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News from the Parish Council (PC)

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The PC met briefly on 15 April to sign off some year-end admin matters including Freedom of Information and Document Retention procedures.

On Wednesday 15 April, over 40 residents attended the Annual Village Meeting and enjoyed wine and nibbles to set a relaxed tone from the start.

The Clerk presented an overview of the unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 a copy of which is available on the PC website at (<https://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/your-council/agendas-and-minutes>, selecting 2025/26 and Annual Parish Meeting). Highlights were that the Precept received by the PC from residents' Council Tax provided sufficient income to cover routine costs. The PC seeks to maintain a level budget each year to avoid large changes in Precept from year to year while having sufficient funds to pay for non-routine items e.g. tree pruning, playground equipment repair etc. with any surplus in one year being retained as a reserve for higher spend in a subsequent year. In 2025/26 the surplus income will be put into reserves allowing the level of the Precept for 2026/27 to be only 3% higher than 2025/26.

Julie Southern, the PC Chair, highlighted the PC activity in the past year and intended focus for the year ahead. She reflected on the 2013 Parish Plan which highlighted that issues raised by residents from more than a decade ago are still key topics to guide the work of the PC today, but we are always keen to hear views from residents to update our mandate.

During the past year, the PC has met formally nine times and has covered a range of issues and initiatives between meetings, including review of 41 planning applications, of which the PC submitted comments on eight on planning grounds.

The Froyle Archive records built by Chris and Annette Booth over many years have now been secured by the PC. A Froyle History group is being formed to continue to collect and display information about the village. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact Nick Whines.

Our web presence and communications have been refreshed thanks to Katie Snowball, including a village events calendar. The Village Magazine editors have been provided with a new laptop and updated software to safeguard the future production of the magazine, and thanks was expressed to the hard working team of editors for their efforts.

Work continues to maintain the network of footpaths around the village and discussions continue with landowners, in particular Froyle Estate, to try and

establish new routes. See the separate article on footpaths by Phil Roberts for more information on works undertaken and planned.

The Froyle Tree Warden, Sue Lelliott, continues to guide the PC in determining its response to planning applications for tree works, and on tree and hedge maintenance. Particularly important is her work liaising with local landowners to get new trees and hedges planted in the Parish.

Looking forward, it is still unclear how the move to a Unitary Authority (UA) will affect the ability of a small rural parish to be heard and obtain our fair share of resources. The PC will continue to keep you informed of developments in this regard as we hear more about how the new Mid Hampshire UA, which replaces EHDC and Hampshire County Council, will operate when it comes into effect in 2028.

The push for new houses in East Hampshire will continue to affect Froyle both directly and indirectly. A subgroup of the PC has met twice with the landowner (NJG) of the field above the Hen and Chicken pub, to better understand their proposals for houses in this area, and will continue to engage with them over the coming months to try and influence the proposals that they submit.

Speeding continues to plague the village and the PC has budgeted for a second Speed Indicator Device to be acquired in 2026. Residents are encouraged to share their views with the PC on which display has most impact on them. Work continues to encourage Hampshire Police to use the speeding data recorded by the smaller AutoSpeedWatch cameras, with some signs that a police presence with a speed gun will visit the village on occasions. This is despite the best efforts of the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner to ignore rural speeding as a priority issue.

The final report by our retiring Hampshire County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee was read to the meeting as he was too unwell to attend. Mark has diligently served the residents of Froyle for over 20 years, and his report can be read in full on the PC website at the link mentioned above. Mark was thanked for his service and support to the village over the year.

The need for residents to take an interest and provide a mandate for the PC was stressed by the Chair as at least two of the current Councillors are expected to leave the PC in the coming months to add to the existing vacancy. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in joining the Parish Council, or would like to know more about the Councillor role.

The meeting closed with discussions around the visual displays of the work of the PC over the last year and focus areas identified for 2026/27.

The next meeting of the PC is also the formal AGM of the Council and will be held on Monday 11 May at 19.00 in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

FOOTPATHS

Recently, I was thanking Paul, who leads the volunteer Alton Ramblers Footpath Maintenance team, for the work they did to improve the steps on the Upper Froyle side of Saintbury Hill. He said how pleased they were to have seen so many walkers using the footpath during the two days they were on site in March. The newly improved steps were also safely navigated by 200 or so runners and walkers during the amazing 10k race recently organised by the Village Hall team. Two broken 'finger' posts identifying footpath entrances have also recently been replaced, ready for the summer walking season. Can you find them? A free printed Froyle footpath map to the first person to identify their location.

We're now planning, together with Hampshire Countryside Services (HCS), improvements to the stiles and quarry steps on the footpath leading across Well Lane towards Husseys Lane. HCS are also investigating how the path and steps onto Park Lane from Westburn Fields can be improved.

It's wonderful to hear the many ground-nesting birds in the fields around the village, including skylarks, lapwings and partridges. The nesting period runs through to August; nests are well camouflaged and very hard to see. Please take extra care during this period to stay on marked paths and keep dogs on leads or under close control on the path. Loose running dogs can easily destroy nests or scare away parent birds resulting in the loss of a year's breeding effort. For more info, visit:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/ground-nesting-birds>

I hope you find some time to walk the many Froyle footpaths now the weather is improving. (Some of them even lead to pubs!) Please let me know if you encounter blocked paths, more missing signposts or other problems and we'll try to help. Check out some of our village walks on <https://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk/walks>

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Ramblers Team at work and finished steps at Saintbury Hill





The first Froyle 10k Trail Run and Kids Colour Dash was held on Saturday 11 April. What an event!

Registration opened at 8am, chilly and a bit damp, but the 170+ runners - along with their many supporters - made for an excited buzz in the Hall as they warmed themselves with hot drinks and cake served by Sarah Zorab and her fantastic crew of volunteers. Happily, the skies cleared and the temperature rose to perfect running conditions as race time approached, and the jumpers came off in anticipation of the gruelling fun.

At 9:45am, the Colour Dash happened. Accompanied by a running banana and a dancing T-Rex, 30 children ran twice around the Rec, through clouds of coloured powder thrown by volunteers on the sidelines. The kids were covered from head to toe, but who cares when you have great fun, have an excuse to get some colour on your parents, and a medal at the end.

The Trail Race started at 10:30am. Phil Spencer gave some brief remarks and then started off the runners - and the walkers who followed behind - with a bang. The route took them up Bamber Lane, over Saintbury Hill, down to West End farm, up another hill past the grain barn, over the top of Holybourne Down with its amazing view, down to Cuckoo's Corner, and back through Upper Froyle, past the church, along Gid Lane and then through the fields to return to the Rec. The fastest runners crossed the finish line to the ring of cow bells in just over 40 mins looking, remarkably, like they could have done another loop without breaking a sweat!

Those that followed looked a little more fatigued but triumphant in their achievement. Bravo to all for your spirit and energy, we hope you enjoyed doing it as much as we enjoyed watching and cheering you on.

A shout out to the 30+ village residents who, as marshals, car parkers, cake bakers and servers made the event possible, and special thanks to our partners Oliver Steele-Perkins and Jo Scawn of Blended Trails whose expertise and superb organisation made the event such a huge success. A massive thank you to all.

At the time of writing, we haven't a final account of the amount raised, but have every reason to believe it will add significantly to the VH coffers. We look forward to making it an annual event and a regular boost to our fund raising efforts.

The Trail Run was quickly followed on 15 April by our Annual General Meeting. Along with the usual rundown of our activities (amazing) and our finances (ok if a bit precarious) was the announcement that two of the committee, Laura Ozelyte and Nick Whines are standing down. Laura's energy and enthusiasm will be missed, of course, but it is Nick's retirement after 19 years on the committee (!) that is really impressive. Suffice it to say here that, on behalf of both myself and the committee, we extend our deepest thanks to Nick for his significant and tireless contribution to the Village Hall. We wish him well in his retirement.

As you read this, the hall will be hosting the 3rd Annual Froyle Art Fair and Exhibition on 2 and 3 May, 4-6pm. Work of 30+ local artists will be on display including paintings, photography, ceramics, and jewellery.

Finally, at the AGM we announced the formation of a "Friends of Froyle Village Hall" group. None of the events we sponsor can happen without help from the community. If you are willing to help with the upcoming Fête or any other VH activity, please join the scheme. Enrol by scanning this QR code or by sending a note to friends@froylevillagehall.co.uk.



Gillian Paul, Chair

A BIG THANK YOU TO NICK WHINES

The Annual Parish Meeting marked Nick Whines standing down from the Village Hall Committee after almost 20 years of service on the Committee and previously as a Parish Councillor. William Knowles thanked Nick for his outstanding contribution. As we cannot possibly list all of Nick's amazing achievements, here are some excerpts from William's speech:

"Every village needs a Nick Whines – but I suspect they are quite rare. I don't know of another village that has one."

"Together with Charlie Findlay, Nick has kept the village hall show on the road with his attention to detail and ability to operate in the bureaucratic world with which village hall charities now have to cope."

"The main thing about Nick is the breadth of thought and imagination which he has applied over the years to the range of issues and opportunities which the village hall has encountered. Once he has thought something through – usually rather more rigorously than the rest of us – and decided on a position and course of action, he will never give up in pursuing what he thinks is right for the village."

"His is a rare combination of imaginativeness and tenacity which can be infuriating (!), but from which the village hall – and the village more generally – has benefited massively."

Some examples, to name a few, include:

- The containers may be unsightly, but they are a brilliant solution to a very practical storage problem – Nick found and acquired them.
- Nick pushed us to be ambitious in the scale of the kitchen – it is a key part of what makes the village hall an attractive space for hirers.
- Nick is a genius at sniffing out grants from unlikely places – he apparently once identified a pot of money available for villages inconvenienced by a quarry – which the village was at that time. Over the years, Nick has secured just under £45,000 in grants – equivalent to 7 whole years of letting income.

And finally, William concluded with...

"Nick's impact on the village hall over the years has been immense. We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude. So thank you Nick from all of us for everything you have done – and we hope will continue to do for the village despite having stood down from the village hall committee."

... and from the man himself...

I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee and lots of others for the warm and generous send-off I received at the Annual General Meeting following my decision to stand down as Honorary Secretary.

It has been quite a journey. I have had a lot of fun and learned a great deal: the location of the stopcock; the composition of the floor tiles (ash), the acoustic properties of the ceiling tiles, the roof integration of the solar panels, the cycle time of a commercial dishwasher, weather compensation and the boiler, the encapsulation of the millennium map, the intricacies of the shipping container market and the reasons to avoid an EU funding applications. To name but a few.

Every funding application that I wrote contains the claim that the village hall lies at the heart of the community and is the hub of the community. That claim is now open to challenge. The vast increase over recent years in home-based entertainment and the use of screens and smart phones may be undermining the traditional role of the village hall. Why stir from the sofa and the latest Netflix blockbuster to play Bingo in the hall. Well, it is important that we meet if we are to continue to know our neighbours and maintain our community. The Committee is quite right to emphasise the importance of increasing usage. What we want is more activity in the hall and more participation. If you haven't already done so become a Friend of the Village Hall (friends@froylevillagehall.co.uk) or go one step further and join the committee. It is a portal into strange new worlds.

Anyone who has sat through a FVH Committee meeting will know that every month in two hours, or sometimes more, a great many matters can be discussed. Ideas will be proposed and debated. Concerns will be expressed. Someone will report a damp patch on the ceiling, a loose seat in the ladies, a leaking kettle in the kitchen. Unbounded enthusiasm will be displayed for projects great and small. The question of how many burger buns we should order for a forthcoming event will be a major preoccupation only exceeded by what to charge for the said burger. Finally come the decisions and the revisions of the decisions and very often a new decision which is the opposite of the original decision. But of course it all matters and answers are rarely obvious. The fat must be chewed so to speak.

The art is to take it seriously but not too seriously. It's important to remember that we are all volunteers, freely giving up our own time. Everybody is contributing in different ways. Bringing to the meetings and activities our own talents and unique point of view. It doesn't have to be Bingo!

I wish the Hall Committee and Mary Chaplin, my successor as Honorary Secretary, great success in the future.

Nick Whines



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am-12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation.

Well behaved dogs are welcome too. Treats provided!

We also now have an ever changing selection of books and jigsaws to borrow.

An enormous "Thank You" to everyone who attended and donated to The Easter Meeting Place on Good Friday. Entirely thanks to your generosity, we were able to send a £400 donation to Naomi House. Absolutely fantastic!

May Kitchen Helpers

- 1st David and Mary Perryman
- 8th Barbara Graham-Clarke
- 15th Kerris Edmondson
- 22nd John Sexton
- 29th Sara Watkins

May Cake Bakers

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| 1st | Susie Robertson | Lauraine Bourne | Mary Perryman |
| 8th | Lucia Lindblom | Elizabeth Sealey | Jenny Gove |
| 15th | Sue Carr | Laura Ozelyte | Kate Skerrett |
| 22nd | Alison Lopes | Louise Marston | Cherida Cannon |
| 29th | Jane Stewart-Smith | Sarah Roberts | Madeleine Black |

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

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 9.30am on Fridays.

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FROYLE 100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW

The winners in the April 2026 draw were:

- 1st Charlie Baikie
- 2nd Alex Roberts
- 3rd Diana Snow
- 4th Vicky Poulson

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles

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FROYLE PLAYGROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

My name is Rebecca and I am interested in restarting the Froyle playgroup on Wednesday mornings.

I will be looking for volunteers to help me.

I am an Ofsted registered childminder in Bentley with over 15 years experience working with children of all ages.

Please do get in touch if you are interested on 07786 071900...



Froyle Art Fair 2026

Saturday May 2nd & Sunday May 3rd 2026 10am - 4pm Free Admission



The 3rd annual Froyle Art Fair and Exhibition will be held at the Froyle Village Hall, Saturday and Sunday, 2 & 3 May, 10am to 4pm. Admission will be free.

FAF is a celebration of the many artists and craftspeople who make their home in Froyle and the surrounding area. The event brings this surprisingly large and hugely talented creative community together, and offers visitors a chance to enjoy their work in a relaxed and friendly setting. More than 30 artists will be exhibiting, with paintings, photographs, cards, ceramics, and jewellery on display. Much of the work will be available for sale, but we hope you will come along even if you aren't in the market for art to have a look, just to see what your creative friends and neighbours have been up to.

Tea, Coffee, and Homemade Cakes will be available all day. This year we'll even have tables and chairs at which to enjoy them! Bring the whole family!

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



May 9th Treloar Plant Sale

**Hope you can come 10.00 – 12.30 Holybourne
Free entry, lots of parking, masses of Colourful
Annuals, Phoenix Perennials, Expert Advice,
Produce, Refreshment, Raffle, Brass Band,
Children's Activities and Mill Cottage Farm animals.**

FROYLE VILLAGE FÊTE AND FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026 – 1pm - 4.30pm



Preparations for the fete are now fully under way and we look forward to seeing you for the popular flower show, the Dog Show, children's races, barbeque and drinks, bouncy castle, lots of stalls and the raffle.

Anyone who wants to get involved, please get in touch with Charlie at charlie.baikie2@gmail.com

We'd love your help!





Froyle Gardening Club

MAY FROM THE POTTING SHED

Looking back over the years it is interesting to see how the seasons vary from year to year. A diary of what to do when is always a good guide but the weather conditions will also dictate what to do when.

Planting out tender crops too early can be a problem, frost may just catch you out, so be prepared. Keep the fleece handy. I have noticed some of the frosts in the last few days have damaged some of the fruit blossom which will lead to loss of fruit later.

May is the time to do the Chelsea Chop. About the third 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.

Enjoy your garden.

Geoff Hawkins

SPRING SHOW REPORT

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Spring Show. We always worry the daffodils will be over, but we had a wonderful display. Brenda Milam won the Beech Bowl and the Pollock Plate for her daffodils and spring flowers. Geoff Hawkin's veteran orchid won the Best in Show. It was five years old and looked magnificent – you can ask Geoff how he does it! Katie Snowball's brilliant array of blooms amassed the most points from the judges and Barbara Wheatley created a winning Touch of Gold for flower arranging. Alice Ghinn was a close second with her Spring Posy. The photographs were all remarkable. They were judged by popular vote and Sue Clark won the trophy. It was a very happy well attended show so many thanks to all.



WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 7.30 PM

QUESTION TIME EVENING

This evening is all about solving your gardening problems. Bring along your questions, bits of plant, bugs, even a photo on your phone of a problem and our expert team (x being the unknown quantity and spert a drip under pressure) will have a go at answering the questions. Non-members welcome - £3.00 entry if not a member. Glass of wine and tea and biscuits.

The team consists of the legend that is John Negus. John is still writing in gardening magazines such as Amateur Gardening and Woman's Weekly. It is said John is the oldest and probably the longest contributor still answering questions in gardening magazines. A wealth of knowledge.

Our second member of the team is Peter Mills. Peter has been a garden centre manager, a radio presenter on gardening matters, gives advice on all pruning issues and is also an RHS Garden advisor. He loves to see your problems.

I will be chairing the evening which should be a lively, entertaining and fun event. John, Peter and I have worked on several roadshows, so come and test us with your gardening problems.

Geoff Hawkins



GUIDED BIRD WALK SATURDAY 2 MAY 7.30 AM

Keith Betton, chair of Hampshire Ornithological Society, will be leading a guided bird walk in Froyle. Keith is an entertaining and highly knowledgeable guide. The walk will start at The Anchor Inn in Lower Froyle, (parking permitted), at 7.30am, and is expected to last approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. We will explore Hussey's Lane and some surrounding fields.



Binoculars will be useful for bird spotting, and appropriate footwear in case it's muddy. The Anchor Inn will be open for optional coffee and breakfast on our return. Both Froyle Wildlife members and non-members are welcome on this walk during the weekend of the International Dawn Chorus Day. No dogs please. See www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news/.

Jayne Fisher

Volunteer activities: Many thanks to those who helped to plant 250 snowdrop bulbs and erect the new 'bee and insect hotel' on Froyle recreation ground. Also four new bird nest boxes were attached to mature trees at 3m height.



Do join us to help maintain the wildlife pond area and surrounding meadow near Gid Lane on the following Saturdays.

- 16 May 10am-12 Mow paths -weed and sycamore seedlings

- 30 May 10am-12 Mow paths – cut nettles, bullrush seedheads

For more information contact info@froylewildlife.co.uk, phone 01420 23520 or just turn up at one of the activities.

Barry Clark

Conserving Hampshire's Swifts – a talk by Catharine Gale

One of the yearly highlights for nature lovers in Froyle is the return of a favourite bird migrant, the Common Swift. They return from their wintering grounds in Africa to breed here in the UK. In March, Catharine Gale of Hampshire Swifts gave us a fascinating talk in the village hall, reminding us how fortunate we are to be visited by this iconic bird.

The Common Swift is blackish-brown with a small grey patch on the chin, with a short forked tail and long swept-back wings. They are most prominent when they form "screaming parties" that fly at high speed between buildings near their nesting area. Swifts spend almost all their lives in the air, only landing to nest. They sleep, mate and feed on the wing. They are the fastest bird in level flight, clocking up to 69 mph. They feed on aerial plankton, insect and spider species found up to an altitude of several hundred metres.

Swifts migrate to our temperate region which provides a seasonal abundance of aerial insects and longer daylight hours enabling them to forage and feed their chicks. They arrive typically in May and return to Africa in late July/August after the peak abundance of aerial food passes. Swifts tracked using micro data loggers which have demonstrated that their spring migration route to the UK is very fast – one swift took five days to travel 5,000km from West Africa.

Swifts breed from four years old and they live on average between six and 10 years. The oldest known swift was 21 years. They pair for life, meeting up in spring after a winter in Africa to hopefully produce a single brood of chicks. They make nests out of material they can catch in the air such as feathers and bits of grass. Swifts store caught insects for their chicks as a bolus (a round mass bound together with saliva) in a pouch in their throat. Each bolus contains up to 1,000 insects comprising up to 35 insect families. Rearing chicks takes nine weeks and as the chicks get near fledging, they spend time looking out of the nest and exercising and strengthening their wings by doing press-ups in the nest (video shown!). After fledging, it is usually three years before they land again to start nesting themselves.

Swifts use the same nest site every year, which is one reason why swift numbers are declining (between 2018 and 2024 swifts declined by 30% in the UK). As they nest primarily on buildings, swift nests are lost each year due to building demolition and roof repairs/renovations, including the installation of UPVC soffits/facias. Returning in spring to find their nest is no longer available may mean a pair of swifts are unable to reproduce that year. So, to help conserve this species we must try to preserve their existing nest sites while creating new ones by installing swift nest boxes and encouraging builders to make provision for swift nests in new builds or extensions.

'Hampshire Swifts' (www.hampshireswifts.co.uk) can help supply and install nest boxes, comment on planning applications to increase provision of swift bricks and provide advice on all things associated with swifts.

Alan Dyos

HORNBEAM

If you were to ask anyone to make a list of British trees they know, I would make a pretty safe bet that hornbeam would be unlikely to appear. And that's a shame, because it is a beautiful, graceful tree, hardy and tough, with an ancient history of use by man, and extremely valuable to wildlife.

Hornbeam is native to the south of the UK, but is widely planted elsewhere, and thrives in all but the most exposed environments. It is naturally found in oak woodland, and rarely makes what are called 'pure stands', ie unmixed single species woodland. It thrives on our alkaline chalky soils here in East Hampshire, where it was widely coppiced, along with chestnut and hazel.



Hornbeam grown as 'pleached' hedge

Similar in appearance to beech, but smaller, and with a more ridged bark and deeply furrowed leaves, hornbeam was widely grown throughout the London basin to provide the capital's firewood in the Middle Ages, so there are still heritage stands of hornbeam coppice in the Home Counties today.

Like beech, hornbeam is often used for hedging, and will keep some of its leaves all year round, providing shelter, roosting, nesting and foraging opportunities for birds and small mammals. Hornbeam is the food plant for caterpillars of a number of moth species, including the nut tree tussock. Finches, tits and small mammals eat the seeds in autumn.

Hornbeam timber is a pale, creamy white with a flecked grain. It has the hardest wood of any native European tree. Nowadays, it is mainly used for furniture, flooring and wood turning, but traditionally the wood was used to make yokes for ploughing oxen. It is likely that the hornbeam is so named due to the hardness of its timber – 'horn' means 'hard' and 'beam' was the name for a tree in old English.

Like many of our native trees, the hornbeam has historically been used in medicine. The bark can be made into an infusion to treat sore muscles, and its leaves were traditionally used to stop bleeding and heal wounds. Other traditional uses were butchers' chopping blocks, piano hammers, wood screws, coach wheels and cogs for windmills and water mills, as well as coppice and pollarding for poles. The wood also burns well and makes good firewood and charcoal.

Sue Lelliott, Froyle Tree Warden

SPRINGTIME AT HOME FARM:

**A Season of Growth and Investment
By Andy Kirby, Estate Manager**



As the spring of 2026 unfolds across the fields in Froyle and Holybourne, the landscape is buzzing with more than just the return of wildlife. For those of us at Redbrown Ltd, this season marks a pivotal moment in a multi-generational plan to modernise 3,000 acres of Hampshire countryside. The "Home Farm" facility has become the heart of our transformation, serving as a state-of-the-art operational hub where the rhythmic precision of professional farming has replaced the dated farm buildings that were no longer fit for purpose.

I've been farming parts of this estate for over 37 years, starting as a contract farmer for the Sword family at Yarnhams, then additionally becoming the tenant farmer for Five Heads Farm (near Holybourne Church). I also manage another 6,000 acres elsewhere in Hampshire, both as a farm manager and as a tenant farmer. Overall, I have operational responsibility for a total of seven farming businesses. You could say farming is my life and my passion. I view this spring as a fresh start for a landscape that had seen little investment since the 1960s.

Our commitment to the land is best illustrated by our focus on agricultural food production and habitat restoration. We are investing despite the highest financial pressures on farming for generations; we aren't here for a quick fix; we are doing this for the next 50 years.

The health of our woodland is a major priority this season. Last summer's drought significantly accelerated the spread of Ash dieback, affecting much of our woodland and shelter belts. To address this, I instructed the services of a company called Wessex Woodland to complete a comprehensive survey of our woodland and shelter belts, identifying every affected tree across the estate.

We are now in year two of a specialised five-year program of removal and replanting to ensure the safety and ecological renewal of our woods and have partnered with Froyle Parish Council to plant four disease resistant Elms provided by a government grant on our land to help maximise the impact of the total of 16 trees which they had available to plant. Some of the recent works may look drastic but areas will be replanted and restored to productive habitat as soon as possible. The ditch works at Round Wood which necessitated the suspension of a permissive footpath are also almost complete.

As the ground warms, our agricultural cycle is in full swing. In addition to the winter wheat and barley already in the ground, we will be planting a further 112 hectares of maize and 125 hectares of wild bird food over the coming weeks. The wild bird crops aren't grown for a harvest; they are grown specifically to sustain local wildlife. To support this intensive work, we've put in over five miles of internal farm tracks. These chalk-based roads allow our heavy machinery to reach any corner of the 3,000-acre estate without tearing up public lanes or compromising road safety.

Stay Connected: Your Guide to Froyle Village Communications

Whether you prefer a printed magazine or a quick WhatsApp alert, staying in the loop has never been easier. Here is your concise guide to the most popular information sources in Froyle.

Parish Council & Official Updates

- **Froyle Residents Email List:** Receive the monthly Village Magazine PDF and important dates directly to your inbox (approx. four emails per month). Email clerk@froyleparishcouncil.org.uk to join.
- **Official Website:** Visit www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk for the village calendar, bin collection dates, local club links, and Parish Council agendas.

Social Media & Instant Messaging

| Platform | Group/Handle | Purpose |
|-----------|---------------------|--|
| Facebook | Froyle Residents | Local info shared by neighbours. |
| Facebook | Froyle Noticeboard | Local events and trade recommendations. |
| Facebook | Froyle Village Hall | Updates on hall activities and village events. |
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FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG 26)

Saturday and Sunday 6 and 7 June 2026 from 1.30 to 6pm

We have nine gardens opening this year in aid of the National Garden Scheme (NGS). Two in Upper Froyle and seven in Lower Froyle.

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. Many thanks to those who have already offered to help.

Charlie Findlay (charliefindlay@outlook.com) assisted by Andrew Potter (apotsing@gmail.com) 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) and Yvonne Deans (yvonne.deans@hotmail.com) 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.

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

Susie Robertson (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. In the Church there will again be an exhibition of our collection of beautifully embroidered vestments (info@froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk).

I am actively looking for new gardens for next year, the NGS Centenary, particularly in Upper Froyle. If you want to know what's involved, please make contact.



Nick Whines 01420 23130
info@froyleopengardens.org.uk



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**Friday 8th May 2026
at 7.00 pm
St Mary's Church, Upper Froyle**
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For catering numbers, please email:
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MAY SERVICES

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| Sunday 3 May | 9.30am Binsted 6.00pm Bentley | Holy Communion & Children's Church Praise |
| Sunday 10 May | 8.00am Binsted 9.30am Bentley 11.00am Froyle 6.00pm Kingsley | Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship & Children's Church Holy Communion Praise |
| Sunday 17 May | 9.30am Froyle 11.00am Kingsley 4.00pm Binsted | Morning Worship Holy Communion Messy Church |
| Sunday 24 May | 9.30am Bentley 11.00am Binsted 6.30pm Froyle | Holy Communion & Children's Church Morning Worship Evensong |
| Sunday 31 May | 11.00am Froyle | Benefice Service |

St MARY'S NEWS

We have enjoyed a very uplifting beginning of the Easter season; observed with our regular tradition of services, family gatherings, and Easter egg hunts!

We started Holy Week with a very busy Palm Sunday service at Binsted, with the rest of the benefice, celebrated with a wonderful procession of palms through the church. This was followed by a very moving Maundy Thursday service at St Mary's.

On Easter Saturday we held our very popular Garden-Making and Easter Egg hunt in the Churchyard – much enjoyed by all – William was in charge of the egg hunt, getting the balance right – between “hiding” and “finding”!

We then enjoyed a very busy Easter Sunday, with the church packed with regulars, families, and visitors. The church looked beautiful, - thank you to our amazing volunteers.

We are now looking forward to the Car Boot Sale on 25 April: with tombola, raffle as well as plant and cake stalls.

The next most important date in the PCC calendar is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), on Wednesday 29 April at 7pm in the Church.

Topics will include an update on our maintenance plans for the building, including our discussions with Froyle Park about the boundary wall, which has continued to deteriorate.

The Annual Report for 2025 will be circulated by email prior to the APCM to all those on the Church Electoral Roll.

Also, Sarah Roberts is stepping down as Parish Safeguarding Officer – we would all like to thank Sarah for her incredible contribution. At the moment Simon Marshall is stepping into this role, but we would be very interested in talking to anyone interested in taking this on long term – please speak to Simon.

And finally – we are very much looking forward to our Sea Shanty evening on 8 May – and hope to see you then!

Simon Marshall, Churchwarden



Spring is here as are the bluebells

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Flags have become a major talking point over the last six months, with many supporting the “Raise the Flag” movement. The flag of England is the famous St. George's Cross, of a red cross on a white background, and it is a flag with a rich history but which also stirs controversy. St George, the patron saint of England, is celebrated on 23 April and is honoured by many countries, cities and territories around the world. His story is a mix of history and legend.

The most famous story about St George is his defeat of the dragon. The medieval legend is that a dragon terrorised a country and was only appeased by the people by offering human sacrifice. St George meets a princess who had been chosen to be the next victim; moved by her tears, he fights and defeats the dragon and saves the country.

St George was, by tradition, a soldier and a member of the Praetorian guard, the personal bodyguards of the household of Caesar. He was martyred for his faith under the anti-Christian persecutions of Diocletian. As a soldier-martyr he caught the imagination of many Christians in the Middle Ages, who valued his bravery and sacrifice. The story of the dragon was much later and reflects the ideas of chivalry, but also significant Christian themes.

St George's Day comes a couple of weeks after Easter this year. Christians celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus for the sins of the world, that God himself lived among us and laid down his life to save us. In the book of Revelation, Satan is portrayed as a dragon seeking to destroy Jesus. Jesus describes the whole work and agenda of Satan as “to steal, kill and destroy” all that God has made and loves. As Jesus is betrayed, arrested, tortured and killed, Satan believes that he has won and is secure as prince of the earth.

Yet, on Easter Sunday, the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive. He has broken death and defeated all that was thrown against him. He in turn “leads captivity captive” and will destroy all the works of the evil one. Jesus defeats the dragon, the enemy of life, so we can be set free if we believe and trust in his death and resurrection.

The flag of St George is a martyr's flag, showing he died for his faith in the one who restores all things and rescues us. It is a fitting flag for a nation that believes in God and in the unconquerable love of God. May we live up to these values.

Matt Boyes

Rector of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

PRAYER WEEK

God With Us



Prayer week is one of our favourite weeks of the year. Our home groups put together some amazing prayer stations designed to help you engage in prayer whether for the first time or if you've been talking with God for your whole life.

This year our theme is GOD WITH US and our prayer stations will be planned with that in mind. Perhaps you will be drawn to praying for God to meet with you and your loved ones, or maybe to intervene in situations across the world. Even if you would like to use this space for quiet contemplation, you are so welcome.

We are excited to see what our home groups come up with - they are always so creative - and we can't wait to welcome you to join us in a week of prayer.

We do ask if you are planning to join in, that you sign up for your time slots using the QR code below. Sign up for as many hour slots as you like through the week.

Sunday 17th May - Sunday 24th May

Bentley Church Hall

6am - 8pm daily

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LENT SOUP LUNCHES



Once again, the hosts/esses surpassed themselves with the magnificent tasty soups on offer this year. Many thanks to you all for your hospitality and cooking flair. Thank you also to all who came to partake and join in the chat and communion that exists around food. It is an excellent way to catch up with news and views, as well as filling the tum!

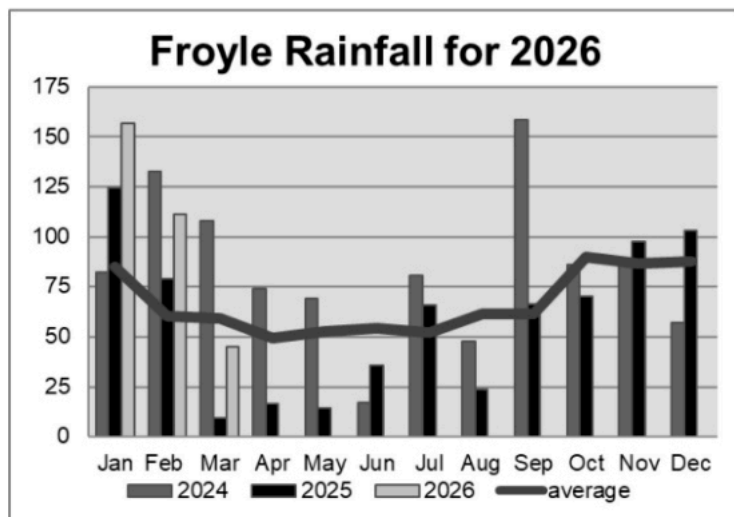
The total raised and donated was £1120. An amazing amount given to various charities which will help many.

Thanks to everyone and see more of you next year?!

Jenny Gove

Froyle Rainfall for March, 2026

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| This year | 45.0 mm | 1.8 ins |
| Last year | 9.5 mm | 0.4 ins |
| Wettest March (2023) | 135 mm | 5.3 ins |
| Driest March (1990) | 6 mm | 0.2 ins |
| Long-term average for March – the 5 th driest month | 59.3 mm | 2.3 ins |
| Total rainfall for the year so far | 312.5 mm | 12.3 ins |
| Long-term average for the year so far | 204.5 mm | 81 ins |



Despite March 2026 being comfortably below the average, the recent trend of rising rainfall during the four winter months has continued: 10 years ago they totalled 280mm; in 2025/2026 it was 290mm. The spring quarter though has been declining so it will be interesting to see if the trend continues this year.



“The Umbrella Man”

WATER SAVING TIPS

With spring upon us and summer approaching, here are some tips on how you can save water around your home. For more information, check out:

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/households/conservingwater/help/>

- Use a bowl in the sink when washing fruit, vegetables or dishes. You can then use the waste water to water your plants.
- Fill a jug of water and put it in the fridge for when you want a cool drink.
- Turn off the tap when you clean your teeth.
- Wait until you have a full load before using your washing machine or your dishwasher. Some new washing machines use less than seven litres of water for each kilogramme of clothes, while modern dishwashers can use as little as 10 to 15 litres of water a cycle.
- If possible, take a shower instead of a bath.
- Use a water-saving device in your toilet cistern.
- Use a watering can in the garden instead of a sprinkler or a hosepipe.
- Think about fitting a water butt to collect rainwater off your roof. As well as being better for watering your plants, using rainwater in the garden reduces the amount of treated water you use.
- Check your property regularly for leaks on your internal plumbing.

- Turn off the tap when you clean your teeth.** A running tap uses up to nine litres of water a minute.
- Using a water-saving device in your toilet could save one to three litres each time you flush.**
- A five-minute shower uses about 40 litres of water – half the volume of a standard bath.**
- Save water, save money.**
- Wait until you have a full load before using your washing machine or your dishwasher.**
- Check your property regularly for leaks on your internal plumbing.**
- Garden sprinklers and hosepipes can use 500 to 1,000 litres of water an hour.**
- Water butts can store about 200 litres of water. Using rainwater in the garden reduces the amount of treated water you use.**

For other good water saving tips check out <https://waterwise.org.uk/how-to-save-water/>. You can also find out about free water saving devices at <https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/help/save-water/free-water-saving-devices/>



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Thank you for your continued support of the Alton Foodbank. Your generous donations have enabled it to meet the growing demands which it is seeing locally.

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

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| Tinned rice pudding | UHT milk |
| Bags of sugar | Antibacterial cleaning spray |
| Toilet rolls | Washing up liquid |
| Shower gel | Sanitary products |
| Jam | Peanut butter |

There is a donation box in the Village Hall, or you can drop off at the collection points in Bentley and Binsted churches, and at Alton Maltings where there is a drop box outside the main door.

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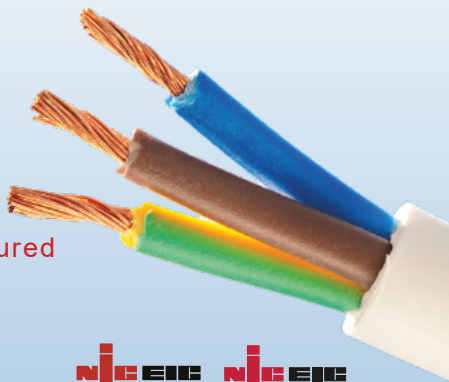
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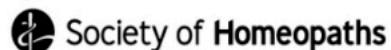
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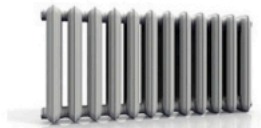
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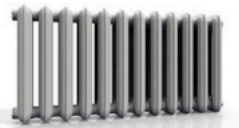
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 1100 Benefice Service | | | | | 1 1000-1200 Meeting place | 2 0730 FWL Walk 1000-1600 Froyle Art Fair |
| 3 1000-1600 Froyle Art Fair | 4 Recycling & Glass | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 1000-1200 Meeting place 1900 Sea Shanty Men at St Mary's | 9 1000-1200 Treloar Plant Sale |
| 10 1100 HC 1600-1800 Life drawing | 11 Rubbish 1900 PC AGM | 12 | 13 1930 FGC Question Time | 14 Garden Waste | 15 1000-1200 Meeting place | 16 1000-1200 FWL Pond UF |
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

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