the case we would still be above average for the year after the soaking we had in February. 2020 has so far most definitely been a year of contrasts...



“The Umbrella Man”



Bentley CE Primary School 2019-2020

This has been a year like no other with the Corona Virus making it one none of us will forget. Nonetheless, there have still been many positives with super learning, school trips, PTFA events, fundraising for other charities and lots more to enjoy and celebrate...

During lockdown we have essentially run two schools consecutively with Virtual Learning set up through a new online platform called Seesaw and learning in school for Key Workers running continuously without any pause for holidays. It has been a very busy time for staff and I have been hugely proud of them all for their creativity, resilience and ability to adapt in difficult circumstances. We have remained heartened by the amazing community spirit, kindness and resilience of our families. Home schooling children and juggling work and worries has been a huge challenge but we have been delighted by the ongoing learning. We know children will return to school with new skills and we are ready to support where gaps, and learning leaps, have been made. Our teachers have worked tirelessly preparing the home school tasks alongside teaching those at school full time. Our governors and I have certainly been kept busy with the numerous reports, risk assessments, DfE requests, planning, re-planning and planning again, as has been required during this unprecedented time in our history!

It's amazing to see how much our Year R children have grown – not just in height but also in their learning. Their teachers have continued to set the Early Years curriculum and assess their learning through Tapestry. They have each forged new friendships and loved learning during play in their outdoor space. The vast majority have been back in school since June and it has been lovely to see how happy they are and how easily they have adapted to new and different routines.

Our Year 1 class have also returned to school this half term and have been delighted to get back into their learning. Things which Year 1 have particularly enjoyed this year have been apple picking, performing in our Nativity play and learning many new skills in maths and phonics.

Year 2 have really got stuck into their subject specific learning this year. With history topics such as the Titanic and Florence Nightingale they have really enjoyed learning about our world around us. Science has also been a favourite subject and with



Writers Award 2020

'Penguins' being the class name the children have learnt how different animals have adapted to their habitats.

Year 3 children settled into Junior life incredibly well and continue to meet many new challenges from swimming to their Gordon Brown day. Their visit from the 'Iron Age history man' was certainly a highlight as they got a glimpse of what life was like during



the time, plus they have relished some more independence in their learning. As a class they have impressed us with their commitment to our 'Five times a week' reading and many had already hit the Gold level by the time lockdown began.

The Year 4 class have continued to work hard and play hard with lots of great visits and special learning opportunities being mentioned as they think back over the year. From their fantastic visit to Butser Ancient Farm, to their geography study of rivers at Dapdune Wharf, to a brilliant English linked theatre visit to see The Butterfly Lion; so many experiences which have help to make classroom learning come alive.

Our super learners in Year 5 are renowned for being great readers and special mentors to the Year R children. They were incredibly lucky to get their Year 5 residential visit to Calshot just before

Thank You Box June 2020

lockdown and this was a real highlight of their year. We know that they will hold skiing, climbing, trawlers, coastal study and teambuilding activities in their memories for years to come.

Lastly our super Year 6 class – Due to the extremely high number of Key Worker pupils at Bentley we have not been able to offer them places back at school for this half term as we had wished but we are due to end the school year with them returning for some special Leavers events. In true Bentley style they have continued to 'work their socks off' despite SATs being cancelled. We are so proud of them for their hard work and independence at this time and know that they are very ready for whatever challenges may be ahead! I know they leave with many special memories of their seven years from their residential visits to Calshot and the Gordon



Brown Centre, ice-skating at Christmas, the visit to the Houses of Parliament, Bfest, Christmas Fairs, and Bonfire Night to name a few. But the most mentioned thing has been the friendships they have made at Bentley and we know many of these relationships will continue long after they leave us. Staff, governors and younger children all wish them farewell and good luck as they embark on their new journey into secondary school and beyond.

Despite having to cancel our Bfest and the amazing annual Big Bike Ride - our two biggest fundraisers of the year - our fantastic PTFA has still raised over £9,000 this year! The Welcome BBQ, Christmas Fair and Raffle, Quiz Night, numerous cake sales and apple juice sales were all a huge success and we are very grateful for the support from our school families. We have also raised money for The British Legion Poppy Appeal, Kaira Konko, and WWF and were able to support our fantastic Alton Food Bank with many donations made at our Harvest Festival. We have continued to be wowed by our children and family in lockdown as their thoughtfulness to others has been inspirational and has really kept us going in school during lockdown.

The end of the school year sees us saying goodbye to Miss Kirby, our Year 2 Teacher, Sports Lead and Infant Lead as she heads to Ropley to take up a fantastic new post as Assistant Headteacher. Having joined the team seven years ago as a student teacher, her enthusiasm, positivity, and competitive spirit has been a wonderful asset to the school. This is a well-earned promotion and whilst we are very sad to see her go, we are extremely proud of her and wish her all the very best at her new school.

By the time that you read this the school will be closed for the first time since 20th March and we will be having our holidays (much needed!). As we go to press it looks as though we can welcome everyone back in September and we are preparing accordingly. On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you a happy and healthy summer 2020.

Katy Pinchess - Headteacher





Froyle Football Hut Renovation Project



Froyle Parish Council has been considering a number of options for the future of the increasingly derelict football hut. We are now proposing a plan to renovate and repurpose the hut to create a contemporary-looking, multi-purpose facility for the benefit of the whole community and beyond. We commend this development to the Froyle community and seek your support to proceed with the project.

The hut is currently something of an eye sore that seriously devalues the appearance of the Village Hall and the Rec. It is an underutilised community resource only being used for the storage of jumble and unsold bric-a-brac.

What is the Parish Council recommending?

The Parish Council recommends renovating the hut and repurposing it to provide a multi-purpose community facility. This would consist of two meeting rooms and a small kitchen, internal and external loos with disabled access and baby changing facilities in each and a covered shelter facing the playground. Storage to support outdoor activities on the Rec and other needs could also be provided in a standalone secure area to the rear of the building.

What would the renovation project entail?

- Removal of the existing roof and replacement with new panels & trusses,
- External walls to be insulated and vertically clad with chestnut boarding that would weather to a silver colour,
- Removal of internal walls & installation of stud wall partitions,
- New windows to create a lighter, brighter space and a new door for security,
- Extension of the roof to create a covered area over decking that overlooks the playground,
- Level access to the outside loo from the paved area at the front of the building with a regraded slope down onto the Rec.

What might the community space be used for?

This is largely up to you to decide. Some suggestions include:

- A meeting space for both existing village groups and new activities,
- A smaller meeting room which will also serve as a Parish Office,
- Consultation space e.g. for the village agent or community police and in time this may allow the doctor's surgery to be reinstated and attract other health care professionals to hold sessions,
- A borrowing library for books, films etc.,
- A pop-up 'café' for get-togethers with friends and serving passing visitors,
- A pop-up shop to sell plants, local produce and craftwork,
- Exhibition area for arts and craft displays etc.,
- Storage and research area for the Froyle archive,
- Support facilities to encourage more family-based activities on the Rec.

Do we really need an outside loo?

- You may not but families who bring children to the playground, including those hiring the Village Hall for children's parties, would appreciate it especially the disabled access and baby changing facilities contained therein,
- Proposed youth based activities on the Rec such as a youth football team would benefit from such facilities for participants and supporters,
- Residents and visitors, including walkers and cyclists who come through Froyle, use the Rec and enjoy relaxing on the Village Hall patio will appreciate the facility especially when the Village Hall is locked,

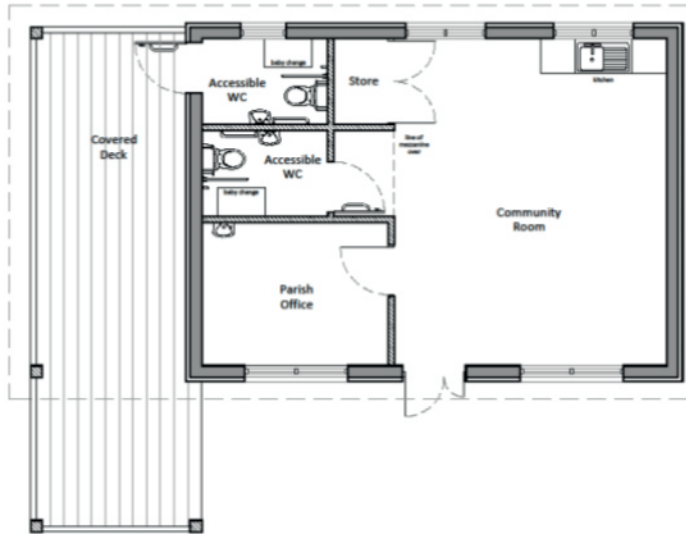
Don't we already have a Village Hall?

- We have an excellent Village Hall but it is not always economical, practical or available for small or short meetings or just for informal get-togethers,
- It is only open when being used and inaccessible to others if a private hire,
- The new facility will be accessible much more of the time and will complement not compete with the Village Hall and the Village Hall Committee has consistently supported the need for action on the football hut.

What is it going to cost and can we afford it?

- The quotes we have received suggest a realistic build cost of c.£75,000,
- Yes it's a lot and the price has certainly caused the Parish Council to consider the pros and cons of the renovation project very seriously. There are cheaper alternatives but we don't feel that they offer the same long term benefits to the village,

- In recent years the Parish Council has been saving up for a project to do something with the football hut and has sufficient reserves to cover much of the cost,
- EHDC has already agreed funding of around £20,000 and applications have been submitted to various other bodies for up to a further £30,000.



RENOVATION OF FROYLE FOOTBALL HUT TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY

So what else could we do?

We could just demolish it:

- In 2017 the village was consulted on the project to upgrade the playground and replace the hut. There was little support for demolition at that time,
- Demolition and landscaping would cost at least £10,000 and the only benefit for the village would be a bit more grass or car park. Froyle can do and deserves better!

We could tidy up the external appearance and make it weather proof:

- As a minimum, the building would need to be re-clad, new guttering installed, the rotten windows either replaced or boarded over and a new door fitted,
- The existing roof is constructed of asbestos panels in which small holes are appearing. It is largely watertight at present although one area of ceiling has already collapsed, possibly due to water ingress. There are also holes in the eaves where vermin and birds can access. A recent structural survey

has indicated that when the asbestos panels are no longer viable, the whole roof frame will need to be replaced,

- Specific costings have not been prepared but, based on the detailed estimates provided with earlier schemes, a figure in the region of £20,000 is considered realistic for this work,
- A repaired building would continue to be used only for storage with no heating or insulation and as such provide no additional community benefit for the expenditure incurred.

We could replace the hut with a new building:

- Demolition and replacement with a new building of similar size would cost more than renovation. This does not provide any better solution given the existing building is sound so it has not been progressed,
- A similar three bay oak framed building to that proposed in 2017 has been considered but with an upgraded specification. One bay would be insulated for use as a meeting space/office, one bay would be enclosed for storage and contain an externally accessible toilet with the third bay left open,
- An indicative price was obtained for such a building and, after taking demolition costs into consideration, it is equivalent to the cost of renovation,
- Such a building would look different and provide fewer community facilities so is not considered to provide good value for money.

How can I help?

- We really want to hear your views and get your support for the project. Please also include any comments you may have on the internal layout and possible uses.

Please complete the enclosed slip and return it as soon as possible to the Parish Clerk at Old Chapel Cottage, Lower Froyle GU34 4LS or any Parish Councillor.

Alternatively if you hate forms you can email your response to clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk or phone 07979 030571

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Services and Other News

As most of you know, the church building is now open again, which is very good news!

We are, however, having to be cautious in our approach. It is only open for individual prayer, not for services, and initially only for four days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays) and for limited hours (1:00pm to 4:00 pm). There will be a volunteer at the church when it is open, to show visitors the precautions we have put in place to prevent so far as possible the use of the church leading to the spread of the virus. We hope to move as quickly as possible to a more complete opening of the church building.

It is also now possible to allow contractors into churches, subject to very strict restrictions and precautions being put in place. We are looking at how we can continue with the renovation of the vestry (including the installation of kitchen facilities) on that basis. You will be hearing more from us over the summer about this.

We are also starting to look actively at getting church social events up and running when it is safe to do so and government restrictions permit. You will see elsewhere in this magazine that our 'Teas on Tuesday' will be making a return – in August this year, rather than June – that is of course if we can. We are also looking holding the Christmas Fair in some form in late November, and at reinstating the April jumble sale later in the year – September/ October – again, in whatever form we can. There will be more about all this in the September magazine.

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys the summer. Keep checking the Benefice website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) for information about our 'virtual' services and other online

activities. And don't give up on us about the virtual Evensong that I promised in the June magazine! It is still in production – quite a challenge – but we shall get there in the coming weeks! Many thanks to Sam and to all who have borne the brunt of all the whizzy technical skills that have enabled the Benefice to function so effectively on YouTube during lockdown.

As always, do get in touch at any time if you want to. It doesn't look as if I'm going anywhere over the summer.....

William Knowles

Youth Update

It's that time again when the magazine deadlines creep up and I'm trying to think of youth updates to give to our three parishes. Over June we've had so much fun over Zoom, with United, and as our own youth group, and the list of activities is endless! We've thoroughly enjoyed watching films together like Ready Player One, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, and Jurassic World: The Fallen Kingdom. We've played many a Kahoot quiz online, baked lots of treats and completed the Bible Course. With our older group we've had valuable topical discussions around Black Lives Matter and Marcus Rashford's campaigning, on how they impact our lives and how we respond to these matters as Christians. With United we're looking forward to starting Discipleship Explored, a course which focuses in on the book of Philippians and answers questions that are key to living a joyful Christian life. It's more than just an overview of the Bible and Christianity, it goes deeper into how we live our lives.

As we come towards the end of June, and as I write this, Sam and I are putting together a youth and family service for Father's Day, and as you read this, the service has already been and gone. We have so many talented children and young people and I want to say a huge thank you to all who contributed with prayers, readings, testimonies – I'm sure we made all our dads proud!

Finally, this summer is going to look very different to previous years, although this will be my first summer living and working in Hampshire so who am I to know! It's likely we won't be meeting in person for a while, and when we do it will be from a 2m distance. Our summer holidays won't be the same for a while either, with everyone now scrambling to find destinations in the UK for when the hospitality sector opens up. Usually, as a youth worker, our groups and activities are term time, but Covid-19 has thrown all our lives out of normality. We have been running groups and activities every day since March and completely stopping that for summer will be tough for many of our young people. We're not going to abandon you! Summer will be different to previous years, but we will make it the best we can.

Keep safe.

Gemma Ball - Pastoral Assistant (Youth) and Administrator

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Many in our villages greeted the news on June 12 that churches could soon reopen for private prayer with great delight and relief. ‘My heart sang on hearing this’, one of our team said, adding, ‘Even though we won’t actually be allowed to sing!’

Our churchwardens were delighted too, even though they had the immediate task of thinking how best to manage the new rules allowing admittance to our three beautiful churches. Where to position the hand sanitiser, how many pairs of disposable gloves are required, do we need a one way system and so on.

But this development, welcome though it is, can only be a small step forward. It will not mean meeting in significant numbers, heartily singing familiar hymns, gathering for lemon drizzle cake and coffee, or a glass of sherry if you are used to attending services in Froyle. So, just as we have been doing throughout this difficult time, we will continue to offer online services. As well as our Sunday service, available from 11am on YouTube, we will also continue with our own Thought for the Day broadcasts every weekday. And for those not able to use the internet, our Sunday service is available to listen to on the end of a phone – just dial 01420 552652.

Many people have said they have found this material very helpful and because the technology gives us viewing figures, rather than counting heads in the pews we can see that large numbers are clicking on the online posts and signing up to YouTube for regular updates. But we are of course aware that not everyone in our benefice has internet access or even wants to have their faith supported in this remote fashion. The very fact that our churches are so ancient and have resonated with prayer and song for hundreds of years, brings a dimension to worship that cannot be fully emulated electronically. And even though we cannot yet offer full services in our buildings, the very act of being able to sit in silent or maybe not so silent, private prayer will bring great comfort to some in our parishes.

However, many who have viewed and responded to our online offerings, tell us that this means of communicating with their Church, has given them new insights into the meaning of worship. Enjoying Sam and Gemma’s laughter and youthful energy when they deliver Thought of the Day, hearing Christopher interpret a passage of Scripture while a robin sings its heart out in the background, feeling bonded with Yann as he takes Communion, are all comments we have received about our alternative 21st century virtual Church. The intimacy of YouTube has given many of us a feeling that we are closer than ever to the true meaning of prayer. And although we may miss the comforting sound of a community of voices as we pray and sing, some are finding that by hearing just their own voice, familiar words have acquired a new and deeper significance.

This may not be the Church we have always known and loved, but it is still our Church. And it is proving that the Church is in us, in our minds and hearts and not necessarily in a structure of stone, bricks and mortar.

*Blessings,
Yann*



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Rose MacInnes

A Word From the Editors

We hope you are enjoying this bumper-sized double-month edition of the magazine. Our thanks to all who contributed.

We change our cover this month to show a scene from Lower Froyle - a view over the pond. Again, our thanks to Anna MacInnes for kindly providing the artwork.

Medicine for the Soul

A Random Selection of Things I Have Enjoyed Listening To and Watching During the Lockdown

Normally I'm a radio person. I confess to being pretty unadventurous and tend to swap between Radio 4 and Radio 3 to get my fix. Sometimes I catch up on something I missed the beginning or the end of but other than that I enjoy listening live.

During lockdown I have needed a bit more, but not too much. It was in large part to take my mind off the news - constantly available and ever depressing. So I have become a little more curious about what is available. I should say now that I do have BBC Sounds and a Spotify account but do not subscribe to Amazon Prime, Sky, Netflix or other streaming channels so my choice, to many, may appear pedestrian.

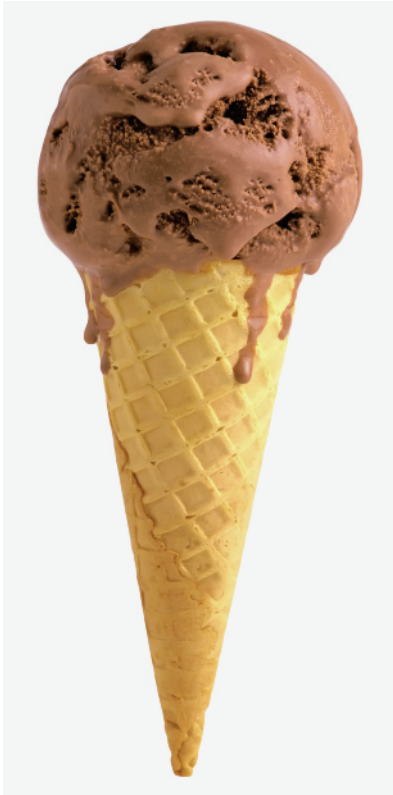
On a Covid related theme the Coronavirus Global Update podcast is available on BBC Sounds and does what it says on the tin. It does include the UK but not exclusively. And it only lasts about 5 minutes. Another excellent podcast from the BBC is "More or less: behind the stats". At the time of publication the current series will have finished but the podcasts seem to be available for a year so if you want to check out some of those implausible sounding figures this is the one for you. Then I decided to go for a bit of education. My knowledge of history is terrible, a definite lack in my education. Greg Jenner, described as a public historian, has a series of podcasts: "Homeschool History" more aimed at children and "You're dead to me" for grownups which I have found fascinating and approachable. Both are available on BBC Sounds. Then if you're interested in autism and how it feels not to be neurotypical you could try "1800 seconds on autism", also on BBC Sounds, presented by autistic hosts and as far as I'm able to judge giving a real insight on how it feels to be autistic.

And then..... I discovered that I can get any number of podcasts, TED talks and the like on Spotify. To be honest the only ones I have delved into so far are an illuminating series of podcasts called "Confessions" with Giles Fraser which I discovered on a website called UnHerd.com. So much to explore there.

So that leaves a few things I've enjoyed watching on YouTube. What an amazing resource and how easy to play on the television. I loved seeing Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake, the original Three Tenors concert and all sorts of gardens open for the NGS to name but a few. And of course if you just want to have a bit of fun while the world as we know it is on hold, you can't do better than the Olive and Mabel videos posted on YouTube by sports commentator Andrew Cotter, essential viewing!

I'm sure there is so much more out there to enjoy but at the moment I just don't have the time.....

Gillian Pickering



Froyle Grand Summer Ice-Cream Supplement

Summer is here! - and when the sun is out, what can be better than to cool off with some real, home made ice cream?

Here are two exciting ice-cream recipes from Susie Robertson, both incorporating meringue.

Then we have an ice-cream themed quiz, assembled by Mary Knowles.

Finally, our editor has supplied two of his favourite recipes for unusually flavoured ice-creams.

So get cracking now, ready for when the sun next puts in an appearance!

Bon appetit.

Lemon Meringue Ice Cream

- Place lemon curd, double cream, natural yogurt, condensed milk, lemon zest (and limoncello if using) into a large mixing bowl.
- Using an electric whisk, beat all the ingredients together until smooth.
- Gently fold in the meringue pieces.
- Pour into a plastic container and freeze overnight.
- Leave to soften a little at room temperature before serving.

Serves 6-8. Omit the meringues if you prefer - still delicious.

1 jar Lemon curd (about 315g)
300 ml double cream
300 ml natural yoghurt
100 g condensed milk
80 g meringue shells, broken into pieces
(3 tbsp limoncello)
Zest of 1 lemon

Strawberry Meringue Ice Cream

- Pulse together strawberries, icing sugar and double cream in food processor or blender until smooth.

- Break up the meringue and stir most of it into the mixture.

- Transfer to plastic container and freeze for at least 6 hours.

- To serve, allow to soften a little at room temperature before serving. Sprinkle with remaining meringue.

A twist on Eton Mess. Leave out meringues if you want - still delicious

500 g strawberries, hulled

50g icing sugar

200ml double cream

75g meringue nests

Ice Cream Quiz

1. The earliest ice cream-like cold dessert was made in which country in the 7th century, from a recipe using buffalo milk, flour and camphor?
2. But ice cream as we know it was created in which country?
3. Who was the first American credited with writing down an ice cream recipe?
4. Which English king paid his chef £500 a year to keep his ice cream recipe secret?
5. How many gallons of milk does it take to produce a gallon of ice cream?
6. How many licks does it take to finish one scoop (on a cone)?
7. The US consumes the greatest amount of ice cream, but which country eats the most per capita?
8. According to NASA, ice cream is one of the three foods astronauts miss most on space missions. What are the other two?
9. In what country can you find ice cream flavoured with shrimp, octopus, horseflesh and cow tongue?

When you have finished, please turn to the final page for the answers.

Both these ice creams call for an ice cream making machine, but you can still make them if you don't have one. Instead, just put the mixture into a plastic bowl, and put that in the freezer. Cover with clingfilm. After 1 hr. remove and beat with electric whisk till uniform. Repeat at hourly intervals till firm, then transfer to storage container, or serve.

Dulce de Leche Ice Cream

Dulce de Leche is a South American favourite, with a flavour somewhere between creamy toffee and butterscotch. You make it by boiling a sealed can of condensed milk.

- place can of condensed milk in lidded saucepan. Cover with water and bring to the boil. Simmer for 3hrs. **Check water level regularly** and top up with boiling water as needed. Allow to cool overnight. This is now dulce de leche.

- add milk, sugar and the dulce de leche to a saucepan and bring slowly to the boil, whisking all the time to dissolve.

- When cool, transfer to ice-cream machine and churn till set. Serve or transfer to one litre container (soften in fridge for 40 mins before serving).

400ml milk
Can of full cream condensed milk
50g soft brown sugar
300ml double cream

Tonka Bean Ice Cream

If you like vanilla ice cream, but sometimes fancy something slightly different, try this. Tonka beans are the seeds of a Central American tree, and can be bought online from specialist grocery suppliers.

- put egg yolks with half the sugar in plastic bowl, beat using electric whisk, till creamy.

- coarsely grate or chop beans. Put in saucepan with remaining sugar and milk and heat till nearly boiling. Allow to stand (off heat) for 30 mins.

- pass milk infusion through folded muslin or jelly bag to remove bits. Wipe saucepan with kitchen paper, then return the infusion to the pan. Bring back to near boiling.

- whisking continually, slowly pour the hot infusion into the egg/sugar mixture. When fully mixed, return to saucepan. **Gently** heat until mix reaches 85C (use thermometer), then plunge saucepan base immediately into cold water. Cover with pan lid and cool.

- when cool, add the cream and transfer to ice-cream machine. Churn till set. Serve or transfer to one litre container (soften in fridge for 40 mins before serving).

1 large or 2 small tonka beans
300ml milk
100g granulated sugar
3 large egg yolks
300ml double cream

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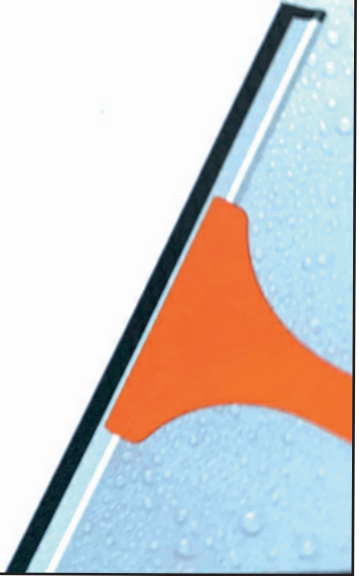
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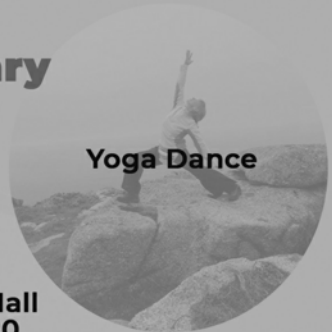


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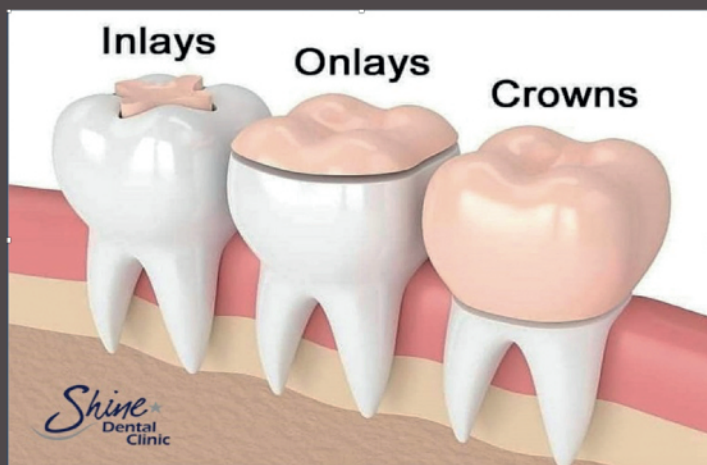
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July/August 2020 news from your Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) has met twice since the last edition of the magazine. There has been a lot for the PC to consider over the summer not least the closing on 14/8 of the public consultation for Veolia's application to build an Advanced Energy Recovery Facility (AERF). The PC submitted an objection to the application along with well over 1,000 others and this has been posted on the website.

The PC would like to thank all of the members of the No Wey Incinerator Group who worked really hard to ensure that there was a high quality review of Veolia's application and clear guidance on grounds for objection. We must all now wait for the comments to be considered by HCC and a decision made towards the end of the year.

The PC meeting on 13/7 spent a lot of time discussing the next steps of the football hut project and the new PC website while that held on 10/8 focused on the AERF objection. A number of issues raised by residents or relating to village groups were considered at both meetings.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation on the football hut. 123 responses were received representing over 20% of residents. Of these responses, over 85% were in favour of the project as proposed by the PC. The comments submitted with a number of responses were particularly helpful in allowing the PC to better understand the reasons behind residents' preferences. Work is now proceeding with the Village Hall Committee to consider how the two buildings can be managed efficiently but operated in a way that complement each other. Efforts to obtain funding also continue. It is planned to issue a tender to local builders in the autumn.

The Council has continued to review the option of fencing the playground to prevent dogs fouling around the equipment. Cost estimates have been obtained for a fence. These were expensive due to the size of the area to fence, the need to use child friendly materials and the requirement for multiple entry gates not only for playground users but also grass cutting equipment. Having taken time to observe the number of incidents regarding dog fouling and seeking advice from independent playground experts, the PC have concluded that a fence should not be constructed at present. From observations of other playgrounds, a fence can also be a useful way of containing a dog in the play area rather than outside it – precisely the opposite effect to that we are trying to achieve! The PC agreed that a campaign to raise awareness of dog owners to keep their pets under closer control when in or near the playground area and always cleaning up after them would be a good first step. The PC will think about how to most effectively implement this.

A new multi-use bin has been installed at the Westburn Fields exit from the Rec making it more convenient for dog waste bags to be deposited in a bin when exiting the Rec rather than having to divert via the one by the main gate. The old bin will remain in place however so please make use of any of them.

Traffic volumes and speed have unfortunately increased again as lockdown has eased. The PC decision taken last year to install a Speed Indicator Device (SID) has now been able to be actioned and the SID has recently been in use. It is hoped that this will raise awareness and help to curb excessive speeding (see separate article on page 7).

Froyle Wildlife have proposed to plant some new trees around the Rec to replace ones that have grown old and fallen down. The PC supported this proposal and it is hoped that the saplings will be planted in the autumn.

Around the village – the PC resolved not to comment on any of the three new planning applications received since June. These all related to tree pruning.

National Grid have advised of the **closure of Hole Lane, Bentley** from 7 September for 4 weeks.

Opportunities – a vacancy on the Parish Council arose earlier in the year and this can now be filled by co-option. Please email or write to the Parish Clerk clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk by 14 September if you are interested with a short explanation of why you would like to join the PC.

Public Governor Elections for South Central Ambulance Service are also being held in September – further info is available at <https://www.scas.nhs.uk/elections/>.

The Utility Networks Partnership has relaunched its Priority Services Register (PSR). The PSR provides alerts and other support from utility companies on service disruption and guidance on how to obtain help in times of hardship. For further details including eligibility go to www.southeastwater.co.uk/hereforyou.

The next PC meeting is scheduled for **Monday 14th September**. Time and location will be posted on the notice boards and all residents are welcome to attend.

Information about the village and useful links can be found on the FPC website at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk. Matters concerning residents should be addressed to the FPC via the Parish Clerk or, to seek wider views, post your suggestions on the FPC Facebook page. You can also be included in FPC email alerts by sending your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk with YES in the subject line.



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and the question of re-opening has again been reviewed. We have compiled a risk assessment along the lines recommended by Community Action Hampshire which provides support for community halls. At the time of writing it remains the case that a maximum of 30 people can meet in the hall and social distancing must be observed. Only one person can visit the lavatory at a time. Cleaning after each period of hire remains the biggest problem. We have therefore decided that as from early September we will re-open but allow 48 hours between bookings as we understand that this gives time for any virus which has been introduced to die without any specific cleaning requirement. This therefore permits just three bookings a week. Hirers will be expected to produce their own risk assessment for the Committee to approve and maintain a log of the contact details of those who attend. We are also asking that use of the kitchen is minimised. These requirements are now being written into our hiring agreement. So far we understand that Baby Ballet will resume on Saturday mornings and the Baby and Toddler Group on Thursdays (see page 6). We wish both groups great success and hope that they will be well supported. Discussions are ongoing for the third slot.

The socially distanced Friday morning gathering on the patio continues to be enjoyed and thanks go to those who facilitate this event. Sadly for the foreseeable future other events like Film Night and Quiz Night are cancelled. We remain unclear whether we will be able to hold our annual bonfire party on 5 November and will provide an update in the next Magazine.

I am looking for someone to act as a guardian for the defibrillator located on the wall of the village hall. Duties are not at all onerous, and nothing technical is involved: just to be a point of contact with the ambulance service who now require more than one name for their records.



Meanwhile to add insult to injury our dishwasher has sprung a leak in a welded seam which cannot be repaired. To be fair it has given us 10 years of service. The cost of a replacement machine is £1,800 to include installation and the removal of the old one. We approached our district and county councillors for support from their devolved funds. Cllr Mark Kemp Gee has kindly contributed £500 for which we are very grateful. We shall fund the balance from our reserves.

So one day when we are able to fully reopen there will be a brand new, gleaming dishwasher waiting to welcome you. I know you can't wait to start stacking. Let's just hope this happens before its guarantee runs out.

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillageball.co.uk



THANK YOU!

Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group

Thank you to all the Care Group volunteer drivers, coordinators and committee members who continued to provide a much needed service to our local residents, during the recent 'lockdown' and are continuing to do so during the ongoing Covid-19 situation.



Life was very different, as we all know, from late March onwards and this included health care provision. Even though many hospital and other health appointments were cancelled initially, there was still a need for some clients to visit the GP surgery in Alton and elsewhere, so the car service continued to operate.

The Care Group also set up a new collection and delivery service for prescriptions, working with the Bentley Village Surgery and others - 130 prescriptions have been delivered in the first four months of this service.

And additionally a telephone 'befriending' service was set up to provide support to more isolated clients, giving them a chance for a friendly chat.

Gradually we are being asked to take more clients to hospital appointments again, as health care begins to return to normal - but with the added difficulties and concerns over face coverings, hand washing, sanitising cars and social distancing in all health premises for both clients and volunteers. BUT the volunteers are not daunted, they carry on because they are needed.

If you feel you can offer the Care Group some support by volunteering then do please get in touch. If you are worried about leaving your house then you might consider being a coordinator - this involves telephone calls with clients and drivers, so no outside contact is required. If you have been volunteering for another local group which is not going to continue then we would be delighted to welcome you into the Care Group.

For further information, on how to support your local community through volunteering with the Care Group, please contact Cathy Smith, Secretary on 01420 520169 or on 07887 742632.

Susie Robertson

FROYLE 100 CLUB – JULY AND AUGUST DRAWS

Regular readers will know that, since the pandemic struck and the Village Hall closed, the Froyle 100 Club has searched far and wide, in the lanes, kennels and chicken runs of Froyle, to find helpers to ensure that the draw could proceed each month in a properly supervised but lockdown-compliant manner.....

So when the pubs opened again, what could the intrepid 100 Club administrator do but go in search of refreshments with a view to broadening still further the scope of upstanding (?) members of the Froyle community able and willing to help with the draw?



My number must be in here somewhere

Unfortunately, he got no further than the Hen & Chicken, where he encountered a couple of tables of noisy, enthusiastic Upper Froylies enjoying a Friday summer evening outside in the H&C garden in a socially distanced manner. These wonderful people not only helped with the draw but also joined the 100 Club (as did Kevin, the landlord). All very satisfactory, even if the administrator got a bit muddled by it all... We ended up doing both the July and the August draws at the one sitting – results below.

For next month, the intrepid administrator will try to make it as far as the Anchor.....

Meanwhile additional enthusiastic Upper Froylies as members of the Froyle 100 Club would be very welcome (contact details below). Only one of the eight winners listed lives in Upper Froyle – a poor showing, I'd say.... But well done Stephen



in joining and being immediately rewarded, and well done the Wimshursts for achieving a 'double-whammy'!

*Salt & vinegar flavoured
100 Club draw*

July's winners

- 1st – Angela Wimshurst
- 2nd – Maureen Fry
- 3rd – Martin Wimshurst
- 4th – Gillian Pickering

August's winners

- 1st – Caroline Findlay
- 2nd – Stephen Inskip
- 3rd – Eva Brambley
- 4th – Sarah Lovell

Congratulations to all

William Knowles



The Meeting Place

It has been wonderful to see so many old and new faces on Friday mornings, and thanks to your generosity, we have made a donation of £215 to the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice.

Until further notice, the (non) Meeting place will continue to provide take away drinks and cake from the terrace at the village hall, on Fridays from 10.30 am to 12 noon, weather permitting.

If you attend, please continue to follow the relevant social distancing rules.

There will be no access to the hall facilities but hand sanitizer will be available.

Therefore, we will not be needing any kitchen helpers, but cakes from our bakers on the list would be much appreciated.

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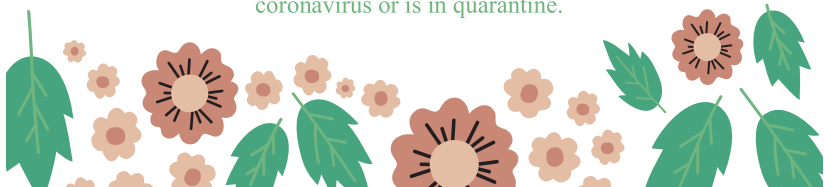
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SID is now in operation, monitoring traffic numbers and speeds in the village. NO, it does not record your number plate NOR take a picture of your vehicle. It does display your speed from 27-30mph, ‘flash’ your speed and display “Slow Down” up to 40mph and simply display “Slow Down” above that.

HCC have identified five locations with sufficient visibility. At each, SID can face either way, so a total of 10 sites. We intend to move SID every two weeks as this is considered the most effective approach to slowing traffic down.

Data collected will allow the Parish Council to monitor traffic volumes, average speeds and the level of excess speeding by hour, day and time of year. We will use this to adjust the Speed Watch rota to focus on the locations and times where we need to further “encourage” a reduction in speed. We will also have better data to target police presence.

Somewhat surprisingly given the approaching sharp corner at Park Lane, in our short trial during mid-August, about 1 in 10 vehicles were travelling at more than 30mph with the fastest just under 40mph. Once we have more statistically valid data, I will report further.

Meanwhile, our Speed Watch team are hoping to get back on the road in September.

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE – to help with this. Contact Gordon Mitchell directly or through the Parish Council.

Charlie Findlay



SAY NO WEY

The final day on which we can object to the incinerator has been and gone, and I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to the NWI committee, led by Phil Roberts and the steering group, who have worked tirelessly on our behalf.

For five months, they have met virtually, instructed experts, raised fighting funds and kept all of us informed and abreast of developments.

They have lobbied MPs, organisations and town councils, and even given all of us a template on which to hang our own objections, which saved us having to plough through all the documents in the application.

They could not have done more, and I, for one, am very grateful to them.

Jenny Gove



Gardening Club Report for July & August

The 56 entries (two of which are included below) for our virtual show together with the judges' interesting and helpful comments are on the website - <https://froylegardenclub.weebly.com>. The number of entries was good but came entirely from a small number of club members and grandchildren. Where were the Froyle families who usually enter the show on Fete day?



There will be no Autumn Show in September but we will hold the Photographic Section on line. We always have many excellent entries and hope that you will give us the pleasure of seeing your talents again. The titles this year are

1. Reflections
2. A plant portrait
3. In the Garden
4. Shadows

Send your digital photographs as an attachment, with your name and class title in the subject line, to fgcshow1@aol.com between 12th and 26th September.

One entry per class. Separate email for each photo.

The overall winner will receive a gift token.



The October and November meetings have been cancelled in line with most other organisations. However Gill Bradley has kindly offered to hold a coffee morning in her garden at Porch Cottage, Lower Froyle on Saturday 12th September at 10.30 am (weather permitting). Parking at Village Hall.

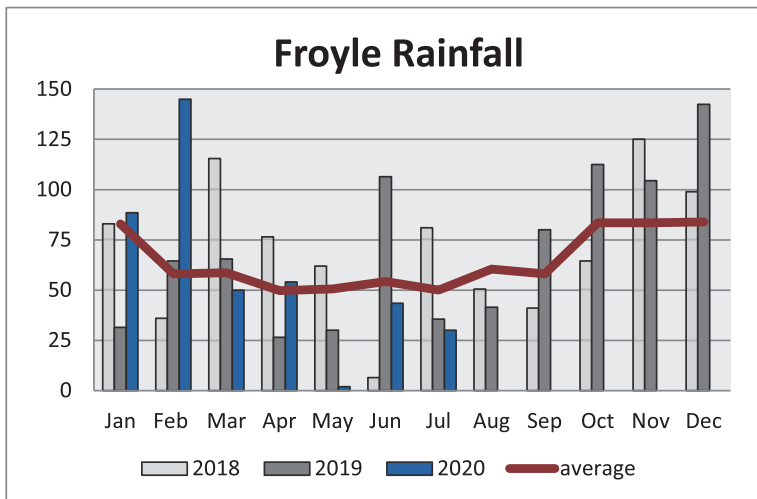
It will be for a limited number with social distancing. Please contact Gill if you intend to come. 01420 520484 gahbradley@gmail.com

It would be good to meet again.

Anne Blunt (22262)
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Froyle Rainfall for June and July 2020

	June		July	
This year	43.5 mm	1.7 ins	30 mm	1.2 ins
Last year	106.5 mm	4.2 ins	35.5 mm	1.4 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	54.3 mm	2.1 ins	50 mm	2.0 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far			413 mm	16.3 ins
Long-term average for the year to the end of July			404.4 mm	15.9 ins



We are now back close to the long-term average for the year, which looks like being maintained in August. That said, only once before in the last 40-odd years have May, June and July combined – 75.5 mm, 3 ins - produced less rainfall and that was in 1995 - 52 mm, 2 ins. Let us forget, that was the year when ebay went live, South Africa won the Rugby World Cup and Robson and Jerome (*who they? Ed*) were top of the charts. Such innocent yet hopeful times...



“The Umbrella Man”



Froyle Wildlife

Wildlife pond: At the 'drop-in' day in July visitors came to see the wildlife pond and surrounding meadow near Gid Lane. The wildflowers looked splendid especially the purple loosestrife, knapweed and hedge bedstraw. Seen on the day were 14 species of butterfly, 6 species of dragonfly/damselfly, ladybirds, hoverflies, bees, grasshoppers and the rare Tawny Longhorn Beetle. Certainly an amazing hotspot for local biodiversity.



Emperor dragonfly egg-laying

This email came from a member during lockdown saying *'last Monday we went to see the pond. My sister is very interested in all plants, especially wild flower etc.; she was overcome by ecstatic joy at the variety of plants and wildlife. It was midday and very hot and so we thought we would go again last night in the cool of the evening. It is just a perfect place for us to chill out'*. Although we had to cancel our walks this year, we've had several positive comments about the area of wildflowers and willow dome on the recreation ground.

Fancy trying your hand at traditional scything? Join us at our work party on Saturday 5th September 10 am – 12 noon at the pond area. We'll be cutting selected areas of the meadow as part of the annual maintenance. Also there are a few nettles to pull so that they don't encroach on the wildflowers. Contact 01420 23520 or email info@froylewildlife.co.uk for more information.

Barry Clark



Cutting the perennial wildflowers on the rec

Close Encounters

Sometimes you don't have to go far to see wildlife, you don't even have to leave the house in fact. Recently for example a devil's coach horse beetle was spotted on the kitchen floor whilst earlier in the year a lesser stag beetle found its way inside. Various other beetles have scurried across the living room carpet having newly emerged from a pile of fire logs. Young smooth newts and toadlets have surprised us in the tiled hallway. We've had a cricket on the curtains and birds flying in through opened windows. On one occasion a jackdaw fell down the chimney showering soot around the living room as it flew round. We've found an Old Lady resting in the outbuilding and a Common Footman on the ceiling – both moths I hasten to add! Luckily insects can easily be caught and released outside by placing an upturned glass over them and gently sliding a card underneath. The funniest incident, for me anyway, happened years ago when a mouse brought in by our cat escaped and ran up the inside of Barry's trouser leg! He hopped up and down the hall clasping his leg below the knee trying to shake it out. Fortunately it eventually dropped to the ground and ran for cover into a wellington boot that I'd laid on its side and was released unharmed.

Sue Clark

Date for your diary: Friday 15th October 7pm, AGM and a talk by Keith Betton 'Birds of the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica - How the wildlife of these areas fits together in a very challenging environment'. This may be a virtual meeting or in the village hall with social distancing depending on Covid-19 restrictions on the date. For more information see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.

September News from The Froyle Archive

Froyle and its Ponds Part 1

Ponds were the life-blood of a village. They were not only part of the field drainage system but a place for animals to drink, children to play and the local blacksmiths to cool down wagon tyres. At the time the Tithe Map was drawn up in 1847 there were some twenty ponds of varying sizes in Froyle. In the 21st century there is only one real pond left, although a few of the old ones appear, like ghosts, after spells of heavy rain. The locations of six of the main ponds are shown on the map below:-

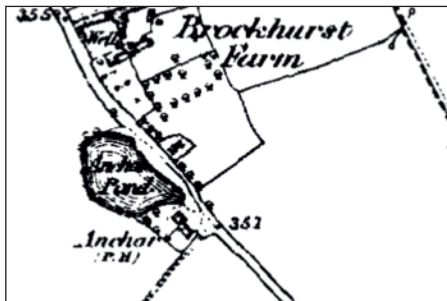
Let us start with Husseys Lane Pond - the subject of much controversy over the years. It was used by the adjacent wheelwright in Husseys Lane to shrink cast iron 'tyres' on the wooden wheels.



In the 1930s the blacksmith was Mr Stent or 'Spriggy' as he was known. Several years ago Sheila Gordon, née Hill, told us about his association with her father, E.R.Hill, who was the local builder and undertaker. "My father was a qualified wheelwright, but when it came to making wheels, he also had a carpenter and joiner, Charlie Chappell, in the yard. When it came to putting iron bands on the cart wheels, these were made by the blacksmith, 'Spriggy' Stent, who also worked there. They worked together to put the bands on and Mr Stent shod the horses. He was a very busy man". The major stumbling block with the pond over the years was the question of who owned it and thus, maintained it. Looking back through the Parish Council records it seems that it may have belonged to "Husseys" until a problem arose, when the Parish Council were deemed responsible for fixing it. In 1981 a working party was organised to clean out the pond once more. Water from Hussey's Pond ran under Hussey's Lane between "Bridge House" and "Pond Cottage", before winding its way via Coldrey Lake, to the River Wey.



We have no old photographs of “The Anchor” pond, and, in fact, looking at the area today, one could easily think that there never had been a pond. However, as the 1870 map (*right*) shows, there was a large pond adjacent to “The Anchor” public house, but we have no record of when it dried up. This picture of a new Ford Prefect outside “The Anchor” was taken in the late 1950s, and there is no sign in the background of any pond. The photos below, taken in 2004 and 2005 show that the pond has re-appeared after a bout of particularly heavy rain. This larger view, although not quite from the same point as the top picture gives some idea of how the original pond must have looked.



The third of our ponds is “School Pond” in Upper Froyle. The old photograph is a glass slide taken in 1880, the modern print in the 1960s.



More pictures and story in October. Chris & Annette Booth (22364)



SCARECROWS

As it seems unlikely we shall be able to celebrate Harvest in the usual way this year we thought it might be fun to have a display of scarecrows throughout the Village and hope that as many of you as possible will have some fun making a SCARECROW and displaying it outside your house FOR ALL TO SEE.

Please display your handiwork for at least a week starting on 24th September.

This is not a competition – just a bit of fun!

Good Luck

The Community Group. Gill 520484/ Sarah 23294



THANK YOU!

On behalf of the team at York Hospital I wanted to extend a huge thank you to you all. We were so touched by your generosity and extremely grateful. You saved many of us from having to wear completely oversized scrubs underneath our PPE which was cumbersome and uncomfortable! Not only that, the scrubs were such fun to wear and really made a difference to everyone's day. I can't count the number of times my Froyle-made scrubs were admired!

Particular thanks to Sophie Spearing and Bea Sword who produced the scrubs in volume! Many thanks too to those who supplied the fabric and the colourful sheets!

Sorry I couldn't get more photos of us all wearing them but here is an example of a couple of pairs in action!

Many thanks again.

Emma Zorab

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Services and Other News

We are gradually feeling our way back into having 'live' services. These are now permitted, but with restrictions intended to ensure that no one feels unsafe. We are therefore trying to make a virtue of necessity by experimenting with ways to conduct services with no communion, no singing (although organ music is allowed), no communal handling of books or orders of service, and as much alignment as possible with the online Sunday Benefice service on YouTube. The 'virtual' service continues to be broadcast at 11:00 am each Sunday, and can be watched then or at any time thereafter – find the link on the Benefice website: www.benbinfro.co.uk.

Personally, I think it is just wonderful that we can worship together in one place again, but I know a number of people are cautious. The idea is that to a large extent you get the same content whether you watch the online service or come to church, so that those who prefer to stay at home don't feel they are missing out. Remember that, in addition to the YouTube version, you can listen to the Sunday service at any time during the week after it is broadcast by calling 01420 552652.

We currently have two live services in Froyle a month, on the second and fourth Sundays. The first is a morning service, the second an evening service. We are approaching this month by month. I would expect this pattern to continue in September, in which case there will be services in Froyle on Sunday 13 September at 9:30 am and on Sunday 27 September at 6:30 pm (but no Froyle service on the fifth Sunday in August or the first Sunday in September). At the time of going to press, however, we have not yet had our meeting with the other churches in the Benefice (Bentley and Binsted) to decide how this will work across the Benefice, so this may change. Whatever happens, though, there will be a live service in at least one church in the Benefice every Sunday. Please check the Benefice website for up-to-date information. Those who have been getting occasional email updates from me will be updated before the beginning of September. If you don't get these updates, but would like to, please let me know.

For some months now I have been banging on about the ‘virtual evensong’ which is being put together by Andrew Hunter Johnston and Sam Ball, led by Yann and performed by members of the Froyle choir (each contributing from his or her own home). Those of you who came to the Froyle morning service on 9 August were given a ‘sneak preview’, in the form of the anthem which is part of the virtual evensong. The full service really is now nearly complete. I expect it to be available on YouTube in the next few weeks, so look out for it on the Benefice website or in a notification from me.

The church remains open for private prayer for three hours every Wednesday and Sunday (but not on Sundays when there is a church service in Froyle). There is always someone on duty at the church at these times. These arrangements also are kept under regular review on a Benefice-wide basis.

The other activity in the church which is now up and running again is the renovation of the vestry under the bell tower. This is very exciting after all the time some of us have spent talking about it....! In the last few weeks, great progress has been made, thanks to the energy applied to the project by Nigel Southern and his team of tradesmen. The floor and sub-floor,



Before

which turned out to be rotten, have been replaced, new conduits drilled and wiring installed, a new ceiling put up (leaving space for the bells to be lowered if need be) and walls



After

erected, all with a view to allowing air to circulate behind the surfaces so as to keep the damp at bay in a way which was not previously possible. The architect advising on the project, who is monitoring it to ensure we comply with the requirements of the Winchester Diocese in making changes to a Grade I listed building, came to inspect on the day before this magazine went to press, and seemed very pleased with what she saw. There will now be a pause for a few weeks until mid-September before kitchen facilities, floor surfaces, cabinets, lighting and surface finishes start to be installed. If anyone would like more information on this, please let me know. Those of you who are on my email circulation list will in any event be receiving more detail from me on what the finishes will look like.

Sadly, we were unable to go ahead with our plans for August ‘Teas on Tuesdays’, but we shall continue to push to reintroduce church social and fundraising events as and when we can. Like all charities, we have suffered financially due to our inability to function over such a long period. If anyone feels they can help to provide more support as we seek to maintain the church and its role in the community, do get in touch with our treasurer, Nigel Bulpitt (tel: 22725, email: nigel.bulpitt@btconnect.com) - details of different ways to contribute can also be found on the Benefice website and at the end of each Sunday YouTube service.

In any event, keep checking the Benefice website for information about all the other activities which are being initiated around the Benefice as we all struggle to come to terms with what is and is not possible in the current environment. And as always, do get in touch at any time.

William Knowles

Youth Update

Wow, it's been a whole year since Sam and I joined the staff team at BenBinFro, and what a year it has been! I don't think anyone expected the events we've experienced in 2020, but we're still here to give you all an update on our youth activities in the Benefice.

July and August have been interesting to say the least, a time of serious transition for all of us. Shops are open, restaurants are open, gyms are now open, and we've gradually opened up the church buildings for private prayer and live services. But we've also been able to meet up with our youth groups in person which has been a long time coming too. During the height of lockdown, our younger group would meet on Wednesdays over Zoom for games and films, and our older group every other Friday for a catch up and conversation around current affairs.

Now we're back into some routine, and with services back on we're now meeting on Sundays again. Since we have been able to meet in person, we have been on a social-distanced walk around Bentley, and have played outdoor table tennis outside my and Sam's new house. The older group have also been meeting in person in various leaders' gardens for a cuppa and a chat.

I feel so blessed to be able to organise and lead our young people, with the help of others of course(!), especially in times like this when support is needed most.

As I write this, I am finalising plans for our Family Fun Day which takes place on 9 August 2020. Of course, it's already happened as you read this, but I have to say, I have been so encouraged and excited about this event of bringing families back together (at a 2m distance), and giving a little fun into everyone's lives.

One of our stops for the Fun Day is a prayer station. It surrounds the story of Moses and the Burning Bush in Exodus 3, where God appears to Moses as a bush that doesn't burn up in the desert. Now a burning bush wasn't unusual, but one that didn't burn up certainly was! God was trying to get Moses' attention and the prayer station was all about taking time out to pray, to talk to God and to listen to Him. Take a look at the craft we will be making. These are to hang up so we can be reminded to take time to pray. If you weren't able to join us, here's what you need to make your own...

- String
- Wooden/cardboard circle (with a hole to thread the string!)
- Pens
- Pencils
- Stickers.



Hope you have a great September!

Gemma Ball - Pastoral Assistant (Youth) and Administrator

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

For those of you who live in Froyle, two things you might not know: firstly that the church publishes its own village magazine for Bentley and Binsted and distributes it to all its residents so, the “View from the Vicarage” in the Froyle magazine is also known as the “Vicar’s Letter” in Bentley and Binsted. Secondly, whilst Froyle carried on as normal, you may not have realised that we stopped distributing an actual magazine in Bentley and Binsted at the start of lockdown and had to resort to an electronic version. We had to take this decision in line with Government and Church of England guidelines as we print the magazine ourselves.

However, we have not been idle during last four months. The online version of our magazine – still available on our website – was published every month, with a letter from the team as well as articles.

We had to quickly adapt both the magazine and our services during this strange time. We had to think how we could still offer support and news in difficult circumstances. It may not have been the best solution for everyone, but at least it meant we were still available.

And recently we know that there has been a great sigh of relief and a lot of smiles greeting our return to our lovely churches. Since the 26th of July we have been able to hold services in one or more of our three churches every Sunday. Dates and locations for the coming month are still uncertain, so please do check our website, www.benbinfro.co.uk, for the latest information.

During the Great Pause, as it is becoming known (but not by those fabulous key workers that kept our nation going over four months of lockdown!), although our clergy could not be seen in the flesh and although we could not easily see each other, we maintained our relationship with our church family through our popular Thought for the Day videos, our virtual YouTube services, Zoom prayer meetings, our online school assemblies and our phone-in for those without access to the internet as well as the distribution of church service DVDs to our care homes and many home groups have continued by meeting over Zoom. Of course we know it was not the same as walking into one of our beautiful buildings, smelling the dust from centuries of prayer, admiring the wonderful creations of our flower ladies, exchanging news, eating lemon drizzle cake and enjoying a welcome cup of coffee. And we know that some members of our congregations were unable to access all of our online material. But the surprising fact is that we had more people engage with our online offerings than normally would have come to church in person. Just like our magazine, we never went away completely, and continued to keep faith alive through prayer and devotion with the means at our disposal. The church has always been far more than services or buildings – put simply the church is a family of followers of Jesus Christ and just as ordinary families have continued growing in their relationships through these times, so has the church. And now we can emerge into the light, knowing that if the Great Pause should return, for however long, we can confidently continue to nurture our Church Family and serve the community beyond.

***Blessings,
Yann***

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER RIDE AND STRIDE



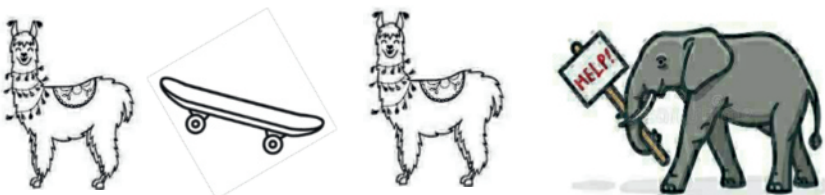
On the second Saturday in September the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust (HIHCT) encourage us to 'visit', by some form or other, participating churches in Hampshire to raise money for grants. This can be by any means of 'transport' from elephants to pogo sticks but it is usually by bicycle, walking, motor car or the occasional horse. Money is raised through the sponsorship each person manages to press gang out of their unsuspecting friends and relatives. Half the amount raised goes to grants HIHCT give to churches during the coming year and the other half comes directly to the church the individual is 'Riding and Striding' for.

Last year we had been given a very generous grant by HIHCT towards the project for renewing the lighting in St Mary's in 2021. So although it was rather a last minute decision, I decided to bicycle around a number of participating churches in this area and through generous sponsorship raised about £450. Our half of this is sufficient to provide a dishwasher for the new kitchen in the Vestry which is in the process of being installed at this very moment.

So this year on **12 September** I am hoping a number of other people in the village will feel inspired to dust off their Penny Farthings, Llamas and Skateboards and join in and help raise money for HIHCT and of course St Mary's. Because of the Covid19 pandemic there will be a slightly different format from usual. Most churches will just have a sign acknowledging they are part of the **Ride and Stride** day, but there will be no refreshments or welcoming faces to sign sponsor cards.

I have all the information and details you will need to participate in what was a fun day last year, whether you choose to visit 2 or 22 churches it doesn't matter, it's up to you and to how much time and energy you have.

Linda Bulpitt 01420 22725



WHAT TO DO WITH THE EXCESS FROM MY VEGETABLE GARDEN ????

I love to grow vegetables and although we don't have a huge plot and I'm very much a beginner, probably because of that, we end up with those seasonal gluts. The problem is that owing to the weather, when I sowed, what I used and a host of other variables these gluts are never predictable or planned. I've heard we're not the only gardeners in Froyle just recovering from the "tyranny of the courgette". Ours were round this year but they can still lurk very inconspicuously. Either that or they grow hugely overnight. Now we're into the tomato and apple season, with plenty of chard for a bit of variety.

Here are just a couple of ideas for using what grows so readily. One from the original Good Housekeeping Cookery Book we were given as a wedding present 40 years ago and one a bit more creative. The green tomato chutney has proved so popular in our family that I'm almost tempted to pick the tomatoes before they ripen.

Green tomato Chutney (Good Housekeeping)

450 g (1 lb) apples, peeled and cored
225 g (½ lb) onions, skinned
1.4 kg (3 lb) green tomatoes, sliced thinly
225 g (½ lb) demerara sugar
2 level teaspoons salt
400 ml (¾ pt) malt vinegar
4 small pieces whole root ginger
2.5 ml (½ level tsp) cayenne pepper
5 ml (1 level tsp) dry mustard

A lightly spiced, smooth textured chutney. Mince the apples and onions and put in a pan with the rest of the ingredients. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the ingredients are tender and reduced to a thick consistency, with no excess liquid. This takes a surprisingly long time. Remove the ginger, pot and cover.

Makes about 1.4 kg (3 lb)

Courgette and chard soup

1 large onion
About 900 g of courgette
A washing up bowl full of chard
3 or 4 cloves of garlic
1 – 2 tbsp olive oil
1 litre of good stock
Juice of half a lemon
Plain yogurt or single cream and a
few chives to garnish
Salt and pepper to taste

Roughly chop the onion and garlic and fry gently in the oil. Strip the chard from its stem and add the chopped stems to the pan. Continue cooking for about 10 minutes until soft. Add the courgette and chopped chard leaves and wilt for a further 10 minutes then add a litre of good stock, bring to the boil and simmer for about 15 minutes. When all the vegetables are soft liquidise the soup, add the lemon juice, season with salt and pepper. This soup is tasty either hot or cold and looks good with yogurt or cream swirled in.

I'm sure many people in Froyle have their own ways of cooking with the glut. Do write in to magazine@froyle.com or drop a note to the editor with your ideas for what we will be harvesting in early October. As a starter I will have a good crop of Jerusalem artichokes again this year.....

Gillian Pickering

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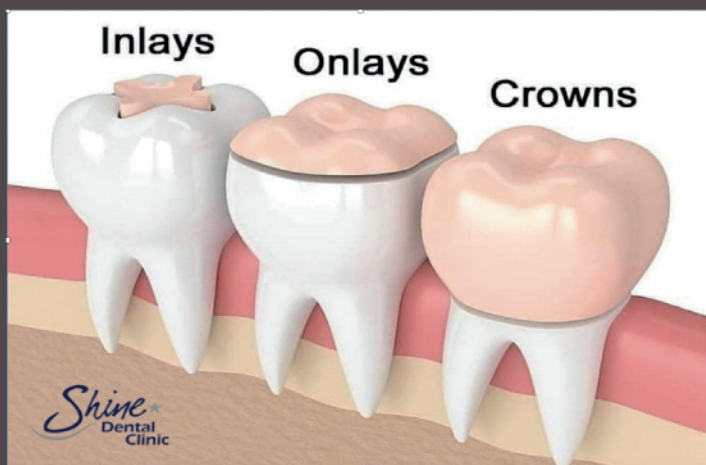
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Report from Froyle Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) met on 14 September. It had been hoped that this would be back in the Village Hall but, as the more observant of you might have noticed on the posters, the introduction of Boris's 'Rule of 6' on the day of the meeting forced us back onto Zoom!

Following an open invitation to apply, three residents put their name forward to be co-opted onto the PC by the closing date. After following due process, Mrs Anthea McRiley was elected to the PC. The PC would like to thank all the applicants for their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. We welcome Anthea and look forward to working with her.

In addition to the support given to Froyle Wildlife by the PC last month to plant saplings around the Rec to replace fallen trees, a tree surgeon will be employed to survey the trees around the Rec and recommend how to ensure these are safe.

It is bonfire season and those of you with larger gardens no doubt have plenty of rubbish to dispose of. This is fully recognised and appreciated by the PC but could we ask all residents to check the wind direction before lighting up to try to avoid smoke blowing over neighbours' properties. With Covid infections on the rise, the earlier advice from EHDC re bonfires - to be aware of neighbours who might have respiratory conditions as well as the nuisance of bonfire smoke - remains valid.

The football hut project continues to receive attention. The PC has received notifications that grants totalling £25,000 have been approved so the PC is now looking to finalise drawings and go out to tender. The aim, as always, will be to ensure that the new building represents best value for money now we have an agreed design and internal layout.

Unfortunately, the much heralded new Froyle Parish Council website has not been able to be launched yet but we will get there so keep watching this space!

Around the village – one new planning application has been received this month relating to a side extension to a property in Upper Froyle. The PC is considering its response. Planning applications can be reviewed and comments posted using the link <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-appeals>.

The PC has written to Linden Homes to ask for all their signage to be taken down now that the development is effectively finished thus restoring the traditional vista of Upper Froyle when approaching up Hen & Chicken Hill.

The PC continues to closely monitor developments on the Veolia AAERF planning application (see separate NWI article). Many thanks to all residents who took the time and effort to send in their objections - over 2000 have now been received by HCC.

Further afield - Active Alton have recently launched a webpage in conjunction with Alton Town Council providing a comprehensive listing of all the recreational activities and opportunities in and around Alton. If you are interested in increasing your exercising, please visit <https://altonevents.co.uk/activealton> to see the wide range of opportunities on offer – everything from Archery to Zumba with lots in between. Click onto whatever interests you for full information with contact and joining details.

If you want to get ahead with Christmas cards and are wondering where to obtain them from this year, the Hampshire Countryside Charity (CPRE), which is supported by the PC, have a selection available online at <https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/christmas-cards>.

The Hampshire County Council Climate Change Strategy was approved in mid-July. This provides a clear direction and framework for the County Council's climate change programme and sets out the carbon baseline emissions and budgets for meeting the agreed 2050 climate change targets. One area of focus is on residential emissions and HCC have teamed up with Community Energy South to provide support for local communities who are interested in developing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The PC will be determining its response to this issue over the coming months so if you have any ideas that could be part of a Froyle plan please speak to any Parish Councillor or email them to clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk.

The next PC meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th October. Time and location will be posted on the notice boards and all residents are welcome to attend.

Information about the village and useful links can be found on the FPC website at www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk. Matters concerning residents should be addressed to the FPC via the Parish Clerk or, to seek wider views, post your suggestions on the FPC Facebook page. You can also be included in FPC email alerts by sending your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk with YES in the subject line.



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Since I last wrote at the end of August the committee has discussed reopening the hall on a wider basis than described in last month's Magazine. However the new regulations introduced on Monday 14 September mean that this is no longer possible and we have to revert to plan A. Today, 18 September, we have received a 42 page document from our county village hall adviser which attempts to interpret the current rules, regulations and guidance. It is requiring stamina to keep up. As far as we can we are trying to keep the hall fully Covid 19 secure. We have undertaken a detailed risk assessment and have introduced significant changes to our hiring agreement. Baby Ballet will be starting up on a Saturday and the Baby and Toddler Group is already meeting on Thursdays. An art and yoga class have also been approved. These groups all in exempt categories from other Covid 19 restrictions. All groups will be responsible for cleaning before and after sessions, limiting numbers, maintaining contact details etc. No parties or informal groups will be permitted. We are increasing routine cleaning and I would like to thank our house keeper Cindy Dennis for taking this on. The Friday morning meeting will continue but great care must be taken to observe social distancing and to avoid congregating in groups of more than six which will now be against the law.

With regret and a heavy heart the hall trustees have decided to cancel the annual bonfire night party on 5 November. This means that you will not be able to bring material for the bonfire, (hedge trimmings and old doors and wooden furniture, etc) to the recreation ground as you have done in previous years. We apologise for the inconvenience and disappointment this will cause but we see no other option.

Now to at least try to cheer you up and perhaps even make you smile. Earlier in the year we floated the idea of a safari supper. Sadly that idea has also bitten the dust along with the annual Froyle Quiz. However it is now proposed to hold a supper quiz via Zoom on Saturday 7 November combining, after a fashion, both events. We need a number of residents who will host teams of up to six and provide them with supper (courses could be shared out). Don't worry if you are Zoom-phobic - all can be explained. Teams may form spontaneously by friends/neighbours getting together but we will operate a clearing house to make sure lone individuals or couples are included

and made welcome. Don't be shy! Each team will be linked via Zoom so we can see who is eating what or even whom. During the evening there will be timed breaks for questions. Teams will have the opportunity to use Google to look up the answers (cheat!) but we hope they won't take it. Similarly teams will have to mark their own answers (honestly!). The evening will end with a virtual prize-giving and the singing of patriotic songs. Then at precisely 10 pm, each team will discharge a single rocket in remembrance of Guy Fawkes. The ordnance and instructions for firing will be supplied by the Village Hall.

I hope I have got the gist of the idea across albeit with a few suggestions of my own. If you would like to host, be a guest, help with logistics, think up Google-proof questions, are brilliant at the technology. Please email myself (secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk), David Robertson (darinfroyle@aol.com) or Karen Potter (kevilson2525@btinternet.com) asap and a sub-committee will be formed. The idea will only work if residents step forward.

Thanks are due to Sylvia Chew and Sue Lelliott who have done just that and responded to last month's appeal for defibrillator guardians. Thank you both.

Thanks are also due to our web master Martin McCriley, who for many years has maintained the Village Hall website. Martin is standing down and we are now looking for someone with advanced Wordpress skills who can rebuild the site in such away that even our low tech committee can manage to update it regularly.



I am pleased to report that the hall has now acquired a fine new dishwasher with many programs and winking lights. Last month's Magazine featured a rather dull photo of the said appliance. Sadly the thoughts of the dishwasher at a time of lockdown and inactivity were censored by the Editor* who felt it necessary to come down hard on such outbreaks of levity. Now under the current,

more relaxed, humour-friendly regime you can see what previously you were denied.

*Fake news alert! There was no denial of free speech. The bubble disappeared in transit. Honest! (Previous Ed.)

So just what is your toaster or Hoover thinking? There will be a prize (modest) for the best appliance thought bubble received by the next Magazine deadline. (Current Ed.) Well I only said I would try to cheer you up.

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

FROYLE 100 CLUB – SEPTEMBER DRAW

The 100 Club administrator is finally losing his mind...

In search of further independent assistants to help with the monthly draw (whoever thought the 100 Club would be homeless for so long, with no end in sight...?), he ventured into Lower Froyle, but he still hasn't made it as far as the Anchor (something to look forward to). Instead, he was accosted by the ducks who hang out on the village pond on the corner of Husseys Lane. It turns out that the challenge of engaging dogs and chickens in Upper Froyle in the 100 Club draw is as nothing compared to negotiating with those rather canny quackers – particularly since they cannot be bribed with bread, which is apparently bad for them....



Now where did that number 2 go....?

Nonetheless, with the able assistance of the Chairman of the Froyle Village Hall Committee (impeccably trustworthy), we got there in the end. It seems that ducks just love bingo calls. So:

- The first number out of the bag: 22 ('Two Little Ducks', as I'm sure you all knew). **Winner: Barbara Starduck.**
- The second prize: number 5 ('Duck and Dive'). **Winner: Beverley Morgan.**

We fully expected the next number to be number 2, which we think is the only other 'duck call' in the 90 bingo numbers – but, sorry Mr Whines, I'm afraid the quackers ducked out, so to speak, for the last two numbers:

- The third prize: number 15 ('Young and Keen'). **Winner: Janet Dobson** – that should cheer you up, Janet.
- The fourth prize: number 27 ('Gateway to Heaven'). **Winner: Marge Heyhurst.**

It is to be hoped that, by the time you read this, the inefficient 100 Club administrator will have caught up with the backlog of delivering envelopes to the winners – he sends his profound apologies. In the meantime, congratulations to all the September winners.

Quack quack...

William Knowles



The Meeting Place

As long as the weather is fine and warm enough, it is our intention to continue holding the Meeting place on the terrace at the village hall, on Fridays from 10.30am to 12 noon.

If you attend, please continue to follow the social distancing rules, and the new rule of six. Subject to Government guidelines, we will then go inside, with some changes. We will not be needing any kitchen helpers, but cakes from our bakers on the list would be much appreciated.



The Meeting Place will be holding a cake sale on October 2nd in aid of Macmillan, so please come and buy something delicious to support this fantastic charity, especially at this difficult time.

The Meeting Place Team



Gardening Club Report September

There was no Autumn Show on 12th September but on that date some of us visited Gill Bradley's garden, just two days before the 'Rule of 6' was in force.

On a fine morning it was a great treat to enjoy coffee and the company of friends we had not seen for many months all in a garden full of uplifting colour. It is difficult to believe that Gill's flourishing garden is only in its second

year. Very many thanks to her for the kind invitation.

Currently it is hard to make future plans. We do have the photographic competition on line and it is not too late to enter as the last date for entries is now extended to 3rd October. The entries will be on the website <https://froylegardenclub.weebly.com> shortly after that date, followed by the results. Chris Booth will be the judge.

All details for entries were in the September magazine. They should be sent to fgcshow1@aol.com.

If you are not able to send a digital photo but would like to enter a photograph/s please contact me a.s.a.p.

*Anne Blunt (22262)
a.blunt247@btinternet.com*

NO WEY INCINERATOR

OVER 2000 SAY NO AND STILL COUNTING

At the time of writing, the intense No Wey Incinerator (NWI) campaign had generated over 2,000 individual objections and 34 statutory consultee responses such as local Councils, Highways etc. The Hampshire County Council (HCC) website has only logged submissions up to August 12 so there is every reason to believe that the final total will be much higher with the public consultation closing on August 14.

The NWI website had over 5,300 visitors in the last 30 days of the campaign with 650 on the very last day. Hundreds of people used the guidance on the site to generate their objections, so we believe that the volume of emails and letters received by HCC will have quite an impact. Significant objections were submitted by EHDC, Alton and Farnham town councils, parish councils including Froyle, local MP's and other bodies such as South Downs National Park.

At the same time, a legal challenge has been mounted elsewhere (not by NWI) on the government's decision to exclude waste incinerators from its post-Brexit carbon emissions trading scheme. This confirms that the NWI campaign aligns with broader national concerns that incineration is both inefficient and outdated.

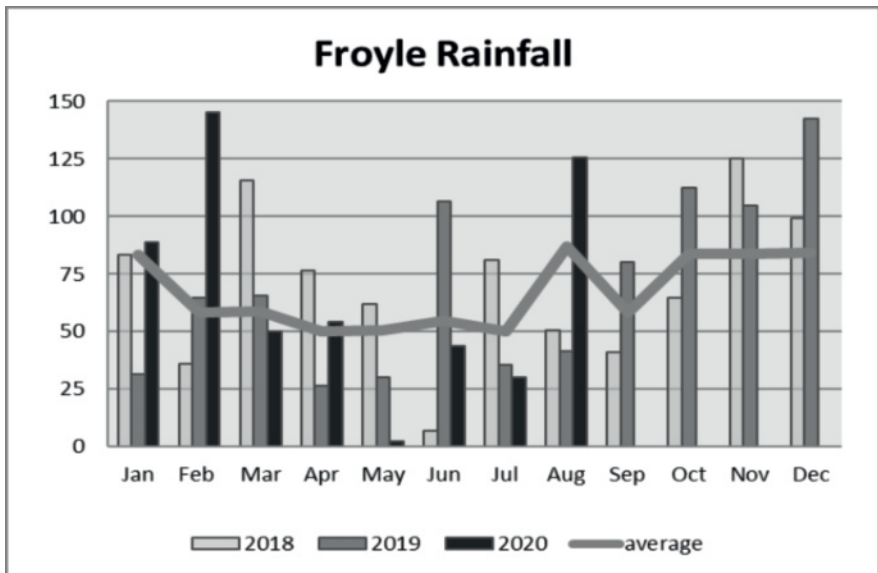
The latest information received by the NWI Planning Consultant from the HCC Case Officer is that a formal request to provide additional and missing information will be sent to Veolia in the next week. Once this additional information has been received there will be a further 30 days public consultation. During this time the NWI consultants will review and comment on the new information provided and residents will have the opportunity to resubmit their objections. The good thing is that this will all take time and cost Veolia money which, although an outside chance, will hopefully cause them to have second thoughts!

It is now expected that the application will not be heard by the HCC Committee deciding on it until the New Year.

NWI will continue to keep its supporters and all residents informed of developments as this is only the end of the beginning and there will be a lot more time and effort required from everyone to stop this application.

Froyle Rainfall for August 2020

This year	125.5 mm	4.9 ins
Last year	41.5 mm	1.6 ins
Wettest August (2001)	134 mm	5.3 ins
Driest August (1995)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for August - 5th wettest month	63.3 mm	2.5 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	538.5 mm	21.2 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	467.7 mm	18.4 ins



August may have begun hotter and drier than Costa Packet but ended more like the Indian Monsoon, making it the second wettest August in the last 40 years; in fact the last month of summer has only been wetter five times in the last 100 years... Despite this, at 201 mm, we were still below the long-term average of 218.3 mm for the four summer months.



“The Umbrella Man”



Froyle Wildlife

Virtual AGM and talk 'Birds of the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica', Friday 15th October 7pm

Join us on zoom for our brief AGM at 7pm then a talk by our entertaining speaker Keith Betton. As a Farnham resident and Hampshire County Bird Recorder, Keith is a keen world birder and has visited the Antarctic oceans three times. In this talk he takes us through some of the amazing birds seen and he will explain how the wildlife of these areas fits together in a very challenging environment. All welcome to join this virtual meeting. The AGM pictorial review starts at 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news.

Note: The meeting invitation will be emailed beforehand to members and to those on our mailing list. Anyone who would like to join the zoom meeting can request an invitation by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk.



Chalkhill Blue on Bird's-foot Trefoil

Benefit of wildflower meadows. The nectar rich flowers are a magnet for pollinators and all types of insects. In August we were excited to see a Chalkhill Blue butterfly visiting the meadow that surrounds the wildlife pond near Gid Lane. This butterfly was last seen in Froyle in 1997 and would have flown from miles away to find a nectar hotspot.

Crickets and grasshoppers can be numerous in long grasses by autumn and the first Froyle record of a Long-winged Conehead was this September.

Remember to send us your wildlife sightings in Froyle with photos if possible. See examples at www.instagram.com/froylewildlife including 7-spot ladybird, hedgehog, badger, hummingbird hawkmoth, toad and hornets nest.

Barry Clark



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symptoms of Coronavirus or is in quarantine.



The View from the Woods



This is just a short update on my report in the June magazine. I said then that we were “cautiously optimistic that we shall still be able to organise a shooting season this year, but on a rather smaller scale than normal.” As things currently stand, that is still the case. The government has ruled that shooting is an organised outdoor sporting activity which is exempted from the ‘rule of six’.

We shall of course comply with all the social distancing requirements that we have grown used to over recent months and, more fundamentally, ensure that we are operating in a way that makes everyone taking part (beaters, pickers up, Guns) feel comfortable. This will make it logistically challenging. It will be a reduced season – we shall start a few weeks later than usual, in late October, and shoot less frequently.

At the time of writing, we have been enjoying a beautiful, warm September after all the rain in August. Nature’s abundance, which is always so apparent at this time of year, has been particularly pronounced this year, despite the lack of rain in spring and most of the summer. While harvest yields have, in general, been down against expectations, autumn fruits – apples, plums, blackberries, sloes – have been plenteous, and the pheasants and partridge are thriving. As always, I am grateful to everyone for trying not to run the birds over when they (particularly pheasants) are encountered on the lanes. The birds may become particularly drawn to the lanes this year, because it looks like being a bumper year for acorns – when acorns fall in the road and get crushed by passing cars, they are irresistible to pheasants....!

Paul Edwards, Gamekeeper

Your Local Care Group Needs You!



Binstead Bently and Froyle care Group are looking for volunteer drivers, and coordinators. The Care Group provides a much needed service to our local residents and has been especially appreciated during the Covid-19 situation. Eventhough many hospital and other face to face health appointments have been cancelled, the car service continues to operate as does a collection and delivery service for prescriptions. Additionally a telephone ‘befriending’ service was set up during lockdown giving clients a chance for a friendly chat.

If you can offer the Care Group support by volunteering then do please get in touch. If you’re worried about leaving your home then you might consider being a coordinator - this involves telephone calls with clients and drivers, so no outside contact is required. If you have been volunteering for another local group which is not going to continue then we would be delighted to welcome you into our Care Group.

For further information please contact Cathy Smith, Secretary, on 01420 520169 or on 07887 742632.

October News from The Froyle Archive

Froyle and its Ponds Part 2

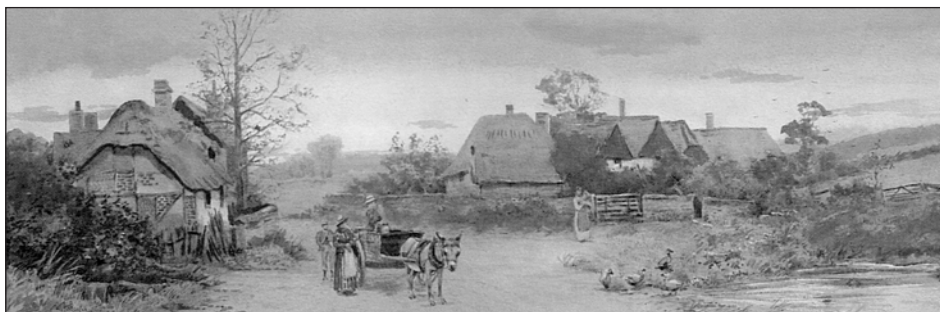
Last month we mentioned the ‘disappearance’ of the Anchor pond. Since publication one resident has suggested that the construction of the pipe-line from Fawley, (*which is soon to be upgraded*) coincided with the drying up of the pond, possibly as a result of changes in the water table. This photograph shows work on the pipeline in progress around 1970 before passing to the South of “The Anchor”.



There is also no sign of water in the background of last month’s photograph either.



Back in 1997 we were loaned a copy of a painting entitled “At Froyle” by Will Anderson”, a local artist who exhibited between 1880 and 1895.



The location takes a while to pinpoint, especially as there is no trace of it today, except after very heavy rain, when the road floods. It lies on the corner by “Box House” (*ex “Traveller’s Rest”*) and opposite “Semley House” and “Coxes Meadow”. It’s an odd composition as, browsing the Internet, one comes across versions with a group of adults and children where the pony and trap are. In the distance (*right*) are “Five Cottages”, or “Westbrook Cottages”, which were demolished in 1962 and the materiel re-used in the construction of “Semley House”, and “Coxes Meadow”. Additionally there was a lot of new building at this North end of Froyle as it appears in the Parish registers.



Lilian Smither wrote in 1962 about the farm pond at **Sylvesters**:-

“The Farm Pond was a must in the old days. Such a pond existed adjacent to the road at the side of the farmhouse at Lower Froyle, where I was born. Cows drinking peacefully near the waters edge, some venturing in up to their knees (*if a cow has knees*) and others sometimes pushing and shoving; why, no-one could tell, as there



George Westbrook at Sylvesters Pond

seemed to be plenty of water. But what muddy water, surely not fit to drink, especially when 10 or 12 cows and heifers had walked this way and that stirring up the mud. One wonders what officials of the Milk Marketing Board (*as it was known then*) would say to such a state of affairs, their precious cows drinking such dirty water. My father’s horses also drank at the pond; they were usually brought to the water’s edge with a halter round their necks and were not allowed to walk far into the pond for fear they might get stuck in the mud, whereas the cows took pot luck and came to no harm. Or was that a reason why many new-born calves died and were buried in the back garden?

It was not unusual for father, during a dry summer, to draw 30 or more large buckets of water every day from the well, which stood at the back of the farmhouse; carry the water 100 yards or so and fill up the tanks in the farmyard and the earthenware pans in the house. The well never dried up in summer nor did it overflow in winter. By 1962 the pond was not there at all, trees and shrubs flourished on the site and taps and pipes replaced the well.”

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2021

The recent beautiful weather combined with heavy rain earlier in the month has restored the gardens following the summer drought. The bare patches on the lawn have all but gone and the grass is growing furiously. Red hot poker and dahlias are clashing nicely in my garden and the newly emerged plumes of the pampas grass are spectacular against the blue sky. Hedge and meadow cutting have been keeping me busy and, it has to be admitted, rather noisy. The compost heaps have been turned and new ones started. Very soon the bulb planting season will begin, sweet pea seeds will need sowing and thoughts will turn to next year and FOG 21.

Cancelling FOG 20 was disappointing: we did our best with successful plant sales and a well-received video but it wasn't quite the same as welcoming a thousand enthusiastic garden visitors to view our horticultural efforts. However the thing about gardening is that while you are labouring away in the present you are always thinking about the future. Disappointment quickly fades. You may grieve over blossom end rot which has ruined your tomatoes but next year you get a chance to try again and perhaps do better. And it is that act of looking forward combined with the exercise and the appreciation of nature which makes gardening good for you, and particularly at a time of stress and difficulty.

I read that as a result of the pandemic the amount of time people have spent gardening has increased dramatically, which means there must be some much improved gardens out there. So, to cut to the chase, I am looking for new gardens to open as part of FOG 21 over the first weekend of June next year. National Garden Scheme (NGS) gardens come in all shapes and sizes and designs. And that's what our visitors love when they keep returning to Froyle: the variety, the individuality and the expression of personality. Gardeners being on the whole modest folk are unlikely to put themselves forward so I rely on residents who know where the interesting gardens are to tip me off or any other member of the FOG group. We will do the rest!

Of course opening your garden can initially be stressful. What if the peonies don't come into flower in time? What if they are over before the visitors arrive? What if people see a weed?! But the pleasure your garden will give will more than compensate for the stress and that's what you will remember. And as your last visitor leaves you will begin thinking about next year because that's what gardeners do.

No one knows what next year will bring. Let's travel in the hope that it will be a better one.

Nick Whines for Froyle Open Gardens
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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Writing this as August ended with a chilly wind and shivers that asked when the heating could be switched on again, it seemed that this summer, this whole year had melted away. Where has it all gone, we seemed to be saying. What ever happened to 2020? Here we are, labelling new school uniform, asking whether our WFH (working from home) outfits are suitable for a return to the office and wondering whether we have enough stocks of hand gel, masks and toilet paper to survive the winter, especially if there is a second wave.

It feels as if the year has slipped through our fingers and as the apples drop from the trees and the leaves start to fall, we are left feeling we haven't used this year well and haven't achieved anything. But is that true? Should we feel that way or should we be saying, 'Well done Class of 2020, you came through it all'? Shouldn't we in fact be saying, 'Well done all you care workers, all you utility workers, all the delivery drivers, supermarket staff and others who ensured that all our essential needs were met'?

Yes, it has been hard for many and painfully sad for those who were affected by the virus, but we should be congratulating the majority of people who stayed calm, stayed safe and stayed well. And here in our own little corner of the world, we have seen evidence of the innate goodness of people faced with a crisis. Like many other towns and villages around the country, our communities rallied to offer practical and moral support, fetching prescriptions, delivering shopping, ensuring none felt abandoned. Our churches organised online services once our beautiful buildings could no longer open and over-enthusiastic gardeners nurtured and then swapped seedlings as they became swamped by courgettes and runner beans. Parish councils continued to manage our affairs by resorting to the wonders of Zoom, which was also employed in mounting the No Wey campaign to prevent an enormous incinerator harming the air and landscape we all enjoy here.

And in the midst of this very strange time, there was also tragedy, with the mysterious disappearance of Richard Morris, whose body was finally located on August 31 in Alice Holt Forest. Despite the restrictions of lockdown and the exceptionally hot weather, local residents provided the search parties with a continual supply of substantial refreshments. It was a wonderful display of community spirit, albeit with a deeply sad outcome.

So we say, 'Well done Class of 2020'. Well done for being resilient, steadfast and kind. Let us pray that we all can continue to be strong and in words from Thessalonians, 'Let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.'

***Blessings,
Yann***

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Services

We shall continue in October to provide a combination of YouTube and live services. Public worship was exempted from the 'rule of six' restriction introduced on 14 September. Our live services continue, though, to be restricted in many ways which, as the incidence of the virus continues to move in the wrong direction, seem unlikely to be lifted in the near future – so still no singing or Holy Communion, we still have to wear masks in the church, and we still have to sit apart from each other unless part of a family group. It is also important to remember that the 'rule of six' does apply when we leave the church.

As with so many aspects of this nightmare situation in which the world finds itself in trying to combat the virus, the frustrating inconsistency in all this just seems to get worse - and certainly makes the churchwarden get more and more grumpy.... It is important and precious, though, that we can at least now worship together in one place with a short, simple service every other Sunday. I recognise that aspects of the different forms of service we have been trying out have rankled. We shall keep responding to views, and I keep reminding my grumpier self to focus on the positive and manage the irritations. Our faith should support us in this.

We are hoping that, at the next evensong service (on 27 September, so before the month covered by this issue of the magazine, although many of you will be reading this before then), we shall have a harvest theme and a decorated church, even if in a more low key manner than usual – many thanks in advance to Gill Bradley and her decorating team.

In October, Benefice offerings on YouTube will continue to be the Sunday service each week at 11:00 am, plus the 'Thought for the Day' every weekday morning and other broadcasts – find the link on the Benefice website: www.benbinfro.co.uk. And remember

that you can listen to the Sunday service at any time during the week after it is broadcast by calling 01420 552652.

The 'live' services across the Benefice are:

Sunday 4 th October	11:00am Bentley	Morning Worship
Sunday 11th October	9:30am Froyle	Morning Worship
	11:00am Binsted	Morning Worship
	3:30pm Messy Church	Zoom
Sunday 18 th October	11:00am Bentley	Morning Worship
Sunday 25th October	11:00am Binsted	Morning Worship
	6:30pm Froyle	Evensong (said with organ music)

Froyle church is also open for private prayer on Wednesdays and on the Sundays when we do not have a service, in each case from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Other Church News

Renovation of the vestry under the bell tower: As reported last month, the first phase of this was satisfactorily concluded in August. The second phase (the installation of the kitchen and other equipment and fittings) was due to have started in mid-September. However, this work has been paused while we take a closer look, with professional consultants, at the structural movement which has been occurring in recent years between the bell tower and the main body of the church – seemingly on an accelerating basis. The cause of this movement has been under investigation for some years – and a complete answer is still another year or two away. We are assured that the church and bell tower structure are under no immediate threat; the view seems to be that the movement is caused by the drying out of the ground under the tower due to a combination of dryer weather and thirsty roots from neighbouring trees, and that it may well, in the longer term, stop of its own accord. Our minds were concentrated, though, by some plaster falling from the ceiling onto the gallery floor in a rather dramatic fashion when the bells were rung for the first time after the lockdown. So we are intensifying our investigatory efforts. The worst case result in terms of remedial work would involve underpinning the tower at considerable cost. Some extraordinarily generous donations have made it realistic for us to renovate the vestry and to plan for further upgrading the facilities in our lovely church. While such underpinning should not undermine the interior of the building, it would call these plans - which in any event require further fundraising - into question financially, which would be very sad given the unique opportunity those donations have offered us. The Froyle PCC will be considering all this in the coming weeks.

Weddings: Attendance at weddings is still restricted to 30. I'm pleased to say that, despite this and the other restrictions, three couples are going ahead with plans to be married in Froyle church before the end of the year – not the events they had planned, but I'm sure they will be lovely occasions nonetheless – we very much look forward to welcoming these couples and their guests to Froyle church!

Other events: I said last month that we would “continue to push to reintroduce church social and fundraising events as and when we can”. It remains to be seen what we can do as we move into autumn and then the run-up to Christmas. Everything will no doubt be a challenge, but you will see from the notice elsewhere in the magazine that we hope to do something by way of a Christmas Fair, and we shall look to celebrate the events in the Church calendar over that period (Remembrance, Advent, Christmas itself...) as well as we possibly can.

Churchyard wildlife: Those of you familiar with the churchyard round the church will have noticed that, encouraged by the Froyle Wildlife Group, we left an area of grass uncut through the summer (as we did last year), to allow wildlife to flourish – particularly flowers (over 40 different species), butterflies, moths and voles!



We then cut it back in August (as we should have done last year), as instructed by and under the skilled and patient guidance and help of Sue and Barry Clark. So, not to be outdone by the photos in last month’s entry from the Wildlife Group itself, you can see here evidence of PCC members wielding scythes as we cut the grass back. Gareth Wells, who maintains the rest of the

churchyard so well, was very tolerant of our antics, which we hope to repeat next year – while maintaining a more rigorous record of what we observe as a result...

As always, do get in touch at any time.

William Knowles

Youth Update

Having my birthday on New Year’s Eve is something special and despite what some people think, I love it! Lots of things come to mind when I think of New Year - the weird week of nothing between Christmas and New Year and counting down the days to another special day, singing Auld Lang Syne at midnight and taking my birthday badge off, always making the joke that I haven’t showered this year, writing the date wrong at school... But also, that weird feeling of knowing we have a chance to do something new, to try that thing we always wanted to. Who knew that at the turn of midnight on the 31st Dec 2019, the next year would hold whole new experience for the world?

The turn from August to September has felt a little like New Year’s Eve for me this year; I feel like we should’ve all listened to Auld Lang Syne and had a big socially distanced party! I haven’t had an extra birthday sadly, or a socially distanced party, but it seems we’re turning

a corner. Families are lining up at Clarkes to get new school shoes and we're creating new leading and preaching rotas for the new term. Dare I say it, things are looking more and more 'normal'.

Some of our children and young people haven't been to school since March. The only time I've ever been out of education for a long period of time was in between finishing my A-levels before starting university and that 3 months got boring! So, our children and young people have lots of catching up to do at school, lots of changes to deal with and, for some, even starting brand new schools. In amongst all this, I feel we need to play a consistent part in their lives, being a consistent church family, being there every step of the way.

So this 'new year' we have restarted Messy Church over Zoom, we are running weekly youth groups inside the church buildings, watching films and thinking about what it is to be Church and our online assemblies have reignited the creative brain in me! Our older girls group are meeting every other week too, and we are still hosting Zoom meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays for games, cooking and bible study with other local churches. I am so excited for what this 'new year' will bring, new opportunities: more terrible jokes, and a consistent church family to be there for everyone. Please pray for our children, young people and families as they tackle a new way of doing school and all the changes that brings.

Gemma Ball - Pastoral Assistant (Youth) and Administrator



Medicine for the (locked-down) Soul



Being a fan of spy fiction (eg John le Carre), I was intrigued to read a recent newspaper review of recent titles in this genre, including **“The Stranger”** by Simon Conway: “...The scene-setting feels real, the sense of danger is deep and unsettling and the characters are well-drawn...”

It's a really gripping read, and, if the other books recommended are half as good, then I am in for a great autumn on the reading front.

They included:

“Ride or Die”, which “confirms Khurram Rahman's place in the first division of new British thriller writers...”;

“Blood Red City” by Rod Reynolds, “a fine example of London noir...”;
and

“The Englishman” by David Gilman, “a cracking, finely crafted thriller.”

David Robertson (520820)



Easy Courgette Fritters with Feta and Mint



An easy recipe for those with a surfeit of courgettes.

Makes 10-12.

Ingredients

- 1 lb (450-500 grams) courgettes (about 3 medium), trimmed (not peeled)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 2 spring onions, minced
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh dill
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced or pressed through a garlic press
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour (or cornflour)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more if necessary
- Lemon wedges, for serving (optional—I never do)

1. Grate the courgettes on the large holes of a grater or shred in food processor. Sprinkle with salt then wring out excess liquid - the fastest way to do this is to wrap the grated veg in a tea towel and wring.
2. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Mix in dried-out courgettes, spring onions, dill, feta, garlic and black pepper. Sprinkle with flour and baking powder and stir till all incorporated.
3. Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Drop 2-tablespoon sized portions into the pan and gently press the batter into 2-inch-wide fritters. Pan-fry until golden brown on both sides, 2-3 minutes per side. Transfer the fritters to a paper towel-lined plate. Add a bit more oil to the pan if necessary, then repeat with the remaining batter. Serve warm.

Mary Knowles



ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Due to current restrictions we are planning something different for the Church Christmas Fair in November.....

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A note about the Church electoral roll

As a result of Covid-19, Froyle's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which had been scheduled for 2 April, was postponed. It has now been decided that it will be on Thursday 22 October. One of the matters dealt with at the APCM is the church's electoral roll.

Last year, St Mary's prepared a new roll. The roll is a list of people who can vote in some church elections, the most important being for members of our Parochial Church Council. The PCC, along with the priests in the parish, is the group which runs the church, looking after things like service arrangements, the building and the churchyard.

Being on the roll means you can vote in the PCC elections, which gives you a say in who runs the church. Please enrol if you're interested in the church, and the village, of which it is an important part, and want your views to be represented. Once on the roll you're also eligible for election to the PCC, if you want to have a say yourself. The elections take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be on Thursday 22 October.

This year I will be revising the roll, to take account of changes in its membership and to include anyone who would like to be on it. Signing up is easy: you have to complete and return a form, which simply asks for your name, address, email address and whether you have a sufficient link with the church. You don't have to pay, and we promise only to use your data in relation to church electoral roll matters. If you're already on the roll (including if you signed up in March this year) and want to stay on it, you don't have to do anything; if you'd like to be included, please complete an enrolment form.

You can apply for inclusion on the new roll from 24 September till 7 October.

You can find a form in the church, or obtain one from me. Please do sign up.

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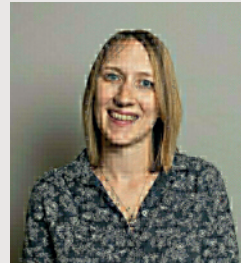
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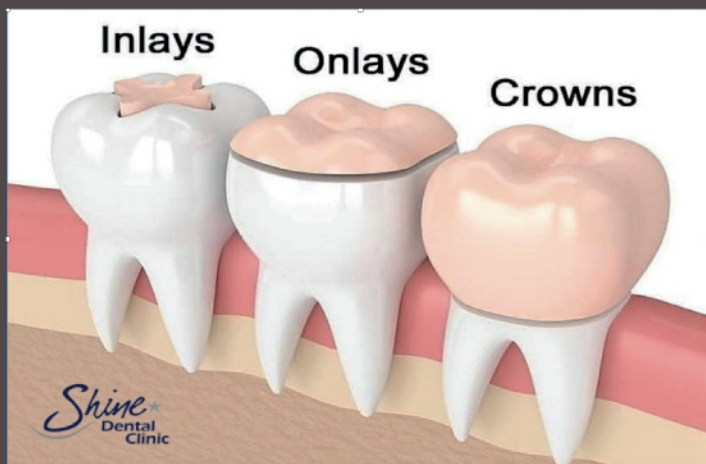
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Bentley, Binsted & Froyle Care Group (<i>transport to medical appointments</i>)	<i>- 23440</i>
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The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle.....	www.benbinfro.co.uk
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NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Friday 23 October 2020

For advertising details, please refer to our rates outlined
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Village Hall Guy Fawkes Night Celebrations.



2020 has been a challenging year for us all and the usual schedule of Froyle fun has been seriously curtailed and much missed.

We can't even gather together around a raging November bonfire!

BUT THERE SHALL BE FIREWORKS!!!

Step outside your house on **November 5th at 7:30 pm** and **look approximately to the North** and the sky will be (doubly) illuminated with Pyrotechnic Delights for a couple of spirit-raising minutes. (NB THEY ARE NOT ON THE REC SO PLEASE DON'T GO THERE!)

Make sure you have a burger or hot dog in one hand and a hot toddy in the other and you'll enjoy the occasion even more.

We hope you enjoy the display and let us hope We'll Meet Again on the recreation ground in 2021.

Pass the word - make sure all your neighbours see the sky explode with colour.

Nigel Southern



PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Andrew Potter - 07979 030571

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Report from Froyle Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) met virtually on 12th October welcoming Anthea McRiley to her first meeting as a Councillor.

Events that we would normally be looking forward to at this time of year won't be able to happen in the usual way. There will be no **Bonfire night** celebration on the Rec nor will we be able to mark **Remembrance Sunday** as normal at the

War Memorial. It is hoped that there will be a socially-distanced firework display that residents to enjoy from their own homes and a remembrance can be marked elsewhere. Please look out for further information on the arrangements for these events.

The football hut project is moving forward, with design drawings finalised and a tender package being prepared for issue to an approved list of local builders. The tender package will request prices for both renovation and new build options with equivalent specifications to ensure that the best value for money solution is delivered within the available budget. Contract award to the preferred bidder will hopefully allow work to commence early in the New Year.

The quarterly inspection of the play area equipment was undertaken by the independent inspector in September. No major issues were identified but some maintenance on and repainting of the ship were recommended. A tree surgeon has also been contacted to survey certain trees along the Rec boundary to determine what remedial work if any is required to ensure that these trees remain healthy and provide no safety risks for Rec users.

Since the temporary closure of the Froyle Park venue, the trees along the **Avenue leading to Gid Lane** have shed branches, making the route increasingly unsafe for pedestrians using the public right of way. As this is a private road, Froyle's EHDC Councillor has agreed to take this matter up with the Froyle Park owners and request them to undertake an urgent tree survey and any remedial action arising therefrom.

Around the village – one new planning application has been received since the last meeting, relating to tree pruning at a property in Upper Froyle. The PC decided not to make any comment. After receiving further information, the PC submitted a neutral comment to EHDC regarding the application received in September for a side extension to a property in Upper Froyle. The PC comments were to ensure that the contents of the 2016 Village Design Statement were taken into consideration regarding the external

appearance of the building. Planning applications can be reviewed and comments posted using the link <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-appeals>.

Linden Homes have not responded to the recent PC letter requesting that their signage on Hen & Chicken Hill be taken down now that the development is effectively finished. This matter has now been taken up by EHDC Planning Dept. on the PC's behalf including removal of yellow development signs. Please email clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk of the location if you see any of these yellow signs.

Froyle continues to be the location for major infrastructure projects. Following the renewal of the power lines crossing the village this summer, the PC has been notified that the final route of the Southampton to London oil pipeline has now been approved by the Secretary of State. This largely follows the existing pipeline route. The new pipeline crosses the A31 by the Veolia facility and continues on the Froyle side from West End Farm and beside the Anchor. No information is currently available on when this work will be carried out. Further information on the project can be found at www.slpproject.co.uk/

Further afield

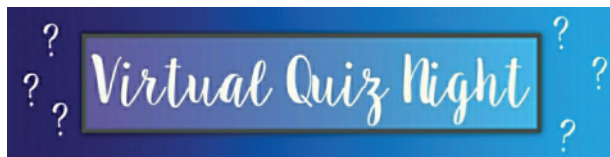
The PC has been developing its response to the Government's Planning White Paper consultation. As you may be aware from reports in the media, these proposals are designed to simplify the planning process but also have the potential to allocate housing developments to Councils including villages with little room for recourse. If you have any views on this please contact one of the Parish Councillors or submit your objection.

Consultation ends on 29th October. The countryside charity CPRE has been actively involved in this and have published a very good summary on their website www.cpre.org.uk where you can also sign a petition.

HCC has instigated Project Resilience which is designed to repair and then resurface local roads. This will result in a number of road closures and diversions in the area over the coming weeks.

Positive comments have been received to the notifications re service disruptions etc that were sent out recently to residents who have signed up to receive FPC email alerts. If you wish to sign up, please send your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk with YES in the subject line (or STOP if you wish to be removed!). Please check your Spam folder and allow emails from this sender if you have signed up.

The next PC meeting is scheduled for **Monday 9th November**.



FROYLE VILLAGE VIRTUAL QUIZ

via YouTube

Saturday 7th November @ 7.45 pm

To help remind us all of better times, the Village Hall Committee is organising a Virtual Quiz, to be hosted on YouTube, with our grateful thanks, by Ron Lafferty (whom many of you will recall ran the highly successful Hen & Chicken pub quizzes earlier this year).

- You can **enter a team of any number up to six**. But... you do *not* have to be all in the same house to be part of your team.
- To make it as much a social affair as we can, we are encouraging you to **form into virtual Groups via Skype, WhatsApp, FaceTime etc** (or any other social media service of your choice).
- We can arrange for anyone to join another team virtually if they would rather be part of a larger group.
- And there will be an **ENORMOUS PRIZE for the winning team in the form of a LOCKDOWN HAMPER** containing loads of goodies to help keep you fulfilled over the dark nights to come.

We will be raising funds for the Alton Foodbank with a suggested, *but entirely voluntary*, donation of £5 per team member, 100% of which will go to the charity – see <https://alton.foodbank.org.uk/>

To enter, and for further details, please contact [Karen Potter](#) on 01420 520294 or [David Robertson](#) on 01420 520820

HOW TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL QUIZ ONLINE

1. 24 hours before quiz starts, **send team name** to Karen Potter at kwilson2525@btinternet.com
2. **Go on to YouTube** and type in Froyle Village Hall Quiz in Search line - quiz will appear.
3. **Use Skype, WhatsApp, FaceTime** or similar to communicate with other team members who can join quiz via YouTube wherever they are.
4. Enter score at end of each half on <https://tinynurl.com/y2qdedr9>

Only phone Ron *on the day* on 07779 136979 if there are any problems, otherwise contact Karen or David.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Hall Committee continues to try to comprehend and implement Covid 19 guidance and regulation. We are now displaying the NHS track and trace QR (quick response) code. Please remember to scan it with your phone if you visit the Hall. We have installed a foot-operated hand sanitiser dispenser and a sanitising station in the form of a small trolley. We have also purchased a great many masks and aprons and a considerable quantity of virus-killing chemicals to keep the bugs at bay. We recommend that when the hall is in use windows and doors are left open to improve ventilation. Inevitably this will impact our heating bill. We have reduced the number of visitors to a maximum of 25 suitably masked and distanced and require hirers to clean before and after each session.

With so many restrictions inevitably the use of the hall is much lower than we would wish but I am pleased to report that we host a successful all-day art class, Baby Ballet is going strong and the Baby and Toddler Group has now expanded to two sessions on a Thursday.

We have recently renewed our insurance which, at around £1,400, is our biggest annual item of expenditure. We now have to produce risk assessments for every event we organise and commercial hirers have to demonstrate that they have their own insurance cover. Life gets ever more complicated...

Although we have had to cancel our bonfire night party, there will still be fireworks on the Fifth of November. I understand that at 7.30pm the skies above Froyle will be illuminated. So remember, remember! Full details on page 1.

Plans for the Virtual Quiz are also in hand. Do join in. The more the merrier. Full details on page 4.

Can I take the opportunity to thank Martin McRiley for acting as webmaster for the Hall website for a great many years. His help and support has been much appreciated. He is now standing down and the Committee is on the look out for a replacement. The website can be found at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk and includes details of the Hall's facilities and a booking form.

Can I remind all Hall users of the importance of returning the key to the key safe at the end of a session. If the key is not returned the next hirer is unable to gain entry and is literally left out in the cold.

One of the reasons that life gets more complicated is that so many things require self-assembly and tools which you may or may not have. A case in point was the sanitising station trolley which arrived from the village of Xiajie, near Tianshi, in the Chinese province of Zhejiang, via Stockport and Coalville in Leicestershire within 24 hours of ordering and in 42 separate parts. Now if you have read the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, you may recall that "42" has a certain resonance. If you haven't read it or heard it on the radio or seen it on the television, I should explain that forty-two is the answer to the ultimate question of 'Life, the Universe and Everything' which was calculated by the super computer 'Deep Thought' after seven and half million years of deliberation.

I mused on this as I carefully assembled the first 40 parts. I thought about the good people of Xiajie in their workshop punching out the holes, welding the baskets and putting the nuts and bolts into tiny plastic bags while thoughtfully remembering to include a spanner, an allen key and some unusually helpful instructions. I thought about the long journey the parts had made from China to Froyle. I remembered that Coalville was the birth place of George Smith who had campaigned to improve the conditions of the children who worked in the 19th century brickfields. And so I came to the final bolt which slid precisely through its hole but failed to engage with its nut. I withdrew the bolt and inspected it. It was perfectly smooth. Not a hint of a thread. Was this a sign, I wondered? But what did it signify? Did some Chinese worker have the hump and this was a small act of subversion, slipping in a useless bolt. Did it have to do with her low wages, poor conditions or the fact that China were being blamed by elements in the West for Covid 19? Or perhaps it was just an accident that a single smooth bolt, one among millions of others, slipped unnoticed through quality control. And pure chance that it was the last bolt to be fitted. Somehow I doubt it.

I cursed Amazon, AJO Importers and the Taizhou Hengchuang Homeware Company for their deficient product. But then I reflected that it had only cost less than thirty quid and should outlast the virus. One cannot send a sanitising station trolley out into a pandemic world with a bolt missing, so I rummaged in my reticule and found a replacement. Job done.



And should you ever have occasion to push the trolley round the Hall remember that at least one bolt is British. Next month I muse on assembling the foot-operated hand sanitiser. (Not on my watch! - Ed)

42! One of the drawings found in an atomic fallout shelter on Jikthroom Beta.

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Poppy Appeal 2020 - A Reminder



Due to the ongoing Coronavirus, the Royal British Legion has asked there are no home collections. Therefore, the only places you can buy a poppy is at the Anchor Inn, the Hen & Chicken Pub or the BP petrol station in the Froyle district.

Jamie Stewart-Smith



EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME, 9:45-11:45 AND 12:30-2:15, FROYLE VILLAGE HALL.

Froyle Baby and Toddler Group is back!

WITH LIMITED NUMBERS, THE COVID-SECURE GROUPS ARE SPLIT INTO TWO SESSIONS - 9:45-11:45 AND 12:30-2:15. THESE ARE BY PRE-BOOKING ONLY. PLEASE JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP AND MESSAGE ME FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Find "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook.

Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Coronavirus or is in quarantine.



Our recent photographic competition produced some excellent entries although from very few entrants. They can be seen on www.froylegardenclub.weebly.com, together with the comments on all from judge Chris Booth.

'Reflections': 1st Gay Turvill; 2nd Geoff Hawkins; 3rd Beryl Webster.

'Plant Portrait': 1st Geoff Hawkins; 2nd Anne Blunt; 3rd Ian Webster.

'In the Garden': 1st Ian Webster; 2nd Beryl; 3rd Beryl Webster.

'Shadows': 1st Geoff Hawkins; 2nd Ian Webster; 3rd Beryl Webster.

Best Photograph Overall: Gay Turvill (see below)

Most Points: Geoff Hawkins

There is still a lot of colour and interest in the garden with some of the roses flowering again, nerines and other autumn flowers together with berries and colouring leaves. As the days shorten, enjoy making plans for your garden next year, plant bulbs and think about seeds to sow. Optimistically look forward to when we are able to resume our usual activities in 2021.

Anne Blunt



Best Photograph
Overall



The Meeting Place

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Please contact me before the beginning of December when the rosters are published.

Lori (Taylor) lorijaylor@hotmail.com 01420 22148

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Birthday Corner



“Thank you to everyone for making my 90th birthday so special”

Mary Wilde



And a very special
Happy 102nd Birthday to
Maisie Pritchard
from all her friends in the Village
and especially the Meeting Place



FROYLE 100 CLUB – OCTOBER DRAW

The 100 Club administrator found himself this month back in the village hall for the socially distanced and zoom-assisted annual meeting of Froyle parish church. After enlisting so many kind assistants in recent months to help with the draw, he was therefore able this month to appeal to a higher authority for help, in the form of the Vicar.....

So this month's winners are doubly blessed. They are:

1st – Maureen Fry; 2nd – Shirley Bellis; 3rd - Molly Court; 4th – Sarah Lovell

“For what we are



about to receive....”

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Down Your Country Ways With R. Ambling



Here is an easy walk of about one and a quarter hours, or slightly longer if you decide on the longer version. Unless we have had a great deal of rain, wellingtons are not required and the paths should be clearly marked after ploughing.



Starting from wherever in the village, head for Bamber Lane, that is the turn-off from Ryebridge Lane opposite Westburn Fields.

Walk up Bamber Lane until you reach Saintbury Hill on your left, just after the house turn left through a gate and follow the path past the tennis court on your left, through a further gate and then through the final gate into a large field. Follow the path directly in front of you downwards across the field. At the bottom carry straight on keeping the hedge on you left. Walk along here until you reach the road. Now you have a choice, if you want a shorter walk, turn left on the road and follow this all the way to the church, cross the road and go through the gate into the church between the church and Froyle Park. You will see the rest of this walk when the larger version arrives at the same point.

For the longer version, when you reach the road from the field, turn right, then almost immediately turn left up the track by the side of the cemetery. (If you have a few moments to spare, you can stop for a rest in the cemetery and admire the lovely view - *Ed*). At the top of the hill the path goes left, follow this until you come out by an industrial estate. Turn left past some houses on you left and garages on you right. Keep going past Froyle House (Large White house on you left and follow the road to the church. Enter the church through the gate between the church and Froyle Park.

Now both versions are at the same point. So go round to the right of the church tower and you will come to a white gate, go through the gate and you come to a narrow laurel lined walkway, this then comes out onto the Avenue. Follow the Avenue all the way down to Gid Lane past the Wildlife Pond on your right. Once at Gid Lane go right for about 60 yards and then through the gate on your left and follow the path either all the way to the Anchor, turn left and then walk back to the village or you can take a left turn and follow the path that goes across the field towards Westburn Fields.

Enjoy and I hope to be back next month with a long very autumnal walk.

R Ambling

Halloween Drive-in Cinema at Treloar's Campus Sunday 1st November

On Sunday 1st November Treloar's will be hosting its first-ever drive-in cinema at the Treloar's campus in Holybourne.

Enjoy a spooky evening of fun with family and friends at either our family friendly screening of *The Addams Family* (PG) at 5pm, or our over 18s adult screening of cult classic, *The Lost Boys* (15) showing at 8pm.

Fancy dress optional but, encouraged!



Get ready to snap your fingers! The first family of Halloween, the Addams Family, is coming to Treloar's on the big screen, in the first animated comedy about the kookiest family on the block. Funny, outlandish, and completely iconic, the Addams Family redefines what it means to be a good neighbour. Our family screening of *The Addams Family* starts at 5pm.

Meanwhile two brothers, Michael and Sam have just moved to Santa Carla, California, only to discover that the area is a haven for vampires. Sleep all day. Party all night. Never grow old. Never die. It's fun to be a vampire. Our adults screening of *The Lost Boys* starts at 8pm.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to cancel our scheduled fundraising events for the year and so are looking at other ways we might bring in some much needed funds for our vulnerable young people whilst keeping our supporters and guests safe. So with this in mind the drive-in cinema was a perfect solution where we can provide you with a fantastic evening of entertainment in a COVID safe environment.

A variety of refreshments will be on offer via our ticket shop www.jumblebee.co.uk/treloarshalloweendriveincinema with Halloween treat boxes for the kids, popcorn and pizzas from *Catch A Fire Artisan Pizza* company.

For more information, please contact Karen Sanderson, Events Manager, karen.sanderson@treloar.org.uk

Website: www.treloar.org.uk

November News from The Froyle Archive Long ago at Froyle School by Lilian Smither

Over the past few years we have been visiting the stories of Froyle at the beginning of the 20th Century written by Lilian Smither. She was a daughter of the Westbrook family and had a wonderful memory of her life in Froyle and reminiscences of her family who had farmed here since at least the 16th Century. She was born in 1900 and went to Froyle School; this month we feature her story, published in 1990, of her early years there.

“At five years old I went to Froyle Village School with sister Edith who was five years older than me and brother Willie, in May 1905. No mother came with us in those days. We walked through the orchard of Sylvester’s Farm. Lower Froyle, then into the little meadow over the gate into the big meadow now the Village Recreation Ground, where then father’s cow’s were grazing. I was a little scared when the cows stopped eating and looked at us. Then over, or open, the next gate into the Upper Froyle Road. We had to be very be sure to shut the gate if we opened it or the cows would get out, then we would all be in trouble with father.



The Beeches (left distance) were felled in 1996

There we met up with many of the Lower Froyle children and walked the mile to School. The road in the summer was dusty and stony, in winter wet and muddy.

There was a plantation of beech trees on our left going to school; we usually walked in the road. The girls had wooden hoops and

skipping ropes and in winter the boys had iron hoops. Returning from school we made paths in between the trees, which were very beautiful; no boy or girl damaged the trees, and they are there to this day (*written in 1990*).

Arriving at school, we entered when the door was open; no lining up outside, and hung up our hats and coats. The girls always wore hats and the boys caps, and we put our dinner baskets down in the corridor. No-one took anything which did not belong to them. Our dinners were always safe.

The school had three rooms and the infants had a gallery, where we had our dinner. Some of the children were very poor in those days. We farmer’s children had plenty

to eat and I can see Edith giving a piece of cake or bread and butter to a child, who she knew had very little to eat. We sometimes took hard boiled eggs with bread and butter. On occasion in the dinner hour - we had one-and-a-half hours - the older children would run down the hill to Mill Court to see the snowdrops and the river, returning in time when we heard



Froyle School and School House in 1910

the bell ring at 1.30 p.m. My sister Edith who was very tall and good looking with fair curly long hair remained at the village school until she was 15; she was a monitor. I can see her now, counting each class with a slate and chalk in her hand. Her total had to agree with the Head Master, Mr William Button Downes. The Vicar, the Revd. William Annesley, came to the school every Friday morning in term time for half an hour and instructed us on ‘ancient church history’.

The Head Master was a good pianist who taught us many patriotic songs, the National Anthem, and many hymns including ‘Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh, shadows of the evening, steal across the sky’, which we sang in the winter evenings at 4 p.m. We started the day with a prayer and a hymn. He also taught us the 10 Commandments, ‘Thou shalt not steal’, and memory tells me that no-one did, and the Catechism, as in the Prayer Book, and the Creed.

Children who lived a long way away were allowed to leave school at 3.45 in Winter. The remainder left at 4 p.m., even in the darkest winter days. No mother came to collect us, we all walked to Lower Froyle without any troubles or muggings.

There was a competition in arranging wild flowers. Sister Edith won first prize several times. The first prize was 3s. I won the 6th prize on one occasion, it was 6d. On the same day the Fair came to the village in the field behind the play grounds, all spectators walked through the grounds into the field beyond. What excitement, the Roundabouts, with their loud music, Swing Boats, Hoopla Stall and many other stalls of different character. There were races for the Froyle school children.

At Christmas the rich folk in Upper Froyle gave the children a party. We all sat in the same seats as in class. The food was good but the Christmas cake was so rich, some of us gave Rose, who sat next to me, our surplus cake and she filled her pockets to take home to give to her family a little Christmas fare. Then we were sent out into the playground, the large doors between the two classrooms were opened, so there was room for organised dances and games, this was great fun. We were all given an orange and the very poor children, food which had not been eaten. So we all walked home in the dark, every one arriving safely. When I was a pupil at the village school there were over 100 children. In 1987 when the school was closed, only 26 children attended.”



Froyle Wildlife

Virtual talk 'Hampshire - Nature in Trust' Friday
20th November 7.30pm

Join us on zoom for an entertaining talk by Mike Read, a freelance nature photographer specialising in birds, flowers, mammals and other wildlife as well as landscapes. Living near the New Forest, he visited one Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust reserve each month through the year to capture the scenery and wildlife of each reserve. The wide spread of locations produced a broad variety of habitats and showcases the great work that the HIWWT is doing.

Much wildlife features in this talk, from birds to butterflies, flowers to fungi and mammals to mites and it is delivered alongside Mike's entertaining commentary. All welcome to attend this virtual meeting.

Note: The zoom invitation will be emailed beforehand to members and to those on our mailing list. Anyone who would like to join the meeting can request an invitation by email, see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.

Planned tree planting on Rec. Several trees have died in recent years leaving gaps on the eastern edge of Froyle Recreation Ground that could be filled. We plan to plant 6 new trees with approval from Froyle Parish Council. The species are Wild Cherry, Whitebeam and Rowan, these are being purchased from local British grown stock as standard trees approx. 2.4m tall. So this will not be an instant effect project but one that should benefit wildlife in the future as well as adding interest for people.



To quote the Tree Council website 'Native trees provide food and shelter for local wildlife and give seasonal interest throughout the year. From cascades of blossom in spring to a blaze of autumn leaf colour and fruits'. If you can help with tree planting in late November, please contact info@froylewildlife.co.uk or 01420 23520.

Barry Clark

Birds of the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica – October's talk

31 members and guests were fortunate to hear a fascinating talk by Keith Betton on his visits to the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica, after the business of the AGM on 15 October, all done on-line via Zoom. However the first highlight was his report of a white-tailed eagle, seen in Upper and then Lower Froyle. Some white-tailed eagles which had bred in Scotland were released in the Isle of Wight in August 2020 and Froyle's visitor had come from there. Keith had photos of it being closely attended by crows, and its GPS tracker showed that after leaving Froyle it had flown towards London, before returning to the Isle of Wight via Sussex.

Keith's Antarctic trip covered 7,000km and took 19 days. Starting from Ushuaia in Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, MV Plancius, carrying 116 passengers in 53 cabins, headed for the Falkland Islands, a two day trip across the Drake Passage (one of the roughest passages of water in the world, as some of the passengers discovered to their cost). On the way down they encountered the black-browed albatross, the southern giant petrel, the southern royal albatross, which breeds in the islands off New Zealand, and several other species of petrel.

Although most of us had heard of the Falkland Islands, who knew there are 778 islands in the archipelago, and 499 have not yet been named? The main occupations for the 3,000 inhabitants (2,000 of whom live in Port Stanley) are fishing and sheep-farming, and evidence of the war in 1982 remains, with some beaches still off-limits for people. These make very safe habitats for penguins and birds, some of which are now becoming endemic sub-species. We saw a nesting site for black-browed albatross, which seemed remarkably unperturbed by human visitors, as well the attractively-browed rockhopper, magellanic and gentoo penguins, and heard how the rockhopper penguins lay a "spare" egg which they effectively offer to predators such as brown skua and striated caracara, known as "johnny rook".

From the Falklands it was a three day trip to South Georgia, an area the same size as Hampshire with a summer population of 20 people, whose job is to meet and greet cruise passengers. South Georgia hosts some huge populations of penguins: Salisbury Plain had a colony of c100,000 pairs of king penguins, and St Andrews's Bay nearby, 150,000. They are curious and inquisitive, approaching quite close to Keith and other visitors. Living alongside them on the beaches are elephant seals and Antarctic fur seals, whose pups were sweet to look at, but well guarded by their rather fiercer looking mothers. In Godthul Bay, on the north side of South Georgia, Keith first saw icebergs which thereafter became a feature of the trip, and needed to be given a wide berth. From there Plancius sailed to Grytviken, a whaling base from the 1900s to 1966, when it was abandoned, which had processed c170,000 whales, including 40,000 blue whales, in its 60-odd years. Grytviken was also where Ernest Shackleton arrived on the last leg of his escape from Antarctica after HMS Endurance was crushed by sea ice in 1916,

having crossed South Georgia in 36 hours on foot, a time which a well-equipped and fitter group of British soldiers was recently unable to match.

At Drygalski Fjord, a glacier about three miles long, was a colony of c500,000 macaroni penguins; and at Prion Island is a nesting area for the wandering albatross, the bird which, with the South American giant condor, has the longest wingspan of any, at 11ft. This enables it to glide over vast distances, sometimes up to 75,000 miles in a year. Keith's pictures really captured their enormous size.



From South Georgia the *Plancius* headed for Antarctica. Nothing can prepare you for Antarctica, its wildness and hostility, where the average summer temperature is 2 -3°C: it is 99.6% ice, with an average thickness of 1.9km, which holds c70% of the world's freshwater. It is the coldest and driest continent, with a minimum recorded temperature of -83°C and about

200mm of rain annually (about $\frac{1}{4}$ of Froyle's rainfall), and doubles in size every winter. In addition, there are some massive and ancient icebergs, some housing colonies of penguins, as well as snow petrels. There are few birds in Antarctica apart from penguins, but a lot of whales, the main species being humpback and killer as well as the occasional blue, one of which used the hull of the *Plancius* to scratch itself on.

Keith gave an excellent account of his trip illustrating it with some superb photographs – despite the challenges posed to his camera by the conditions – which enthralled and bewitched his audience.

Jonathan Pickering



Medicine for the (out-of-lockdown) Soul



Coincidentally three of my favourite authors have recently published new novels, all of which have received favourable reviews:

“V2” by Robert Harris, who “masterfully presents well-researched history, with some relevant high-tech gobbledegook, imaginatively embellished with the colourful quirks of human behaviour...an excellent novel...”

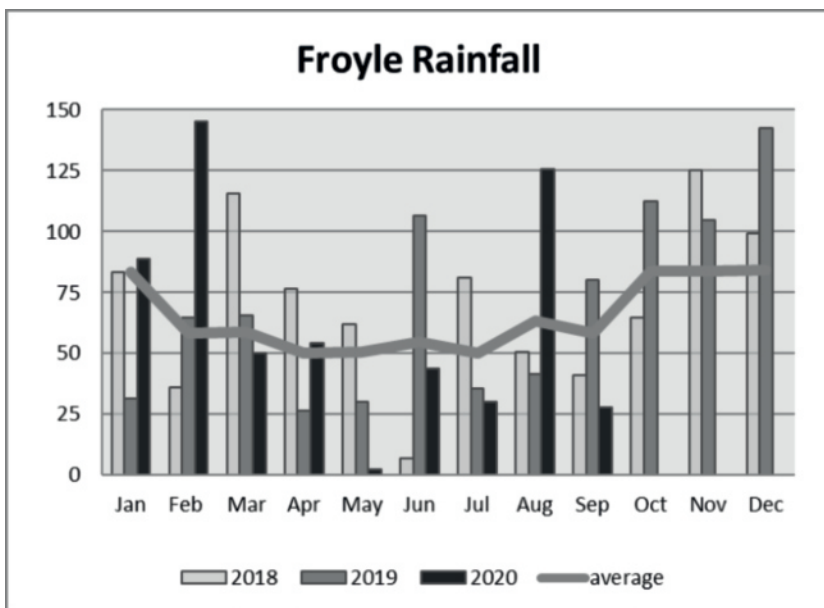
“Trio” by William Boyd; which “embraces comedy, tragedy and redemption. It succeeds impressively because of its dramatic, often sensational, revelations.”

“To the end of the World: Travels with Oscar Wilde” by Rupert Everett. “...an account of Everett's decade-long engagement with two Oscar Wilde projects...*The Judas Kiss* on stage...and making his film *The Happy Prince*...a charming and witty account of a largely horrible experience interspersed with lovely recollections of a more debauched past.”

David Robertson (520820)

Froye Rainfall for September 2020

This year	27.5 mm	1.1 ins
Last year	80 mm	3.1 ins
Wettest September (1995)	150 mm	5.9 ins
Driest September (2003)	7 mm	0.3 ins
Long-term average for September – the 5th driest month	58 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	566 mm	22.3 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	525.7 mm	20.7 ins



A very low September rounded off what was finally a very average third quarter. But, as August had broken records on its abundance, so September was the opposite: in fact at under half the average, it was the fifth lowest, early autumn, month in forty years.



“The Umbrella Man”

Keeping well this winter

As the colder weather starts to set in, there are lots of things you can do to keep healthy and well this winter.



Keeping your body healthy in winter

As people age their immune system becomes weaker and we can lose muscle mass and so here are some tips to help boost our immune systems and stay healthy

- Keep Active – try to move around once an hour, even if it's only for a short walk to and from the kitchen to put the kettle on
- Eat well and regularly – make sure you have plenty of food at home or have arranged meal deliveries
- Keep hydrated – there is still the risk of dehydration even in the colder months
- Get your free flu jab
- Keep warm – layering is the best way to keep warm and set your heating timer to ensure your home is warm when it is coldest

Keeping your mind healthy and your spirits up in winter

Winter can be a difficult time but there are lots of ways to keep our minds active and our spirits up

- Keep to a routine – Routine is a great way to give us some certainty in uncertain times and helps us plan for the week ahead
- Keep connected – Keep up the connection with family and friends. Arrange regular visits (if possible due to Covid-19 restric-

tions) or arrange regular phone and video calls. Age Concern Hampshire can also help to put you in touch with a befriender.

- Stay active – exercise is well known to give our mental health a boost and so a small amount of exercise is good for our bodies and our minds. This may be a short walk around the garden or even some armchair exercises.
- Get Help – if you are finding things particularly tough, are feeling lonely or isolated or need help, reach out to family, friends or your GP for support.
- Do something you enjoy – find time for hobbies you enjoy or perhaps try a new hobby.
- There are lots of resources available to keep our minds active, from crosswords, quizzes and games to online exhibitions and events. Try something new!

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent,
Madeleine on 23371

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

Bentley CE Primary Autumn School Report

I am writing this at the start of October and am delighted to say that life at school is now more 'normal' than not. After the schools closure many children had to remain at home learning until September, so we were so happy to have everyone back in school together! The children have been inspirational in getting back into their old routines and also in coping with the new expectations we all have to follow due to COVID. There have been many seasonal delights and they have loved apple picking, finding conkers from the amazing school chestnut tree and Harvest assembly with Yann, albeit on Youtube this year!

Planning the changes and writing the Risk Assessments have taken up quite some time but they have all been done to ensure that we as a school can stay open, even if the local area has to go into lockdown.

I thought that you might like to know a little more about what is different at this time, behind the school gates...



The biggest change is that we cannot have adults into school, as we are told that adult to adult contact is far more likely to spread the virus. As a welcoming village school this has taken the most getting used to, but sadly we have to minimise the number of adults in school. This means no reading volunteers, no PTFA meetings in school and no parents able to sort through the Lost Property bins! Fortunately there are solutions to most problems; Year 6 have stepped up to relocate those jumpers with their owners and we held our first Virtual PTFA AGM last month with a great 'turn out'.

Anyone going past school will have spotted parents and carers lining up at drop off and pick up times. We apologise for any inconvenience to our local community, but we now have a one way system in place to get all the pupils on and off the playground each day. We are bringing children into school each day with minimum contact to keep school open as best we can, under the ever changing advice and information we receive each day from the government. We are really grateful for all the adult support involved to make this work but it seems to be effective.

We have had to purchase new resources such as a fogger which helps our Caretaker and the Cleaning Team with their additional COVID workload. We seem to be getting through soap, paper towels and anti-bac gel very fast! We have PPE in school and all staff have masks and visors to use where required.

In class the children now have individual resources and they are sitting in rows facing the front of the class. We are trying to get outdoors as much as possible and are using a Recovery Curriculum to help children to catch up with missing learning from last year when many children had to learn from home. We have found the social aspects the most important as pupils are learning how to deal with being independent again after



working at home. They are getting used to being one of thirty in a class again, rather than learning in a family set up.

I am really proud of the pupils, families and staff at Bentley for having such a positive attitude and getting on with school life. It seems very possible that we may require to 'lockdown' or close a class or bubble at some stage but we have the plans ready to deal with Virtual School again should this happen.

Thank you for the support from our local community at this time. It means a lot.

Katy Pinchess, Headteacher

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THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

In a world where the rules seem to be changing by the day, the team has decided that it is reassuring to focus on what things that don't change in these strange times. By now, the apples have been picked, the sloe gin bottled and the glorious sunsets we enjoy in this wonderful part of Hampshire will continue to stun us. The potato fields that were harvested early in September have now been sown with winter wheat and the tawny owls can be heard hooting on wintry nights. We may be wondering whether we can gather in groups of six or have to isolate, meet in church in small numbers at a distance or experience services remotely by telephone, dvd or YouTube, but there will still be these constant markers of the seasons and of our lives.

And as the days shorten and darken, we can lift our hearts from the gloom by enjoying the first frosts icing cobwebbed seed heads in the garden and trees black and bare of leaves creating lacy patterns against the winter sky. Birds jostling for position on feeders with nuts and seeds are more evident in the end months of the year, making us aware of nature's struggle to survive while we watch from our heated homes.

Then, just when it seems that winter months are never ending, we are reminded that we have already passed the shortest day and the longest night, when hellebores reveal fat buds of cream and snowdrops begin to push green tips through blankets of leaves.

'But noticing the little things going on around us is called mindfulness,' one of the team said. 'It's a modern idea, making an effort to notice and appreciate what is happening in the present moment.'

'And if you couple that with manifesting,' another team member said, 'visualising what you desire in order to make it happen, you can turn these challenging times into positive ones.'

And then one of the older team members laughed and said, 'But isn't that what we are already doing? Having faith in God, praying for composure, strength and patience, is much the same thing. It may seem modern and more 'woke' to talk about mindfulness and manifestation, but it isn't really anything new. Our faith will help us bear the challenges of these times and help us to understand what is right for us.'

Our God, our Church, is always with us. It is unchanging like the pattern of the seasons, dependable, reassuring and constant. As it is written in the Book of Common Prayer, in psalm 102, *but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.*

***Blessings,
Yann***

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- 1ST NOVEMBER • 11AM BENTLEY MORNING WORSHIP
- 11AM ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

- 8TH NOVEMBER • 10:30 BENEFICE ONLINE SERVICE
- REMEMBRANCE • 10:45 BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL
- SUNDAY • 11:30 AT BENTLEY CHURCH
- 10:50 BINSTED CHURCH*
- 10:45 FROYLE VILLAGE HALL*
- (Please see separate Remembrance notice for further information)
- (Time TBC) FROYLE ADVENT VIGIL

- 15TH NOVEMBER • 11AM BENTLEY HOLY COMMUNION

- 22ND NOVEMBER • 11AM BINSTED HOLY COMMUNION
- 6:30PM FROYLE EVENSONG (SAID)

- 29TH NOVEMBER • 11AM BINSTED BENEFICE SERVICE

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Bentley, Binsted and Froyle churches are also open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays:

Bentley and Binsted - The churches are locked but can be opened up on request or by appointment. Please contact the church wardens to gain access.

Froyle - 1pm - 4pm (except when there's a service on the same day)

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*Weather permitting

Froyle Remembers
Sunday 8th November 2020, 10.45 am
Froyle Village Recreational Ground

Current restrictions have meant Froyle Church and the Parish Council have rethought how best to commemorate this year's Act of Remembrance. We propose a short service at the Recreational Ground starting at 10.45 am. (*weather permitting*).

Please come suitably dressed for this outdoor ceremony and ready for a prompt start. We will follow current guidelines, (*at time of print*) families/bubbles of no more than 6 will be guided to stand appropriately distanced. There are 37 brave souls to remember, we plan to place a cross for every person and would be delighted if village children and adults would consider stepping forward to undertake this roll. Make your self-known to one of the stewards on the day.

Alternatively you will be able to attend the Benefice Remembrance Service at the [BenBinFro Churches](#) YouTube channel, starting at 10.30 o'clock; it will include the Froyle Roll Call.

Please mark the date and timings in your diary. The wreath will be placed at the Memorial after the service.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year, coming through your letterbox with this magazine and in place of our usual Fair in the church, is a fantastic catalogue of local gifts and produce including the ever-popular Raffle with four fabulous hampers as prizes. So, sit back and shop from home while supporting St Mary's. All purchases will be delivered within a 5 mile radius.

If you're interested in being a stallholder at next year's Fair, when we hope to be back in the church, or taking part in some other way, please let us know.

Caroline Findlay 22019

Forthcoming Services in Froyle

Although the continuing Covid-related restrictions will curtail our major services in the run up to Christmas, we shall look for ways to do what we can. As announced elsewhere, we are hoping to hold **a short Remembrance Service in Froyle on the recreation ground**, weather and government restrictions permitting. Our normal 'live' Advent Service will not be possible; we are instead discussing whether we can record such a service in the church using the choir and readers, for broadcast at some point during Advent - this won't be easy, so no promises at this stage.... You will see that **we are in any event expecting to hold an Advent Vigil in the church on 29th November**, which is the first Sunday in Advent (and also the first day in the new Church year). Details on all this will follow in due course on the church website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) and email. Arrangements over Christmas itself will be included in the next magazine.

Other Church News

You will also know by the time you read this that there will be a largely venue-free Froyle Church Christmas Fair this year, thanks to the tenacity and energy of our fundraising group led by Nigel Bulpitt – so good not to let ourselves be completely defeated by all the necessary restrictions on our activities!

Many thanks also to all who participated in the Annual Church Meetings on 22nd October. At those meetings, I am delighted to say, Simon Marshall was elected as a second churchwarden. We also elected three new members of the Parish Church Council (PCC), namely Amanda Maher, Vanessa Remington and Charlie Zorab. Jane Harrap stood down after having provided several years of wise advice and support - she will continue to be involved in various aspects of the Church's activities in Froyle. The full PCC now comprises: Yann Dubreuil (chair), Christopher Ogilvie Thompson, Simon and me as churchwardens, Nigel Bulpitt (treasurer), Jonathan Pickering (secretary), Jane Macnabb, Sarah Roberts, Nigel Southern, Mike Starbuck, Amanda, Vanessa, Charlie, and Nigel Hughes (who is our parish's representative (along with me) on the Alton Deanery Synod).

In terms of the church building itself, we have now installed in the church a large number of additional and rather sophisticated measuring devices, since we need to get a better picture (over the full range of changing seasons) of the way in which the tower is moving against the nave of the building before we can have any certainty as to the cause. In the meantime, the PCC has decided to continue with the refurbishment of the vestry. The delays have meant that we have lost our 'slot' with the contractor, but we hope to implement the second and final stage of this work in January.

William Knowles

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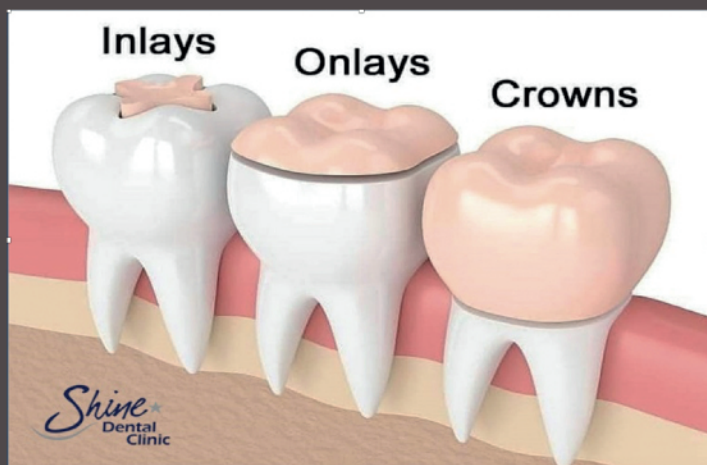
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The Parish Council (PC) met virtually on 9th November with the main topic being a presentation of **the new Parish Council website. This is now available and can be found by searching for Froyle Parish Council or typing www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk in your browser.** We hope that this website will be a community resource for Froyle residents providing a single point of access to all information about life in and around the village. (See article on page 3).

1. Following the quarterly inspection of the play area equipment in September the PC authorised expenditure to repair the ship and tunnel. Also on the Rec, the removal of dead branches from two poplar trees were authorised following a review by a local tree surgeon. The recommended action on these trees was discussed and agreed with Froyle Wildlife.
2. A review of noticeboards around the village has been undertaken in conjunction with the local volunteer group, Alton Mensshed. The PC decided to acquire a new noticeboard to replace the rotten one opposite the end of Gid Lane in Upper Froyle. This will have doors to make notices more weatherproof. A cover will also be added to the centre panel of the map noticeboard on Jubilee Green and a softer backing appended to the noticeboard at Hadwick's Corner. Froyle's District Councillor, Tony Costigan, has offered to provide funding for the new noticeboard. Action regarding noticeboards in Lower Froyle will be considered next year. Finally, the PC has asked the PCC (Church Council) to consider the future of its noticeboard by the Village Hall.
3. Following an earlier request by the PC to Linden Homes, EHDC intervened and the flags and banners have now been removed from the site entrance. At the request of the PC and District Councillor, Froyle Park has removed unsafe branches from the trees overhanging both Hen & Chicken Hill and along the Avenue. We hope that the restoration of the views from Hen & Chicken Hill has been enjoyed by all Froyle residents.
4. Preparation of the 2021/22 PC budget has commenced with the final budget to be signed off at its December meeting. If any resident would like to put forward a suggestion for a PC project please contact the Clerk at clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk before 8th December.

5. Around the village

- Seven new planning applications have been received since the last PC meeting. The PC decided not to make any comment on six, relating to tree pruning and felling (must be that time of year!) and listed building consent for internal works. The final application was an amended proposal for the side extension to a property in Upper Froyle. The PC remain concerned about the visual impact of this extension and resubmitted its previous comments that the principles contained in the 2016 Froyle Village Design Statement should be taken into consideration. A link is available on the new Parish Council website to the EHDC planning portal where applications can be viewed and comments made.
- Some of you may have been inconvenienced by the recent closure of Froyle road by Hampshire Highways for surface repairs. This work is understood to be a precursor to a resurfacing programme in 2021 (Operation Resilience) using a new process. More details of this and any resultant road closures will be advised when available.

6. Other news and information alerts.

- The PC submitted a response to the Government's Planning White Paper consultation - a link is available on the new Parish Council website.
 - Hampshire Police have issued an alert entitled Secure Outbuildings to Prevent Thefts of Equipment after a spate of thefts in the area surrounding Froyle (contact the Clerk for more details). If you see anything suspicious please contact Hampshire Police on <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/>
 - The PC regularly receives information about scams with the latest being re Fake Paypal Emails. Please remain alert to any suspicious email or phone call. If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.
7. Those receiving FPC email alerts will have seen the launch of the 'Protect Your Passw0rd National Campaign' by Neighbourhood Watch. Details of this campaign are at <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/passwords>.
 8. Hampshire County Council are reminding parents with children starting school in Sept 2021 that applications are now open and will close on Friday 15th January 2021. More information at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
 9. The next PC meeting is scheduled for **Monday 14th December**.

If you wish to sign up to receive FPC email alerts re service disruptions, alerts etc please send your details to fpc@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk with YES in the subject line (or STOP if you wish to be removed!). Please check your Spam folder to allow emails if you have signed up.

Froyle Parish Council website goes live!

You will have seen elsewhere in this issue that the new Froyle Parish Council website has been launched this month. The content of the website not only includes details about the Parish Council (which we are legally obliged to do) but also provides links to activities and services in and around Froyle.

We hope that the website will be a community resource providing village residents with a single reference point for news and information.

Some examples of links included are:

- EHDC and HCC services and planning portals;
- Alton tip booking;
- Local doctors, dentists, hospitals and pharmacy contact details;
- Footpaths & rights of way;
- Public transport guide and timetables.

To save you having to remember the web address every time, why not bookmark the Home page in your browser when you first access it then you are only a click away when wanting to return.

The website has been checked for compliance with accessibility regulations that came into force for all Councils in September.

Do give us your feedback if you have any difficulties viewing the site or accessing information but also what you think and where it could be improved – there is always room for that!

The website can be found by googling Froyle Parish Council or typing www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk in your internet browser.

(Froyle Parish Clerk)

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

In line with government lockdown regulations the Village Hall closed on 5th November to all activity and the Friday morning meet on the patio was suspended. We had hoped that we would be able to reopen on 3rd December when the period of lockdown ends. We have refunded all hiring fees paid in advance with apologies for the inconvenience. We have a Zoom Committee meeting scheduled for 1st December to discuss reopening, although clearly we will have to adhere to the restrictions imposed upon us under Tier 2. At the moment our plan is to continue the 50% discount for hirers up to the end of January 2021. We are keen that the hall should be used as much as possible next year so, if you are planning a party, want to run a class of some kind, start a debating society or have a bright idea for a community event, bearing in mind the need to maintain social distancing, hand-washing, and mask-wearing, do get in touch. It's not easy is it?

Recently we took part in a county-wide Zoom meeting of representatives from village and community halls. Many are experiencing real difficulty, particularly those with high overheads or significant maintenance costs. In Froyle we are lucky to have a modern hall and a healthy bank balance so we are able to ride out the storm. When the sun shines, our solar panels provide a small income and the Government has just announced that we are entitled to receive an additional payment of £1,334 to cover loss of income during lockdown.

But no one really wants to see the Hall empty.

Bonfire Night could not go unmarked so the Committee funded our resident pyrotechnicians to stage a magnificent firework display. Rockets were launched simultaneously from sites in Husseys Lane and Saintbury Hill lighting up the sky above both Upper and Lower Froyle. By some miscalculation I found myself directly between the two and had to spin like a Catherine Wheel in an attempt to take in both. As the last spark descended the clapping and cheering indicated just how much the event was appreciated. So thanks are due to all who contributed: sorting insurance, giving permission and not least lighting the blue touch paper. Let's hope that next year we can have our bonfire party back safe in the knowledge that we have all been vaccinated. It was after all the Great Fire of London which finally put paid to the ravages of the bubonic plague.

Two days after the Fireworks came Froyle's Virtual Quiz Night, another triumph of Froyle's organisational and technological prowess. Sixteen teams with highly improbable names competed for a hamper of super-abundant excess. The teams of up to six maintained contact with each other by means of Zoom, Facebook and WhatsApp using computers, iPads and mobile phones. The rumour that in one instance two tins and some string were used is, as the BBC would say, baseless. The questions were delivered via a YouTube Channel by Mastermind-in-Chief, Ron Lafferty, from an undisclosed location in cyberspace cunningly disguised as a field. The questions were enormously diverse with some nicely local, including calculating the acreage of the Rec and identifying a Straw Dog in Lower Froyle. I felt my team should have got a prize for the best name. 'Nerd-immunity' still makes me laugh. Well done, Karen! We certainly didn't deserve any other prize as we crashed and burned in the music round. The final winners were the multi-generational 'Quizzzy Rascals' that contained elements of the Mills family. Underlining the importance of including all ages in your quiz team if you want to win. The hamper, groaning under the weight of so many goodies was I understand delivered by fork lift truck.

The event didn't quite match the drink-fuelled exuberance of the atmosphere in the Hall when things are neck and neck with one round to go. But it was a considerable achievement to involve so many people when the alternative was watching another round of Strictly. So I hope we can do something similar in the New Year. Again lots of people contributed to making the Quiz happen including those who organised, set the questions, filled the hamper, sorted the comms, calculated the scores and most of all those who forewent Strictly and took part. All should be thanked.

In many ways at a time of difficulty and, it has to be said, depression, the organising of an event like the Fireworks and the Quiz is as good for the community as the event itself. We are very lucky in Froyle to have in our midst such excellent organisers who are willing to take on the anxiety and stress that goes with the job. Well done them.

Finally I am happy to report that the Quiz raised substantially more than expected for the Alton Foodbanks which is a great result. (*See next page for details*).

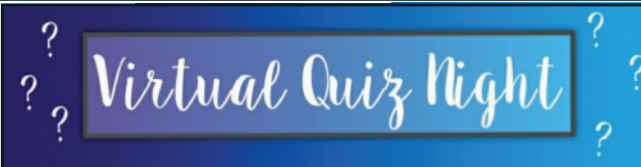
The newspapers are reporting that lockdown is resulting in a surge in online shopping. Ros was commenting the other day that she was going to need a wheelbarrow for some of her customers. That being the case the Village Hall can benefit if, when you next use Amazon, you visit via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and register Froyle Village Hall as your charity of choice. Thereafter 0.5% of all your purchase costs will be donated to the Hall, provided you visit by the smile portal. 0.5% may not sound very much but it will mount up particularly over the Christmas period. The only problem is remembering to smile! More information can be found on the Village Hall website at

www.froylevillagehall.co.uk , along with details of the Giving Machine which operates a similar scheme with many other retailers.

Christmas is coming and who knows where we will be. It is just possible that things might ease a little when the new restrictions imposed upon us from December 3rd are reviewed mid-month. However for logistical reasons, it is with a heavy heart that we have decided not to have our traditional carol singing evening outside The Village Hall this year. You will though see elsewhere in the magazine (*pages 7 & 25*) that the Church is hoping to organise something on December 21st , so fingers crossed the unique sound of “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” and “Away in a Manger” will still echo around the lanes and houses of Froyle.

Last year our Christmas lights were, to be honest, somewhere between subtle and subdued. This year we need to make a bolder statement and have allocated funds to do just that. What we need is a theme. The Adoration of the Magi might be a bit ambitious, a full scale representation of the Veolia MRF would endanger low flying aircraft, Santa and his reindeer has been done before, so what about an animated hypodermic syringe pursuing a Covid virus round and round the Hall. Suggestions welcome.

(Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)

The logo features the text "Virtual Quiz Night" in a white, cursive font on a blue rectangular background. This background is surrounded by several white question marks of varying sizes. Below this graphic, the text "FROYLE VILLAGE VIRTUAL QUIZ" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "via YouTube" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, "Saturday 7th November @ 7.45 pm" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

FROYLE VILLAGE VIRTUAL QUIZ
via YouTube
Saturday 7th November @ 7.45 pm

You will recall that our aim was to raise at least £200 for Alton Foodbanks from the 16 teams competing in the Virtual Quiz Night last month, and I am delighted to report that our target was exceeded...by a country mile! Although we cannot be absolutely precise about the final amount - a couple of payments to the Charity were unattributable - we do know **we raised at least £850** and probably quite a lot more.

This was a fantastic effort, much appreciated by the charity, so a huge THANK YOU is due to everyone.

(David Robertson)



CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN FROYLE

(subject to restrictions at that time)

Save the Date

MONDAY 21st DECEMBER
at 6.30 pm (TBC)

As we all know we are living in strange times, however here in Froyle we will do everything we can to bring some tradition to your Christmas. We therefore hope to have a socially-distanced gathering to sing Carols, in conjunction with the Church, on Monday 21st December at 6.30 pm in Froyle, although final details including the location are still to be confirmed.

Further information will be posted on village social media (Website, Facebook, Twitter) and notice boards once we know exactly what will be workable...



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Find "Froyle Baby and Toddler Group" on facebook. -UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON HERE. AT TIME OF PRINTING, I AM PREPARING TO RE-OPEN AFTER LOCKDOWN #2.

Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Coronavirus or is in quarantine.

(For the latest news on if and when the Froyle Baby and Toddler Group will reopen, please see our Facebook page.)

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS

As the weather deteriorates and the days grow shorter, it is getting a lot harder to get out in the garden. But there is still much to do. Pruning, mulching, sweeping up leaves and planting the last of the bulbs. Some of the roses are still blooming and when the sun does shine the ornamental grasses look particularly fine, especially the pampas grass which attracts some curious questions from passers-by.

FOG 21 is a long way off but I am pleased to report that we have a new garden. Charlie and Sarah Zorab have kindly (and bravely) joined the group. Visitors will love their garden, its magnificent view and no doubt the opportunity to explore a hidden corner of the village.

The National Garden Scheme (NGS) has just published its Impact Report for 2020 and, despite the fact that many gardens including our own were unable to open, the amounts raised were impressive. The report illustrates all the uses to which the funds were put, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, The Queen's Nursing Institute and Parkinson's UK, along with much smaller charities like Horatio's Garden and Maggie's.

HRH The Prince of Wales, who is Patron of the NGS, says:

“The National Garden Scheme Virtual Garden Visits tapped into the theme that we all know to be so important; that gardens are good for everyone's health and wellbeing. This link between gardens and our health has never been more relevant ...”

NGS calculate that the 180 virtual gardens were seen 600,000 times and raised £250,000 from people all over the world. Our own film has now been viewed 40,000 times and when I last looked we were beating Alan Titchmarsh. It's still available on YouTube if you feel like a reminder of that beautiful summer. The report itself can be found on the NGS website and you should find a link on the new Parish Council website.

So if you do make it out in the garden these dark winter days, remember to strike some cuttings, sow some sweet peas or do a bit of dividing and potting up for next year's NGS plant sales. You will feel tons better I guarantee.

(Nick Whines)

CRACKDOWN ON THOSE TIER 2 BLUES!

Things to do during these troubled times...

1. Games to play

‘SHUT UP & SIT DOWN’

You might not think this is the best way to get everyone to play a game...but it is the name of a YouTube channel which does excellent reviews of new games!

Here are some suggestions

Pandemic 2 – 4 players 8+ Can you save humanity – it’s a real challenge, all the players are competing together to beat the pandemic.

Citadel 2-8 players 10+ You choose a different role each round – will you be the Thief, Assassin, Merchant, Magician, Bishop, King or Warlord? A game of medieval cities, nobles and intrigue.

Spyfall 3-8 players 13+ You may be a barman at a casino, a scientist on a space station, a researcher in the Antarctic, wherever you are there will be a spy hiding – can you unmask him or her?

Scattergories 2-6 players– An old favorite and one you can play on zoom! It is recommended for 12+ but you can play in teams of mixed ages. You just have to make lists in different categories beginning with a chosen letter and unusual ones win.

Coup 2-6 players 9+ A bluffing game that is quick and easy to play. Will you claim to be a thieving captain, a rich duke or a contessa who can block assassinations?

(Jane Macnabb)

2. Make a wreath for the Church

St MARY’S CHURCH FLOWERS

In these very uncertain times, and not knowing when we will be allowed back into the Church, and whether there will be Christmas Services, the suggestion is that **our theme this year should be Christmas Wreaths to decorate the Church.** These could be put together at home, delivered to the Church to be hung or propped up on windowsills, or wherever seems appropriate. They can be large or small and don't necessarily have to be circular! I will be in the Church on Wednesday, 23rd December between 2.0 and 4.0 pm to receive and arrange these; if this is not convenient please give me a ring.

Again, because of the current situation we will not be producing a Flower arranging Rota for the coming year at the moment but, hopefully we might be back to some sort of routine by Easter and we will be able to put together a rota in Spring.

Thank you for your help.

(Gill Bradley 520484)

3. An Excellent Christmastide Suggestion...

MAKE A DECORATION FOR ALL TO SEE

Working in my front garden I realised how much children enjoyed looking for Teddies in windows, or rainbows. I thought that as this Christmas period may be difficult people might like to make a special effort in their gardens. Obviously some people put on great displays already, and we can't all live up to that, but maybe **most of us could do something, even if it's a Father Christmas decoration hanging in a hedge, a Christmas message or a candle in the window.** Give it a thought and let's see what happens. I'm sure a few people will have more time to be creative.

Wishing every one Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happier, Healthier New Year.

(Brenda Milam)

4. Read, Listen, Watch...

MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL THE EDITORS' PICKS OF 2020

(i) **A book (or audio book)** which charmed me earlier in the year was “**The Penguin Lessons**” by **Tom Michell**. Written as a memoir it tells the story of a callow youth setting out from the rural tranquillity of Sussex to teach in a boarding school in Argentina. All standard stuff until he rescues a penguin from a colony devastated by an oil slick. The resulting tale is enlightening and amusing. It was recommended to me by my son who read it whilst travelling round South America in those carefree days when we could get out and see the world, but I found it just as enjoyable to read here in Froyle.

(Gillian Pickering)

(ii) **A radio programme, “From My Home To Yours, with music for troubled times”**, to be found on Radio 2 at 00.01 on Saturdays (or, more conveniently, on the BBC Sounds app) is a catholic collection of songs **curated and introduced by Bruce Springsteen** from the studio at his farm in New Jersey every week. This week's choice ranged from Marlene Dietrich to Wyclef Jean, taking in Bob Dylan and various others. It's been approachable and relevant, discussing, without getting too heavy, topical issues and picking up numerous aspects of living in an American lock-down, which seems to be both like and unlike ours at the same time. With a personal recorded oeuvre stretching back nearly 50 years the Boss could fill the programme with just his songs, but there are very few of them. Excellent listening.

(Jonathan Pickering)

(iii) Three of the best...

Book of the year:

“One Two Three Four” by Craig Brown, is just the perfect combo of the funniest and most pointedly accurate observer and diarist around focusing on the best Band ever to have graced the planet (the Beatles in case you hadn’t guessed).

TV Show of the year:

“The Queens’s Gambit” on Netflix. In a 1950’s orphanage, a young girl reveals an astonishing talent for chess and begins an unlikely journey to stardom while grappling with addiction; Uplifting, realistic, beautifully acted, and you don’t even have to know how to play the game...!

NADFAS lecture of the year:

“Chatsworth and the Devonshire Collection in the Modern Age”, by Simon Seligman, who described, using his own intimate knowledge of the place, particularly how many past treasures are being brilliantly combined with modern commissions.

(David Robertson)

(iv) More TV:

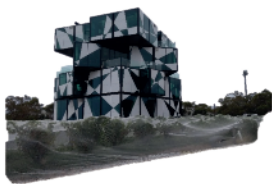
“Staged” on the BBC iPlayer.

A six-part British television comedy series, set during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, starring Michael Sheen and David Tennant; “a welcome distraction, an eminently watchable portrait of two artists as petulant, egotistical children”; it had our whole family smiling during the first lockdown, which was an achievement.

(Sophie Chalk)

5. ...and somewhere to Visit (when lockdown is finally over)

THE D’ARENBERG CUBE BUILDING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA



In January, we revisited South Australia and McLaren Vale. The Cube is now open, and a surreal experience as billed. Salvador Dali sculptures frame the entrance path, preparing the visitor for the experience within. Dark rooms with the different aromas used to describe wine, a fluorescent colour film of d’Arrenberg history, and an arbitrary collection of wine paraphernalia, are all part of The Alternate Realities

Museum.

On higher floors there is the Cube restaurant, (not to be confused with the separate renowned d’Arrys Verandah) and the wine tasting room at the top. Many Red stripe wines, and others from their Adelaide Hills vineyards can be tasted, in panoramic surroundings (and don’t forget to visit the amazing loos!).

Nothing is what it seems, but then Chester Osborn is not your average winemaker!

Oh, I don’t remember trying THE PICKWICKIAN BROBDINGNAGIAN Shiraz.

Next time!

(Madeleine Black)



The Meeting Place

Under the Tier 2 rules, we cannot reopen the Meeting Place for the time being. However it is possible that, when the restrictions are reviewed in the middle of the month, this may change, in which case December 18th is a possible day on which to celebrate a much needed Christmas.

In the meantime our very best wishes and thanks to everyone who has helped this year. It's certainly been an interesting one. And of course A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL.

(The Meeting Place Team)



In these uncertain times, it is not possible to make any plans for the next few months. December is the normal time for our AGM and renewal of annual subscriptions. Do not throw away your 2020 membership card and programme as I am hopeful that we can take up the 2020 meetings where we left off at the first lockdown.

All the speakers and judges have agreed to come at the corresponding times in 2021 and your 2020 subscriptions will cover next year.

Christmas will be different for many but I wish everyone a happy and peaceful time. I would also like to add a personal thank you to all those who have helped me in many ways this year. Keep safe and well

(Anne Blunt)

Poppy Day 2020

Obviously, this was always going to be a difficult year in raising monies for the Royal British Legion due to the Coronavirus. Door-to-door collections were banned and, as we did not have a church service, there was no donation from the collection. However, against all expectations, **we raised £486.68 for the Royal British Legion**, so a massive thank you again for your kind generosity.

There were some people who stepped up to the mark and I would personally like to thank Susie Robertson and Jo Mills and those at the Meeting Place, Kevin of the Hen & Chicken, Matt at the Anchor Inn, the owners of the BP garage, and West End Farm restaurant.

Hopefully, next year will we all be back to normal and we can remember those who have given their lives so we can enjoy our freedom.

(Jamie Stewart-Smith)

FROYLE 100 CLUB – NOVEMBER DRAW



So guess who did the 100 Club draw for November – no, not the dog (this time), and no, although she is looking very cheery, Roz did not pick her own number. The numbers she picked were:

1st – Margaret Robinson; 2nd – Roy Norkett
3rd – Anthea McRiley; 4th – Phil Roberts

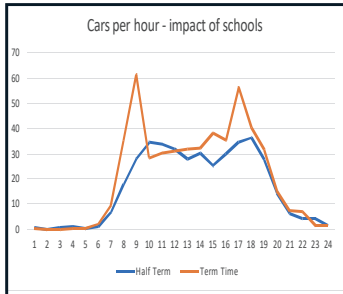
And it is that time of year again when all members have to come up with next year's subscription amount of £12. Those of you who do not pay by standing order will (if you are unlucky) hear from me. Some of you, I know, have asked (some more than once...) for details of how to pay online. I shall be in touch.... And anyone who is not a member of this exclusive club should join. You get to participate in a monthly draw. Half the subscription money is paid out in prizes, the other half goes to Froyle Village Hall. So the more members we have, the better for the village and the more entertaining it all is. So let me know....!

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

Froyle Parish Council's Speed Indicator Device (SID) - first report Up to 1 in 3 drivers are breaking the law

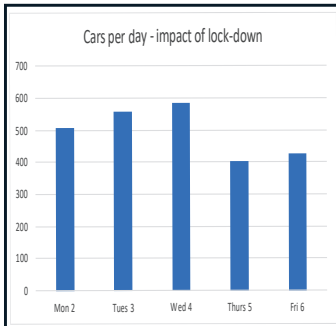
When this edition of the magazine is published, SID will be on, settling down in its 9th site. So, now, we have something to report!

Term time:



As you can imagine traffic changes when school is in, not just the volume but the concentration around the beginning and end of the school day. This chart shows data from Park Lane over the recent half term.

Second Lock Down:



SID was able to spot the imposition of the latest lock down with everyone increasingly rushing to get stuff done and then a 20% reduction starting on Thursday 5th November.

However, overall, the results so far have been quite a shock.

1. **One in five vehicles coming past the Anchor from Bentley are over the speed limit;** some even registering ~55mph.
2. **On the road by the Rec, one in three heading towards Upper Froyle is breaking the law** with the *average* speed nearly 30 mph, rather than that being the maximum.

Meanwhile, our Speed Watch team are locked down but hoping to get back on the road in the Spring, with an increased focus on the areas with the most speed-related, dangerous driving.

(Gordon Mitchell & Charlie Findlay)

NO WEY INCINERATOR

HCC ASKS PROBING QUESTIONS

Hampshire County Council has finally issued Veolia with two formal Regulation 25 notices, requiring them to submit further evidence on their environmental statement and air quality. We understand that a third Regulation 25 notice, asking challenging questions about the impact on landscape, will be issued shortly. The questions asked in these notices have been largely informed by the 3,300 submissions to HCC by residents, elected representatives and consultants in response to this application.

This development means that Veolia's application cannot be considered any further until the applicant has responded to these requests. HCC advises that there will then be a further consultation regarding the additional information and that this must be conducted before a final decision can be made. The application is therefore most unlikely to go to the Regulatory Committee for a decision before Spring 2021.

The No Wey action group welcomes HCC's thorough examination of the incinerator proposal and points out that no amount of additional information can alter the fact that this is an inappropriate site for such a development. Amongst other questions, Veolia are being asked why they have not considered any alternative sites, which planning procedures require them to do. No Wey will continue to keep a close eye on developments and will update their website and Facebook page with further news as it becomes available.

(Sue Stephenson)

(Editor's comment: you may have seen the open letter to the Prime Minister about transitioning to a circular economy without more waste incineration.

But if not you can read it here: <https://www.xrzerowaste.uk/view-the-letter>.

You can also see the evidence behind it, "How energy-from-waste incineration undermines circularity and the net-zero carbon target", here: <https://www.xrzerowaste.uk/the-evidence>).

The Twelve Days of Christmas



Some believe that The Twelve Days of Christmas was written in code. It had a hidden message, and for a good reason. After you find out what the code means, you'll never listen to this favourite Christmas song in the same way again...

The Twelve Days of Christmas was created in England during a time of religious persecution when Catholicism was outlawed in the 16th to 18th centuries. The song was written as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without fear of arrest – a learning or memory aid to Christians in fact. Each element in the song is a code word for religious truth: *(see over)*

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus.
2. The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.
5. The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (*Law*), or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.
7. The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
10. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolise the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

Whether you believe this or not, it still makes fascinating reading.



*Froyle Carol Singers at "Adams Field"
December 2015*

Happy Christmas from The Froyle Archive!

Chris & Annette Booth (22364)



Froyle Wildlife

It's been lovely to see flocks of fieldfare and redwing feasting on the hawthorn berries growing in the many hedgerows in the village. Being omnivorous they can also be numerous on fields looking for invertebrates and earthworms, whilst berried shrubs/trees and windfall apples can attract them to our gardens. These birds are winter migrants from Scandinavia and northern Europe arriving here in October/November and flying back March to May to breed



Listen out for the '*chack chack chack*' call of the fieldfare. (Not to be confused with the 'jack' call of the Jackdaw) A few apples thrown out on the lawn when the ground is frozen will help these birds and others from the thrush family.

Recommended Bird food :

Vine House Farm

Over the years Nicholas Watts and team have won many awards. In 2006 Nicholas was awarded an MBE for his services to farming and conservation in Lincolnshire. They have given 1.3 million pounds to the Wildlife Trusts over the years from their sale of bird foods. You can buy bird food direct from the farm by visiting <https://www.vinehousefarm.co.uk/> or ring for 01775 630208 for a catalogue.

Christmas present ideas

Do you know someone with an interest in the natural world? Why not **sign them up to membership of a wildlife charity**. There are many to choose from including the RSPB – where you'll get a welcome pack, free gift and Nature Home magazine four times a year (this covers all sorts of wildlife not just birds) Or sign a child up, to receive Wild Times, Wildlife Explorer or Wingbeat magazine. The last day to order for Christmas delivery is 14th December. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/gift-membership/>

Or how about The Wildlife Trusts? There are **46 Wildlife Trusts** covering the whole of the UK, usually one per county, where the recipient can discover nature in their local area. As members you'll get a regular magazine full of tips, ideas, events and walks. <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/join>. Others to consider include Plantlife, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust.

(Sue Clark)



Down Your Country Ways With R. Ambling



December Walk Two Options between 1 and 1½ hours

Well, everyone I hear walking at present, whether taking their lockdown exercise or walking their dogs, complains about the muddy fields. (*But isn't that part of living in the country? Ed*). Some are venturing further afield, to Alice Holt and the like, to get better conditions.

So this month I suggest perhaps a road and track walk, or one that can be completed all the way on the road. This is also a route that joggers may like, but I can assure you I have never tried that mode of exercise so am unable to tell you how long it takes.

Leave Lower Froyle to the North West, walking along the lane towards the Golden Pot. This is quite a wide lane so from experience is quite safe for cyclists and motorists to pass at a safe distance. It is also a pleasant, tree-lined route. You follow the road for approximately one mile, passing the road to Long Sutton on your right. Carry on until you reach a small lane on your left signposted Yarnhams. Turn left and follow this narrow lane until you reach the large Farmhouse and buildings, Yarnhams.

Now there are two options, the shorter, but one that can be quite muddy in places, is to turn left just prior to the house. Follow this track for about ½ a mile and you will finally come to a farmyard, go through the gate onto the road and you then follow the road, past Saintbury Hill, walk down what is now Bamber Lane and at the end of Bamber Lane you are now back in Lower Froyle, opposite Westburn Fields.

The alternative and longer option is to stay on the lane which veers right past the Yarnhams farmhouse, past some bungalows on the right and carry on until you reach a T-junction. Turn left and if you follow this lane downhill - with some magnificent views to admire en route - for about 1½ miles, you will finally come out by the church in Upper Froyle and from there you can walk back to wherever you started.

This would certainly be a decent walk for Christmas and hopefully by then you'll be able to walk with more than one other person!!

If there is more rain, I will have a couple of other suggested walks which I'll share with you in January.

(R. Ambling)

Bentley CE Primary Update from the Headteacher

“We all need some extra help sometimes” is something I often say to parents coming for showrounds, as I talk about the support systems we have in place for children for many reasons. This year our systems have stretched to support many more children with our ‘Recovery Curriculum’ after the six-month lockdown. We have noted our youngest children are less independent and are a little more emotional than we would usually expect. It is not surprising that resilience and attachment have become more apparent areas of need since the lockdown, when families were together for such a long stretch of time. Academic needs have cropped up for some children and it has taken readjustment for everyone to get back into good school habits, as well as to adjust back to sharing and taking turns within a larger class situation.

I thought you might be interested to know a little more about some of our excellent programmes used to help children in school and the super staff who deliver them.

ELSA



We are very fortunate in Hampshire to have ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) who are trained adults who help children deal with all sorts of issues. Children have time to talk with a kind member of the staff team. They can work on anger management, friendship issues, bereavement work or just have some time to talk through feelings. This service is highly regarded by many other services we work with, from CAMHs (Child and Adolescent Mental Health) to doctors, Educational Psychologists to Social Services. In an ideal world, I think we would all benefit from an ELSA session!

Academic Support

At Bentley we know being in class with your own teacher is the key factor to progressing, but sometimes children need some extra help to practise or catch up with specific area of learning. Some children struggle to retain information or others may have specific learning needs. We have several programmes designed to support children with rapid catch-up learning, predominantly in mathematics and reading. Children are identified for support by teacher assessment and whole school screening. They will take part in catch-up programmes, usually in a small group but sometimes on a one to one, with our brilliant team of Learning Support Assistants, who are led by our SEND Leader.

This year the vast majority of children in Years 3-6 were out of school from March until September. For all year groups we have noted some gaps and teachers have planned this year's lessons with rapid review of the skills and curriculum that were missed during lockdown. Pupils at Bentley were really lucky to have had a lot of great support in lockdown from their teachers online and from parents and grandparents at home. We have noticed less gaps than we have heard reported nationally. Where individual pupils have gaps, teachers are giving them 'Keep up, Catch up' type support as well as specific programmes to support their learning.

Resilience and emotional well-being

These are areas which we prioritise for all of our pupils through our Personal, Social and Emotional development curriculum (PSHE). We use two great programmes called '1Decision' and 'Heartsmart' to help the children learn. All children take part in PSHE lessons and, if there are particular issues, teachers have a lot of expertise in supporting children as a class and as individuals.

Sometimes children may need some extra support for a particular issue. New babies, moving house, or changes in our family situation affect us all as adults, and children are the same. The class team of adults are often the first port of call for children and sometimes a chat at playtime or a regular catch up make all the difference. We also use programmes led by our ELSA.



This year we have been fortunate to come across a brilliant centre called Huckleberries, which has been set up to support children develop tools for self-esteem. It is in a beautiful rural setting and is described by the children as 'A place to be me'. Yoga, breathing techniques and mindfulness are taught by experienced practitioners and several Bentley pupils have been lucky enough to attend this term. They are making some great progress in their personal development and getting a lot out their visits to the centre.

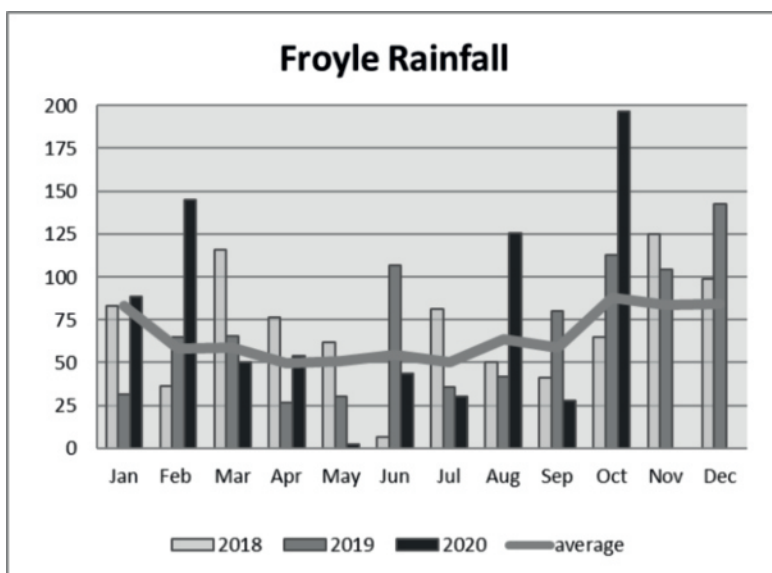
With these support systems in place, we work hard to make sure children thrive at Bentley, both academically and in their personal, social development. Please do get in touch if you would like to know more about our teaching at Bentley CE Primary School.

From the school we wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year ahead!

(Katy Pinchess, Headteacher)

Froyle Rainfall for October 2020

This year	196.5 mm	7.7 ins
Last year	112.5 mm	4.4 ins
Wettest October (1987) – the wettest ever month	226 mm	8.9 ins
Driest October (1978)	7 mm	0.3 ins
October long-term average – the wettest month	88 mm	3.5 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	762.5 mm	30 ins
Long-term average for the year to end October	614.4 mm	24.2 ins



So what happened in October, 1987? IKEA opened its first store in the UK, Lester Piggott was jailed for three years for tax evasion, Michael Fish announced there wasn't a hurricane on the way and...Froyle had its wettest month for decades. Since then, 198.5 mm was recorded in November 2009, so October 2020 becomes the 3rd wettest month since my records began. And yes, I did have to re-scale the chart...!



“The Umbrella Man”

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

Writing this letter on the first day of the nation's second lockdown feels more challenging than normal, though obviously not as challenging as hospital staff and carers preparing for a possible surge in cases, retailers mourning the loss of pre-Christmas trade and many people facing job cuts this winter.

Everyone, everywhere is looking for hope and strength to sustain us all during this immediate period of restrictions and possibly through many weeks ahead. And then, while we were thinking what to write, this very simple but absolutely appropriate prayer was posted on the Binsted Facebook page, accompanied by a request to share with everyone:

"Lord, we need You! Please sweep through this nation and heal this land. Restore our strength, renew our minds, and cast out anything that's not of You. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen."

And we then felt that, strengthened by these words, we can face up to lockdown and what may follow, and that instead of the usual frantic period of mad shopping that precedes Christmas, we must think of these enforced restrictions as a gift. We can still shop for food, we can write cards, we can bake at home and we can order presents online, but we will also have an opportunity to think about the real Christmas. As John Betjeman wrote in his poem Christmas:

*And is it true ? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies, ...
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.*

Friends around the country have told us that November 4th, the day before the restrictions began, felt like Christmas Eve, with shops open till late, pubs and restaurants selling cut-price drinks and all retailers offering discounts. Someone said it was like 'the Last-Chance Saloon' and when lockdown lifts in December there will probably be another mad rush to complete all the shopping and gift-buying. But in the meantime, let us embrace this quiet gift and remember that Christ wasn't born in a shopping mall loud with Christmas hits from the last thirty years, but in a cold stable under a starry sky into the loving arms of his young, frightened mother. We cannot match the gifts that were brought to him, although our local farmers might offer lambs, but we can give kindness, thoughtfulness and help to our neighbours and friends so we all have a special, meaningful Christmas.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Christmas Day Services – IMPORTANT Notice

Due to the pandemic there is a limit on the number of people we can accommodate in each of our churches and the exact number is dependent on how many and how big each of the family bubbles are that are attending. So, **we will have to have limit attendance on Christmas Day to only those with tickets. Tickets can be obtained via the Church Office from Monday, 14th December.** We will need to know not only *your* name and contact details but also the names of everyone attending with you for NHS Track and Trace, and which Christmas Day service you are wanting to attend.

Church Office – admin@benbinfro.org (01420 23339)

Thank you for your understanding and Merry Christmas!

(Gemma Ball)

Christmas Services

Friday, 18 th December	6.30 pm	ONLINE*	Real Nativity
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	ONLINE*	Christingle
	11.30 pm	ONLINE*	Midnight Meditation
Christmas Day	9.30 am	Bentley	Morning Worship
	9.30 am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	ONLINE*	Christmas Service
Sunday, 27 th December	11.00 am	ONLINE*	Morning Worship

*See our YouTube channel: BenBinFro Churches

Services

It is most inconsiderate of HM Government that they do not time their Covid-related announcements/changes to tie in with the deadlines for publication of the Froyle magazine.....

At the time of going to press, the Government is in the process of imparting to us what we can and cannot do under the three tier system and over Christmas. Our assumption is that the services and other church events over Christmas will still largely have to be online. The services listed in this magazine (*page 24*) reflect that.

As to live services, our current assumption is that we shall have one service in each church on Christmas Day (with or without singing), but no Midnight Mass, and that the combination of the reduction in services and the need to maintain social distancing will put pressure on space availability. There will therefore be a ticketing system for the Christmas Day service at each parish, operated for the benefice as a whole (although of course you choose your church) – as explained elsewhere in the magazine(*page 24*).

Having missed out on celebrating Advent, though, we really hope there will be a live carol singing event of some kind in Froyle – probably outdoors (so no rain allowed), combining elements of the church carol service with the carol gathering we normally have as a village at the village hall; possibly with a choir; definitely on **Monday 21st December**, probably at 6.30 pm but final details, including the location, are yet to be finalised. Again, there is a ‘save-the-date’ announcement elsewhere (*page 7*).

All we can say at the moment is that we shall celebrate the birth of Christ with as much joy as we can muster within the restrictions as to time and activity with which we are presented. Details as arrangements unfold will follow in due course on the church website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) and by email, social media and posters.

(William Knowles and Simon Marshall)

An update from our Anna Chaplain

The last 8 months have been tough for many people; but especially for those living and working in nursing homes, and for older people who live alone at home. Please continue to pray for everyone at Pax Hill Care Home, Bentley Lodge Care and Nursing Home, and for older people within our community.

It's great news that our Anna Chaplaincy team has grown this year, and now includes 6 wonderful volunteer Anna Friends. Sadly, due to Covid-19, we haven't been able to commission our new Anna Friends at a service yet, but this hasn't stopped our team from offering love and support to older people within our community.

If you know of any older people within our community who would appreciate a regular phone call (or any other support), please, please get in touch via my email address or telephone number below.

As we live through our second national lockdown and the uncertainty of the winter months ahead, it's good to remember that Jesus, who is Emmanuel (God with us), was born into the discomfort of a chaotic and mucky stable. He entered the world into uncertainty, and yet He brought us God's gift of peace. And today Jesus lives with us, through our challenges and uncertainties.

I pray that we're able to allow God's love and peace to gently guide us through these difficult and uncertain times.

Wishing you love, peace and comfort this Christmas

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

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Dear all,

Yoga and Body Firming



Yoga- Monday at 1pm at Bury Court Barn
Yoga- Tuesday 6.30pm at Froyle Village Hall
Body Firming- Monday at 7pm at Bentley Memorial Hall, Main Hall.
Yoga- Thursday 10am at Wickham Institute, Binsted
Yoga- Thursday 5.30pm at Froyle Village Hall
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Please book your place as the number of students is limited.

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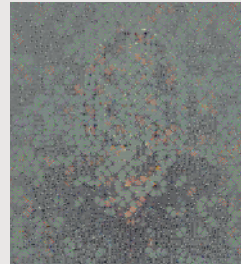
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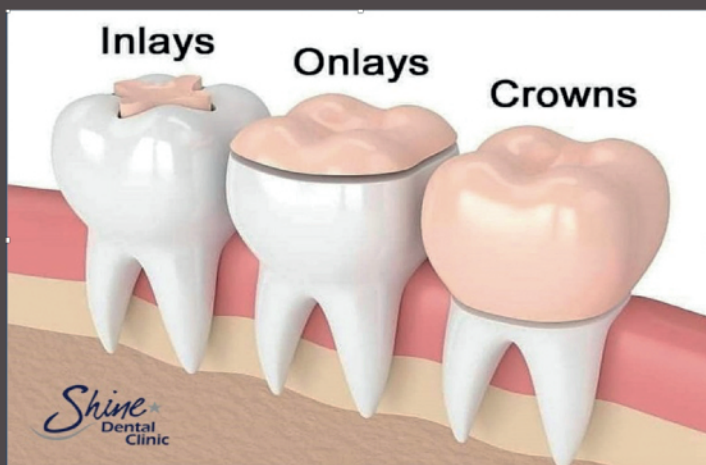
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