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## NEWS & VIEWS

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The Parish Council (PC) met on March 10th when they were joined by Harry Wigglesworth (HW) who owns the pasture land between Froyle Park and the A31. HW provided an update on his plans to develop the land for regenerative farming. Recent works on this land have generated posts enquiring about their purpose on Froyle Residents Facebook and a number of residents attended the PC meeting to ask questions. HW explained that the track being laid across the pasture from Gid Lane was to an earth bund that will serve to shield an agricultural barn, and that this work is allowed under Permitted Development planning rights. Subsequent approvals for construction of the barn will be via the Prior Approval notification process on which residents can submit comments. The PC understands that the planning enforcement team at East Hants District Council (EHDC) have been notified of the works and officers visited the site and met with HW. The PC has stressed to HW the importance of effective communications with residents in advance of work being carried out to try and avoid speculation about what is happening on his land. He has agreed to do this using the various village communication channels including email, Facebook and the Village Magazine. HW has also committed to investigate whether the newly fitted stile can be replaced by a gate to ensure that the footpath to the Hen and Chicken is accessible to all. The PC understands that HW is planning other fencing to maintain separation between users of the footpaths and livestock.

Apart from routine business, the other item discussed was the playground. The latest survey has recommended that the ship should no longer be used due to rot and the PC is investigating its safe removal. An initial proposal for upgraded community facilities on the Rec and in the playground were presented and these will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on 16th April. A consultation process with residents will be undertaken later in the year to obtain your views. The results of the consultation will also be used to support grant applications to fund any agreed proposals.

Residents are reminded that the car park at the Village Hall is provided for users of the hall and Rec. All vehicles using the car park do so at owners risk with no responsibility being accepted by the PC for any loss or damage. Any resident who wishes to park their vehicle in the car park for an extended period should contact the Clerk to obtain approval.

The AutoSpeedWatch (ASW) cameras are back in operation now as the longer days have allowed their solar panels to recharge. Photos of speeding vehicles are again being reported to Hampshire Police. The PC continues to work with EHDC and the police about how to follow up on persistent speeders and vehicles with no MOT or tax. Please do drive at a safe speed through the village and do not exceed the 30 mph limit - **if we don't adhere to the speed limit ourselves, how can we expect others to do so?**

Access to the Froyle archive via Froyle.com has now been obtained from Chris Booth. The residents who had expressed an interest to work with the archive will now reconvene to assess what is available and how this could be used in future. A few copies of Annette Booth's books on Froyle – 'A Village School' and 'Froyle, 100 Years of Memories' are available for a donation of £10. This will be used to support the ongoing cost of maintaining the archive. Copies of Annette's third book 'Lest We Forget – Froyle in the Great War', that was previously distributed to all Froyle households, is also available. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of any of these books please contact the Clerk.

Two planning applications have emerged from the new EHDC planning portal for comment. These related to tree works and removal of building conditions. The PC had no comments on either application but can confirm that it has resubmitted its previous comments stressing the unsuitability of Bamber Lane to access proposed new properties on Saintbury Hill.

The **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)** will be held at **19.00 on Wednesday 16th April** in the Village Hall. The purpose of the APM is to provide all residents with a review of activities undertaken by the PC in the past year, including a financial summary, and seek their input on community issues and how to enhance village life. A presentation will be made on possible additional community facilities to be located on the Rec. Our District and County Councillors have been invited to attend and provide more information on the plans for devolution of local government in Hampshire, and how EHDC proposes to meet the Government's allocation of new housing in the Alton area. **Please do make a note in your diaries to attend this meeting - refreshments will be provided.**

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 12th May at 19.00 in the Village Hall. This is also the PC AGM where the Chair and Deputy Chair for the coming year will be appointed.

## Your Help is Needed

### Rubbish Along the A31

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about the amount of rubbish lining the A31 from here to Alton. We are writing to HCC to request that they clean this up asap, although we already know that this will require a lane closure to be scheduled and so it may take some time. In addition we are verifying to see if Veolia should meet the cost of the clean up as we know from photographic evidence much of the waste comes from the trucks using their recycling facility.

Please help by making your own complaint direct to the Hampshire County Councillor (HCC) responsible for Highways [lulu.bowerman@hants.gov.uk](mailto:lulu.bowerman@hants.gov.uk) and cc your HCC councillor Mark Kemp Gee on [mark.kemp-gee@hants.gov.uk](mailto:mark.kemp-gee@hants.gov.uk) as well as Rob Mocatta [robert.mocatta@hants.gov.uk](mailto:robert.mocatta@hants.gov.uk) for waste management

The more complaints HCC receives, the more likely it is that we can get some action.

### Litter in Froyle:

We are very lucky to have volunteers in Froyle that pick up litter along the roadsides to keep our village clean. This is not organised, but you are encouraged to take a bag out with you when you go for a walk and pick up what you see if it is safe for you to do so.

If you're interested in regularly clearing any particular area, please reach out to Jenny Gove so that she's aware [govejenny@gmail.com](mailto:govejenny@gmail.com)

Please see this page for other opportunities to do your bit for Froyle.  
<https://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/volunteer>



**SAVE THE DATE**



## **FROYLE VILLAGE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW** **SATURDAY 5 JULY 2025 – 1pm-4.30pm**

**We look forward to seeing you for the annual village fête - the Dog Show, kids' races, delicious barbeque and drinks, bouncy castle, face-painting, stalls, raffle and other attractions.**

**Details to follow in future editions of the magazine.**





Bookings:  
Sarah Zorab  
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There has been lots in the papers recently about how well Artificial Intelligence (AI) can produce 'literature' that is indistinguishable from the real thing. So how well would it do producing News from the Village Hall. In a fraction of a second this is what ChatGPT produced.

### ***Froyle Village Hall – March Report***

*March has been a busy month for Froyle Village Hall, with some exciting updates and improvements to share. First, we are pleased to announce the installation of a brand-new hall sign. This will make the hall more visible and welcoming for both regular visitors and newcomers to the village. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this project! In addition, plans are in place to refurbish the hall curtains. The current ones have served us well, but they are now in need of a refresh. This work will improve the overall appearance of the hall and help maintain a warm and inviting atmosphere for all events.*

*A reminder that our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 16 April at 7pm** in the hall. This is a great opportunity for residents to hear updates, share ideas, and get involved in shaping the future of the hall. All are welcome, and we encourage as many people as possible to attend.*

*For those interested in the hall's financial position, the **annual accounts can be found on page 25** of this month's magazine. These provide a full breakdown of income and expenditure over the past year.*

*Thank you to everyone who continues to support Froyle Village Hall. Your involvement and enthusiasm help keep this important community space thriving!*

This was the brief. 'Write a report for the month of March for Froyle Village Hall. Mention the fact that the curtains are to be refurbished. Remind readers of the AGM on 16 April at 7pm. And that the annual accounts can be found on page 25.' But what about the humour. AI responds instantaneously:

*March has been a month of sprucing up at Froyle Village Hall – because even our beloved hall deserves a little TLC now and then! Speaking of things that have seen better days, the **hall curtains are getting a much-needed makeover**. They've witnessed countless meetings, parties, and slightly questionable dance moves over the years, and frankly, they deserve a refresh. The refurbishment will ensure they keep the hall looking smart for many more events to come.*

*The **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 16 April at 7pm** is your chance to hear what's been going on, have your say, and maybe even volunteer (don't worry, we won't make eye contact if you'd rather just listen). All are welcome, and we promise to keep the formalities brief! For those who love a good spreadsheet, the **annual accounts are waiting for you on page 25**. See you there!*

So that's it folk, your scribe is clearly redundant. An early victim of this extraordinary new technology. I intend to record committee meetings in future and then hand over to AI to write the minutes. I confidently expect the system to scream for mercy! Down but not out.

*Nick Whines 23130 [secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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# April Activities at the Village Hall

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**Lent Lunch** **Wednesday, April 2** **12:30pm-2pm**

Bread, cheese and home made soup. Hosted by Yvonne Deans and Jenny Gove.  
Donations to Motor Neurone Disease Research

**Mixed Pilates** **Wednesday, April 2** **6:30pm-7:30pm**

Move with Tegan. £10 per class or £50 for block of 6 classes. For bookings or more information contact Tegan on 07761209998 or [teganhansensa@gmail.com](mailto:teganhansensa@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place** **Fridays, April 4, 18, 25** **9am - Noon**

Join us for delicious home made cakes, hot drinks, and good conversation. There are books and jigsaws to borrow. Or learn to crochet. Everyone welcome. (11th will be at St Marys.)

**Life Drawing** **Sunday, April 6** **4pm-6pm**  
**Tuesday, April 22** **10-Noon**

Try your hand drawing the undraped figure. Beginners welcome. Bring your own materials.  
£10 at the door. For more information contact [froylelifedrawing@gmail.com](mailto:froylelifedrawing@gmail.com).

**Children's Holiday Camp** **Weekdays, April 8-12, 14-17** **9am - 4:30pm**

Immersion in the Spanish language through singing, games and fun activities. For primary school children. <https://spanishsinging.com>

**Gardening Club Spring Show** **Saturday, April 12** **1:30pm-6pm**

New format spring show. Please see [www.froylegardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.froylegardeningclub.co.uk) for more information.

**Froyle Parish Council and Village Hall Annual Meeting** **Wednesday, April 16** **7pm-10pm**

Annual meeting of the Parish Council and the Froyle Village Hall Committee combined.  
Drinks and nibbles provided.

**Car Boot + Produce Fair** **Saturday, April 26** **8:30am -12:30pm**

A community event to benefit the Froyle Church. Come and make some extra cash by selling your wares or shop the car boots and browse the homemade produce, plants, and raffle.  
Entry fee £1 adult 50p children, includes a free drink. £10 per vehicle/pitch for sellers.

**NHS Health and Well-Being** **Wednesday, April 20** **10am -2pm**

A free event open to all residents, aimed at making various health and well-being services more accessible to the local community.

# The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon. As the Hall is being used for something else, please note that:

**\* On Friday 11th April, the Meeting Place will be held in the church. Usual time, usual home baked cakes, tea and coffee. We look forward to seeing you there.**

On Friday 18th April, the Easter Meeting Place will be back in the Hall with Hot Cross Buns and the Easter Raffle.

## April Kitchen Helpers

4th	William Knowles
<b>11th (*)</b>	Sarah Roberts
18th	Meeting Place Team
25th	Brian Jones

## April Cake Bakers

4th	Emma Archer Perkins	Jenny Matthews	Tina Henderson
<b>11th (*)</b>	Barbara Starbuck	Tina Massam	Gillian Bradley
18th	Brian Jones	Sue Lelliott	Barbara Graham-Clarke
25th	Lisa Bowler	Jo Mills	Deborah Addison

Please organise swaps amongst yourselves if possible, or contact us if you have a problem.

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

Cakes can be left in the porch at Wykeham House, Lower Froyle on Thursdays or brought to the hall after 9.30 am on Fridays.

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EXHIBITION & FAIR

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL GU34 4LG

**MAY 24 & 25 2025**

2nd bank holiday weekend

**10am - 5pm free admission**

For information: Sally Turvill or David Birn

[froyleartfair@gmail.com](mailto:froyleartfair@gmail.com)



*Froyle Gardening Club*

## **April from the Potting Shed**

The Yoyo temperatures this year will cause some problems with fruit set. If you have blossom on fruit and frost is forecast then if you can cover with fleece this could save the blooms and hence fruit production.

Check over plants for frost damage and remove frosted stems. A mulch of organic matter around roots if applied on warm moist days will keep the ground warm and protect new shoots especially herbaceous plants. Cutting back can continue in the borders and also dividing plants that have got a little over crowded. Choose the younger pieces from around the outside of clumps to be planted back in the border.

Keep the mower height high to allow the grass to grow stronger. Any bare patches will need grass seed sown in them so that the moss does not get a chance to re-established itself in the lawn. Apply moss killer such as Mo Bacter to control the moss which is very dense this year after such a wet winter.

If you are tempted to get your summer bedding early, remember they are tender perennials and they will only need a light frost to kill them off. So have your fleece handy if frost is forecast.

In the vegetable world then the starting gun is up and potatoes, beans, carrots, parsnips and many more can be sown or planted out. The thought of lovely veg to pick, yummy.

Please remember the Gardening Club plant sales when you are pricking out or taking cuttings and save a few extra so that you can contribute to the plant sales at the Spring Show and also the Froyle Open Gardens and Fête.

*Geoff Hawkins*

### **March Meeting**

Our March meeting was all about growing dahlias – exhibition dahlias. Howard Cooper brought along tubers and cuttings to show our large audience how to grow magnificent dahlia blooms. Even though he took us through the exhibition way of growing, the information was still relevant to us getting the best out of our shop bought tubers or overwintered ones. We may not get 10inch blooms from ours but we should get something better this year for our Autumn Show in September.

### **April Meeting –Froyle Gardening Club Spring Show Saturday 12 April 2-5pm**

There is lots to get involved in whether it's planting seeds to grow veg or learning how to arrange flowers ... both activities will give you insights that you can use to enter our other shows later in the year.

If you want to try and grow your own veg, you don't need a garden, just a suitable container such as a large pot or a grow bag. We will provide the pots, compost and seeds, and help you plant them to get you started!



# **Froyle Gardening Club Spring Show**

## **Veg Sow, Grow & Show**

**We'll show you how...** Learn to sow and grow your own vegetables in containers, no garden required!...we provide seeds, compost and pots. We have tomatoes, courgettes and dwarf beans.

Exhibit your produce at our Summer Show.. or just eat them yourself at home!

## **Spring Flowers Competition**

Arrangement of any Spring flowers in a posy  
Prizes for prettiest arrangement and for most interesting container  
Prize-giving at 4.30pm

## **Flower Arranging Demonstration**

There will be a demonstration of simple flower arranging techniques 2.30 – 3.30pm

## **Plant Stall & Seed Swap Tea, Coffee and Cakes!**



**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT [INFO@FROYLEGARDENINGCLUB.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@FROYLEGARDENINGCLUB.CO.UK)  
[FROYLEGARDENINGCLUB.CO.UK](http://FROYLEGARDENINGCLUB.CO.UK)**

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## **FROYLE 100 CLUB**

The winners in the **March Draw** were:

1st – Charlie Zorab

2nd – Maureen Fry

3rd – Faith Richards

4th – Alex Roberts

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles Tel: 07775 928933*

*email: [wbk@wbkknowles.com](mailto:wbk@wbkknowles.com)*

**Froyle Church**

**CAR BOOT**  
**+ FRESH VILLAGE PRODUCE**

**Saturday 26 April,**  
**10 – 12 noon**

**Froyle Rec &  
Village Hall**  
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**(Gates open from 9.30 am  
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## **Car Boot & Fresh Village Produce Saturday 26 April 2025, 10 – 12 noon Froyle Recreation Ground & Village Hall**

Bring your vintage and surplus items and sell them from your car to make some extra cash and minimise landfill. Then browse other people's offerings and the stalls in the Village Hall. It's the new circular economy!

The hall and terrace, weather permitting, will host the produce, plants, books, tombola, and raffle stalls. We will also serve breakfast baps and hot drinks.

**Stall and raffle donations will be very gratefully received.** *(Please note we no longer take jumble or electrical goods).* Contact Janet Dobson (23340) if you can donate plants and spring seedlings, Sally Turvill (23289) with promises of homemade biscuits, bread, cakes, chutneys, jams or marmalade, Jane Macnabb (23195) for bric-a-brac and Lauraine Bourne (22159) for books/games. Lori Taylor (22148) or Sarah Zorab (250361) will seek tombola and raffle donations.

*Sarah Roberts (520041) Julie Southern (520620)*



## **LENT LUNCHES**



Lent lunches consist of bread, cheese and home made soup, with all donations going to the charity chosen by the hosts. All lunches run from 12.30 to 2.00 pm, and we have two more to look forward to in April:

### **Wednesday 2 April**

Yvonne & Jenny at the Village Hall

Charity: Motor Neurone Disease Research

### **Wednesday 9 April**

Mary & William at Park Edge

Charity: Trussell Trust

If anyone has any questions or needs directions to a particular venue, do get in touch.

*Jenny Gove [govejenny@gmail.com](mailto:govejenny@gmail.com)*





## BUTTERFLIES TO SEE IN APRIL

As the weather warms in Spring, gardens can be sheltered places for some of our beautiful butterflies. This year our first garden butterfly sighting was a **Red Admiral** in February. During April we usually see **Brimstone, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell**, species

that have survived the winter as adults. These beautiful insects can be measures of ecological change both nationally and locally. The organisation [Butterfly Conservation](http://www.butterflyconservation.org) say that butterflies and moths are a vital part of our wildlife heritage and are valuable as sensitive indicators of the health of our environment. Let us know what Spring butterflies you have seen locally with or without a photo to [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk).



*Brimstone*

The **Orange-tip** emerges from last year's pupa and is one of the earliest butterflies that has not over-wintered as an adult. You can see them along Froyle's hedgerows, verges and in gardens, the males with their distinctive day-glo orange tips, the females more discreet and easily confused with Small Whites. But look at their closed wings and you will see the lovely green and white marbling of their undersides. To attract Orange-tips, grow their food plants, favourites being cuckooflower, Jack-by-the-hedge and honesty.



*Orange Tip*

The blue butterfly that you are most likely to see in Froyle gardens is the **Holly Blue**. The larvae feed predominantly on the flower buds, berries and terminal leaves of Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) in the spring generation, and Ivy (*Hedera helix*) in the summer generation. The aptly named **Speckled Wood** flies in partially shaded woodland and hedgerows with dappled sunlight. The male usually perches in a small pool of sunlight, from where it rises rapidly to intercept any intruder.

Both sexes feed on honeydew in the treetops and are rarely seen feeding on flowers.

Butterflies are good indicators of the health of our local environment. They have short life cycles and thus react quickly to environmental changes. Their limited dispersal ability, larval foodplant specialisation and close-reliance on the weather and climate make many butterfly species sensitive to fine-scale changes. Because insects make up the largest proportion of terrestrial wildlife (more than 50% of species), it is important to assess the fate of insect groups in order to monitor the overall state of biodiversity. Being typical insects, the responses seen in butterflies are more likely to reflect changes amongst other insect groups, and thus the majority of biodiversity.

## Free outdoor exercise

Help to benefit local wildlife and the community by coming along to our activities in Froyle. Last month we gave the living willow dome on Froyle recreation ground its annual 'haircut', trimming new growth and tying-in side shooyts. At the **wildlife pond area** near Gid Lane we'll be maintaining the surrounding meadow and cutting paths for visitors.

- **Saturday 19th April 2pm-4pm** Mow paths - weed and sycamore seedlings

For more information contact [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk), phone 01420 23520 or just turn up.

*Barry Clark*

## Understanding birds & birding – talk by Keith Betton on 20 March

Local birder Keith Betton, chairman of Hampshire Ornithological Society (the biggest local ornithological society in the UK), gave an illustrated talk on 20 March. Keith reckons he has seen nearly 9,000 of the roughly 11,000 bird species in the world, making him one of the world's top twenty birders and giving him an extraordinary depth and breadth of knowledge, some of which he generously shared with us. But he pointed out that what we don't know about birds is more than we do know.

To begin with we heard that 382 bird species were observed in Hampshire in 2024, of which 110 are resident, the remainder being summer or winter visitors, passing through or rarities (169 species) – birds which are here because they have got lost or been blown off course while going somewhere else. In the UK as a whole there are 220 breeding species and 100 winter or passage visitors, so Hampshire offers a disproportionately large number, probably because it is by the sea and on some of the migrant routes. Although eight species are now extinct in the UK and seven more are in decline, more than 13 have arrived here, including, as we see in Froyle, over 500 pairs of red kites. Birds have been on earth for about 150 million years whereas humans only about 1 million – and most of the decline in the bird population is attributable to human activity, in particular industrialisation and climate change, which has changed the temperature in birds' habitats, altered their food supplies and caused habitat loss.

In the second half Keith discussed migration – “the return seasonal movement between regular breeding and non-breeding areas”. About 2,000 bird species migrate, principally in search of food and also to avoid extreme cold, so to maximise their chances of survival. They navigate by the sun and the stars, the earth's magnetic field and, over oceans, by smell. Migration is generally governed by day length, rather than temperature or other factors, which has implications for survival if food availability changes eg as a result of climate change. Almost all migration is on a north/south axis – apart from the North American wheatear which spends its summers in Alaska and winters in Africa. Keith highlighted the arctic tern, the bird which has the most daylight in the year as it moves between the Arctic and Antarctica; and the bar-tailed godwit, flying 11,700 km in 8 days non-stop from Alaska to New Zealand (it makes a longer return trip, stopping in China). Space does not permit a fuller account of his talk, which was full of fascinating facts and much enjoyed by the audience. To find out more, join HOS!

## THE UNSUNG ALDER

Alders are not the most obvious or common tree in the environs of Froyle, but they are to be found in the Alton area, in damp mixed woodland, on poorly drained ground, and growing along the margins of streams. Alders like to get their feet wet!

Alders can also be found in drier locations, in mixed woodland and on forest edges. Because of its association with nitrogen-fixing bacteria, it can grow in nutrient-poor soils where few other trees thrive. Alder woods established in bogs and marshes are called ‘carrs’, which is an old Norse word, used in many town and village names of the north and east UK, such as Careby in Lincs, and Carr in Yorkshire. There is an excellently preserved carr in the grounds of Moor Park, near Farnham.

Alders are ‘woodland pioneers’ growing well from seed and quickly colonising bare ground. They live to approximately 60 years, and have dark, fissured bark, and dark green serrated leaves. The female catkins look like little brown cones, and stay on the tree all year round. Alder is the food plant for the caterpillars of several moths including the cutely named alder kitten. The catkins provide an early source of nectar and pollen for bees, and the seeds are eaten by birds such as siskins and goldfinches.



*Alder Kitten Moth*

Alder wood is extremely durable when wet, and so has been valued by mankind since ancient times for its ability to withstand rotting in water. It has been used in the construction of boats, sluice gates, lock gates and water pipes – even clogs. In fact, Venice was originally largely built on alder piles! It also makes excellent charcoal, and archaeological analysis of Bronze Age sites shows that it was widely used for smelting. So useful a tree was revered by our ancestors, and its tendency to grow near still waters meant that it was believed to have affinity with the gods and spirits of the Underworld, which made it a little bit scary – to this day, there is an Irish superstition that it is unlucky to pass an alder tree when starting a journey.

However, the alder may be invaluable to us, if we care to use it sensibly; its ability to fix nitrogen conditions soil, and improves soil fertility on industrial wasteland and brownfield sites. Alders may also prove invaluable in land planting schemes for the uncertain climate future, as alder planting is a cost effective and environmentally positive form of flood mitigation.

*Sue Lelliott, Froyle Tree Warden*



## Food Waste

It is estimated that we waste around 1.3 billion tonnes of food every year, around a third of all the food produced for human consumption. That's a truly staggering and sobering statistic. Food waste is central to some of the key challenges facing the world today, including hunger and poverty climate change, habitat destruction, decreased biodiversity and overuse of land and water. It also wastes the precious (and increasingly expensive) energy that we use to grow, harvest, process and cook, and food waste in landfills can cause methane emissions, a potent greenhouse gas.

We need to reduce the amount of food we waste. I'm not going to preach about the basics that we all know about – meal planning, batch cooking, refrigerating fruit (except bananas and uncut pineapple), shopping with a list and definitely not when you are hungry (!) and checking your fridge temperature. Worth a reminder about food safety dates though. **Use-by dates are about safety**; the ones to be very careful with and stick to unless you are very sure. **Best before dates are about quality** and are an indication of the window of time that the item will be at its best, which means that it could well be perfectly good significantly later than that and you just need to judge the look and smell of it.

EHDC is supporting the national Food Waste Action Week by promoting the Waste and Resources Action programme's Love Food Hate Waste, in their "Buy Loose. Waste Less" campaign. They have estimated that we waste 46% of the potatoes, 23% of the carrots and 18% of the apples that we buy and that multi packs may be partly responsible for this. If all apples, bananas and potatoes were sold loose we could save 60,000 tonnes of food each year in the UK which is equivalent to 8.2 million shopping baskets.

There are various apps that can help you avoid waste and a new one that launched this year is Remy. It allows users to keep track of their food purchases, using AI to recommend recipes based on ingredients in the kitchen, store dietary preferences and build shopping lists automatically, essentially helping users to 'buy what they need and cook what they buy'.

Another way to avoid food waste and save your pocket is by using the TooGoodToGo app. This connects you to local restaurants, cafes and stores that have surplus unsold food and allows you to purchase a 'surprise bag' at a fraction of the price. Closest one I found was Bentley Stores.

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# FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG)

## 7-8 JUNE 2025



Towards the end of March, it is difficult to imagine the transformation that will take place in the gardens before we get to June. At the moment we are approaching peak daffodil. Still to come are the tulips and the fruit blossom. The hedges will turn green and the grass will begin to grow. There is then sometimes an anxious gap before the roses and the peonies hit their stride: just in time we hope to greet our visitors! For many gardeners, this is the most exciting time of the year.

In 2025, FOG will take place over the weekend of 7 and 8 June. This is slightly later than usual so the gardens should be that much more advanced. Timings are as last year, 1.30 to 6pm both days. We are keeping the entry price at £10. Last year we had two perfect days and welcomed over 900 people. We raised a record £14,000 for the National Garden Scheme. To match that will be quite a big ask. But we will try.

We again have 10 gardens taking part this year including two new ones: Polly and Simon Marshall are opening Old Stable Barn in Lower Froyle and Bruce Collinson is opening 2 Turnpike Cottages in Upper Froyle. Visitors often say how much they enjoy seeing how the gardens develop from year to year. They love to spot the changes: a new pond, a different planting scheme, a garden ornament that wasn't there before.

Another reasons visitors keep returning as many do is not just the gardens, beautiful as they usually are, but the warm welcome they get from the whole village. The kindly parking attendants. The stewards ready to point people in the right direction. The enthusiastic ticket and plant sellers and of course all those baking cakes and serving teas.

So this is a first call for volunteers. If you helped last year, please make a note of the date and let us know about your availability. If you haven't been involved before, please join in. The more volunteers we get the shorter the shifts. Do have a look at our website at [www.froyleopengardens.org.uk](http://www.froyleopengardens.org.uk) where you can still see the video we made during lockdown.

*2024 was another landmark year for the National Garden Scheme with the charity donating a record £3,501,227. The impact of these donations to our major nursing and health beneficiaries means that thousands of people who live with health conditions such as cancer or Parkinson's, who have poor mental health, or who struggle financially as unpaid carers, have been helped by our funding of the nurses, health professionals and care workers who support them. Funding also provides support to those in the Gardens and Health sector, to community gardens and to those working in horticulture.*

If you have a garden that looks great in June and would like to join Open Gardens' please let me know and I'll explain what's involved. We're always looking for new gardens.

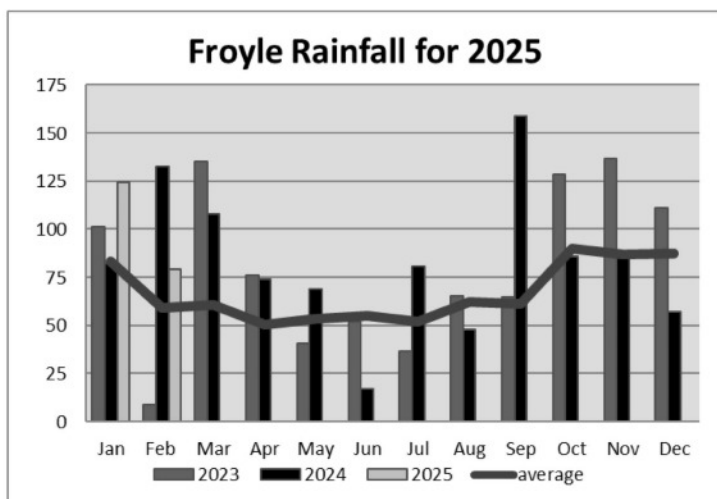
Nick Whines 23130 [info@froyleopengardens.org.uk](mailto:info@froyleopengardens.org.uk)



## Froyle Rainfall for February, 2025

This year	79 mm	3.1 ins
Last year	132.5 mm	5.2 ins
Wettest February (1990)	157 mm	6.2 ins
Driest February (1993)	5 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for February – the 5 <sup>th</sup> driest month*	59.3 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	203.5 mm	8.0 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	142.6 mm	5.6 ins

(\*but the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest on a per diem basis)



Ten years ago. I quoted the following lines:

“If Candlemas Day [February 2<sup>nd</sup>] be fair and bright, [it was]

Winter will have another fight;

If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, Winter will not come again.”

Well, in 2015, that prediction was totally wrong(!), winter was done and dusted and the year’s rainfall was 10% down on the average.

So the question is: “will the traditionalists be confounded again in 2025 ...?”





## ALTON FOOD BANK PLEASE SUPPORT!

Thank you for your continued support for the Alton Foodbank.

Your generous donations have enabled them to meet the growing demands that they are seeing locally.

Please continue to support this amazing charity; it is particularly in need of the following items at the moment.

Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Potatoes
Rice (dry)	Sponge Puddings (long life)
Tinned Custard	Tinned Meat (pies, stewing steak, hot dogs)
Tinned Rice Pudding	UHT Milk
Bags of sugar	
Toilet Rolls	Antibacterial Cleaning Spray
Shower Gel	Washing up liquid
Sanitary Products	Loo roll
Conditioner	Shampoo

There is a donation box in the village hall, or you can drop off at Greenfields Cottage, Lower Froyle. There are also collection points in Bentley and Binsted churches, and at Alton Maltings where there is a drop box outside the main door.

They have very good supplies of: baked beans, soup, tinned tomatoes and pasta. Many thanks for your kind and continued generosity. If you have any queries please call me.

*Louise Marston 07785 350381*



## Collecting for the Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

After 25 years of organising the Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal Collection, I have decided to hang up my collecting tin.

If anybody wishes to take over please contact the Royal British Legion and our region is SBB 10 – Froyle.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers over the years and the support of the Anchor Inn, Hen & Chicken, and BP garage. Many thanks.

*Jamie Stewart-Smith*

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## Sedgemoor Easter Cakes Recipe

8oz plain flour	½ teaspoon mixed spice
4 oz butter	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
4 oz castor sugar	1 egg
4 oz currants	2 tablespoons brandy

Rub the butter into the flour and stir in the sugar, currants, spice and cinnamon. Beat the egg with the brandy and mix with the dry ingredients. Roll out half-an-inch thick, cut into rounds and bake at 180 C for 20 minutes.

*Faith Richards*

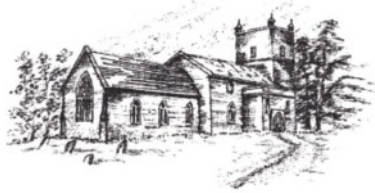


The members of the PCC of St Mary's Church, Froyle cordially invite you to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 9 April at St Mary's Church. Do join us to hear about the worship and activities that have taken place over the last year and to hear our vicar, The Revd. Matt Boyes, setting out his vision for the parish for the coming year. Drinks will be served at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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## APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 6 Apr	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Oakhanger	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Bentley	Praise
Sunday 13 Apr <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Children's Church
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	6.00pm	Kingsley	Praise
<b>Thu 17 Apr</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Choral Service</b>
Friday 18 Apr <i>Good Friday</i>	12pm	Binsted	Good Friday Reflection
<b>Sat 19 Apr</b> <i>Easter Saturday</i>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Easter Garden Making</b>
	9 to 10pm	Bentley	Night Vigil
Sunday 20 Apr <i>Easter Sunday</i>	5.30am	Bentley	Sunrise Service
	9.30am	Bentley	Easter Holy Communion
	9.30am	Binsted	Easter Holy Communion
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Easter Holy Communion</b>
	11.00am	Kingsley	Easter Holy Communion
Sunday 27 Apr	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	11.00am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Froyle</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

# St Mary's Church News

## Easter

Now that the worst of the winter is behind us (we hope!), and as we enjoy the warm March sunshine, we can look forward to Spring and Easter, and to celebrating the most important week in the Christian calendar.

This year, our Easter services begin with **Palm Sunday on the 13th April** at 11.00 in the Church.

Then on **Maundy Thursday 17th April** the story begins in earnest with a choral Holy Communion service at 6:30 pm. This celebration of the Last Supper is a strikingly solemn event with powerful choral music. It includes a symbolic foot-washing ceremony conducted by the Vicar '(participation optional!)' to remind us that we are called to a life of service.

This is followed by our very popular **Easter Garden Making and Egg Hunt on Saturday 19th April at 10.00 am**, (see page 22), in the church/churchyard - coffee, tea, croissants and hot cross buns for grown-ups. And finally, our **Easter Sunday Service on the 20th April at 11.00**.

## Annual Parish Council Meeting

On a more formal note, we will be holding our APCM (Annual Parish Council Meeting) on the **9th of April at the Church at 7.00 pm** (see page 19).

A major topic for discussion will be the future of the parish, with an update on the plans for the single parish of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle, together with Kingsley/Oakhanger. Wine and other refreshments will be served from 6:30 pm!

And looking ahead...

This year marks the **80th Anniversary of VE Day**, the end of the war in Europe. We will be recognising this with a **Benefice service on the 4th May** at Binsted, (see pages 28-29) to recognise this important anniversary and to give thanks for all those who served and died in the cause of freedom.

*Simon Marshall*  
*Churchwarden*  
*Sm517@icloud.com*  
*07734 214419*



## St Mary's Church, Froyle

We shall be decorating the church for Easter on

**Saturday 19th April from 9.30am**

We would welcome as many of you as possible to come  
and help to fill the church with Spring Flowers.

Either bring an arrangement ready made or help us  
to organise the many donations that usually arrive.

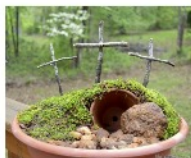
All flowers and foliage gratefully received.

Coffee will be available!

*Gill Bradley 520484*



## Easter Garden Making



**EASTER SATURDAY 19TH APRIL / 10AM**

**@ FROYLE CHURCH**

**COME ALONG TO CREATE YOUR OWN EASTER GARDEN**

**NO COST, JUST TURN UP AND GET STUCK IN!**



# **The Annual General Meeting of Froyle Village Hall**

will take place on Wednesday 16 April 2025

at 7.00 pm.

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies and Welcome**
- 2 Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 17 April 2024**
- 3 Treasurer's report for 2024**
- 4 Approval of Accounts** *previously circulated in the Magazine*
- 5 Chairman's report and update for 2024**  
*The existing committee stands down*
- 6 Election of committee**  
*(The existing committee has agreed to stand again)*

### **Questions and any other business**

**The meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30.**

**Froyle Village Hall: Treasurer's Report - Version 2, for inspection.**

USE: During 2024 the Hall income increased by 18% to £10,897, a result of an increase in charges in March 2024, including introducing higher rates for weekend hires, and some more out-of-village parties and commercial users. In March 2025, we increased charges for evenings to recognise the longer hours included in each session.

On the other hand, the Hall supported a number of new users with reduced rates, including the Life Drawing group. Community events, some charity fund raising activities and village wakes are not charged for.

OPERATING COSTS: 2024 costs were £16,456, very similar to 2023.

Cleaning costs rose as we engaged a new housekeeper/cleaner and agreed a new schedule. Note, these costs also include the contract for window and PV cleaning. We expected prices for gas and electricity to stabilise but they rose by £700 in total vs 2023 costs (which included a £500 over-charge).

We had unexpected costs of £2,500 to repair the wood frame over the main doors. Insurance costs continued to rise with building cost inflation, adding £120 to our premium.

The net Operating Deficit was £5,254, compared to £7,397 in 2023.

**DONATIONS, FUNDRAISING and EVENTS:** The 100 Club raised just over £600. The reinstated Bonfire and Fireworks raised £3,189, up from £2,364 in 2023. Costs of £2,939 meant a small surplus of £250, vs a net loss of £999 2023. After including a couple of other events, such as a fun Bridge afternoon and an exciting Safari Supper, our net Surplus from Donations and Events was £2,849.

The 2024 Fete made a donation of £3,000 to the Hall which arrived in January 2025 so will be included in the 2025 Accounts.

**ONE-OFF / PROJECT EXPENDITURE:** During 2024, we redecorated the Hall, installed extended WiFi to reach across the Rec for use during the Fete, Froyle Open Gardens, the Church Car Boot and Produce Fair and other outdoor events, and purchased another 2 SumUp card machines.

**SUMMARY:** The overall Deficit was £3,714 vs a planned Deficit of £1,613, mainly as a result of the unexpected repair costs noted above. This compares to a Deficit in 2023 of £10,969 which included the Hall's contribution to the Pavillion of £5,000. Including the late 2024 Fete contribution, the Deficit would have been £714.

#### **PLANS:**

During 2025, we installed a sign in the glass above the main doors and plan to refurbish the curtains and continue marketing the Hall to increase usage. We hope to have plans to raise/vault the ceiling to allow better visibility for screened events and use of a portable stage. As part of this initiative, we hope to increase the solar/PV generation and install a battery and heat pump to reduce the impact of ever increasing gas prices.

The Hall's financial reserves have historically been strong and were substantially boosted by the Covid grants. Therefore, we are again budgeting assuming an operating deficit, for 2025 of about £1,000, or a surplus of £2,000 when the contribution from the 2024 Fete is included.

We continue to be able to encourage and support new and existing users of the Hall and, from time to time, to help fund community activities in and around the Hall for the benefit of the village.

# FROYLE VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNTS 2024

Froyle Village Hall Accounts 2024		Registered Charity number 281141		v2 - for inspection	
<b>Receipts and Payments (Note 1)</b>		<b>2024 - Full Year</b>		<b>2023 - Full Year</b>	
	<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£
	Charges to Users	10,897.00		9,238.00	
	Sundry / One Off	-8.00		106.00	
	Interest	312.95		245.93	
			11,201.95		9,589.93
	<b>Payments</b>				
	Cleaning costs	-3,382.98		-2,087.69	
	Electricity, Gas and Water	-3,029.67		-2,796.05	
	Supplies and Consumables	-637.66		-439.13	
	Repairs and Maintenance	-3,594.87		-5,946.30	
	Insurance	-2,740.82		-2,618.52	
	Phone and Broadband Internet	-753.78		-919.29	
	Other (Note 3)	-2,315.79		-2,179.95	
			-16,455.57		-16,986.93
	<b>Operating Surplus/-Deficit (Note 2)</b>		-5,253.62		-7,397.00
	<b>Donations, Fund Raising and Events</b>				
	Donations, Fund Raising and Event Taking	6,705.19		6,053.25	
	Associated Costs	-3,856.26		-4,624.95	
			2,848.93		1,428.30
	<b>Operating Surplus with Donations (Note 2)</b>		-2,404.69		-5,968.70
	<b>One-off projects</b>				
	Restricted Grants and Specific Gifts	0.00		0.00	
	Project Spending	-1,309.74		-5,000.00	
			-1,309.74		-5,000.00
	<b>Total Receipts less Payments (Note 2)</b>		-3,714.43		-10,968.70
<b>Assets and Liabilities</b>		<b>2024 - Full Year</b>		<b>31/12/2022</b>	
<b>Assets</b>					
	Hall Building (Note 4)	120,652.03		120,652.03	
			120,652.03		120,652.03
	<b>Bank (Note 5)</b>				
	Unrestricted	7,626.91		9,341.34	
	Designated	10,000.00		12,000.00	
	Restricted	0.00		0.00	
			17,626.91		21,341.34
	<b>Liabilities</b>				
	Un-cashed cheques at end		0.00		0.00
	<b>Total Net Assets</b>		138,278.94		141,993.37
	<b>Represented by</b>				
	Accumulated Funds	141,993.37		152,962.07	
	Surplus/-Deficit	-3,714.43		-10,968.70	
	<b>Total</b>		138,278.94		141,993.37
David Robertson - Chairman		Charlie Findlay - Treasurer			

## NOTES to the Accounts

- 1) As a Registered Charity with a limited income, we operate on a "Receipts and Payments", or "Cash", basis rather than a "Profit and Loss", or "Accrual Accounting", approach.
  - a) Receipts and Payments are recorded when the bank transaction takes place and so not necessarily when the associated events or costs occur.
  - b) Receipts for bookings towards the end of the year are not included in the Accounts if they have not been received by 31 Dec. Deposits taken for bookings towards the end of the year may not have been paid back. Pre-payments and deposits for bookings for the next year are included if they have been received by 31 Dec. The amounts outstanding at the start and end of a year are generally small and the net differences at the start and end of the year have minimal impact on each year's results.
  - c) Increasingly, receipts arrive directly into our bank account. We bank all cash and any cheques. Payments are made by direct transfer, Direct Debit and, occasionally, by cheque. There is no Petty Cash.
- 2) The Accounts show the results for the year at three levels:
  - a) Operating Surplus/-Deficit: the result before any fund raising and one-off projects.
  - b) Operating Surplus with Donations, Fund Raising and Events run by the Hall: less any associated costs.
  - c) Total Receipts less Payments: includes one-off, or 'capital', projects and any grants and specific gifts to pay for them.

This Total reconciles with the net change in Assets for the year.
- 3) The larger "Other" Payments were: Year-end meeting £468, Booking Secretary £365, Website £360, Hallmaster (booking system) licence £265, Advertising £224, Performing Rights Society / Phonographic Performance Limited licence £210, and EHDC Rates £116.
- 4) Assets: Hall Building. With Cash accounting, there is no Depreciation.
  - a) The Building value is recorded at cost: new in 1984; additions in 2006.
  - b) Since 2007, all projects are 'expensed' in the year they occur and not added to Assets.
  - c) The rebuilding costs of the Hall were revalued for insurance purposes in 2021. The insurer then automatically increases the estimate annually. From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 the insured value of this building is £1,013,558, up from £956,063 the previous year.
- 5) Assets: Funds held in our bank accounts - Restricted, Designated and Unrestricted.
  - a) Restricted: subject to specific legal, donor or other conditions. At the end of the year there were no Restricted funds.
  - b) Designated: funds set aside by the Committee, but which can be reallocated. At the end of the year, this sum included a General Reserve of £6,000 and an annually increasing fund for refurbishing the floor of £4,000.
  - c) Unrestricted: all other funds.
- 6) Our Accounts are 'inspected' and not 'audited'. The Accounts, these Notes, a comparison with the Budget, and the Treasurer's Report are reviewed by the Committee, inspected by our independent inspector, Ian Macnabb, and then presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting.



## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

As you will see elsewhere in this magazine, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the surrender of German forces in Europe to Field Marshall Montgomery on 4th May at our 11:00 service in Binsted. This service of remembrance and thanksgiving is especially poignant given the ongoing war in Ukraine and the shaking of international relationships over the last few weeks. The world suddenly seems more uncertain and divided. Old certainties have suddenly changed, and special relationships seem mercurial and fickle. There is a great need for clear sightedness and cool heads as well as faith that things will change for the better.

As we approach Easter, I am struck by the experience of the disciples in the last week before Jesus's death. Things begin with celebration on Palm Sunday, as Jesus rides into Jerusalem like a conquering king, but one riding on a donkey. He reminds us that God's kingdom is not advanced by the use of raw power, but by the power of humility. The crowds acclaim him and understand that he is fulfilling a 500 year old prophecy by Zechariah. Zechariah also prophesies that God's shepherd will be sold for thirty pieces of silver and struck down. But among the shouts of praise of the crowd, this darker theme is forgotten.

Jesus then cleanses the Temple by throwing out those buying and selling in the outer court of the most Holy Place in Jerusalem. He is not just removing those making a living from the devotion of others, but this takes place in the Court of the Gentiles. Obstacles are being put in the way of those wanting to come close to God.

Then Jesus is betrayed and handed over to the authorities and crucified. The disciples watch or hear of his death and Jesus's silent refusal to act to save himself or to defend himself, but instead prays that God will forgive his executioners, "For they do not know what they are doing". Laying his body in the tomb, all seems lost. The Messiah has been killed. The promise and wonder of his life cut short. Evil seems to have won. The prophecies that the Messiah would save his people seem sealed up and buried. The old certainties are gone.

Yet. Early on the morning of Easter Day, some women come along and say they have seen Jesus alive and well, that he has risen from the dead. Some believe and some doubt. But everything has changed. If death cannot any longer be the end to life, then something new and unprecedented has broken into the world. The rest is ... Christianity.

May we draw hope and inspiration from Jesus's death and resurrection at this time in the world's history. That powerful rulers make mistakes, but God still works in and for his people. That his rescue is bigger than the dreams that we might have. That there is a life to be found despite death. That faith, hope and love remain and the greatest of these is love. So don't be troubled. Trust in God still and see what he will do. Pray for his peace, not just the machinations of politicians. Seek his Kingdom where justice and mercy will reign forever. May God bless you and yours this Easter.

*Matt Boyes, Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle*

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**VE DAY**



**80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Sunday 4 May 2025**



*4 May 1945: Field Marshal Montgomery (seated second from the right) endorses the terms of surrender*

**11:00 Benefice Service – Holy Cross Church, Binsted**

**12:00 Street Party (1940's style) – Wickham Institute**



# VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY – SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

## COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION

Binsted has a unique and permanent link to the end of the 2nd World War in Europe - Victory in Europe (VE Day), because Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, is buried in Binsted churchyard. On 4 May 1945 at Lüneburg Heath (south of Hamburg), ‘Monty’ accepted the unconditional surrender of the German forces in the Netherlands, northwest Germany including all islands, in Denmark and all naval ships in those areas. Thus, the 80th anniversary of this event is on Sunday 4 May, one day prior to the start of the national celebrations.

Against this background, on **Sunday 4 May 2025**, planning has started for:

- 11.00 **Benefice Commemorative Service**, with wreath laying, at Holy Cross Church, Binsted
- 12.00 1940’s style Street Party in the Wickham Institute – 1940’s costumes welcomed

It is hoped that attendance will include, but not be limited to:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> World War veterans living locally
- A military representative (Deputy Lord Lieutenant) of the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire
- Hampshire Bishop
- The Royal British Legion (TRBL) with Standards – local branch
- Bell ringers, choir, bugler and piper
- Children of Binsted Church of England Primary School (in 1940s dress)
- Binsted Parish Council
- Benefice (Bentley, Binsted and Froyle) parishioners – the residents of BenBinFro
- Representatives of the media

Senior members of the Montgomery family are totally supportive of this event, but not able to attend. They will already be on Lüneburg Heath (Germany), where the surrender was signed.

**If you wish to attend the Service and/or the Street Party, contact Cathie Weldon before 20 April at [churchwardenbinsted@benbinfro.co.uk](mailto:churchwardenbinsted@benbinfro.co.uk) or Tel: 07828 083535, preferably by email please.**

**The Friends of Treloar's**

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**Saturday 10 May  
10.00am - 12.30pm**

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Holybourne  
Alton  
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Entry**



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## News from Bentley C E Primary School

### Celebrating Bentley's Green Initiatives

Our school is thriving with eco-conscious projects that engage and inspire our pupils, and we are excited to share some recent updates with our wider community.

#### Butterfly Garden Ground Force Day

On Sunday, a dedicated team of volunteers gathered to prepare the site for our new Butterfly Garden. Through sheer hard work and teamwork, they transformed the space into a blank canvas, ready for our children's creative ideas to take root. In just one afternoon, they contributed a total of 30 hours of effort, clearing and preparing the space to become a beautiful, nature-friendly area. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who gave up their time to support this wonderful initiative.

Our Eco Council will soon begin judging the children's designs for the Butterfly Garden, and we look forward to announcing the winning entries. This project will provide a sanctuary for butterflies and other wildlife, as well as a peaceful space for our pupils to enjoy.

#### Exciting Plans for an Outdoor Gazebo

In addition to our eco projects, we are thrilled to have applied for a grant to build an outdoor wooden gazebo in our school grounds. This space will provide children with a peaceful place to sit, work, and reflect in our beautiful garden environment. We believe this addition will benefit our entire school community, offering a place for both learning and quiet contemplation.

We are incredibly proud of our school's commitment to sustainability and outdoor learning, and we look forward to sharing more updates as our projects develop. Thank you to everyone who continues to support these important initiatives!



*Vicky Hallett*

*Headteacher, Bentley C E Primary School*

*01420 525010*





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Over sixty members have taken the opportunity to enjoy our new Language courses, appreciating accessing them in the local area rather than travel to evening venues. With the summer term approaching, this the perfect time to brush up on the rusty holiday vocab!

The new Short Walks group is ambling along introducing members to new paths in and around the Odiham area. This group is ideal for getting out into the fresh air and making new friends however map reading is at an early stage!



Our new Events group had a 'Hit' with their Music Quiz focused on popular music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. It was a sellout, as members remembered Thursday TOTP and the evening was rated ... "Oi'll give it foive!"



And finally, one of the Craft and Chat members has always wanted to knit a jumper, she may have awaited nearly half a century to get started but the finished item was worth it.

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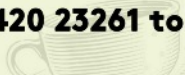


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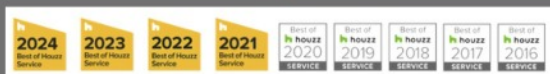
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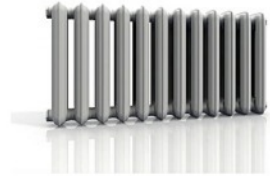
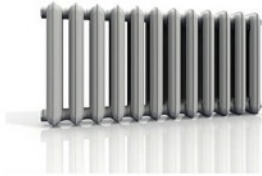
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6 1600-1800 Life drawing	7 Recycling & Glass	8 1830 VH Cmt Mtg	9 1230-1400 Lent Lunch Park Edge 1900 APCM	10	11 1000-1200 Meeting place at the church	12 1400-1700 FGC Spring Show
13 1100 Holy Communion	14 Rubbish	15	16 1900 APC & VH AGM	17 Garden waste 1830 Choral Service	18 1000-1200 Meeting place	19 0930 Church decs 1000 Garden Making 1400-1600 FWL Pond
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