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NEWS & VIEWS

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The Parish Council (PC) met on 12th May for its AGM and Council meeting. Julie Southern was reappointed as Chair for the coming year but advised that, after 10 years as Chair, she would be standing down in 2026 having only originally agreed to do the role for 6 months! Andrew Aldridge tendered his resignation from the PC so a new Deputy Chair is required for the coming year. The PC has been particularly grateful to Andrew for his contribution over the last five and a half years providing constructive comments and advice as well as being Deputy Chair for the past three years. No nominations for Deputy Chair were forthcoming so the position has been left vacant with agreement that a member of the PC would Chair the meeting in the absence of Julie. As a result of Andrew standing down, there is once again a vacancy on the PC and we look forward to this being filled quickly. If anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk for further information – your village needs you!

The AGM also received the report from the Internal Auditor of his review of the 2024/25 accounts and internal controls governing the PC activities. No issues were identified and the report will be posted on the website. The open period, when residents can request to review the accounts before they go to the external auditor for formal verification, is for three weeks commencing 9th June. The areas of responsibility assigned to Councillors for the coming year and meeting dates were signed off. These are also now displayed on the village noticeboards and on the website.

A presentation was made by two of EHDC's Community Development Officers on the new Asset Based Community Development initiative which allows EHDC assets, including people, buildings and land resources, to be devolved to a Parish Council or local groups of Parish Councils. It was suggested that this process should be useful in preparing for the change to being part of a Unitary Authority. At present there are no EHDC assets in Froyle but in due course this process may be a way for local communities to take more direct responsibility for the development and maintenance of facilities that the community requires. Funding to manage the assets they take responsibility for would be passed from EHDC to the Parish Council budget. The PC will maintain contact with the Community Development group to ascertain what opportunities might be available.

Harry Wrigglesworth, who owns the land below Froyle Park, and Charles McNeil, one of the owners of Froyle Park, attended the meeting. There was some discussion with

Harry on the location of the barn who explained the limitations on where it could be sited. The PC has submitted comments on the planning application for the barn. There was a general discussion with Charles about a number of issues at Froyle Park including the effectiveness of the new signage and the closure of the gates into Froyle Park once all the guests have arrived - no actions were agreed. Their attendance was seen as a positive step in developing a working relationship with the community

A memorial bench has been placed on the Rec by the family of Ted and Olga Crowhurst. The playground equipment is regularly inspected to ensure it is safe. Recent inspections have indicated that some pieces, in particular the ship, are showing their age. It was decided to press ahead with dismantling the ship and acquiring a replacement ahead of the wider consultation on the provision of more community facilities on the Rec. It is proposed that a working party can be put together to dismantle the top of the ship with the hope that a lower section could be left in place for continued use until a replacement can be acquired. Work is ongoing to determine how to raise the funds to pay for a replacement facility. Suggestions for the additional community facilities on the Rec will be displayed at the Fete so please do visit and give your comments.

Incident reports have been resubmitted to Highways. The first of these is to complete the clearance of the culvert under Ryebridge Lane in Upper Froyle where there are regular flooding problems. Work was carried out on this last year by Highways who then closed the incident report despite the culvert itself still being blocked. The second is to get the remaining No Entry signs on the Hen & Chicken junction re-erected.

As many of you will be aware, Froyle is currently undergoing the switchover of the analog phone lines to digital. BT have provided a helpline (0330 1234 150) for anyone with difficulties or in poor mobile reception areas such as Froyle. If you can't contact the helpline and need assistance, our MP Damian Hinds has taken an interest in the effectiveness of the rollout in rural areas so do consider contacting him on 020 7219 7057 or via email damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk as he can escalate your issue to BT for assistance and resolution.

An official apology has been received from EHDC for the backlog and delay in processing planning applications since the introduction of their new system at the turn of the year.

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 16th June at 19.00** in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend - if you wish to raise any issues at the meeting please notify the Clerk in advance.

Froyle Speed Watch – The regular speeders

We reported last month on the vehicles exceeding 35mph most often during the previous month.

This month, we thought we should show how a few vehicles account for the vast majority of those speeding. The table below shows the top 5 vehicles recorded over the last 3 months travelling at more than 35mph, and their top speed.

Make	Model	Colour	use	Number of times exceeding 35mphy	Max speed
Volkswagen	Tiguan	Silver	Passenger Car	27	45
Land Rover	Discovery	Blue	Passenger Car	21	44
BMW	X5	Blue	Passenger Car	18	55
Ford	Fiesta	Blue	Passenger Car	17	49
Audi	A5	Black	Passenger Car	16	42

In fact, of 500 vehicles exceeding 35mph more than once, only 20 account for those doing so more than 10 times and, in total, 1 in 5 of the incidents.

One other point to note. Despite much press reporting of false number plates etc, we see only the very occasional vehicle where the registration does not match the make, model, colour and use type.

Froyle Community Speedwatch team

FROYLE 100 CLUB

The winners in the MayDraw were:

1st - Dolly Blanchard

2nd - Charlie Zorab

3rd – Ian Deans

4th - Susie Robertson

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles Tel: 07775 928933 email: wbk@wbknowles.com



Bookings: Sarah Zorab 01420 520361

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This is my last piece for the Magazine, at least until I can think of something else to say. As most of you know, I write in a personal capacity which allows me to include a few jokes and a touch of irony. It's not an official report. You wouldn't be a village hall secretary for as long as me without a sense of humour, not to say the ridiculous. So, here's a final serious reflection.

Like all village halls, the basis on which we hire out our facilities is one of trust. We work on the assumption that hirers will look after the hall and will leave it in the same condition they found it or better. It simply is not possible always to check the hall between one booking and the next, let alone do any housekeeping. It is therefore quite shocking when that trust is betrayed. Shortly after our successful Annual General Meeting, at which we thanked David Robertson for his work as Chairman and welcomed his replacement Gillian Paul, when we were all feeling optimistic about the future, we hosted the wedding party from hell. The condition in which the hall was left was as bad as anyone can remember. It was as if a bunch of four-year-olds had enjoyed a food fight and then walked in it. A real Marigold Moment. Clearing up took a number of volunteers several hours. The floor and all items of furniture had to be washed; food removed from the walls. This does not happen very often but when it does it damages our confidence. It is particularly upsetting for our housekeeper who does her best to keep the hall bright and welcoming. It is a sort of violation. Of course, we wrote to the hirers asking for an explanation but got no reply. So we retained their deposit. We shall be wary of wedding-related events, particularly where the hirer does not book the following morning for clearing up. An obvious danger sign!

Turning to more pleasant topics. By the time you read this the hall will have hosted what promises to be an even more successful Art Fair. Then, on 7 and 8 June, Froyle Open Gardens will again be opening their gates with tea and cake in the hall. (See page 8). If you would like to help with the baking or the serving, please contact Susie Robertson on 520820 or with the parking contact Charlie Findlay on 22019.

Meanwhile the Committee has a lot to consider: how we allocate responsibilities between our trustees; how we increase the use of the hall; how we best promote the hall on social media. Are there new clubs or activities that could be established? How do we engage with those Froyle residents who have yet to set foot in the hall? Should we hold an open day? Should we conduct a survey? East Hampshire Council have recently surveyed us as part of an investigation into community buildings in the district. We have responded by reporting on our facilities and their condition (good), our users (we need more) and our finances (some concern for the future). We have told them about our aspiration to raise the roof, increase our use of solar power and install batteries and a heat pump. Whether more funding will be forthcoming we shall have to wait and see.

June Activities at the Village Hall

Life Drawing Sunday June 1st 4 - 6pm
Tuesday June 17th 10am - Noon

Try your hand at drawing the undraped figure with professional models.

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

dabirn@gmail.com for more information or to rsvp.

Meeting Place Friday June 6, 13, 20, 27 10am - 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.

Froyle Open Gardens Sat & Sun June 8th & 9th 1:30 - 6pm

8 open gardens in aid of National gardens scheme. Teas and Cakes will be served in the Village Hall 2:30-5:30. Tickets are £10, available on the day at the Village Hall and most gardens. Children under 12 are free. https://froyleopengardens.org.uk.

Dynamic Pilates Mondays June 9, 16, 23, 30 10am - 11am Gentle Pilates Mondays June 9, 16, 23, 30 11am - Noon Mixed Pilates Weds June 11, 18,25 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

Messy Church Sunday June 15th 4-6pm

Fun, crafts, celebration & a hot supper! All are invited - young & old alike, adults, children, teenagers, carers, grandparents, come as friends, families or partners, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome. If you are a child, you need to bring an adult with you! Entrance is free.

For more information contact nick.carter1945@outlook.com

Parish Council Monday June 16th 7 - 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.



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon. There are books and jigsaws to borrow, and sometimes eggs and garden produce for sale.

June Kitchen Helpers

6th Lauraine Bourne

13th Jan Elliot

20th Chris Muddiman27th Julie Southern

June Cake Bakers

6th	Charlie Inskip	Julie Southern	Sue Sharman
13th	Gillian Pickering	Chris Muddiman	Corinna Whines
20th	Janet Dobson	Sarah Larwood	Alice Ghinn
27th	Sarah Basey	Mary Chaplin	Caroline Findlay

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

We try to 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.

Gill Bradley 520484 Susie Robertson 520820 Jenny Gove 23697 gabbradley@gmail.com sjrinfroyle@gmail.com govejenny@gmail.com



'SAVE THE DATE' TEAS ON TUESDAY IN JUNE

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, UPPER FROYLE

Tea, Scones, Cream & Jam will be served every Tuesday afternoon in June:

Tuesday 3rd 10th 17th & 24th June.

2.30 - 4.30 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

To all those interested in flower arranging:

A date for your diary

Thursday 25th September 2.00 pm

Froyle Village Hall

We are holding an interesting afternoon event with Susanne Kennedy of Milston Flower Barn, Wiltshire. She will be demonstrating sustainable flower arranging using locally grown flowers and foliage, where possible, and avoiding the use of floral foam (oasis) and other plastics, by using materials and techniques that are kinder to the environment.

Further information from Babara Wheatley - barbara@the wheatleys.co.uk.



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME Gardens Open For Charity

Froyle Gardens

Lower Froyle, Froyle, GU34 4LG

Aldersey House • Day Cottage • 2 Highway Cottage •

Old Brewery House • Old Stable Barn •

1 Turnpike Cottages • 2 Turnpike Cottages •

Walbury • Warren Cottage • Well Lane Corner

Saturday 7 June Sunday 8 June 1.30 - 6pm

Combined entry £10 Children free

Home-made teas in village hall & picnics welcome on the recreation ground in Lower Froyle.

Exhibition of historic embroidered vestments in the Church in Upper Froyle.















More information at ngs.org.uk

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG) 7-8 JUNE 2025



As I write this, the finest of drizzle is at last dampening the garden. Since midnight less than half a millimeter. But at least it's something. The ground is as hard as a rock and cracking while in places the soil feels like dust where nothing will grow. It's one of the driest springs on record following one of the wettest winters.

By day I labour in the garden. When it is dark I catch up on the Chelsea Flower Show. The show gardens are created in just three

weeks and it is amazing how a vision is realised. Huge structures rise up. Intricate waterways begin to flow. Giant trees are craned in. The planting is immaculate. Technology plays a significant part in ensuring that every flower opens on cue. Not a petal out of place.

Opening your garden for the public is a rather different experience, although the stresses are much the same and the reward is just as good. We open gardeners have a year to prepare for the big day. However, we do not start with an empty plot. We have weeds to contend with. Froyle's moisture retentive soil is perfect for the cultivation of bindweed, couch grass and the dreaded ground alder which the Victorian introduced not realising just how invasive it is. Then there is the weather. Most years I have been pleading with certain plants to get a move on and flower. Not this year. Weeks of fine weather has brought the roses and sweet peas into bloom several weeks earlier than usual.

What I notice about the Chelsea gardens is that they look increasingly naturalistic and dare I say it, more like real gardens. I spot pink campion and cow parsley in the borders but as yet none of those wonderful white flowers that bindweed produces when it has climbed to the top smothering everything else.



We hope you will join us for Open Gardens. You will not be disappointed. Wear comfy shoes. There will be much to see and lots of ideas to take away. You can enjoy a preview by visiting www.froyleopengardens.org.uk

I will try to stop Corinna from picking all the sweet peas before you get here.

FROYLE ART FAIR

Froyle held its second annual Art Fair in the Village Hall on the 24th and 25th May.

40 local artists presented more than 200 works, including paintings, photographs ceramics, jewellery, sculptures and prints. More than 250 people visited the exhibition and all were enthusiastic about the wide variety and high quality of the work and the beautiful way in which the work was presented.





The event was organized by Sally Turvill and David Birn and was made possible with the help a large group of volunteers. Thanks to those who did the massive job of setting up and taking down the display panels, the many hands who who hung the pictures and decorated the hall, the committed group who manned the sales desk and served tea and cakes, and to those who donated cakes, nibbles and drink for the visitors and the celebratory gathering on Saturday evening.

All in all, a hugely successful event by and for Froyle's wonderful community.

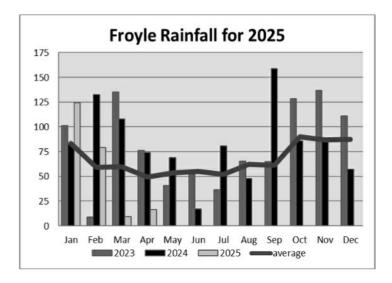








Froyle Rainfall for April, 2025				
This year	16.5 mm	0.6 ins		
Last year	74 mm	2.9 ins		
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins		
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins		
Long-term average for April – the driest month	49.4 mm	1.8 ins		
Total rainfall for the year so far	229.5 mm	9.0 ins		
Long-term average for the year so far	251.7 mm	9.9 ins		



Ten years ago, April's average rainfall was running some 2 mm more than it is now, as a result of which it is now Froyle's driest month. And taking March and April together, at 26 mm, this is the lowest in living memory, the previous low being 33 mm in 1990. (For the record, the lowest ever was in 1938 - 9.4 mm).



"The Umbrella Man"

The Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show Saturday 5th July 2025 1.00pm-4.30pm







Donations of bric-a-brac, books and crockery welcome and volunteers are needed to help run the fete!

Froyle's annual fête and flower show will be held at the Rec on the first Saturday in July. We'll have all the usual stalls – Bric-a-Brac, Books, the Grand Raffle and Silent Auction with some great prizes, Tea and Cakes, Produce, the Beer Tent and Barbeque. There will be a bouncy castle, space hopper enclosure, and, of course children's games, the annual tug of war, welly wanging, crockery smashing and the Dog Show.

We need volunteers to help setting up from 4pm on Friday 4th for a couple of hours and the on the day from 8am. Also, if you could help with running a stall and clearing up, that would be great. We are always grateful to anyone who can spare time to help.

Donations of items for stalls are also most welcome. You can drop them in advance or they can be collected from you – details below - or leave them at the Village Hall on Friday 4th July, when the Meeting Place is running, or on the morning of the fete.

Bric-a-Brac

All items in decent condition will be welcome. Drop donations at the Village Hall.

Books/DVDs/CDs

If you have any books, CDs or DVDs you no longer want, please drop them at Park Edge in Upper Froyle in advance. Mary Knowles can collect if you are unable to drop off. Please call her on 07711 162068 to arrange.

Crockery Smashing

Please drop any plates, cups etc in advance to the Southerns at Aldersey House in Lower Froyle. Email Julie at julie.h.southern@icloud.com to arrange or please bring them to the Village Hall the day before the fete.

Cakes and Produce

Cakes, home-made jams or chutneys would be most welcome or could you donate any excess vegetables?

Bottle Stall We will be collecting bottles on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June. If you could spare a bottle, or a few bottles, of anything drinkable we would be grateful. Please leave them outside your door on 25 if you don't want to be disturbed.

Please contact Julie - julie.h.southern@icloud.com if you can help in any way



AND WE'RE OFF AGAIN.... (well, almost)



Froyle's fabulous Fête on Saturday 5 July will again include the Froyle Dog show - our search for the most distinguished woofer in the neighbourhood in a number of categories. The categories are....

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....best behaved dog (generally a low bar...)
....worst behaved dog (very competitive...)
....dog with the waggiest tail (all about style...)
....scruffiest dog (definitely a specialist category...)
....dog most like its owner (is this a compliment...?)
....fastest dog (not always the type of dog you would expect...)
....finally, the Top Dog (envy of the neighbourhood...)
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Our judge will be the same wise expert, of sound judgement and impervious to pressure or bribery, as last year.

How it works

The format will depend to some extent on weather, number and range of entries and timing of other activities. It will probably start at about 3:00 pm and last about an hour. We encourage all dogs to take part in all categories of competition. The categories may be divided in some cases into different sizes/ages of dog. There will be prizes for both winners and runners up in each category. Enrolment is on the day at any time before the start – announcements will be made during the first part of the Fête.

Dog owners: please make sure your dog is under control at all times, particularly when waiting to participate in dog show events. We aim to keep the event moving at a good pace and minimise hanging around time. There will be lots of water bowls around the arena to ensure, along with the beer tent, that so far as possible neither dogs nor their owners overheat.. Any questions, call or email.

William Knowles Tel: 07775 928933 email: wbk@wbknowles.com

FROYLE FETE - TEAS AND CAKES

We need cakes and bakes of all sorts: from Victoria sponge to brownies and from fruit cake to drizzles we want them all!

We will also need help on the day, serving hungry fête goers. Can you can spare time to help with service in the afternoon or set up in the morning? I'd love to hear from you. It is not a commitment for the whole afternoon, just an hour or two of your time. It's a busy afternoon but good fun and a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

Please contact me if you would like to help or to know more.

Please bring cakes to the Village Hall on the day or drop off at the Meeting Place on Friday 4 July 2025. Thank you and please bake generously!

Mary Chaplin MChaplin@keoghs.co.uk



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 Antibacterial Cleaning Spray

Toilet Rolls Washing up liquid Shower Gel Sanitary Products

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.

If you have any queries please call me.

Louise Marston 07785 350381



Froyle Gardening Club

June from the Potting Shed

How to water wisely

With the hot dry weather we have been having I think a little reminder on how to water your garden sustainably is required.

Lawns – unless it is a newly sown or a newly laid lawn then do not bother watering. It is a good idea to higher the blade on the mower. Longer grass mean longer roots system which are able to reach the water lower down in the soil and stay greener longer in drier conditions.

Newly planted plants – Try to water in the morning and water at the base of the plant around the root system. It is better to give a good soak once a week than dribble a little each day.

Tubs/containers – Try to water in the morning. The pot is cooler and so less water is lost to evaporation. It also means that the plants are able to take up all the water they can before the heat of the day. If early watering is not possible then in the cool of the evening. You may have to use more water in the evening as some containers may have dried out and water will not be retained in the pot so a re-watering may be required. Remember if you are feeding plants in containers, the compost needs to be moist for the feed to work properly. Try not to get water on the leaves especially if the plant is drooping.

Fruit and Veg – Daily watering is not essential and it is better to use a watering can or a hose pipe rather than a sprinkler. Sprinklers waste water. You only need to water the roots not waste water on bare soil. Water is applied at the base around the roots and a good soaking is always better once or twice a week, rather than sprinkling a little every day. When you water let the water soak into the ground and then give another watering so that the water reaches the roots. Plants need more water when they are setting seeds/fruits/tubers so this is the best stage to water.

Water butts and recycled water. These are the best use of water. Try not to use water from washing up systems on fruit and veg. Mains water is fine but make sure it has not been softened as this contains salts.

Finally, feed the soil with organic matter, add mulches, cover bare soil with cardboard, grass mowings, straw anything to reduce water loss from the soil. Your best water storage system is the soil. Do not abuse it.

Geoff Hawkins

May Meeting

Members and guests enjoyed an entertaining and informative talk from Tony Lack, an experienced beekeeper and member of the Wokingham Beekeepers Association.

Tony opened the talk by explaining how important it was for all gardeners to bear in mind how important it is that we all preserve pollinator habitat in our gardens, and gave some very good tips on the kinds of plants that are of the most value to honeybees. He took us all through the lifecycle of bees, the organisation of a colony within a hive, and even explained how to interpret a waggle dance!

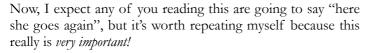


He showed us how a modern hive is constructed and how the honey is collected, and touched on the risks to honeybees from marauding hornets. At the end of his delightful presentation, members and guests were able to buy honey and sample his delicious mead. I'm sure we will all be more mindful of the importance of preserving those brambles and ivy in the odd corners of our gardens, too

Fete & Flower show Plant Stall

We will require plants for the Gardening Club plant stall at the Fete. So please remember to pot up a few extra plants when you are propagating which you can bring along to help fill the plant stall with wonderful surprises for all to buy at the Fete.

Summer Care of Young and Newly Planted Trees and Shrubs





We have had the driest Spring on record and it takes a very long time for young trees to grow roots that can access the water table. So they really do need extra summer care for at least three years after planting.

Here is a timely reminder to keep your new planting under review in any hot dry spells. It will need your help if there is continuous dry weather for 10 days.

Water deeply and regularly, at least every five days, and at least 20 litres per tree or shrub. Water slowly, so that the water does not run off. Utilise the drought pipes, if you installed them in your planting. Do not do any routine pruning in the first year if the tree shows any signs of stress, such as wilted foliage, a sparse canopy of light coloured and undersized leaves, leaf scorch and yellowing, leaf drop and premature autumn colouration. Put down some mulch if you haven't done so when you did your planting. Keep up the watering in dry weather until October.

And don't slack of just because there are a few heavy showers – it will take a lot more than that to counteract the effects of this record-breaking dry Spring.

Sue Lelliott, Froyle Tree Warden



Why do Moths Matter?

In essence moths are fantastic pollinators, they are a part of nature's food chain, and they are an early warning indicator for problems in the wider environment.

Moths bring a rich biodiversity with around 2,000 species in Hampshire, and they come in all shapes, sizes, and colours. They

are an important element of the food chain, being prey for a wide range of birds, bats and other insectivorous animals. For example, it takes around 15,000 caterpillars to feed one nest of Blue Tit chicks though to fledging.

Recent research shows that moths are more efficient pollinators at night than bees are during the day. Although most moths fly after dark but there are also some that fly during in daylight, such as the Silver Y, Cinnabar and Scarlet Tiger. Surprisingly, there are more day flying moth species in the UK than there are butterflies. Look out for the amazing Hummingbird Hawkmoth that migrates thousands of miles from the Mediterranean to get to the UK in summer.



Scarlet Tiger



Hummingbird Hawkmoth

Moths are indicators of the wider natural environment and when their numbers drop our ecosystem is in trouble. Do you remember that decades ago, if you drove the car at night the windscreen would be plastered with insects - but not today. This decline in numbers is mainly due to climate change, habitat loss and intensive agriculture. You can help to protect our moths by planting wild flowers, growing patches of scrub and rough grass, and turning off lights at night.

For more information see Butterfly Conservation's website https://butterflyconservation.org/moths-matter.

Froyle Moth Recording

We recently held two moth identification evenings after dark in Froyle during May. One was held in a Lower Froyle garden and recorded 25 species including Poplar Hawk-moth, Iron Prominent and Brimstone moth. The second was held in the wildflower meadow that surrounds the pond near Gid Lane and recorded 27 species including White Ermine, Nut-tree Tussock and Scorched Wing. These records are submitted to the National Moth Recording Scheme via the Hampshire County Recorder.





White Ermine

Brimstone moth

There are some peculiar moth names, for example Rosy Footman, Old Lady, Heart & Dart, Flame Shoulder, Chinese Character and Mother Shipton. All of these have been recorded previously in Froyle with a total of nearly 300 species. Do let us know if have any moth sightings in the parish, preferable with a photo to info@froylewildlife.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

- · Wednesday 25th June, 10am-12, **Walk at Noar Hill SSSI** for wildflowers and orchids. Note there is limited roadside parking.
- Tuesday 8th July, 10am-12, **Walk at Abbotts Wood** in Alice Holt forest for woodland butterflies. Note date may be rearranged if poor weather.
- · Saturday 19th July, join us for a 'drop-in' day at the Wildlife Pond to see what's flying and flowering, anytime 10am 4pm.
- · Sunday 20th July at 10am-11 or 11.15am-12.15, **pond dipping** for children, limited numbers so booking essential.

We'll be maintaing the meadow area at the wildlife pond area on Saturdays 7 and 28 June 10am-12 including cutting paths for visitor access. Do come along on these dates to assist, new volunteers are always welcome, contact 01420 23520.

Barry Clark



Bentley Primary School and residentials

At Bentley CofE Primary School, our KS2 children all have the opportunity to go on a residential every year. Our Year 3 and Year 4 class have just been to Gordon Brown Centre near Hook.

This is what the children have written about it:

Last week, year 3 and 4 went to the GBC. We did so many exciting things like Archery and whilst we were waiting for our turn we made friendship bracelets — every minute was busy! We also did the low ropes, that was my favourite! We did so many activities over the days. The food there was amazing. For breakfast we had toast, jam and cereal and for lunch one day we had really delicious fish fingers but the best was the Mac and cheese or Hot Dogs! (Year 4 child)

On the 6th of May Year 4 went to the Gordon brown Centre and on 7th May we did lots of activities such as low ropes, an alien invasion, the blindfold trail, archery, Mexican eye making and also a bonfire! My favourite thing was the low ropes and it was a great experience. I love residentials! (Year 4 child)

Vicky Hallet Headteacher, Bently CE Primary School 01420 525010





Threads of Remembrance: Guess the Poppies on Froyle's Model Spitfire

Commemorating 80 Years Since VE Day



n honour of the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Froyle Village Hall is home to a truly moving sight—a model Spitfire draped in hundreds of handmade red poppies, suspended from the ceiling in a striking tribute to those who served and sacrificed during World War II.

Crafted with love and dedication by Froyle's crochet group, this display blends craft and remembrance in a heartfelt homage to the fallen.

Now, we invite **you** to take part in this tribute by joining our **"Guess the Number of Poppies"** competition! Not only is it a chance to test your eye for detail, but it's also an opportunity to support a cause close to all our hearts.

How to Enter: Come down to the Village Hall and fill out our entry form. £2 per guess. You can pay by cash or online using the QR code

The winner will be announced at the Froyle Fete on Saturday, July 5th. In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen at random from all the correct or closest guesses.

The Prize: A prize of a tour for two people of the historic Spitfire Factory at the Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar in Kent has been kindly donated by 'Into the Blue' Activity Gift Vouchers Limited —a rare chance to get up close to real wartime aircraft and learn more about the heroes who flew them.

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Katie Gadd

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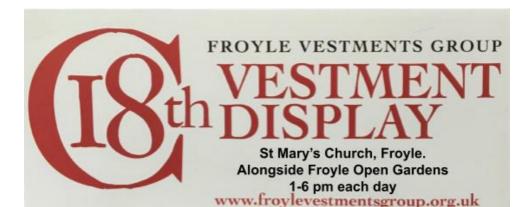
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Rebecca is currently the Textile Expert on the 'Repair Shop' television programme and has kindly agreed to be available to share her extensive knowledge, demonstrate various embroidery stitches and talk about her conservation work to individuals attending this exhibition.



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Sunday 1 June	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Oakhanger	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Bentley	Praise
Sunday 8 June	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Children's Church
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Kingsley	Praise
Sunday 15 June	9.30am	Froyle	Morning Worship
	11.00am.	Kingsley	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Froyle VH	Messy Church
Sunday 22 June	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
J	11.00am	,	Morning Worship
	6.30pm		Evensong
Sunday 29 June	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion with guest speaker

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

One of the things I love to do is to ask people what I can pray for them. Very few people refuse this offer because I believe people are saying that if there is a God, it can't do me any harm to ask for things that matter to me. It is a huge honour to pray for their friends and family members who are living with cancer or have been made redundant, or other big issues in life and to ask for God's guidance and strength.

The most common request for prayer though, is the threefold list of "health, wealth and happiness". I am happy to pray for these, but I find it interesting that these three things are so often listed as the most important things to pray for. What about relationships? The deep human need to love and be loved unconditionally. Or about discovering the purpose and direction of life? Using all of our gifts and talents to benefit those around us and ourselves. Or peace? Peace in our homes, our community and our world.

To pray for healing for a loved one is incredibly precious, and for health for ourselves, so that we can live our lives to bless others, is completely within God's will for our lives. Praying for wealth is a bit more problematic. What are we going to do with wealth that we gain? If we are asking God to give us lots of stuff, that may not be his will for us as we can be tempted to find security in things which can break, be stolen or lost. Instead, God says that to those to whom a lot has been given, a lot is required of us and we will be asked what we did with this blessing.

The third request is for happiness. There can't be anything wrong with that, can there? We want to be happy and not sad. That must be a good thing to pray for. But happiness does have problems; it's too small a thing to ask for. Happiness is a temporary state of fulfilment and contentment that is based on something we experience or something outside of ourselves. We might be happy to be promoted at work and we are happy that our skills and hard work are recognised, but happiness fades over time as we take on more responsibility and more stress comes as a result.

Instead of happiness, the Bible talks repeatedly about joy. Joy is much deeper than happiness. Joy is fundamental security knowing who God says we are. Joy is the source of wonder, creativity and exploration because it is a way of looking at the world that grounds us and calls us to play and enjoy everything around us. St. Paul writes that he has "discovered the secret of joy in all circumstances". Even in the face of suffering or difficulty, we can still have joy. Joy for those around us who love us, care for us and encourage us.

In English, Joy sounds a weak word, but it is incredibly profound, and helps meet our deepest needs. If you have joy, you don't need to look over your shoulder and look at what someone else has and wish that you had it. You are content. You can find strength to go through times of trial and difficulty, because joy gives a unique strength and helps to keep us from despair. The Bible says that joy comes from God. It is one of the things that grow within us when we trust God with our lives, along with love, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. These all grow inside us through the Holy Spirit.

I still pray for happiness for people, because sometimes we do need moments of encouragement and of things coming together. But I will also pray for joy for you. May God give you every blessing and surround you with his love and care. May you discover in him everything that your soul longs for, and may his peace cover you.

Matt Boyes, Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

Benefice V E Day at Binsted – Sunday 4 May

On the 80th anniversary of the date Field Marshal Montgomery took the surrender on Lüneburg Heath in 1945, the Benefice commemorated and celebrated V E (Victory in Europe) Day.



Over 175 assembled in Holy Cross church. Our Rector, Matt Boyes gave a superb address beginning with Sir Winston Churchill's recorded speech – "This is **your** day ...". Following the short service, led by the church Warden, Jonathan Bourne, and the Alton British Legion Standard Bearers, Marc Roberts and Graham Creagh, the congregation made its way through the churchyard to pay their respects at Monty's refurbished grave. A wreath was laid by Nick Thomsen and poppies by Alba Wilson and Jessica Everden, both in Year 5 at Binsted Primary School.





Thereafter, the Act of Remembrance was conducted at the War Memorial. Phil Roberts and 7 year old Aaron Wilson laid wreaths. General Pike gave some personal reflections, and then the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph.

The formal commemorations over, the informal celebration of peace took place in the Wickham Institute in the form of a 1945 street Tea Party. Wartime rations were offered – bread, dripping, spam, bully beef and a variety of pastes, but there was also more familiar food such as sandwiches, jelly, ice cream, cake, cup cakes and more cake. Tess Droy had made the centrepiece V E cake. The food had all been organised by Hilary Spicer who had assembled a great team of helpers. Newsreels from 1945 were





shown, as was a short clip of an interview with 'Monty'. Wartime songs were sung and the afternoon ended with an auction of the bread boards made by Ricky Crimes of the Furniture Workshop: very generous were the bidders too, with an additional £570.00 raised for the continuing repairs to the church.

A great many volunteers contributed to what was a memorable day. Huge thanks to everyone who gave so much of their time and energy. It was a fitting day and Monty would have been proud.

Bentley Youth The Big Sleep Out

In May, the young people from Upagear took part in Trinity's Big Sleep Out! They slept all night in self-made cardboard shelters to raise their awareness of homelessness and in support of Trinity Winchester.





Trinity Winchester is a local charity working with homeless and other vulnerable people in Winchester through a direct access drop-in centre in the City. They support over 600 people a year and need your help to raise the £1,857 per day it costs to provide all our services to people in need.



Although the event has passed, it's not too late to sponsor Upagear and donate. The QR code will take you to the JustGiving page where any donation is hugely appreciated, to not only support Trinity Winchester, but to encourage our young people in social action.

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Sunday 15th June

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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. – Philippians 4:6-7







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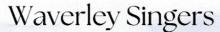




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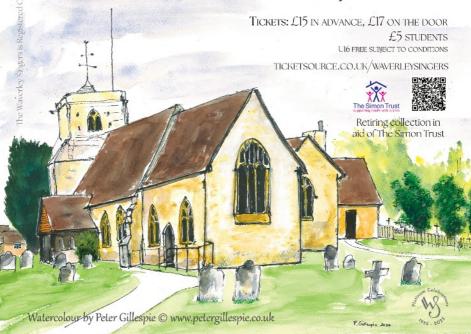
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8 1100 Holy Communion 1330-1800 Froyle Open Gardens 1500-1800 Vestment Display Church	9 Rubbish	10 1430-1630 Church Teas	11	12 Garden waste	13 1000-1200 Meeting place	14
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22 1830 Choral Evensong	23 Rubbish	24 1430-1630 Church Teas	25 1000-1200 Walk at Noar Hill Fete bottle collection	26 Garden waste Fete bottle collection	27 1000-1200 Meeting place	28 1000-1200 Wildlife Pond Maintenance
29 1100 Holy Communion	30 Recycling & Glass					



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