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## NEWS & VIEWS

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The Parish Council (PC) did not have a full meeting in April due to the Annual Parish Meeting. However, a Special Meeting was called on 16 April to agree the co-option of Mark Freeman to the vacant Parish Councillor position.

Mark moved to Upper Froyle with his fiancée, Laura. He values the strong sense of community that a small rural village fosters. Mark is keen to support activities that promote and protect these traditions for the future through his work on the PC.

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) was held on 16 April. This meeting was well attended by about 50 residents including some new to the village. Reports were presented by the Village Hall Committee and PC on their activity and finances and by our County Councillor (Mark Kemp-Gee).

Julie Southern reviewed the PC activities through the year which saw a return to more routine matters such as public area maintenance, trees and hedge cutting, and working with landowners on ditch clearance after the focus in recent years on the building of the Pavilion. Thanks were expressed to all Parish Councillors and residents who have unstintingly given their time to ensure that the quality of communications to residents is improved, the Rec is mown, trees are planted and maintained, the Village Magazine continues to be produced and many more.

A footpath map of the village is to be placed on the wall of the Pavilion funded in part by a grant from our EHDC District Councillor (Tony Costigan). Unfortunately, Tony was unable to attend and to provide an update on the allocation of new houses to be built in and around Alton.

Carrie Marshall gave a presentation on some of the ideas being considered by the PC to develop the Rec with more facilities for the community. Ideas include upgrading the playground and providing mobility equipment; sports facilities including an all-weather path around the perimeter of the Rec; provision of allotments if there is sufficient demand and land can be identified. These ideas will be further developed and a consultation held with residents later in the year before any commitments are made.

The meeting ended with an opportunity for all attendees to raise questions.

Mark Kemp-Gee provided an update on County Council matters relevant to Froyle.

The litter along the verge of the A31 from Veolia's operations has been cleared thanks to representations to EHDC and Highways by Mark, the PC and Froyle residents. Mark is now actively seeking ways to ensure that Veolia take responsibility for the cost of clearing up their mess and not leave this as another bill for EHDC and Highways to foot.

Mark continued with an impassioned review of the Government's proposals to create a Strategic Combined Authority (SCA) which will cover the IoW, Portsmouth, Southampton and the rest of Hampshire. In addition to the SCA, the Government has announced the creation of a number of Unitary Authorities (UA) to replace Hampshire County Council and all the District Councils including East Hampshire. This is a major change to the governance of our county as all activity previously carried out by the County or District Councils including roads, waste, planning and many more will be transferred to one of the new UA. In one fell swoop this local government reorganisation sadly removes Winchester as the historical centre of governance for Hampshire where it has been positioned for centuries.

The County Council elections scheduled for May 2025 have been cancelled. Existing Councillors will remain in seat. Elections are now planned for May 2026 at the same time as the election of the Mayor for the new SCA.

Discussions are ongoing with the Government over how many UAs will be created. Each UA must be self-financing and have a population of over 500,000. It is expected that at least two will be created away from the south coast. Discussions are ongoing to determine the geographical area to be covered by each UA. It is not known at present which of these new UA Froyle will fall under. It is important that all residents consider the proposals for the composition of the UA and submit views when consulted. The PC will advise residents of developments as information becomes available.

Finally, Mark provided insights into other County Council matters including the impact of being obliged to spend 70% of the County budget on funding adult and children's social care. As a result, the County Council has extremely limiting funding available for other services to residents such as repairing potholes to an acceptable standard, traffic calming initiatives etc. Thanks were expressed to Mark for all the work that he undertakes on behalf of the village.

The next PC meeting is on Monday 12 May at 19.00 in the Village Hall to which all residents are invited. This will be the PC's Annual General Meeting where the Chair and Deputy Chair for the coming year will be appointed, and the annual accounts approved.

Don't forget to let the Clerk know if you wish to be on the Froyle Residents email list and do visit the Village website for more information on community activities including the online events calendar.



Bookings:  
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The Village Hall Annual General Meeting (AGM) was again held in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on 16 April. Approximately 50 residents attended together with Cllr Mark Kemp Gee.

The Village Hall 2024 accounts were adopted unanimously. Julie Southern proposing and Gordon Mitchell seconding. Thanks go to our Treasurer Charlie Findlay for great attention to detail and Ian Macnabb whose inspection is very helpful. Charlie reported a loss of £3,714 resulting largely from the unexpected cost of repairing the timbers at the front of the building and the late receipt of the Fete contribution. The intention is to break even annually. 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 and commercial hires, and a shift from village groups to more weekend parties and commercial hires. The increasing cost of gas remains a significant concern.

Chairman, David Robertson paid tribute to our housekeeper Cindy Dennis who retired during the year and welcomed Marzena Tralewska.

David gave a brief review of the main events of 2024 including the Art Fair, another successful Safari Supper and the return of the much-missed Bonfire Night Party. During the year the Hall had been redecorated and the WiFi system boosted so that electronic payments can be taken across the recreation ground during the Fete, Open Gardens and car boot sales. More recently a new Hall sign had been installed and the curtains had been refurbished thanks to the work of Katie Lowen.

David emphasised that it was important to increase the use of the hall and that the committee would continue to support startups and new ventures.

David confirmed that after nine busy years he was standing down as Chair. His place is to be taken by Gillian Paul who had recently been elected by the Committee. He wished Gillian and the Committee all the best for the future.

Responding to comments from the floor, the Committee recognised that the pattern of usage was changing, few village groups and more out of village parties, and that increasing usage was a priority for the future.

The two containers are owned by the Hall and the Fete and had been publicly funded. While they are not beautiful, they provide essential cost-effective storage. It might be possible to repaint them or grow plants over them, but any form of cladding is not an option.

The Committee noted that parking must be a consideration in the event of increased use of the Hall.

The Committee will consider the request by the Pilates Group for additional cleaning in places they can see from a horizontal position but others can't!



The Committee then stood down. All those having agreed to continue to serve, were re-elected unanimously. Andrew Aldridge proposed, and Katie Snowball seconded.

Charlie Findlay spoke to Project 'Raising the Roof'. Reconstructing the roof would enable the Hall to be vaulted and allow for a greater variety of activities to take place. Removing the existing hips would greatly increase the surface area for more efficient modern solar panels. Storage batteries and the installation of a ground source/air heat pump might enable the Committee eventually to replace the gas boiler which is becoming increasingly expensive to run. Engineering plans have been acquired, and the Committee will now seek quotations. Full community consultation will be essential as the project moves forward.

From the floor William Knowles thanked David and Susie Robertson for their long service and presented them with an original landscape painting of Lower Froyle by David Burns.

The AGM was followed by the APM., reported on at pages 1-2.

## STOP PRESS

The Spanish Holiday Club for children has been a great success over the last two weeks with many children attending, clearly having fun and learning Spanish. We hope more bookings will follow.

The NHS is coming to the Hall on 30 April. This is a free event open to all residents, aimed at making various health and wellbeing services more accessible to the local community particularly in rural areas. Many years ago the Hall hosted a doctor's surgery once a week. Many residents found this very helpful and regretted its loss.

Perhaps the tide is turning. We are very happy to support this venture.

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



## **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 the June edition of the magazine.**

# May Activities at the Village Hall

## **Meeting Place                      Every Friday                      10:00 am - Noon**

Join us for delicious homemade cakes, hot drinks and good conversation. There are books and jigsaws to borrow., and you can learn to crochet if you'd like. Everyone welcome.

## **Dynamic Pilates                      Monday May 12 & 19                      10am – 11am**

## **Gentle Pilates                      Monday May 12 & 19                      11am - Noon**

## **Mixed Pilates                      Wednesday May 7, 14, 21                      6:30pm – 7:30pm**

Move with Tegan. £10 per class, £50 for a block of 6.

For bookings or more information contact Teagan on 07761209998 or

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

## **Gardening Club                      Friday May 9                      7:30pm – 10pm**

Tony Lack, a Wokingham beekeeper, will give a talk about bees, their habits and biology, and their management. We will learn about the differences between bees, wasps and hornets, and between honey bees and bumblebees.

You don't need to be a member to come along and join us.

£3 at the door or £10 for annual membership. [www.froylegardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.froylegardeningclub.co.uk)

## **Life Drawing                      Sunday May 11                      4pm - 6pm**

## **Tuesday May 20                      10am – Noon**

Try your hand at undraped life drawing with professional models.

Untutored, but beginners welcome. Bring your own materials. £10 cash at the door.

[dabirn@gmail.com](mailto:dabirn@gmail.com) for more information or to rsvp.

## **Parish Council                      Monday May 12                      7pm - 10:30pm**

Agenda: <https://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/your-council/agendas-and-minutes>.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and comment on all items on the agenda identified as 'For Residents' or make representations regarding other concerns they may wish to bring to the Council's attention.

## **Froyle Art Fair                      Saturday 24 & Sunday 25                      10am – 5pm**

The 2nd annual Froyle Art Fair. Join us to enjoy the work of 25+ local artists, much of it for sale. Paintings, drawings, photography, cards, ceramics and jewelry.

FREE ADMISSION. TEA, COFFEE, AND CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

For information see [www.froyleartfair.org.uk](http://www.froyleartfair.org.uk) or contact Sally Turvill and David Birn at [froyleartfair@gmail.com](mailto:froyleartfair@gmail.com).



# The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon. We also now have a NEW selection of books and jigsaws to borrow.

**\* On May 9th we will be remembering VE Day at the Meeting Place. Come and see the beautiful Spitfire that the crochet table has made, and enjoy some refreshments reminiscent of those times ! Ration cards not required.**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

## May Kitchen Helpers

2 <sup>nd</sup>	David and Mary Perryman
9 <sup>th</sup> *	Barbara Graham-Clark
16 <sup>th</sup>	Kerris Edmondson
23 <sup>rd</sup>	John Sexton
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Watkins

## May Cake Bakers

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Susie Robertson	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman
9 <sup>th</sup> (*)	Lucinda Lindblom	Elizabeth Sealey	Jenny Gove
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Carr	Laura Ozelyte	Kate Skerrett
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Alison Lopes	Louise Marston	Cherida Cannon
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Stewart-Smith	Sarah Roberts	Madeleine Black

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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*Susie Robertson 520820  
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*Jenny Gove 23697  
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## **A Tribute in Yarn: Handmade Poppies Adorn a Spitfire for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day**

As a commemorative display to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day the crochet group have softened the sleek silhouette of the iconic Spitfire and made it poignant with an array of vibrant red poppies. This display which hangs from the ceiling of the Froyle Village Hall brings together craft and history, transforming a legendary aircraft into a moving canvas of remembrance.

The red poppy has long been a symbol of tribute to the fallen—those who served and sacrificed in the pursuit of peace during World War II. In this display, every crocheted bloom holds more than just symbolic weight; it carries the time, effort, and emotion of its maker. Some were stitched in silence. Others were created while sharing stories, reflecting on family histories, or simply as a gesture of gratitude to those who came before.

The Spitfire itself is an enduring icon of wartime bravery. Its role in defending Britain during the Battle of Britain and across Europe has etched it into the national memory. This project is more than a tribute—it is a communal act of remembrance. The crochet group, composed of people of all ages and backgrounds, came together over weeks and months to contribute their skills and hearts to this endeavour.

As visitors gather to reflect on the 80 years since the guns fell silent in Europe, this Spitfire—cloaked in poppies—stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of remembrance. Through craft, community, and care, we remember. We honour. And we promise never to forget.

*Katie Gadd on behalf of the Froyle Crochet Group*

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### **FROYLE 100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW**

The winners in the April 2025 draw were:

1st – Shirley Bellis

2nd – Anthea McRiley

3rd – Alex Roberts

4th – Lauraine Bourne

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

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For information: Sally Turvill or David Birn

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*Froyle Gardening Club*

## **May from the Potting Shed**

Last year it was all about the wet, this year its about the dry. The Joy of Gardening!!

Hopefully the rain has come in time to get the crops moving again. It will have helped get the seedlings and young plants to establish better. Watering never seems as good as a pleasing shower of rain. Keep an eye on newly planted shrubs and herbaceous plants. They may need the odd watering can of water to get down to the roots. Using a sprinkler is not the best around newly planted items, a good soak is better.

May is the time to do the Chelsea Chop. About the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May you cut the tall late flowering herbaceous plants back by half to save you having to stake them. They will make more flowers though they will flower a little later. If the fear of frost is over tender bedding can be planted towards the end of the month.

Lawns that had moss control applied may need an additional top up. The dry spell would not have been as effective at controlling the moss. Make sure the ground is moist before applying.

I hope you will continue to do the 'No Mow May' on your lawns. It will help strengthen the grass as well as giving pollinating insects with a good supply of useful flowers. One thing I have noticed this spring is the number of wasps. This looks like it could be a big year for them after several years of decline, well certainly in my garden. Wasps are good in the garden as they feed on lots of pests such as aphids and caterpillars. It is only in the autumn when they become a nuisance.

If you are wanting to prune shrubs always look out for any birds nests in the trees, shrubs, climbers and hedges that you wish to do the pruning on. Leave the nests alone and do any pruning until after July/August when hopefully the young will have fledged.

Please don't forget 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 Froyle Open Gardens and the Fête plant stall.

Enjoy your Garden

*Geoff Hawkins.*

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**Join us for the May Meeting**  
**9 May at 7.30 pm – Bees, wasps & hornets**  
**A presentation by Tony Lack**

Tony Lack, a Wokingham beekeeper who has been keeping bees for over 5 years manages around 15 honey bee colonies in various apiaries in the Wokingham area. He is the Learning & Development Officer for the WDBKA – the local beekeeper association. Tony will talk to us about bees, their habits and biology and their management.

He will touch on the differences between bees, wasps and hornets and between honey bees and bumblebees. He will look at the way bees live in synchronicity with plants and trees and with the changing the seasons.

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## **The Blooms Behind the Scenes - A report on the Spring Show**

Anne and Barbara toiled all day  
To give us such a great display  
Anne shaped the stems with practiced skills  
To show the strength of daffodils.  
Gill who never fails to please  
Produced delicious cakes and teas.  
We voted for our choice of posies  
The Annibbles entered and - no surprises  
George and Royston won the prizes!  
From succulents with spiky grace  
And plants that need a shady place  
Katie and Jane gave good advice  
And sold all the plants at a very good price.  
We gathered round with pots and peat  
A tray of soil and a sunny seat  
As Geoff showed us all the needs  
For nurturing successful seeds.  
But then – a gust! A wild surprise  
As umbrellas took suddenly to the skies!  
One tumbled, twirled, a flapping kite  
A canopy in sudden flight.  
It cartwheeled past our new seed bed  
And landed bang on Shirley's head.  
So when your seeds are safely sown  
Stake your sun umbrella down!





## No Mow May

Do one action to help wildlife and the perfect way to start is by supporting nature in your garden (in May and beyond!).

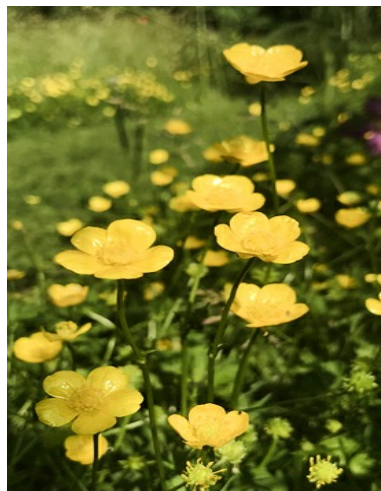
Free the wildflowers in your lawn so they can grow and provide a feast for pollinators, for more information see Plantlife <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>.

Rest your mower over the month of May to provide a much-needed boost for wildlife throughout the summer.

You can choose not to mow some or all of your green space. Smaller plants such as daisies, buttercups, clover and dandelion, will get a chance to flower, providing a butterfly and bee buffet. You can continue to mow less and at different heights and frequencies through the summer to benefit our local wildlife.

It goes without saying that, if we want to help wildlife, we should avoid using lawn herbicides and pesticides in the garden. Maybe go a step further and plan to create a new wildflower meadow from seed. this autumn

Plantlife say that since the 1930s, 97% of flower-rich meadows have been lost with their vital habitat. A healthy lawn with some longer grass and wildflowers helps to tackle pollution, benefits wildlife and can even lock away carbon below the ground.



There are more than 20 million gardens in the UK. Even the smallest grassy patches add up and deliver enormous gains for nature, people and the climate. No Mow May is the perfect starting point for summer and leaving a mix of grass lengths in your lawn in May and through the summer means you're giving nature the boost it deserves. Into June and beyond, this is the perfect time to manage your garden for nature all year round.

In Froyle, the meadow surrounding the wildlife pond near Gid Lane has a variety of wildflowers that benefit pollinators throughout the seasons. For example, this year celandines and cowslips thrived in March and April. In May, they will be followed by ragged robin.

## Free outdoor exercise

We'll be maintaining the meadow area on Saturdays 10th May 2-4pm and 24th May 10am-12 noon including cutting paths for visitor access. Do come along on these dates to assist; new volunteers are always welcome, contact [info@froylewildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@froylewildlife.co.uk) or 01420 23520.

## Dawn Chorus Day

Get out in the morning to hear nature's wonderful symphony! This year's Dawn Chorus Day is Sunday 5th May, see <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/dawn-chorus-day>.

Rise early to revel in the sweet sound of birdsong; from wrens, blackbirds, song thrush, chiffchaffs and robins. The return of swifts in May to their nesting sites is one of those uplifting sights: we are especially fortunate to have some in Froyle.

## Big Garden Birdwatch results 2025

Now in its 46th year, the Birdwatch provides a fascinating snapshot of how garden birds are faring. The RSPB reported that 512,372 nature lovers took part in the Birdwatch this year, spotting a phenomenal 7,667,456 birds.

Perched in top spot nationally for the 22nd year running was the chirpy house sparrow. However, numbers of house sparrows have declined by 12% in England since last year and have dropped to third place in Hampshire, behind first place blue tit and second place woodpigeon.

Read the full results at

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>.

*Barry Clark*





## Eggar's School Eco-Committee Plants Trees in Froyle

Last December I was contacted by Alana McRiley who is a member of Eggar's Eco-Committee. Schools in the area had been offered bundles of young trees by the Woodland Trust, and Alana and her friends wanted to know if they could plant some in Froyle.

What a splendid initiative on the part of the Woodland Trust, and how fantastic that Eggar's is geared up to respond! I was delighted to get involved, and talk to landowners in the village to find planting opportunities.



Cutting to the chase - here are the Eggar's Eco-Committee team, on a chilly day at the end of March, planting birch, rowan and wild cherry whips near Well Lane in Further Cullum Bottom (yes, that's the name of the field!).

At a time when trees are under so much threat from climate change, intensive agriculture, and accelerated development, it is really encouraging to see young people getting involved with the local environment in such a positive and practical way.

Grateful thanks to Mrs Caroline Goschen for giving permission for the planting, truly heartfelt thanks to Mr Paul Graham Clarke for liaising with Mrs Goschen, helping with the planting plan, and especially for facilitating the planting when I was unable to be there – Paul, you are a star!

And finally, a big shout out to Mr Matthew Hardman, Alana, and the Eggar's Eco-Committee for making it happen.



Hang on to those spades, people, and let's hope you get plenty of opportunities to do it again!

*Sue Lelliott, Froyle Tree Warden*



## **The Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale**

**Date:** Saturday 10 May 2025

**Start time:** 10:00am

**Finish time:** 12:30pm

**Venue:** Outdoor Learning Centre, Treloar's, Powell Drive,  
Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4GL.

Annuals, perennials, vegetables, raffle, produce, plants grown by local gardeners, free children's activities - come and enjoy it all!

# FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG)

## 7-8 JUNE 2025



Froyle Open Gardens 2025 (FOG) will take place on Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 June from 1.30 to 6pm.

With as many as a thousand visitors expected, the lanes will be very busy with cars and pedestrians. In fact, FOG has become a whole village event which our visitors really enjoy with many returning every year. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you will want to take part either as a garden visitor, a volunteer or both.

Charlie Findlay ([charliefindlay@outlook.com](mailto:charliefindlay@outlook.com)) assisted by Andrew Potter has agreed to coordinate parking on the recreation ground. If you can help for an hour or two to welcome our visitors that would be much appreciated.

Gill Bradley ([gahbradley@gmail.com](mailto:gahbradley@gmail.com)) and Yvonne Deans are again in charge of ticket sales. They would love some help distributing bracelets and, in some cases, attaching them.

We hope to have a big display map at the hall to help visitors find their way. Stewards are needed to help steer them in the right direction and to discourage them from walking between the Rec and Upper Froyle. It's further than people think.

Many of our visitors are, shall we say, not in the first flush of youth. If you have medical or first aid skills and can be on call for an hour or two, please let me know.

Gillian Pickering ([gillianp556@gmail.com](mailto:gillianp556@gmail.com)) is organizing a WhatsUp Group to keep people in touch on the day.

Given the number of ponds and lakes a life saver might be advisable, but so far we have managed without. Yes, people do fall in!

The Gardening Club are kindly producing plants for sale in individual gardens. If you have plants to spare please contact any of the garden owners. Plant sales make a big contribution to the amount of money we raise.

Susie Robertson ([sjrinfroyle@gmail.com](mailto:sjrinfroyle@gmail.com)) is master-minding the catering and cake baking. This is a critical part of the operation. I get the impression that while our visitors enjoy wandering round the gardens it is knowing that an excellent tea awaits that pulls them in.

In the Hall itself the Wildlife Group will have a display and the Crochet Group will have their VE work on show. In the Church there will again be an exhibition of our collection of beautifully embroidered vestments ([info@froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk)).

We again have ten gardens opening this year including two new ones. We are retaining the numbering system from last year because it did seem to help visitors locate where they were. Gardens 1-8 are in Lower Froyle, 9 and 10 in Upper Froyle off the service road beyond the Hen and Chicken.

Next year we must try to find some more gardens in Upper Froyle. If you know of any that our visitors would enjoy but are currently hiding away please let me know. The information

be treated with the utmost discretion!

The gardens opening in 2025 are:

1. Number 2 Highway Cottage (Gordon Mitchell and Faith Richards)
2. Old Brewery Cottage (John and Vivienne Sexton)
3. Walbury (Ernie and Brenda Milam)
4. Warren Cottage (Jonathan and Gillian Pickering)
5. Well Lane Corner (Mark and Sue Lelliott)
6. Day Cottage (Nick Whines and Corinna Furse)
7. Aldersey House (Nigel and Julie Southern)
8. Old Stable Barn (Polly and Simon Marshall) NEW
9. Number 2 Turnpike Cottages (Bruce Collinson) NEW
10. Number 1 Turnpike Cottages (Pam Ward)

Last year we had two days of beautiful weather and raised a quite extraordinary £14,000 for the National Garden Scheme (NGS). That is a record that will last until we raise the ticket price from £10. Or will it?

If you would like to know more about the NGS visit [www.ngsorg.uk](http://www.ngsorg.uk).

If you would like to know more about the Froyle gardens and their ardeners go to [www.froylepengardens.org.uk](http://www.froylepengardens.org.uk) If you would like to know what's involved in opening your garden do get in touch.

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## LENT LUNCHES 2025



Lent lunches consist of bread, cheese and home made soup, with all donations going to the charity chosen by the hosts. We have now had all 6 of our lunches, for this year. Together the lunches have raised a total of £1,230 for various charities.

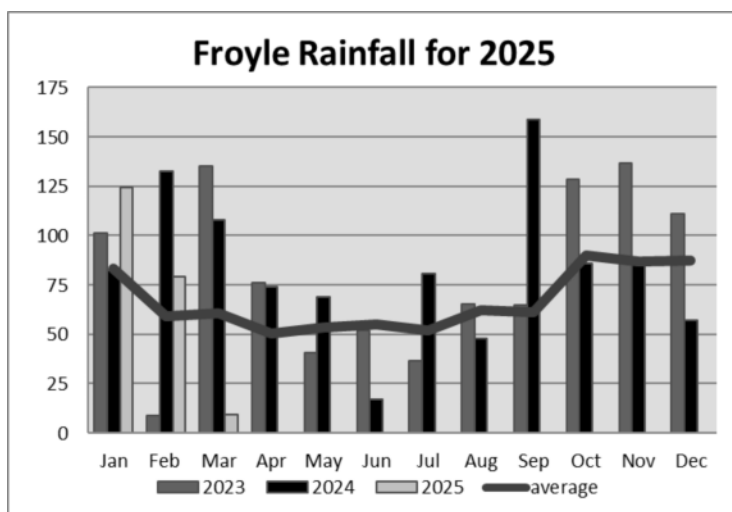
Many thanks to all the hosts and hostesses and to all of you who came to sup and chat. If someone new would like to volunteer to host a lunch next year, do let me know!

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

## Froyle Rainfall for March, 2025

This year	9.5 mm	0.4 ins
Last year	108 mm	4.3 ins
Wettest March (2023)	135 mm	5.3 ins
Driest March (1990)	6 mm	0.2 ins
Long-term average for March – the 6 <sup>th</sup> driest month*	59.6 mm	2.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	213 mm	8.4 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	202.3 mm	8.0 ins

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



In March, we had the second lowest rainfall for that month in living memory. But after a very wet January and February, this only brought us back to slightly above the long-term average. However, in 1990, the dry March then was a harbinger of very low annual rainfall, as was the case on the three other occasions when the third month's rainfall was below 20 mm. A portent for 2025 maybe...?



**“The Umbrella Man”**

## Froyle Speed Watch – regular speeders

We've reported in previous editions that each week, details of vehicles exceeding the published speed limit as they pass the speed cameras located in Froyle are reported to the Police. Details include the make, model, colour, and registration number of the offending vehicle. The report also highlights any vehicle caught which does not have a valid MOT and/or Road Tax. For GDPR reasons, we are prohibited from publishing the identity of these vehicles, specifically the registration number.

To give you a sense of the scale of the problem, the Speedwatch team have analysed the number of vehicles that were caught speeding through the village between mid-March and mid-April. Those that exceeded the limit during the period 5 or more times are given below, along with the maximum speed logged

Make	Type	Colour	Use			
Volkswagen	Tiguan	Silver	Passenger Car		10 times	Max 45
Mercedes-Benz	C	White	Passenger Car		9 times	Max 41
Ford	Fiesta	Blue	Passenger Car		6 times	Max 49
Audi	A5	Black	Passenger Car	Untaxed	6 times	Max 42
Fiat	Ducato 35 Business Pro Met	White	Light goods		5 times	Max 48
Mni	Mni	Black	Passenger Car		5 times	Max 48
Ford	Transit 350 Leader EcoBlue	White	Light goods		5 times	Max 45
Peugeot	5008 Allure Puretech S/S	Grey	Passenger Car		5 times	Max 43
Volkswagen	Transporter	White	Light goods		5 times	Max 43
Mni	John Cooper Works	Grey	Passenger Car		5 times	Max 41

It is interesting to note from this information that, contrary to many comments heard from residents, the majority of persistent speeders are not white van or delivery drivers (though they are well represented) but drivers of passenger cars – are you one of them?

Please be advised that the data provided to the police includes a “heat map” of the times that vehicles are caught speeding. We are working with the Police to arrange for an officer to attend with a speed gun when these heat maps show the most persistent offenders are likely to pass through the village.

Whether you recognise one of these vehicles or not please ensure that when driving through the village **you** always drive safely at a speed that is appropriate for the road and weather conditions and do not exceed the speed limit.

We will provide further updates later in the year.

*Froyle Community Speedwatch team*



## Successfully Installing an Air Source Heat Pump in an Old Cottage - my experience

Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) are an increasingly popular way to heat homes efficiently. They work by extracting heat from the outside air, even in cold temperatures, and using it to warm up your home and provide hot water. While they are commonly associated with modern, well-insulated buildings, with the right planning, they can also be a great option for older properties .

We recently installed an air source heat pump in our cottage on Park Lane in Lower Froyle. Built in 1900, our home presented some challenges that might make it seem like an unlikely candidate for a heat pump. The house has single glazing throughout, uninsulated floors, and solid walls in half of the building. The rest, built in the 1980s has limited insulation too. However, we wanted to move away from fossil fuels and reduce our running costs and were keen to see if an ASHP could work for us. Given I work in this industry it was time to put my money where my mouth was!

One of the biggest misconceptions about installing a heat pump in an old home, beyond massively improving the building insulation levels, is that you need to replace all the pipework and plumbing. Very rarely is this the case and nor did we need to do this, though we did decide to upgrade some of the radiators to modern, more efficient models to tidy the look of the house up a bit. Additionally, we ensured that our loft insulation was topped up to modern standards to reduce heat loss and make the system as effective as possible.

The heat pump installation process took just a few days. The hot water cylinder was fitted in the loft, and the fan unit was positioned discreetly at the back of the house. Out of sight and out of mind and the unit operates with minimal noise.

One of the key incentives for switching to an air source heat pump was the financial support available. We applied for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) grant, which provided us with £7,500 towards the cost. Our installer handled the paperwork, making the process hassle-free. Unlike some heat pump systems that require a gas boiler backup, our unit is fully electric, meaning we were able to remove the old gas boiler completely and now only use gas for cooking.

Since switching to an air source heat pump, our total home energy costs have reduced by about 35% compared to last year (with the help of Octopus energy's smart tariffs) and we will have saved the cost of the total heat pump installation in less than 3 years. Beyond the cost savings, the energy efficiency rating of our home has improved, adding value to the property. Most importantly, we've been warm and comfortable throughout

the winter, proving that a heat pump can work well even in a 124-year-old uninsulated cottage.

This is actually the second time we've installed a heat pump in a house over 100 years old, and our experiences have shown that many of the concerns people have about heat pumps in older buildings are based on myths rather than facts. With careful planning and the right advice, they can be an excellent heating solution, even in traditionally built homes.

If you're considering making the switch and have any questions, we'd be happy to share our experience and even show you around our home. Feel free to get in touch—we believe more people should consider this option for a greener, more cost-effective way to heat their homes.



The outdoor air source heat pump unit tucked round the side of the house (complete with our scruffy Terrier for scale)

*Doug Johnson, 1 Park Lane, 07827947995*



## 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*

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## Thank You for Supporting Trussell Trust

Big thanks to all who contributed to the Trussell Trust—those who came to our Lent Lunch, and some who decided it was safer to donate than to try our soup skills!

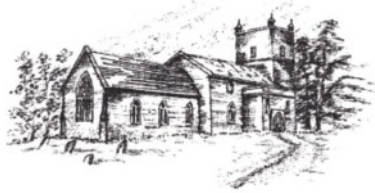
Our generous village donated £280. It's never been needed more.

*William and Mary Knowles*

# ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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## MAY SERVICES

Sunday 4 May	11.00am	Binsted	VE 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Bentley	Praise
Sunday 11 May	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Children's Church
	11.00am	Froyle	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	6.00pm	Kingsley	Praise
Sunday 18 May	9.30am	Froyle	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	11.00am	Kingsley	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Binsted	Messy Church
Sunday 25 May	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	11.00am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Froyle	<b>Evensong</b>

## From the Church Registers

### Bentley

Wednesday 19th March 2025 Funeral of Mike Ewin

### Binsted

Tuesday 25th March 2025 Funeral of Frederick Sparrow

## St Mary's Church News

We have had a busy lead up to Easter, with our “Quattro” string-quartet concert, featuring classical favourites, held on 22nd March. Once again, this was a very popular event - an evening of inspiring music in our beautiful church..

I am sure we will be welcoming Quattro back in the not too-distant future: look out for details of what will be a highly recommended event.

We began Easter week, with our Palm Sunday service (and a christening!), This was followed by a very moving and emotional choral Holy Communion service on Maundy Thursday . 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, which reminds us that we are called to a life of service. This year's service was inspiring, emotional, and very well attended.

On Saturday, 19th April we decorated the church with the Easter Garden Making and held an Egg Hunt in the churchyard – including coffee, tea, and hot cross buns for grown-ups,. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the Egg Hunt. Finally, we had our very well attended Easter Sunday Service.

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

*Simon Marshall*

*Churchwarden*

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*07734 214419*

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## Volunteering in Froyle

We are very lucky to have volunteers in Froyle who pick up litter along the roadsides to keep our village clean. This is not an activity, organised by the parish council 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 contact Jenny Gove so that she's aware [govejenny@gmail.com](mailto:govejenny@gmail.com)

If you are interested in other opportunities to do your bit for Froyle, please go to <https://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/volunteer>

## THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

What is your picture of God? The answer to this simple question has incredibly profound consequences. For some people, God is summed up in the phrase, “Gentle Jesus, meek and mild”. A “fluffy bunny” God who is kind to people, but who is powerless in the face of injustice, cruelty or war. For others, he is a cosmic policeman with universal CCTV, who sees all the mistakes we make and has a never-lengthening list of all we have done wrong. Another common view is that God is egotistical and is only happy if we worship him. We end up with pictures of God that portray him as powerless, judgemental or selfish. The response then is often of unbelief. I know a Christian who asks people to describe the God they don’t believe in and surprises people by saying “I don’t believe in that God either!”

In my first job, I worked in a hostel for young homeless people in London, working with social workers and healthcare professionals to help them to begin to live independently in their own homes. One day, one of my clients, a 17 year old girl, came to ask me to sort something out with her social worker. She was someone with a lot of issues, a very disrupted family life and living under huge pressures. While I was on the phone to the social worker, she picked up a pen and started writing on a pad on my desk. We managed to sort out the misunderstanding and agree on the next best step for her. When she left, I remembered that she had been doodling and I picked up the pad. Within a circle of flowers with petals she had written, “Don’t judge me until you can love me.”

As humans we are so quick to judge. They are not my kind of people. Someone who speaks like that isn’t intelligent. I wouldn’t want them living next to me. They are all the same. The list of snap judgements goes on and on. But this girl taught me, I don’t have the liberty to make judgements about individuals, until I have done the hard work of seeking to love them first. The same goes for God. Our kneejerk descriptions of what God might be like, have to be constantly open to revision. Even as a Vicar, I need to constantly check to see if the God I describe in sermons and in print, is the God revealed in the Bible and particularly through Jesus.

The God of the Bible is pure love. “God is love. Those who live in love, live in God.” 1 John 4:16. This verse challenges me about the quality of my own love, am I loving like God does? Or is my love selfish, egotistical, thin skinned? If my love is fully rounded, and embracing of all, keeping no record of wrongs done and forgiving much, then I might be part of the way there.

Jesus is radical in his love. He has no regard for his reputation when making friends of criminals, prostitutes, lepers, and those who count themselves out. “God couldn’t love



He calls his followers to love their enemies and prays for those hammering nails into his cross, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." This God is passionate, risk-taking, utterly committed to seeking out those who know the mistakes they have made and are at risk of settling for a half-life or existence.

His message is instead, Follow me and "I will give you life in all its fullness." John 10:10

*Matt Boyes*

*Rector of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle*

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# PEACE

**Prayer Week 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Prayer room open 9am – 6pm daily**



Peace... it's something we all wish we had more of. It's something we all wish the world had more of.

We find it hard to find moments of peace in our busy lives and we wonder what role we can play in bringing peace to planet Earth. From Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, we begin prayer week at BenBinFro, and our theme this year is PEACE.

Come up to Bentley Church Hall, find your moment of peace, and while you're there, pray for peace in our world.

The hall will be filled with lots of stations to guide your thoughts and prayers, created by members of our church family. There will be lots for our little ones too so everyone can join in!

**Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. – Philipians 4:6-7**

## News from the Anna Chaplaincy

Yesterday it was a joy for me to be in Binsted at our Benefice service, celebrating together on such a glorious day, which happened to be Mothers' Day too! I write this sitting in my conservatory in the sunshine, just feeling grateful for so much. Not just the warmer weather and sunshine (although that is a VERY big thing for us all!), but for the life that springs up at this time of year, and the renewed energy that seems to increase and create an infectious desire to get out and do things. I love the quote by Kristin Armstrong, "When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in."

And there's so much to be grateful for in our Benefice! One of them is especially close to not only my heart, but the hearts of many others, and that is our wonderful Anna Chaplaincy ministry and team.

For those who aren't aware of the Anna Chaplaincy ministry, we minister to the older folk within our community; folk of deep, little or no faith – visiting, encouraging, listening. We conduct monthly communion services in each of the two care homes in Bentley, which I lead, and a prayer service in Pax Hill, also once a month. I also visit and take communion to those who are housebound and can't get to church.

And this is where my gratitude comes in - I am supported in my role as Anna Chaplain by a wonderful team of Anna Friends - we currently have five, who many of you will know well. They are Steve Fice, Nick Carter, Liz Carey, Sarah Roberts and Marilyn Greenway. The sudden and unexpected death of Richard Greenway has been a shock to the whole community, and he is sorely missed, but we are grateful to still have Marilyn as part of our team. As a benefice we are hugely blessed to have these wonderful volunteers, who minister tirelessly to the older people in so many different ways, as they extend friendship, love, compassion, a listening ear, and yes, loads of fun, to those who need it. It's a fabulous ministry - BUT – we need help!

And this is where I hope my gratitude will expand even more! We really need to add to our team, so if you feel you could be a part of it, in any way, we'd love to chat with you. We're simply looking for people with a positive, encouraging attitude and a heart for those who are struggling with aging; people who could offer an hour or two (or more!) every couple of weeks, to make a difference in someone's life. There are so many different ways in which you could help, so if you feel that you could be a part of our team in any way, please contact me, or any of our Anna Friends: we'd love to have a chat with you.

With love and blessings,

*Fran Harrison*

*Anna Chaplain*

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YOUTH CLUB



**WHO?** OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEARS 4-6

**WHEN?** FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 5 - 6:30PM.

**WHERE?** BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
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1 Timothy 4:12 – "Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life."

# UPAGEAR

## Youth group

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## News from Pax Hill - Dementia Action Week

Spring is here, with frosty morning and bright sunny days, it is such a delight to see the gardens burst back into life.

Dementia action week is 19 - 25 May. This week is to raise awareness of the importance of early diagnosis for people affected by dementia. As part of our ongoing training for staff the Dementia Bus will be visiting. This worldwide, scientifically and medically proven method of giving a person the experience of what dementia might be like, allows our staff to enter the world of the person and understand simple changes to their practice and environment can really improve lives of people with dementia.

Whilst the Dementia Bus is for staff, we have two events for family, friends and the wider community. 'Time for a Cuppa' on Wednesday 21 May from 1.30-3.30: join us for a cup of tea or coffee, a piece of cake and look at the plants in our plant sale, all to raise money for Dementia UK. Please feel free to come along.

On Tuesday 20 May we will be joined by Alzheimer's Research UK for a free talk, Dementia, Insights and Hope. Details below. This talk is open to everyone, it will be held in our upstairs bar area in EMF at 2pm and will be followed by refreshments. To book a place please contact Angela on 01420 525882 or email [mail@paxhill.co.uk](mailto:mail@paxhill.co.uk)

We hope to see many of you; either at one of our dementia events or simply to come for a stroll in our beautiful gardens.

### DEMENTIA - INSIGHTS, RESEARCH AND HOPE

**Please join us for an informative talk about  
Dementia by Alzheimer's Research UK  
on Tuesday 20th May at 2pm.**



*Topics covered include:*

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## Longer days, warmer weather, opportunities to do exciting things!

As we move into our summer term, despite having seventy activity groups already meeting during the week, our members have been organising even more to choose from. When places for a Neil Diamond tribute evening at Winchester Theatre were offered, they were seized upon with a speed that rivalled Glastonbury!

### New activities for May include Ballroom Dancing and Chess!

Our Ballroom Dancing group will be waltzing their partners in weekly sessions across the floor of North Warnborough Village Hall. Guiding them through their steps will be a professional dance duo, Thomas and Hayley, who will keep members on their toes with a

two-hour session of ballroom and Latin dancing.



With fewer sequins but still plenty of practiced moves our **Chess group** is also taking to the boards! This new group is just beginning as interested members come together to make arrangements for regular play dates.

Croquet makes a return for the summer season - always a favourite amongst members. The Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club are kindly hosting us again, providing three courts for us to use. Sessions here are fun and light-hearted but we can also provide for the more serious player too.

Summer also means our U3a Annual Picnic, organised to coincide with Odiham RAF Families Day which allows us to enjoy a free air display – weather permitting!



And, we also start planning for our fast approaching ...

**Open Day on Wednesday 13 August at Robert May's School, Odiham.**

Our Open Day is a unique opportunity for members and non-members alike, to come and see what our u3a is all about, to see the wide range of activities we offer, and to meet socially over tea and cakes. Our groups will be there, with “stalls” which will both showcase their activities and above all provide an opportunity for visitors to talk and learn about what they actually do.

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- The magazine online is in colour but remember the printed version is in black and white.
- Our software struggles with complicated layouts so they may not transfer well: so please save the copy ideally as a JPG/PNG picture or PDF file, and send this along with the original Word or Powerpoint document.
- **Please remember to embed all fonts.**

### **Articles**

- Please send text and pictures separately. As a rough guide a page is about 500 words – with no pictures.
- Pictures should be attached as JPEG or PNG files with as many pixels as possible!

All magazine contributions should be submitted to [froylemageditor@gmail.com](mailto:froylemageditor@gmail.com). Please refer to the back cover for next month's magazine deadline.

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£40 +VAT/year, £24+VAT/half year for advertisements of **up to half a page/a third of a page on inside covers.**

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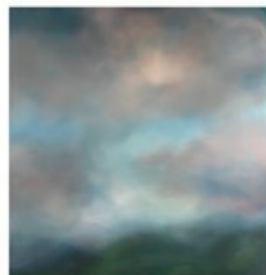
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Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June  
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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm

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Apologies for the inconvenience caused



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> from midday

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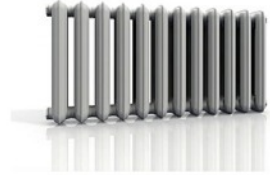
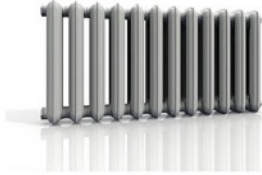
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Garden waste</i>	2 1000-1200 <i>Meeting place</i>	3
4	5 <i>Recycling &amp; Glass</i>	6	7	8	9 1000-1200 <i>Meeting place</i> VE Day 19.30 <i>Gardening Club</i>	10 14.00-16.00 <i>FWL Pond</i>
11 1100 <i>Holy Communion</i>  1600-1800 <i>Life drawing</i>	12 <i>Rubbish</i>  19.00 <i>Parish Council Mtg</i>	13	14	15 <i>Garden waste</i>  1830 <i>Choral Service</i>	16 1000-1200 <i>Meeting place</i>	17
18 09.30 <i>Morning Worship</i>	19 <i>Recycling &amp; Glass</i>	20 10.00-12.00 <i>Life drawing</i>	21	22	23 1000-1200 <i>Meeting place</i>	24 10.00-17.00 <i>Froyle Art Fair</i>  10.00-1200 <i>FWL Pond</i>
25 10.00-17.00 <i>Froyle Art Fair</i>  18.30 <i>Choral Evensong</i>	26 <i>Rubbish</i>	27	28	29	30 10.00-12.00 <i>Meeting plac</i>	31



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