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News from the Parish Council (PC)

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The PC met on 15 June. Details of all PC meetings in 2026/27 and responsibilities of Councillors have been posted on the village noticeboards and the [PC website](#). The next meeting of the PC will be held on Monday 13 July at 19.00 in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

The PC welcomed our newly elected Hampshire County Councillor, Antonia Cox, to the meeting.

After introductions, the PC briefed Councillor Cox on Hampshire County Council (HCC) related matters that are of concern to residents. She was asked to assist with Highways re A31 safety at the Hen & Chicken junction, litter and illegal lorry manoeuvres at the Veolia MRF; traffic calming measures through the village; Bamber Lane access to the proposed new houses on Saintbury Hill; Hampshire Countryside re footpath upgrades. Councillor Cox was asked how she saw her role developing over the next two years of Local Government Reorganisation leading to HCC being disbanded in May 2028. Councillor Cox has subsequently contacted HCC to enquire about the availability of funding to help address the traffic issues raised in the meeting.

Eddie Hatcher (EH) & Jason Smith (JS) presented a proposal to the PC requesting its support for the reintroduction of organised football on the Rec as a Froyle community facility. The PC agreed unanimously to support the proposal in principle and to apply to the Football Foundation for funding for goalposts, subject to the practical arrangements required for implementation. The intention is that the facility should provide opportunities for local young people and wider community participation in football. EH & JS will register and run the 'club' including ensuring that the pitch is fit to play on.

With two serious accidents in and around Froyle in the last few weeks, the PC is seeking to instal more traffic calming measures through the village.

Recent data from the ASW cameras indicate that the speed of vehicles captured at Brocas on Froyle Road and on Ryebidge Lane has been increasing and all residents are reminded to ensure that they drive at a speed consistent with conditions on the lanes even if this is less than the official 30 mph speed limit.

As a first step, Charlie Findlay of Froyle Speedwatch, presented a proposal to acquire a second Speed Indicator Device (SID) and increase the number of sites at which the SID can be located. The SID is considered to be the most effective way

to remind motorists of their speed and a second SID would allow the devices to be moved between locations more regularly.

The PC unanimously agreed to purchase a second SID for which funding has been included in the 2026/27 budget and Council Tax precept.

Congratulations to the Froyle gardeners who opened their properties and thanks to all volunteers that ensured another successful Open Gardens weekend was delivered in early June despite pretty miserable weather especially on the Saturday.

The recent wet and windy weather caused some problems with fallen trees. These were cleared from the footpath to Park Lane and at the entrance to the Rec from Ryebidge Lane. In addition, a dangerous branch has been removed from a tree overhanging Husseys Lane. The PC agreed that the Tree Warden be requested to review the trees that overhang footpaths to identify whether any work needs to be undertaken to keep residents safe.

Members of the PC and a number of residents were invited by Froyle Estate to visit Home Farm to see the operations there and be briefed on proposals for future developments. These include a single storey office block and relocation of the bund to create a secure entrance and with trees on top to provide improved screening of the site from Upper Froyle. The PC was advised that the Dutch barn, which has been a feature of the Upper Froyle landscape, no longer has a use and, as it contains asbestos, is proposed to be removed. Planning applications for these changes will be submitted by Froyle Estate.

A number of residents expressed concern to the PC about applications to build on agricultural land to the rear of a property in Froyle Road, and for land on the junction of Froyle Road and Main Road, Bentley to be used for stationing caravans for residential purposes. The PC submitted comments on both these applications.

Additional information has been submitted to EHDC re the proposed housing development in Holybourne but the PC considered that the changes did not alter the basis of its previous comments.

The PC have been advised that a planning application is expected to be submitted for a development consisting of c.25 properties on the Alton side of Hen & Chicken Hill in the next few weeks. Once submitted, the plans can be reviewed and comments made. All planning applications in Froyle are listed on the PC website with details on the [EHDC Planning Portal](#). Note residents must be registered to submit comments to EHDC on planning applications.

The PC is keen to get a better understanding of matters of concern to residents, to help with our business planning. Please come and visit the PC stall at the Fete on 4 July and let us know your views. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer to join a community group to help deliver some priority items including footpaths and road safety.

FROYLE 2026 SAFARI SUPPER



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 26 September from 6.00 pm

In aid of Froyle Village Hall

TICKETS £20 per guest (hosts free)

Back by popular demand, it's the FROYLE 2026 SAFARI SUPPER, which, for those of you who have not attended one before, is a shared meal, where several residents of the Village each cook a single course; guests then eat each course with different people at a different house (that's the safari bit).

Please do let us know asap if you would like to join us as guests – and NB you will be going round in couples.

We do also need around 20 couples to be hosts to make it work, so please, could you let us know if

- **you are happy to host a single course (starter or main)** for 6 to 8 people, ie you + 4/6 guests, or
- **you are unable to host but would be happy to prepare a pudding** for up to 8 people.

Final details in the September magazine.

Susie and David Robertson 01420 520820 DARinfroyle@aol.com or SJRinfroyle@gmail.com

The village hall welcomed nearly 600 visitors over the Open Gardens weekend at the start of June. A big shout out to volunteers; Faith Richards, Mary Chaplin and Sarah Zorab who kindly spared time to remove the unsightly weeds around the hall and car park and to do a big tidy of the beautiful flower bed at the front. We congratulate the whole Open Gardens team: the gardeners, the plant sellers, the cake bakers, the teas team, the parking attendants and their many helpers on a successful weekend. Despite the weather trying to get in the way, they raised a wonderful sum for the National Gardens Scheme charities. (See page 11 for a full report).

At the after-Open Gardens party, kindly hosted by Julie and Nigel Southern, I was delighted to present Nick Whines with a beautiful painting of his garden by Anna MacInnes. The presentation was in recognition of the many years of service Nick has given to Froyle as a parish councillor and as a member of this committee.



The committee has been busy working on several upcoming events, more on that below, along with some basic maintenance (toilets, drains and water). It's fair to say the list of things which need to be sorted or fixed never really ends.



We are delighted to welcome Chris Marsden to the committee who will bring some great skills and whose presence will help improve the gender balance of the team.

The fete will be a matter of days away by the time you read this. I know many villagers offer their help and support to make this a wonderful event in the calendar. If you can help with set up, tear down, or help on a stall for even an hour and have not yet added your name, I am sure Charlie Baikie would still love to hear from you. Contact details are: Charlie.baikie2@gmail.com. Set up starts at 8am and tear down from 4.30pm. I believe the fete team are hoping to keep the bar open until later into the evening so, for anyone needing a little extra incentive to stay and help, perhaps this is it. The fete team have asked to remind that they still need:

- Bottles (full of course) for the bottle stall
- Cakes for the teas
- Whole cakes to sell on the produce stall
- Crockery for smashing

The summer is nearly upon us and for many it will hopefully bring a little break from daily routines. However, before that a reminder that on Saturday 26 September the Safari Supper is returning and we need you booking as soon as possible. This is an excellent evening, a fabulous opportunity to meet new people within the village and experience wonderful food and drink, all while raising much needed funds for the Village Hall. We are aiming to raise over £1,500 this year which will go towards the Hall facilities.

The format of the evening is simple; start all together in Upper Froyle with a glass of something and then head off with a small group to one house for a starter, another home for a main course with a different group and finally back together at the Village Hall for pudding. We will run a raffle again and David Robertson has promised tempting prizes! If you would be willing to host for a starter or a main course for about 6 to 8 people or would like to buy tickets (£20 per person) please do contact David Robertson. Please see page 3 for more information and contact details.

Gillian Paul, Chair

Froyle Fête, Flower and Dog Show

Saturday 4 July 2026 1.00pm to 4.30pm



**The village fete, flower show and dog show is coming very soon!
We do hope you will all be able to join us for an afternoon of fun and games for everyone.**

We need volunteers to help and would be grateful to anyone who can spare ANY time to support us. Please email Charlie on charlie.baikie2@gmail.com if you can help, even if it is only for a short time.

- 4pm Friday 3 July at the Recreation ground for up to 2 hours
- 8am-10am on Saturday 4 July to set up stalls
- Help to run a stall on the Saturday, even for a little time, that would be great
- Clearing up on Saturday 4 July from 4.30pm onwards

Anything to donate?

It's your final chance to provide items for stalls if you would like to donate anything – including books, DVDs, Bric-a-Brac, cakes, crockery for smashing or produce. You can drop things off at the Village Hall on the morning of Friday 3 July, when it is open for the Meeting Place, or bring them on the morning of the fete.

Bottle Stall Collections

We will be collecting bottles on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June around Lower and Upper Froyle. If you could spare a bottle, or a few bottles, of anything drinkable we would be grateful.

Schedule of Events

The fete opens at 1pm. The first arena event will be the Children's Races, followed by the Dog Show. At about 3.30pm we expect the Flower Show and Gardening prizes to be awarded. The Grand Raffle will be announced about 4pm, followed by the traditional Tug of War. Do join us for these as well as all the usual stalls – Bric-a-Brac, Books, Tea and Cakes, Produce, the Beer Tent and a Barbeque, plus some lovely local crafts and food stalls, including jewellery, fashion and home wares. For children there will be a huge giraffe bouncy castle, arts and crafts with 'Froyle Rocks' and face painting and, of course, beat the goalie and crockery smashing.

...AND LOOKING AT THE FROYLE FETE FROM A CANINE PERSPECTIVE

there will of course be an opportunity at the fete for all you responsibly-owned woofers to show off, impress the judge, embarrass your handlers and generally have a good time at your owner's expense at the DOG SHOW.....

Usual format, which is to say: start time about 2:45pm in the fete arena; exact timing and format will depend on weather, number and range of entries and timing of other activities, but we'll keep things moving, especially if it's hot.

Enrol on the day at any time before the start of the Dog Show - look for the Dog Show Registration desk near the entrance to the arena and listen out for announcements; cost £5 for entry in all eight categories – it's no fun if you don't enter all categories!

Those categories are (as usual):



best behaved dog (generally a low bar...)

worst behaved dog (very competitive...)

dog with the waggiest tail (all about style...)

scruffiest dog (a specialist category...)

dog most like its owner (is this a compliment...?)

fastest dog (not always the type of dog you would expect...)

finally, the **Top Dog** (envy of the neighbourhood...)

There will be glittering prizes of no great value but huge prestige for winners and runners up in each category (squeaky toys to irritate the owners, rosettes to pacify them).

Our judge will be the same wise expert, of sound judgement and impervious to pressure or bribery, as for the last few years.

An important final word for dog owners: please make sure your dog is under control at all times, particularly round the perimeters of the arena when waiting to participate in dog show events. Controlled chaos is fun, but it's a fine line..... There will be lots of water bowls around the arena to ensure, along with the beer tent, that so far as possible neither dogs nor their owners overheat.

And so, once again, we're off...! Woof woof...

Any questions, call, text or email.

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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.

July/August Kitchen Helpers

3 July	Jan Elliott	7 August	Yvonne Deans
10 July	Gillian Pickering	14 August	Lori Taylor
17 July		21 August	David Robertson
24 July	Sally Turvill	28 August	Corinna Whines
31 July	Faith Richards		

July/August Cake Bakers

3 July	Gina Kemp	Maureen Fry	Jenny Mathews
10 July	Tina Massam	Gill Bradley	
17 July	Sally Turvill	Rachel Chancellor	
24 July	Ali Malone	Andrea Kozak	Brian Jones
31 July	Sue Lelliott	Barbara Graham-Clark	Lisa Bowler
7 August	Jo Mills	Deb Addison	Susie Robertson
14 August	Lauraine Bourne	Mary Perryman	Lucia Lindblom
21 August	Elizabeth Sealey	Jenny Gove	Sue Carr
28 August	Laura Ozelyte	Kate Skerrett	Alison Lopes

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

4 JULY 2026



We hope you can find something to enter for the Flower Show!

We welcome entries from all ages.

There are 56 different classes to enter including Carrots, Roses, Pot Plants, Scones, Miniature Flower Arrangements, Photographs and Painted Pebbles.

You don't have to be a member of the gardening club to join in, it's a village event and it is your entries that make it a great show.

Entry forms are available at the Village Hall and online at froylegardeningclub.co.uk



FROYLE 100 CLUB – JUNE DRAW

The winners in the June 2026 draw were:

1st	Lauraine Bourne
2nd	Sue Sharman
3rd	Dolly Blanchard
4th	Sarah Watkins

Congratulations to all!

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



FROYLE PET SERVICE

Did someone say pet service



SUNDAY 5th JULY

11.15 AM

FROYLE VILLAGE HALL

I'm up for it



EVERYONE WELCOME
(especially pets!)

Listen everyone. Have you heard the news - we are having a Pet Service!

Must get beauty sleep for the pet service!



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FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG 26)

There are a number of things that make gardening an interesting challenge, particularly if you plan to open your garden during the first week in June. Take for example a humble courgette plant growing under my kitchen window. Since it germinated six weeks or so ago, it has been flooded, scorched by a heatwave, windblown, frost bitten, flooded again and nibbled by something. Yet still it battles on and over the FOG weekend managed to produce a first flower and the prospect of fruits to come. It has been much the same for the gardeners. One moment clad in shorts bronzing nicely in tropical heat. The next huddled up in winter woolies or drenched under a cloud-burst.

Despite these extremes the season has been extraordinary. The roses and the



peonies blooming spectacularly two weeks earlier than usual. Most years I can say to visitors: the garden will be even better next week. But this time it was more like you should have come last week when the sun shone and a gentle breeze stirred the grasses while fluffy clouds floated across an azure sky.

FOG 26 was not like this. The sun took a 48-hour leave of absence. On Saturday the rain started as soon as the garden gates opened and when it stopped the temperature dropped. Sunday was an improvement in that it was dry, but it remained overcast and chilly, and no one sat in the gardens for long. But we were not down hearted. If visitor numbers were somewhat reduced, those that came received the usual warm Froyle welcome in the car parks, in the village hall and in the gardens. Our visitors loved the gardens, enjoyed their teas enormously and went off happily bearing all the plants they had bought.

So a big thank you to everybody who, despite the unusually grim weather, helped make FOG 26 a success: those who parked and stewarded, those who cooked and catered, those who sold the tickets and counted the money, the village hall who hosted the teas and the wildlife group for their display, those who planted and propagated and those who designed the map and the electronic guide. And of course, the garden owners and their assistants.

May I mention by name Sorrel and Ed Drake who responded to my appeal in previous editions of the Magazine and volunteered to open their garden in Burnham Square. This they did most successfully. Next year is the National Garden Scheme (NGS) centenary and we shall again be looking for new gardens. I hope others will follow Sorrel and Ed's example and step forward boldly.

I would like to thank everybody who has supported me over the years I have been organizing Froyle Open Gardens. I feel proud of what we have achieved together. The way everybody rallies round and does what they say they will do even when they are wet and cold says a lot about our community. I am delighted to announce that Jonathan Pickering has agreed to take over from me and to lead us towards FOG 27 and the centenary. I wish him and Open Gardens continued success.

Finally, I am pleased to report that this year Froyle has donated £7793 to the NGS.



Nick Whines 01420 23130 nick@whines.co.uk





Froyle Gardening Club

JULY FROM THE POTTING SHED

Sowing of autumn and winter salads can continue. I will be planting out the late sown French beans and sweet corn early in July to give me a nice fresh supply in the autumn. Plenty of garden compost will be added to the soil to hold in the moisture and feed the roots. By adding mulches this will help build resilience in the plant to protect them from some of the stresses the weather brings. Applying after rain will hold in the moisture.

What do you do with your grass mowings? Provided you have not applied herbicide to your lawn, grass mowings can be very useful as a mulch around fruit and shrubs. It is only necessary to water fruit and vegetables when the crop is developing and again a good soaking is better than a little shower every night. Use a watering can or remove the spray off the hose pipe and put the water direct to the plant roots. Water the plant not the spaces. Let it soak in and then water again. Repeat if necessary.

Lawns that have the grass kept at a higher cut will look greener and will be able to take the drier conditions. Removing thatch at the end of the season will allow water to soak back into the ground.

It is also time to prune rambling roses after flowering. Cut out this year's flowered wood allowing the new growths to replace the old. Arch the branches so that you encourage flowering wood and not growth wood.

Summer pruning of apples, pears, plums and cherries will help produce good flowering wood for next year. Details of how to summer prune the various fruit can be found on the RHS website.

Unless you are growing plants for seed, either to save or for the birds, then dead heading of spent flower heads is important as this will help to continue the supply of flowers into the autumn.

Geoff Hawkins

PLANT STALL

There will be a Plant Stall at the Fete on Saturday 4 July, so if anyone has surplus cuttings or plants that need a new home, please bring them along on the day.

MARGARET STANFORD IN FROYLE

For many people, Margaret Stanford was the first person they met when they moved to Froyle. Warm, engaging, kind and with a great sense of humour, she was also resourceful, energetic and efficient - quite a combination.

She and her husband Bill made Beech Cottage their home for over 30 years, with their children Hugh, Giles and Nicola. When they eventually moved in 2001 it was to another house in Froyle, Bamber Cottage, until, with Bill now in Pax Hill until his death in December 2019, Margaret moved to a flat in Mary Rose Mews in Alton in spring 2019 and subsequently into Brendoncare Nursing Home.

For over fifty years she was a benign force of nature at the heart of Froyle village life. We who were lucky enough to know her will all have our own "Margaret Memories". What follows are just a few of them.

For years Margaret was a wonderfully supportive neighbour, becoming particularly close to the Thursfield family; indeed, Sarah Thursfield remembers how she and Margaret became 'joint mothers' as their children spent hours playing together. Janet Dobson remembers her being an accomplished hostess when the Stanfords first arrived in Froyle following an army tour of duty in Singapore.

She was the last person to either make a fuss or blow her own trumpet, being very much a keep calm and carry on person. Once, in the early hours of New Year's Day, Margaret went out in her nightie to rescue Sparky, the Carrs' pony, as he galloped down the main street in Lower Froyle. She caught him and put him back in his field and it was only days later that the Carrs found out what had happened.

She was in charge of the church cleaning rota and was a diligent cleaner herself, right down to the special knife (remembered by Madeleine Black) that she kept for clearing out the stones between the boards in the porch!

Until she handed over to Madeleine, she organised the team of helpers who headed to the Winchester Cathedral Refectory several times a year, where she always took on the undesired role of washing up assistant to avoid the smell of coffee from the cafe which gave her a headache.

She started the Lent Lunches in Froyle, held at different people's houses each week during Lent to raise money for charity. She was determined to keep things straightforward with delicious soups made from homemade stock but absolutely no adding of cream or other frills. She persuaded people to host a lunch who had no idea how they had found themselves agreeing to do so.

Margaret had a deft ability in the underarm passing on of duties, and those now in charge of both the church cleaning rota (Caroline Findlay) and the Lent Lunches (Jenny Gove) found it was so casually and expertly done they didn't feel put upon but instead felt rather special. Above all, whatever activities or duties one undertook with Margaret, she made them fun.

Margaret was a force for good who benefitted a whole range of activities to great and lasting effect: she started the League of Friends of Treloars (still going strong) many decades ago – long before Treloar's School left Upper Froyle to consolidate in Holybourne; she was on the local committee for Cancer Research UK together with Ann Roberts and Gill Bradley; she was an early enthusiastic supporter of the Meeting Place and hosted summer Tea Parties for Good Companions.

A frequent sight riding her bicycle with her famous basket brimming, perhaps delivering the Village Magazine or a fruit cake for the Meeting Place, Margaret is very much missed. Who now rings up neighbours to share the beauty of the sunset she was enjoying in the village she was so much a part of....?





Froyle Wildlife

Open day at wildlife pond, Saturday 18 July

Call in anytime between **10am and 4pm** to visit the wildlife pond and meadow, near Gid Lane, Upper Froyle. There should be plenty to see especially if it's a sunny day.

Members of Froyle Wildlife will be on hand to assist with identification of wildflowers, dragonflies and butterflies. Wildflower species to look out for include; knapweed, lady's bedstraw, meadowsweet, self heal, purple loosestrife, water figwort and bird's-foot trefoil. Ladybirds, hoverflies, bees and grasshoppers may also be seen. No need to book, anyone can just pop in and see what you can spot. See www.froylewildlife.co.uk/parish/wildlife-pond/.



Pond dipping - Saturday 22 August. Family fun – join us for a 1 hour dipping session to see what underwater creatures we can find in the Froyle Wildlife pond, Gid Lane. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. All equipment will be provided and numbers at this popular event are



limited, so it is essential to book by emailing info@froylewildlife.co.uk, stating preference for 10am or 11.15am session.

The Big Butterfly Count is back, this year the survey runs from 17 July to 9 August.

Whether you are a seasoned butterfly buff or want to learn to identify butterflies this is an enjoyable nationwide citizen science survey, which children will also enjoy. The Big Butterfly Count is the world's biggest survey of butterflies.



Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather. Records are welcome from anywhere - parks, school grounds, gardens, or public footpaths through fields and forests. e <https://butterfly-conservation.org/>..

Walk at Magdalen Hill Down - Tuesday 4 August

Join us for a walk at Magdalen Hill Down near Winchester, guided by reserves officer Fiona Scully.

Enjoy a leisurely amble (about 1 mile) over chalk downland that is managed by Butterfly Conservation. We anticipate seeing wildflowers and butterflies including the stunning Adonis Blue which breed on Horseshoe Vetch.



Some of the paths are steep and uneven in a few places so sturdy footwear is recommended and close focus binoculars are handy. Meet 10am up the track past the stone masons, off Alresford Road, Winchester, nearest postcode SO21 1HE. What3words:///flask.truffles.hint.

Wonderful Wildflowers

Enjoy the wildflower areas this summer on Froyle Recreation ground. Thank you to the volunteers who maintain the area.

Wildflowers benefit pollinators and other insects, providing nectar and pollen.



Nearby, the bee and insect hotel installed in March this year has already been occupied by mason bees. The annual cut of the perennial wildflower meadow area is planned for 2pm on Saturday 1 August. We will be raking up the cuttings from traditional scything.

We always welcome volunteers to maintain the habitat, just turn up to help at the Rec. or at the wildlife pond near Gid Lane, see <https://www.froylewildlife.co.uk/news/>.

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 need to find one new trustee this year. Please let me know if you can help to support our local community and wildlife. For more information contact 01420 23520 or email info@froylewildlife.co.uk.

Barry Clark



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Supper 2026 will be at Froyle Village Hall on
Friday 18 September 2026

The Quiz Night returns:
start making up your team for the famous
Froyle Quiz Night - Saturday 17 October 2026

Further details of both events will be in the September edition of the magazine.

And don't forget the **Safari Supper** on 26 September 2026, see page 3 for details of how to book and to volunteer to help.



FROYLE
GARDENING CLUB
SUMMER SHOW
2026

SATURDAY, 4 JULY



VEG GROWERS

FLOWER GROWERS

OPEN TO ALL!

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THE MEETING PLACE

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FROYLE



ST MARY'S NEWS

As this issue goes to press, we are in the midst of considerable church activity:

Margaret Stanford's service of thanksgiving on 19 June filled the church with people and with a celebration of a life full of joy and energy (see page 14 for some happy memories of Margaret).

'Teas of Tuesday' have been much enjoyed – two more Tuesdays to go in June at the time of writing – the scones get better and better. We are about to experiment for Fathers' Day by combining our regular Sunday service in church with a 'messy church' event for young children and parents outside the church (weather permitting).

In looking forward to July and August, we start the summer holiday version of the rota with a reduced number of services and start to get ready for the first of the big summer events, with the Froyle village fete on Saturday 4 July (come and visit the church stall!).

The fete is followed by the pet service on the Sunday - please bring your non-human friends for a blessing and thanksgiving for them. The invitation extends not just to dogs and cats but also rabbits and other small animals. We have even had horses turn up!

Throughout July and August there will be one service somewhere in the benefice each week, as detailed in the service schedule.

Simon Marshall and Jack Stephenson
Churchwardens

Book the Hall

Contact: Sarah Zorab

01420 520361 or email to: bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Or visit the website for the booking calendar, hire charges and terms and conditions of hire www.froylevillagehall.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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JULY & AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 5 July	11.15am	Froyle	Pets service - Recreation Ground
Sunday 12 July	11.00am	Binsted	Pets service - Church
Sunday 19 July	11.00am	Bentley	Marquee service
Sunday 26 July	9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	11.00am	Binsted	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
Sunday 2 August	11.00am	Kingsley	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 August	11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 August	11.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 August	11.00am	Oakhanger	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong
Sunday 30 August	11.00am	Bentley	Holy Communion

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Fifty years ago was the amazing summer of 1976, one of the longest droughts in the UK in recent history. Temperatures reached as high as 38.5 degrees in Cheltenham. I remember being in North Wales and seeing the results of the wildfires scorching the hills.

As I write, it is a wet June day after a couple of weeks of sunny weather. The summer of 1976 seems a long time ago from where we are this year. I love the sun and hope we will have a decent summer this year and for the farmers to have the right balance of water and sun to have a successful harvest.

As we move into July we get to celebrate the strength of our Communities with our Village fetes. (Froyle 4 July, Binsted 11 July, Bentley 18 July and Kingsley 29 August). We are so grateful to the armies of volunteers who plan, organise and run these celebrations for us. I know they are always looking for more help, so don't hold back!

Summer fetes have a long history and have always been a celebration of villagers coming together and sharing their gifts and talents to help cement the community identity and what we all see as being important. Likewise the churches adjust our services to fit with this season. We don't run as many services, as so many of our people are busy being part of the fetes. Instead we have the Pet services in Froyle on 5 July and Binsted on 12 July and we run an informal celebration service in Bentley in one of the marquees. Please do come along and enjoy these wonderful different services too.

In a society where divisions seem to be deepening and multiplying, rural communities go against the trend. We do not have the resources of towns and cities, and what services we do have, are under constant strain. So coming together to celebrate the life, artistry and joy of our villages is so vital. We together make this corner of Hampshire, the wonderful place to live in, that it truly is.

Rural communities are more connected to the landscape and the changing seasons and this is good for our mental and emotional health. Having a community around us also helps us to be resilient and to share the highs and lows of life. The church is at the heart of this too. We believe in a God of love who creates all that is beautiful and life affirming. We believe he calls us to be a community of love, set at the heart of things and sharing the depth and joy of living a life of faith.

May we have good weather for our fetes, long hazy summer days and the joy of being together. May God bless us and reveal more fully his love for us. Maybe not a drought like 1976, but a summer of ice cream sounds great!

Matt Boyes

Rector of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

July & August Services

July and August bring lots of summer events and well-deserved holidays - so our services are slightly different to the norm. Take a look at our service pattern for the summer. We will return to normal in September.

5th July 11:15am Froyle Pet Service on the Rec

12th July 11am Binsted Pet Service in the Church

19th July 11am Bentley Marquee Service on the Rec

26th July 9:30am Bentley Holy Communion & Children's Church
11am Binsted Morning Worship
6:30pm Froyle Evensong

2nd August 11am Kingsley Holy Communion

9th August 11am Froyle Holy Communion

16th August 11am Binsted Holy Communion

23rd August 11am Oakhanger Holy Communion
6:30pm Froyle Evensong

30th August 11am Bentley Holy Communion

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The Bereavement Journey

We are currently nearing the end of the 7-week Bereavement Journey, and it's been incredibly helpful to those who are dealing with bereavement, both in recent months and going back years. Because it's been so well received, we're going to offer it again in the Autumn.

The Autumn course will begin on Thursday 5 November and will be held at Mill Court, starting at 12.30 with a soup lunch before going into each session, ending at 2.30. The course duration is 7 weeks, but we may combine 2 of the weeks, meaning it would end on Thursday 10th December.

If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like to know more about the course, please contact either the Church Office, Fran Harrison on 07709 569262 or Kathy OT on 07710 623784

If you are interested in doing the course but unable to attend a daytime, midweek course - please get in touch with Fran. We are already beginning to think of dates and times for the beginning of 2027!



Bentley CE School: Making the Most of Every Opportunity

One of the many things that makes Bentley CE School such a special place is the wealth of opportunities available to our children. We are fortunate to be situated in a beautiful village, surrounded by countryside and supported by a wonderful community.

Our extensive outdoor spaces play a huge role in school life. Through Forest School, our trim trail and the recently opened Attenborough Garden, children learn, play and reflect in inspiring outdoor environments. The garden in particular has quickly become a treasured space for wildlife, wellbeing and outdoor learning.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have two school minibuses, enabling us to take learning beyond the classroom. Throughout the year, children enjoy a wide range of educational visits, from castles, farms and museums to science centres, theatres and outdoor adventure centres. These experiences bring learning to life and create lasting memories.

Learning at Bentley is not limited to trips. We regularly welcome authors, theatre companies and specialist visitors into school. Recent highlights have included Shakespeare workshops, author visits and immersive history experiences, all designed to spark curiosity and inspire learning.

Sport and enrichment are also a key part of school life. Children represent the school at numerous sporting events throughout the year and enjoy opportunities such as Young Voices at the O2 Arena. From Year 3 onwards, all children also take part in residential experiences, helping them to develop confidence, independence and resilience.

Perhaps most importantly, we make full use of the wonderful surroundings that Bentley has to offer. Whether exploring the local area, learning about our village or enjoying the countryside on our doorstep, children benefit from rich experiences that help them connect with the world around them.

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- 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!

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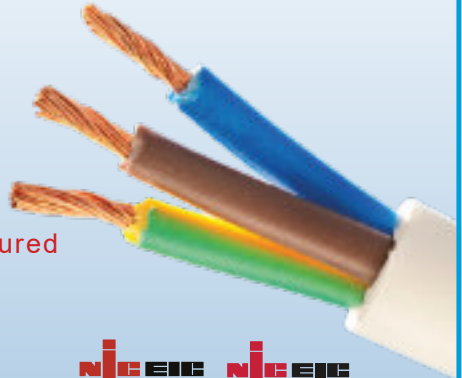
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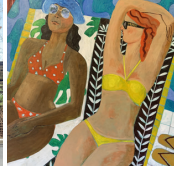
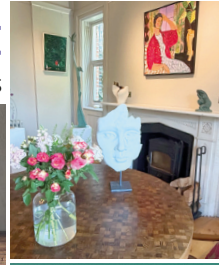


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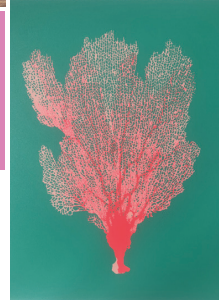


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			1	2	3 1000-1200 Meeting place 1600 Fete set up	4 1300-1630 Froyle Fete and Dog show Flower show
5 1115 Froyle Pets service	6 Rubbish	7	8	9 Garden Waste	10 1000-1200 Meeting place	11
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