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News from the Parish Council (PC)

Parish Clerk - Andrew Potter

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The PC met on 15 September after an eight week break. Prior to the meeting resignations were received from two Parish Councillors, Robbie McRiley and Julie Southern. Both had been somewhat anticipated with Robbie advising that he planned to leave when he went to University and Julie asking for the summer off after finishing as Chair in May before deciding whether to continue on the PC. Both were thanked for their contributions during their periods of service. Regrettably these resignations has left the PC extremely short of members with only 5 Councillors remaining out of 8 positions creating a risk that meetings may become inquorate and have to be cancelled if three or fewer members can attend.

Given the length of time between meetings, there were a number of items on the agenda which required a decision on how to progress. Regrettably, due to the reduced number of Councillors and some unexpected cost increases, some matters were placed on hold for consideration at a later date. These include measures to address speeding and the acquisition of a second Speed Indicator Device (SID); repair and renovation of the historic 'Yarnhams' finger sign post on the triangle opposite the Church in Upper Froyle; and some footpath works including improving the steps down to Park Lane from the Rec. The PC also has yet to confirm next steps for the Rec Upgrade Project.

It was, however, agreed to progress a number of urgent items. The diseased tree on Hadwick's corner is planned to be felled on 16th November for which some form of traffic control will be required - more information will be provided in due course. Quotes are also being obtained to undertake the annual cut of the Rec hedge along Ryebidge Lane

Work to repair and upgrade the bus shelter by the Village Hall has been completed. This was fully funded by a grant from Hampshire County Council. The bookcase in the shelter is now ready to use and residents are welcome to leave or take a book, or swap one for something new to read.

A grant has been received from the Football Foundation to acquire new goals for the Rec. A Hampshire FA pitch inspection is also due to be carried out in October, with the objective of reintroducing football to Froyle in the autumn.

For those residents who did not receive the information via the email list, the PC submitted an objection to a proposal to build 25 new houses on Hen & Chicken Hill and the A31 will have restricted working through Upper Froyle in the week commencing 5th October. This work is to allow safety enhancements to be installed

following the fatal accident in 2023. If you wish to join the email list, please notify the Clerk.

Advance notice that Farnborough Motor Club is proposing to hold a competitive motor rally starting from Lord Wandsworth College on Sunday April 11th, 2027. There will be no racing through Froyle, but Froyle Lane from the Long Sutton turning to the village and then Well Lane will be used to relocate competitors between stages. The PC agreed to make representation to the organisers that the whole of Well Lane should be made one-way for the safety of all road users on the day rather than just the top section as proposed. The organisers will also be encouraged to keep residents informed of event details as these get firmed up.

After the public agenda was completed, the PC continued discussions about streamlining its routine tasks to shorten meetings and free more time to focus on areas of most interest to the community. The PC agreed to organise around task-focused committees or working groups which may include both Councillors and residents. This model is used by many Parish and Town Councils in Hampshire and provides opportunities for residents to get involved with work for the benefit of the community without taking on the formal role of a Councillor. We already respond to planning applications in this way, and it works well. Moving more of our work to the new structure will happen over the autumn, with the intention of being up and running in time to move forward with next year's tasks. Groups will be led by at least one Councillor and examples of the task groups being considered are Rights of Way, Rec Upgrade and the maintenance of other PC facilities. We are also keen to build on the work of the current Speedwatch group to cover wider aspects of road safety and transport.

In planning for this change, we are acutely aware that success depends on recruiting more volunteers to help either as a Councillor or member of a working group. The PC needs to get back to its full complement of eight and then maintain this going forward as other long-standing members of the PC and the Parish Clerk have indicated their desire to stand down within the next 6 months. We are now following up directly with residents who have expressed an interest in either joining the PC or helping with its work. If you would like to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor or would like to help Froyle continue to develop in other ways, please get in touch with any of the Councillors or Clerk. New residents are particularly welcome to join us!

Councillor and Clerk contact details can be found in the Mag, on noticeboards and on the [PC website](http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk) - <http://www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk>.



Froyle Gardening Club

🍁 AUTUMN SHOW REPORT 🍁

After such a scorching summer, we were very grateful to everyone who entered and gave it a go! The dahlias, fuchsias, and roses were lovely, but the flower arrangements were the stars of the show! The **'Gardens Going to Seed'** entries were all very impressive. While everyone had their personal favourites, our judge **Chris Brown** had the tough job of picking a winner:

- 🏆 **Brenda Milam** was delighted to take home her favourite Kaye Newton Davis Trophy!
- 🌿 The Rosemary Bennet Award went to **Sarah Roberts** for her lovely, petite arrangement, **'Come into My Garden'**. The **Figgins Trophy** went to **Jane Harrap's** single rose and her **Tapestry** was a first.

The give-it-a-go spirit was baked into all the **Apple Cinnamon Loaf Cakes!** ⚡ The recipe tested everyone's skills, but the results were uniformly delicious. Scones, meringues, jellies and jam were also all tried and tasted.

- ⭐ **Barbara Wheatley** was awarded **Star Baker!** 🧑🍳 🔍 ✨

The vibrant display of Autumn produce showcased the skills of the vegetable growers. Tiny tomatoes, green beans, purple beetroot, apples, pears, onions, carrots and quinces were all competing for prizes!

- 📖 **John Harrap's** massive leeks & **Catherine Hadfield's** juicy melon both earned prestigious **Horticultural Diplomas!**
- 🌹 **Pam Walls** won the **Rose Bowl** for top marks in Fruit & Vegetables.
- 🎨 **Ann Owens** and our youngest entrant, **Clemmie Kirkpatrick** (aged 6), both won **Creative cups** for their art!
- 📷 **Barry Clark** snapped up the photography prize with his great pictures.
- 🏆 The **Annible Family** (George, Julia, and Royston) were the very worthy winners of the **Sue Harris Generation Shield!**

💎 **A Big Thank You!** 💎 Jane was delighted with the flowers she was given and it turned out to be a wonderfully happy afternoon, thanks to our generous and thoughtful judge **John Negus** and every single person who cheerfully entered into the spirit of the day! 🎉 🙌



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Next week on Saturday 26th September we will host the famous Froyle village Safari Supper where around 80 residents will participate in a fun filled evening racing round the village eating and drinking! This is an important fundraiser for the VH where we hope that ticket sales along with the raffle will hopefully raise some much needed funds. A big thank you to all our hosts and volunteers and especially to William and Mary Knowles for hosting the initial drinks reception. A special thank you to David and Susie Robertson for their amazing organisation of this complex logistical operation! There are still a few remaining tickets if you would like to come, please get in touch with David Robertson on 01420 520820 or DARinfroyle@aol.com.

For those of you who attended the wonderful Harvest Supper last Friday, I hope you join me in congratulating all the volunteers for a great community event. As always, the food and chatter are the perfect way to start the weekend.

Volunteers Needed!

We have been fortunate to receive a £300 grant from EHDC to support our efforts to get more people involved in our Village Hall. Thanks to Wendy Munt for working with the team at East Hants to secure this for us.

During the Safari Supper we will be promoting again our "Friends of the Village Hall" initiative. If you are not joining the Safari Supper and would like to get involved, please contact Wendy at friends@froylevillagehall.co.uk.

I know many of you help with the bonfire night, either building or clearing the bonfire or helping on the day. We are looking for more volunteers, so if you are able, keen and can spare us a couple of hours please do get in touch.

Lastly, our maintenance program continues and we are planning some decorating works in the first two weeks of January. We are working to ensure minimal disruption to our regular users but we will be closed for other bookings during that time.

*Gillian Paul
Chair*

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SAVE THE DATE

Bonfire & Fireworks – Thursday 5th November – from 6pm

We are delighted that we will once again have both the bonfire and firework display.

If you are doing a clear out in the upcoming weeks then we are keen for your dry untreated wood, please contact Charlie Findlay on charliefindlay@outlook.com.

What We Want

Dry wood of any type
Branches
Twigs
Wooden furniture (unupholstered
only please)
Kitchen units (only 100%
unlaminated wood)

What we DON'T Want

Green waste
Leaves
Household waste
Mattresses and bedding
Metal
Plastic
Building waste

Froyle Bonfire Night

Thursday 5th November



Mulled Wine & Beer
Burgers & Hot Dogs
Sweets
Soft Drinks and Hot
Chocolate

Bucket Collection – all proceeds will go towards
Froyle Village Hall

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.

The ever popular 'Froyle Hookers' will be making a welcome return this Autumn, so do come and learn to crochet and knit.

We are hoping to send some more blankets to Ukraine. Please see the opposite page about the recent fund raiser.

Please come and support the Meeting Place Macmillan Cancer Relief coffee morning on October 2nd. There will be a raffle and other activities, so do come and join in and raise funds for this wonderful charity.

October Kitchen Helpers

2 October	Alex Roberts
9 October	Sue Sharman
16 October	Sue Carr
23 October	Nigel Southern
30 October	Sarah Roberts

October Cake Bakers

2 October	Sarah Larwood	Alice Ghinn	Sarah Basey
9 October	Mary Chaplin	Caroline Findlay	Gina Kemp
16 October	Marueen Fry	Jenny Matthews	
23 October	Tina Massam	Gill Bradley	Susie Robertson
30 October	Sally Turville	Rachel Chancellor	Ali Malone

Please organise swaps amongst yourselves, but do contact us if necessary. 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 bring to the hall after 9.30 am on Fridays.

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Fundraising Thanks

A message in response to the Meeting Place's donation to Ukraine

Thank you so much for the Meeting Place's generous donation towards humanitarian/medical aid to frontline hospitals in Ukraine. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who contributed.

It's a very timely contribution as we prepare for another delivery of medical equipment and consumables to Kyiv and Kharkiv. We have used your funds to purchase a 'temperature management unit' which is the heart of a system that feeds warm air into inflatable 'blankets' wrapped around patients.

The maintenance of stable body temperature is essential for successful pre and post operative outcomes as well as treating soldiers evacuated from the frontline who are in shock with traumatic injuries. We already have the specialised blankets purchased at a medical auction, we were just missing the essential warming unit that connects with them and makes the system work....now we have a full system to send out at the beginning of October. It should make a huge difference and save lives.

FROYLE 100 CLUB – SEPTEMBER DRAW

1st	Eva Brambley
2nd	Vivian Sexton
3rd	Katie Snowball
4th	Bernie Wilks

Congratulations to all!

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★ Froyle Annual ★ **CHARITY QUIZ**



7.00pm



**Saturday
17th October**



**Froyle
Village Hall**

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including
supper



raffle

**Great evening of competitive
★ and fun quizzing ★**



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FROYLE ANNUAL CHARITY QUIZ

17 OCTOBER 2026

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Victoria's Promise

This year's organising team are delighted to announce the star prize in the raffle is an amazing helicopter flight for 3 people!



From Redhill Aerodrome, you'll cross the Surrey countryside to join the Thames at Barnes, follow the river just above the height of the Shard and have fantastic views of city landmarks including Houses of Parliament, Millennium Eye, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's, the Globe Theatre, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and Canary Wharf before flying back to Redhill Aerodrome.

Flight time is approximately 35 mins. The flight experience will be valid for 1 year from the date of the quiz. Age and weight restrictions apply.

For full details of the event please see the notice on the opposite page.

Contact ian.whitmore1@gmail.com for further information.



Froyle Wildlife

White-tailed eagle reintroduction talk and AGM Wednesday 28th October 7pm, Village Hall

Do join us for a talk by Imogen Lloyd from Forestry England about the fascinating White-tailed Eagle reintroduction with the project centred on the Isle of Wight. The project started in 2019 and is led in partnership by Forestry England and the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation, licensed by NatureScot and Natural England. Imogen will cover the ecology of White-tailed Eagles, their history in the British Isles and bring us up to speed with the latest exciting updates from the project. Their return to the UK is a tale of determination: and one of nature's greatest comebacks. A passing white-tailed eagle has even been photographed in Froyle!



There will be a brief **AGM for Froyle Wildlife** before the talk starts. All welcome on Wednesday 28th October. Froyle Village Hall, doors open 6.30pm, for start at 7pm, teas and coffee. £3 non-members.

Jayne Fisher

Dew pond restoration

Currently this historic pond in Upper Froyle dries out every summer before amphibians can complete their breeding life cycle. In September a group of

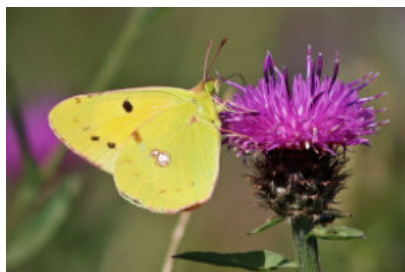


volunteers continued last year's dig, assisted by members from HIWARG (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Amphibian and Reptile Conservation). By monitoring the pond levels, we should see that water is retained for longer where it is deeper. We plan to repeat the dig in September 2027 by extending the deeper area into another quadrant of the pond.

Among the silt and stones removed were broken bricks, rusty iron pipes, broken ceramics and glass. There was also a cylindrical piece of carved stone of unknown origin. Sue from Upper Froyle, metal detected the dig area and found a corroded Victorian half penny.

A Clouded Yellow summer

The Clouded Yellow is one of the truly migratory European butterflies and a regular visitor to Britain. Although some of these golden-yellow butterflies are seen every year, the species is famous for occasional mass immigrations and this summer's heatwave was one of those years. I saw this butterfly at Froyle recreation ground, at the wildlife pond area and a total of six at Froyle's chalk grassland. Did you see one this year?



Maintenance at the wildlife pond area

At the wildlife pond and meadow near Gid Lane volunteers have cut selected meadow areas by traditional scything and removed the cuttings. Next, we thinned



reedmace and bullrush around the pond edge to reduce excessive vegetation. The area will then be grazed over the winter to benefit the diversity of next year's wildflower meadow. To restrict the sheep from going into the water we'll be putting up the temporary electric fence on Saturday 26th September 10am-12pm. Assistance welcomed.

During this summer's drought, the water level dropped to the lowest in 10 years. Disappointingly, we had to cancel the planned pond dipping event for children because the nets would not have reached the water. The hot weather ensured that dragonflies and damselflies were flying almost every day.

Volunteering opportunity?

Froyle Wildlife is a registered charity run by a small group of trustees who meet 3 times a year to organise activities, walk and talks. We want to find an additional trustee this year. Please let me know if you can help to support our local community and wildlife. For more information contact Barry Clark 01420 23520.

Do tell us about wildlife that you see in Froyle with or without photos by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or Instagram with [#froylewildlife](https://www.instagram.com/froylewildlife). Also, we have a new Froyle Wildlife WhatsApp group for news, information and your photos, send me your mobile number if you would like to be included.

Barry Clark



Froyle Gardening Club

OCTOBER FROM THE POTTING SHED

After the long dry summer, the lawns are not at their best. Once we have plenty of moisture in the soil, removal of any thatch is a good start. Underneath the thatch the soil can be very dry as it has stopped the rain penetrating down to the soil. Roughen up the soil surface, add some top soil and then mix the fresh grass seed into the surface, water (we will still have a hose pipe ban so try and sow before rain is forecast) and then cover to protect the seed from birds.

The germination of the weed seeds should be a signal to us to sow our hardy annuals. Seeds such as Sweet Peas, Ammi majus (Bishop's Weed), Cornflowers, pot marigolds, love in a mist and honesty. In the vegetable garden we can be ready to sow broad beans and plant onion sets for cropping next spring. If your onions bolted (flowered) this year, it is better to grow onions from seed. Sowing a green manure crop to replace weed seedlings will also protect the soil from any heavy rains. The green manure can be chopped up and incorporated back into the soil in the spring.

In the border you need to leave stems and seed heads for insects and birds to feed on during the winter. Hollow stems are great for insects to over winter in safely away from predators. If you are needing to split up your plants then now is the best time. This allows the roots to get established before the heat of the summer. Planting trees, fruit bushes and shrubs at this time of the year is also good, especially bare rooted plants. Use mycorrhizal fungi around the roots to help the plants to establish better and also to establish a root system that is more resilient to changing conditions. Remember mulch, mulch, mulch to hold in soil moisture and to protect the soil from erosion.

Talking of water, what about investing in more water butts? South East water have discounts on various sizes of water butts. You pay for the water if it comes out of a tap, it is free from your water butt and it is better for the plants.

Geoff Hawkins

October Meeting: Wednesday 14th October 7.30 pm

Garden Trees For Year-Round Interest And Wildlife

Froyle Village Hall

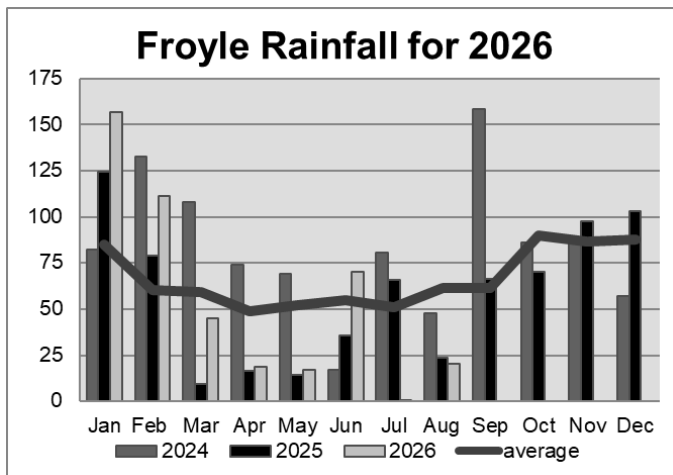
A brief talk about a few trees and shrubs which you may not have considered, to provide spring blossom, autumn fruits and colours, and provide essential wildlife habitat.

Sue Lelliott

Froyle Rainfall for August 2026

This year	20.5 mm	0.8 ins
Last year	23.5 mm	0.9 ins
Wettest August (2001)	134 mm	5.3 ins
Driest August (1995)	3.5 mm	0.1 ins
Long-term average for August - 6 th wettest month*	60.6 mm	2.4 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	439 mm	17.3 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	472.5 mm	18.6 ins

(*6th driest on a per diem basis)



Lest anyone need reminding, the drought finally broke in the last few days of August, but inevitably we did not have sufficient rainfall to stop the inexorable decline in this month's long term average. But we will have to have another drought in September to go even a little way to stop Q3's movement the other way.

(PS A big apology for failing to submit May's report a couple of months back; it must have got sent to the wrong cloud...)



"The Umbrella Man"



News from Bentley CE Primary School

It has been a real joy to welcome the children back to Bentley CE Primary School after the summer break. The new academic year has begun with great positivity, and the children have returned full of enthusiasm. They are settling into their new classes, reconnecting with friends and getting to know their new teachers. We are also delighted to welcome several new children and families into our school community.

At Bentley, we are incredibly proud of the many ways in which we enrich and enhance the children's education. Alongside high-quality classroom learning, we believe that children should enjoy experiences that bring their learning to life, broaden their horizons and create lasting memories. Throughout the year, pupils will benefit from educational visits, visitors to school, sporting opportunities, performances, outdoor learning, community projects and special events.

Our teachers are already planning an exciting programme of trips and activities linked to the children's learning. Our Key Stage 2 residential visits are also being organised. These are always a highlight of the year, providing wonderful opportunities for children to develop their independence, confidence and friendships while demonstrating our values of love, courage and community.

Looking ahead, we have several open events planned for prospective families. If you know anyone with a child due to start school in September 2027, please encourage them to come and visit us. We would love the opportunity to welcome them and show them everything Bentley CE Primary School has to offer.



THE BENTLEY EXPERIENCE

A rich, inclusive and inspiring education where every child is known, loved and empowered to flourish.

- LOVE in our Hearts
- COURAGE in our Learning
- SERVING our Community

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP - Attenborough Garden - outdoor learning and wellbeing for all - Forest School for every child - Gardening Club - WWT Teaching Community - inspiring global citizens - Green Flag Award - recognised for our environmental action - Wildlife and biodiversity projects - Outdoor learning across the curriculum	ENRICHMENT & EXPERIENCES - Educational visits in every year group - Two school minibuses enabling a wide range of trips and opportunities - Residential visits - Visiting authors and inspirational visitors - Huge range of enrichment clubs for all interests and talents - Theatre, music and cultural experiences - Forest School and outdoor adventures	CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP - School Council - Eco Committee - House Captains - Digital Leaders - Workshop Leaders - Sports Leaders - Pupil voice and leadership opportunities - Courageous Advocacy projects - making a difference - High expectations for all	WELLBEING & INCLUSION - Relational, nurturing approach where every child is known - ELSA support - Nurture and tailored interventions - Inclusive provision for all needs - Mental health and wellbeing support - Sensory circuits - Ready, Respectful, Safe - Celebrating diversity and promoting equality	FUTURE READY - Engaging computing curriculum - AI and technology integration - Online safety and digital citizenship - Careers and aspiration assemblies - Enterprise and financial education - Oracy and communication development - Strong, supported transitions at the beginning and end of each stage of learning - Close partnership with Dottie Tate Nursery
CREATIVE ARTS & PERFORMANCE - Weekly singing worship - Choir and music ensembles - Instrument lessons - Drama and performance opportunities - Art and design projects and exhibitions - Young Voices and live performance experiences	COMMUNITY & SERVICE - Strong links with St Mary's Church - Well established PTA - supporting our school community - Community events and celebrations - Foodbank support and charitable giving - Courageous Advocacy projects - Intergenerational links - Parish and community partnerships	SPORT & HEALTHY LIVING - Wide range of sporting competitions - Sports clubs for all - Daily physical activity - Sports Day at the Recreation Ground - Wellbeing and mental health focus - Healthy living education	EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES & SPACE - Extensive grounds and beautiful outdoor spaces - Attenborough Garden - Forest School area - Recreation Ground - Large sports hall - Separate dining hall - Large, well-stocked library - Two school minibuses - Modern, well-resourced learning environment	BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY - Breakfast Club - After School Club - Wraparound care provision - Wide range of enrichment clubs - Holiday activities signposting - Additional learning opportunities and support

OUR UNIQUE HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENBOROUGH GARDEN
A living classroom for discovery

FOREST SCHOOL
Building confidence, resilience and a love of nature

WWT TEACHING COMMUNITY
Inspiring children to care for our planet

GREEN FLAG AWARD
A whole school commitment to sustainability

TWO SCHOOL MINIBUSES
More trips, more experiences, more resources

ARADON PARK
Room to learn, play and grow

HOUSE RANGE OF ENRICHMENT CLUBS
Something for everyone

WRAPAROUND CARE
Flexible, reliable care for busy families

Together we're aiming high

At Bentley, we believe every child can **SHINE**. Successful, Happy, Inspired, Nurtured and Empowered.



**Book
your place
today!**

Come along to our Year R open sessions

We are excited to announce the following sessions for any children looking to join us in September 2027:

- ❖ **Wednesday 21 October at 1.30pm**
- ❖ **Thursday 5 November at 1.30pm**
- ❖ **Tuesday 10 November at 9.30am**
- ❖ **Monday 16 November at 1.30pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 25 November at 7pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 6 January at 9.30am**

Each session lasts for approximately 1 hour.

Bentley provides the highest quality education which challenges and excites each and every child. Our children also benefit from after school clubs, wraparound care, forest explorers, residential visits, sporting fixtures and much, much more!

Visit bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk for more information or to book a session.



Bentley CE Primary School

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bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk



WANTED

Froyle Archive is looking for a German Speaker



One of a number of book jacket covers depicting Mill Farm

Chris Booth, who over thirty years with his wife Annette developed the froyle.com website, has recently sent the Archive a book called *Mill Farm: Menschen und Tiere unter einem Dach* (People and animals under one roof) by Elisabeth Castonier.

We are therefore looking for someone fluent in German to help us translate it or at least tell us what the book contains.

The book was very popular in Germany and explains why according to Chris so many Germans have in the past come to visit Froyle.

This is what I have discovered about Elisabeth courtesy of Google and ChatGPT, with all the usual caveats.

In 1944 and for a decade thereafter Elisabeth lived and worked at Mill Farm in Froyle on the other side of the A31. The book tells the story of her life there. The farm was populated by a memorable collection of animals. There was Bimbo the dog, Rum the tomcat, Pollykeye the parrot, two imposing grey horses named Ma Belle and Fairy Queen, and geese called Polonius and Molly. Perhaps the greatest character was Nana, a blue Persian cat whose aloof and aristocratic manner earned her the title "Duchess Nana."

The kitchen was the heart of Mill Farm. People and animals came and went indiscriminately. Elisabeth shared the space with Italian and German prisoners of war helping on the farm, and sick calves and pregnant cats. The kitchen table served as an improvised surgery: injured fingers were bandaged there, cats treated, dogs had teeth removed under anaesthetic, and the mysterious deaths of chickens and ducks were investigated.

Elisabeth comments humorously on how the English cling to their ancient traditions, for example explaining that the bees must be told when someone dies. She mentions the notoriously bad cooking, old-fashioned courtesy, ancient customs, old cars driven until they collapse. All apparently get a mention but what else?

Elisabeth was born in Dresden in 1894 into an artistic and intellectual family. She became a successful novelist, playwright and journalist. In 1933 her books were banned by the Nazis as she was part Jewish and critical of the regime. She left Germany and made her way to London where she experienced the blitz and sheltered in the Underground. Eventually she reached Mill Farm where she joined her friend, the farmer Jane Napier. Here she worked hard to earn her living in the stables and the fields.



Froyle Mill on the River Wey, tucked away beside the watermeadows, a mile from the village. From a 1941 edition of Country Life.

Mill Farm and its people and animals feature in a number of books Elisabeth subsequently wrote none of which appears to have been translated into English. She did however write children's books in English based on the animals she met at Mill Farm several of which I have found for sale on Ebay including *Emily the Toad* and *Lolly the Bat*.

After leaving Mill Farm Elisabeth and Jane retired to a cottage in Great Bedwyn in Wiltshire. She died in 1975.

If you can read German and think you can help and would be interested in finding out more about Elisabeth's experience of Froyle 80 years ago, please let me know. Sadly, I failed my O level German.

Annette Booth wrote three books: *A Village School, Froyle*, *100 Years of Memories* and *Lest We Forget, Froyle in the Great War*. Copies are still available from the Parish Council at £10 each.

Nick Whines

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Rescuing Recyclables

Each year, billions of items that could be recycled are put in the wrong bins around the UK. It doesn't help that different Councils offer different levels of recycling, but Hampshire's is pretty simple. Each item that is recycled correctly helps save energy and keeps valuable materials in circulation to be used again and again. Accidentally putting recyclables into your refuse (green) bin takes those materials out of the cycle and condemns them to be burned in one of the big incinerators that we narrowly avoided on our doorstep on the A31, producing more carbon dioxide as well as toxic substances and particulates in our atmosphere.

Apparently, recycling just one shampoo bottle saves enough energy for a 5 minute blow dry. We get through over 35 million plastic bottles a day in the UK and many of them can be recycled. However it is important to remember that some of our plastic recycling is sent abroad (Greenpeace claim 3.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools worth is sent every single day), where its fate is not always known and it can end up escaping into the ocean or being burned on open fires. Avoiding single use plastics and using refills etc where possible is essential to reducing the environmental impact.

Another item often wrongly put in the bin is the aerosol can. Empty aluminium cans like deodorant and drinks cans can be recycled again and again, with uses ranging from new drink containers to bike and car parts, as aluminium does not lose its quality when melted down.

Half an hour scrolling on the loo, compared to a couple of seconds putting the empty toilet roll tube in the recycling.....these tubes can be turned into egg boxes, tissue boxes, even notebooks. Then we come to glass fragrance bottles. Put them in your glass recycling box when they can be turned into wine bottles and other glass products.

Remember, putting the wrong items into your recycling can cause the entire load to be dumped either in landfill or an incinerator, so check EHDC's website for the correct item categories. Please also ensure that your items are cleaned where possible (obviously it's not possible to clean the inside of an aerosol but you can a pet food can) – dirty items are an unnecessary burden on the recycling process.

Food waste collections are starting in October I believe. Look out for EHDC comms on this.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/bin-collections/what-can-and-cant-go-your-bins>

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Green Tomato and Black Bean Chilli

Nothing from me about trees this month – but do come along to the Froyle Garden Club Meeting on 14th October to hear a few words on the subject of choosing trees for the garden!

Meanwhile, another warming and aromatic Chilli recipe – and a great way of using up any green tomatoes you have at the end of the growing season.

For four hearty servings, you need:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 400 grams minced pork
- 2 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon mild chilli powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 -1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 400g tin black beans
- 470 ml vegetable stock
- 270g sweetcorn, either tinned or frozen
- 500g green tomatoes, chopped (don't try to skin them – you will drive yourself nuts!), plus some extra for garnish
- some thick plain yogurt
- a small bunch of coriander, chopped.

In a heavy bottomed saute pan, heat the olive oil over medium. Add onions and cook until they soften. Stir in the garlic and pork. Cook until pork browns, stirring often, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and cook for 1 minute. Add chilli powder, cumin, paprika, red pepper flakes, and salt. Stir to coat, and let cook for 1-2 minutes more. Add in the black beans and vegetable broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 5 minutes.

Now, add in corn and almost all the tomatoes, leaving a few for a garnish. Simmer for an additional 5-7 minutes, until tomatoes have softened.

Serve with a dollop of thick yogurt and the chopped coriander, and scatter the remaining green tomatoes on top, chopped into cubes. Eat with rice, salad or flatbreads (or all three, if you are really hungry!)

Sue Lelliott

Something's happening at the Anchor Inn



Exciting news! The Anchor Inn has had the go ahead for a long awaited refurbishment.

So much is happening: a new landscaped garden, outside bar, new cosier restaurant space, bar areas being spruced up, all our 5 bedrooms are being totally redesigned, lovely front seating too... oh, and so much more.

Our fantastic team at the Anchor is a huge reason this is happening. The investment is going to see the pub thrive way into the future for all to enjoy.

**Please note - The whole pub will be closed from
Sunday 10th October to Saturday 28th November**

Keep an eye on our socials to be updated on the progress. Also, look out for your invite to the soft opening on Saturday 28th November for all our regulars and locals, where you can be first to see your new pub.

Many thanks,

Kev



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OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 4 October	9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	11.00am	Oakhanger	Holy Communion - Harvest
	6.00pm	Bentley	Praise
Sunday 11 October	8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship & Children's Church - Harvest
	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion - Harvest
Sunday 18 October	6.00pm	Kingsley	Praise
	9.30am	Froyle	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Kingsley	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 October	4.00pm	Froyle	Messy Church
	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	11.00am	Binsted	Morning Worship
Saturday 31 October	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
	3.00pm	Froyle	Service of Thanksgiving and Hope



ST MARY'S NEWS

As we now, finally, move into Autumn, we held our Harvest festival service on Sunday 13 September - a wonderful service, and particularly enjoyable to celebrate the harvest after that strange summer! This was then followed by our Harvest supper on Friday 18 September at 7:00 pm – as we go to press...

Other upcoming events:

October marks the start of **Matt's Thursday evening autumn lecture series** starting Thursday 1st October at Bentley Church Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. He will be unpacking the different branches and denominations of the worldwide Christian church today.

On **Saturday 31st October** Fran Harrison, our Anna Chaplain, will lead a service for all across the Benefice who wish to remember a loved one. There service starts at 3.00 pm and will be here in Froyle Church. Families of any faith or those with no faith are most welcome to this moving service of Hope and Thanksgiving.

There is a **second Bereavement course** starting on Thursday November 5th 12.30 – 2.30 pm at Mill Court. It is open to everyone in our community who feels the pain of loss, whether they have any Christian faith or not. Please do approach our Anna Chaplain if you would like more information.

Finally, Froyle Church will be hosting **Messy Church** on Sunday 18 October using the theme of Light; games to include glow in the dark bowling! Supper included do pop along.

Also – looking further forward – an early notice of our remembrance service on the **8th November**. Starting at the war memorial at 10.45 and then continuing at the church at c 11.30.

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

In the middle of August there was the partial eclipse of the sun. As a family we went up to the Recreation Ground in Binsted and more and more villagers came and spread across the Rec to witness this cosmological phenomenon. Some were equipped with glasses, cereal boxes with pin holes, we had the very unsuccessful colander. As the light changed there was a hush. We were together witnessing something out of the ordinary. For me the striking thing, was the sunlight dappled through the trees' leaves, made crescent shaped light shadows on the ground.

I thought of ancient civilisations that worshipped the sun and moon gods. The sun was the obvious choice, it brings light and life and heat, it makes crops grow. Moon gods? They always seemed weaker, a lesser light. But moon god worshippers saw that the moon could darken the sun and in a total eclipse almost extinguish the light entirely.

The words of John's gospel came to mind, "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it". Even in a total eclipse there is still the corona. A crown of light, that maintains twilight, never total darkness. These words are speaking of Jesus, the light of the world. His message can sometimes be quietened, but never silenced. Christians are the most persecuted faith in the world with thousands killed each year for observing their faith. Yet in countries where persecution happens, the church grows in number.

The ancient Romans complained that when natural disasters struck, that it was Christians who acted to serve and help other people, non-Christians. This made people think of the love that was displayed in these acts of service, love which Jesus had set as an example for his people to follow.

In the darkness, the light still shines. In our world which seems a dark and depressing place at lot of the time, the light of the church still shines. Jesus himself said that his followers should shine like a city on a hill. Pinpricks of light to show that there is shelter and a warm welcome waiting for the traveller.

Do not despair when you read the headlines. Remember that small acts of love and service, or worship and devotion still abound. That God will not abandon his world to the darkness. Instead, the hope and promise of the ancient Israelite prophets is that one day the glory of God will cover the earth like the waters cover the sea.

If you are going through a dark trial. Look up. The light still shines for you too.

Matt Boyes
Rector of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

The Church's Family Tree

Autumn Lecture Series 2026

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Branches and denominations: what binds and divides the different parts of the worldwide Christian Church today, and why?

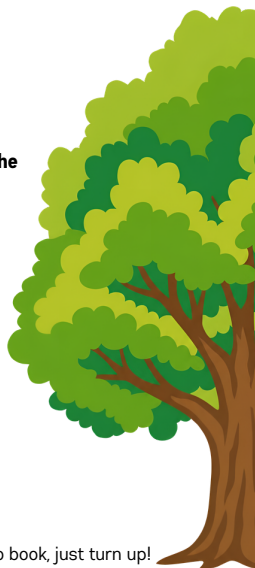
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7:30pm at Bentley Church Hall

- Thursday 1st October
- Thursday 8th October
- Thursday 15th October
- Thursday 22nd October

No need to book, just turn up!



The Bereavement Journey

We warmly invite you to our next Bereavement Journey, a 7-week course for anyone who has suffered bereavement, no matter how long ago.

This course provides a safe place to talk with others, as we reflect on the various ways in which our lives are impacted by loss, whilst also exploring how we can move forward, despite our loss.

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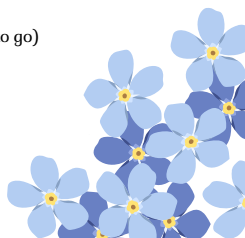
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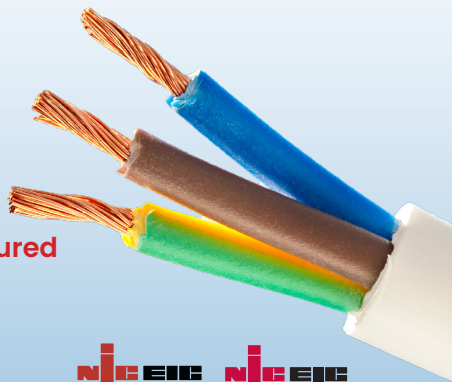
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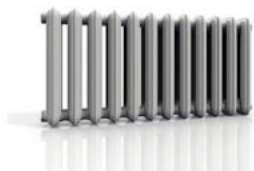
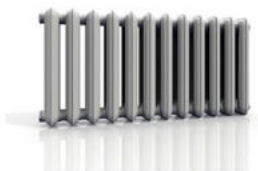
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4 1600 Life Drawing	5 Recycling & Glass 1330 Art Group	6 1330 Art Group	7	8	9 1000-1200 Meeting place	10
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