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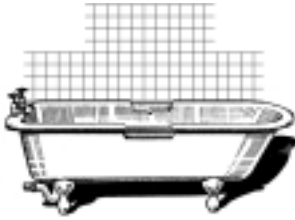
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## **Froyle Village Carol Singing**

**Please join us to sing some old favourites**

**At the Village Hall around the Christmas Tree**



**Mince pies and mulled wine**

**Everyone welcome**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6.30pm**

## **Christmas Services in St Mary's**

**Carol Service – Sunday 20th December 6.30pm**

**Crib Service – Thursday 24th December 5.30pm**

**Midnight Mass – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day – Friday 25th December 11.00am**





## **FROYLE VILLAGE HALL**

*www.froylevillagehall.co.uk*

*Bookings : Jo Mills, Bentley 22384*

### **HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Will hirers please make doubly sure that heating is shut off, lights, especially the gents and ladies toilets, are turned off, curtains opened and kitchen and front doors locked. Please return the key through the letterbox of Brecklands as soon as your session has ended **NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME** Would hall users also please ensure that both the Yale lock and mortice lock are secured when the front door is closed.

From time to time residents borrow tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If you wish to borrow equipment please write to one of the Committee Officers (Jerry Saunders, Nick Whines or Charlie Findlay) stating what you need and for how long. If equipment is borrowed please make sure it is returned quickly and in good condition. Currently a number of plates, several chairs and two small tables are missing. If you have these please return them as soon as possible.

Would users and hirers of the Hall please note that they are responsible for removing any rubbish they create. We only have one small bin and that is insufficient to hold two weeks accumulated rubbish.

If you have any comments, queries or complaints about the hall, **other than bookings**, please contact Nick Whines on 23130.

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### **RNLI Meeting Place 13th November**

Although it was a very wet and windy morning, we still managed to raise £194. This included £24 from the refreshments.

*Annette Booth (22364)*

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### **“Stitch and Chat ”**

On 4<sup>th</sup> December, the Alton “Stitch and Chat” group will be selling embroidered Christmas cards at the Meeting Place.

Do come and see what we have made!

**Sarah Thursfield**

# THE CHRISTMAS MEETING PLACE

We do hope you will be able to join us on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, any time from 10.00am until 1.00 pm (**NOTE NEW TIME**), when we shall be getting into the Christmas spirit! Once more, we shall be serving MULLED WINE, as well as our usual tea and coffee, for those who prefer it. This will be accompanied by mince pies, cakes and savouries. Music and Carol Singing are on the agenda and there will be our usual raffle as well as a visit from Santa, if he can find the time in his busy schedule.



If you are not a regular helper or cake maker and feel you would like to contribute to The Meeting Place, we would be very grateful for either a small raffle prize, or a promise of mince pies, savouries etc.

We hope you will find a few moments at this very busy time of year to pop in, along with friends or family, and share the happiness and friendship of a real village Christmas.

## CAKE BAKERS FOR DECEMBER

December 4	Kate Barnden	Vivien Riley	Bea Sword
11	Ann Roberts	Anne Andrew	Jo Mills
18	<i>Any offers of sandwiches, savouries, cakes etc.</i>		



## HELPERS FOR DECEMBER

December 4	Jenny Gove
11	Marian Cresswell
18	<b>2 Willing Volunteers please</b>



Due to Bank Holidays we shall not see you again until Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010.

*Annette Booth (22364)*

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO MEETING PLACE MUMS

Money as ever is tight at The Meeting Place and I would be grateful if you could help Santa with his presents. Perhaps you could ring me for more information, or catch me on Fridays. This really is important as I would hate any child to be disappointed on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Annette Booth (22364)*

## FROYLE GARDENING CLUB



The club members who braved the awful weather at our last meeting were well rewarded by Mr Gerald Ponting. His talk "A Hampshire Calendar" contained some wonderful photographs of the county of Hampshire we certainly live in a beautiful part of the country.

Our next meeting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be our AGM, as several committee members are retiring this year, including the Chairman (Brenda Milam) and Secretary (June Trim) we are desperate for new blood, if you are interested in becoming a committee member please ring June Trim on 01420 23336.

**June Trim**

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### Chapel Cottage

We are having a Blessing and Open Day on December 5th from 10 a.m. for anyone who would like to seen inside.

**Maureen Fry**

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### Fireworks

Thank you to everyone who helped make this years fireworks on the recreation ground a huge success, and made sure it ran like clockwork. The weather was especially kind to us this year which made it an even more pleasant evening.

Thank you for all your generosity on the night ensuring that the event can take place once again next year and remain free.

See you all 5th November 2010.



**Jerry Saunders**

## Froyle Baby and Toddler Mornings Thursdays 9.45 am – 11.45 am in Froyle Village Hall

We have enjoyed making Halloween hats and bonfire pictures in the past month and now we will begin to think about Christmas crafts. Alongside the popular craft tables and play dough we have some lovely toys; however we welcome feedback from anyone who joins us in the group as to what we should be planning to buy next.

The group is open to all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise and local parents/carers to enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee. There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

Our meeting dates up to Christmas are  
3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> December  
and we will be back in the New Year  
7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Any questions please call Alison on 22336  
or Anthea on 520134

### Froyle Rainfall for October

2009	55.5 mm	2.18 in
2008	63.5 mm	2.50 in
Wettest October (1987 - wettest month ever)	226.0 mm	8.90 in
Driest October (1978)	7.0 mm	0.28 in
Long-term average for October - THE wettest month	87.9 mm	3.46 in
Cumulative January - October	5 24.5 mm	20.65 in
Long-term average January - October	610.8 mm	24.05 in

October 2009 came nowhere near matching the wettest month in recent memory in Froyle, namely the infamous October 1987; indeed, despite the first 10 days having the most rainfall since 2001 - courtesy ex-Tropical Storm Grace - yet again it was, for the 7th month out of the last 8, well below the long-term average. To put this in perspective, even if we were now to have the wettest november and December for the last 20 years, this would still only put us marginally above the average.



**“The Weather Man”**

# BUILDER'S MARKS

A request from the Froyle Archive

If you look closely at the walls of many of the older houses and cottages in Froyle you will find odd scratchings and marks left by the builders many centuries ago. If you browse through the Froyle Archive web site you will find references to some of them, but we don't have a central point of reference - until now! Mark Carr, who lives at "Ford's Cottage" (*nowadays "The Cottage"*) in Husseys Lane, recently enquired if we had a master list of them all and it is as a result of that enquiry that we started the Builder's Marks pages, which you can view at: <http://www.froyle.com/bm.htm>

To give you an idea of the kind of mark we are looking for, the photograph on the right is of a brick in the wall of Limit Cottage facing Hussey's Lane. These marks may be initials or dates, even builders plaques, as on Aldersey Cottage and Rose Cottages, so, if you live in the village and have an older house, please have a look around both outside and inside and see if you have any such marks. They could even be on fireplaces, hearths or beams.



If you do find anything we would love a photograph, so either give us a ring, or send an email to [archive@froyle.com](mailto:archive@froyle.com). We are more than happy to come along, have a look and take a photograph ourselves. This project will be of great assistance in dating the houses in the village.

*Chris & Annette Booth (22364)*

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## Froyle Quiz!

Wow 😊 We did it !!!

I am absolutely thrilled to say that we raised an amazing **£739** for BEAT, and through the Rock, Paper, Scissors game a further **£100** for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation!

I am so happy - and I just want to say a massive thank you for your kind donations and support during the evening.

Just to give you an idea of what the money will go towards in BEAT...

**£5 allows BEAT** to answer a question on the helpline message boards - giving someone the information and support they need.

**£10 allows BEAT** to answer a helpline call - helping someone to open up about their eating disorder

**£100 allows BEAT** to train a Young Ambassador (like me) so that they can let everyone know that eating disorders **CAN BE BEATEN!**

**£500 lets BEAT** set up two self help groups - so more sufferers, families and carers can get the support they need.

Once again thank you to everyone who was involved - we couldn't have done it without you!

**Constance Barter**



## POPPY APPEAL 2009

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all those who contributed to the Poppy appeal. It was another record year.

We raised a staggering £1,083.81.

I would personally like to thank all the house collectors:-

Maureen Fry (welcome back to the village), Maria Jefferson, Linda Bulpitt, Jenny Gove, and Ron Figgins. Also, the trustees of Lord Mayor Treloars College, the staff of the Anchor Inn, Hen & Chicken Pub, Total petrol station, the members of the Meeting Place, the congregation of St Mary's Church.

It is amazing what this small village raises for charity.



**Jamie Stewart-Smith**

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## 2009 Quiz

The quiz night has become one of the most popular events in Froyle's social calendar, and 2009 was no exception.

Many thanks to Constance Barter and all her helpers (including Lori Taylor, Jo Mills, Sarah and Simon Barter) for an excellent night. Good food and good fun, enjoyed by a sell-out crowd! See you all next year!

**Mary Chaplin**

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## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 6.00 – 7.30 pm**  
in the Village Hall

Come and say 'goodbye' to James Arbuthnot MP and resident of Froyle for many years, and meet Damian Hinds, the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the General Election. More details in the February issue.

**Mrs Margaret Stanford**

**Cllr Glynis Watts**

## **Letters to the Editor**

I wish to add my support to Ron Figgins regarding the flying of the Union Flag at half mast outside the village hall as a visual act of sympathy and respect for our recent fallen in Afghanistan.

I am aware that there are a minority of residents who for some obscure reason (probably political correctness), are opposed to Ron's patriotism.

I am also aware that certain heartless morons have actually removed the flag whilst flying at half mast. This is a most cowardly and despicable act, being an insult and showing total disrespect to the memory of the fallen for whom the Union Flag was flying. Whoever was responsible is an absolute disgrace to the flag they removed.

To those of you for whom the cap fits, wear it with shame.

**Jim Bellis**

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### **From the Editor**

I would like to thank all those involved with the magazine for their help during the year, particularly the volunteer distributors, and the Parish Council for its financial support. Froyle is unusual in that the magazine is free and you get it whether you want it or not!

Best wishes for 2010 - keep those letters rolling in!

**Nigel Fisher**

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**The Froyle Players present:**

**“The Wizard of Oz”**

**22nd and 23rd January 2010**

**Full details in the January magazine**

## Carter

The way the evening sun was, and the way the stricken Dornier was, yawning into certain destruction on the west face of the Combe, made a shadow on me, and, in turn, on the hedgehog. It seemed a long time before the creature came out of the shadow, grunting as it lumbered along at the foot of the hedge, only ten yards away.

When the crash came the hedgehog paused briefly; then, as if considering the event of no personal moment, hurried on, intent on his original course.

I began to climb, part eager, part reluctant, towards the crest of the Down, and stopped once there to watch the people from the road running towards the wreck, a half-mile away.

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My brother and I had found a kindly welcoming foster family on our arrival in Lewes in December of 1939. Maurice Carter was Head Gardener on the estate of a minor landowner and captain of industry, and though none of us then knew it, we were to live at the Gardener's Cottage for four years, with him, his wife Elsie, and their only son, who was a year younger than me. Among other things it was to offer us our first enduring encounter with squirearchy – of which more than faint echoes can be heard in rural England to this day. We were instructed to touch our caps respectfully if by chance we happened in our comings and goings to meet any of the family from the Big House. Trudging with Elsie one day through the wellington-deep snows of that winter we met the son of the House, who was unremarkable in appearance and about my own age. Mrs Carter introduced him as Master Michael, a label which failed to produce even the faintest show of deference from a Brixton boy already nursing independent leftist views. The cap remained untouched, and Mrs Carter uneasy. She was more than uneasy when we met the son of the House again at a tenants' Christmas party a few days later. Doubtless nobody greeted him with "Wotcher Mike" at preparatory school. Elsie looked more disconcerted than Her Ladyship, his mother, who said "yes, run along now", vaguely pointing at the river, possibly in her subconscious launching me out beyond Newhaven to the sea.

My faintly rebellious, socialistic tendencies, were encouraged by an instinctive rejection of Maurice Carter's total acceptance of every word of the editorials of the Daily Express. He saw that newspaper as the infallible authority on matters social, political, economic and martial. Our host read them to us aloud, verbatim, every evening, as from Scriptures. Later, when his hero, the Beaver, was appointed Minister of Aircraft Production, Maurice felt that a great light had illuminated Whitehall and those entrusted with earthly appointments. He went to work whistling that morning, murmuring "We'll be all right now" as he closed the kitchen door.

Mr Carter was, I suppose, in his early forties. He had fought with the Royal Marines in Russia, yes the Marines, yes in Russia, just after the first lot, and was still fiercely patriotic and warlike, anxious to instill a respect for cold steel in the hearts of any Germans reckless enough to display an interest in East Sussex. By July of 1940 a similar reaction was on offer to Italians. Maurice Carter's very life was renewed, his spine straightened, his fires rekindled, as a consequence of the fall of France and all that was meant by Dunkirk. It is possible that Her Ladyship's hot-house peaches felt relatively neglected, since the Local Defence Volunteers offered him a return to his true calling, his true family, a unit of fighting men. Mr Carter's experience meant that on enlistment he was given a corporal's stripes, a rifle, and ten rounds. Few volunteers were to receive any of these in the first weeks, and my foster-father warmed at the ready recognition of his qualifications. He made a fine sight as he cycled away to evening training sessions, rifle slung across his back. As he rode off, whistling still, I was able to feel sorry for any Panzer Division or parachuting nuns he might meet on his way to South Street. Truly we needed lots of Corporal Carters.

I was in the habit of wandering through the riverside fields to Offham and beyond in the summer evenings of 1940, and indeed the following three years.

At the river one evening in the spring of 1941, I was to see the other side of Maurice Carter. In the dusk, moving slowly downstream an alien shape acquired a dreadful outline as it swung, low in the water, close to the east bank. For long enough to gain conviction I was able to make out the body of a man in flying clothes, moving in the slow current towards town. I rushed to Gardener's Cottage and dragged an unconvinced Mr Carter away from his Express. I knew, absolutely knew, that this was the time for him, he would know what to do. And with much ingenuity, and the help of the cowman, and boat hooks unused since a peacetime summer, the sodden bulk was landed. Telephone calls from the Big House led to the body being taken away by the authorities. But not before I had a secret unforgettable glimpse of my fiery corporal, face wet with tears, head bowed over his hated German enemy.

**Ted Crowhurst**

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## **FROYLE '100 CLUB' DRAW**

### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> - N. Bulpitt (72); 2<sup>nd</sup> - A. Roberts (9); 3<sup>rd</sup> - J. Ezzard (8)

*Annette Booth*

## Treloar's student sports stars

Treloar's student sports stars celebrated their outstanding achievements at a special ceremony at Thornden School in Chandler's Ford on Thursday November 12, organised by Hampshire County Council on behalf of the Hampshire Schools Sports Federation.

Andrew Morgan and Ben McGifford represented Treloar's in the ceremony proving that hard work and determination always brings success.

Andrew Morgan was nominated in the category of Outstanding Sportsperson 2009 for making a remarkable contribution towards disabled sports, especially in boccia. He was introduced to the sport when he was only ten years old at Treloar School. From then on his hobby became a real passion and he became a member of both the Great Britain boccia squad and the England boccia squad.

Andrew received his trophy for an outstanding year in boccia and in recognition of being nominated as sportsperson for 2009 in Hampshire. He played in the Riverland Cup in Holland where he was member of the Great Britain gold medal team and an individual gold medallist in the Czech Open Championship in Prague.

The other Treloar 's sports star is Ben McGiggord nominated for the Michael May Trophy for the most significant single performance. Ben started wheelchair racing in the spring of 2008 and was nominated for his performance in the London Mini Marathon. He achieved a time of under 20 minutes for the three mile course thus beating his previous year's personal best by 8 minutes– an outstanding achievement.

Ben recently attended a UK athletics talent introduction day in Leeds, from where he has been linked up with Jenny Archer, who is coach to Dave Weir, one of Great Britain's most successful wheelchair racers of all time.

Barry Bowden, Great Britain Boccia Coach and Treloar PE teacher said: "both Andrew and Ben are talented young men with ambitions to compete at the Paralympics 2012, they are already well on the way to this and I am sure they will be in the news again!"

**PS:** everyone at Treloar's would like to wish to the residents of Froyle a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Antonio Cappelletti, Marketing Executive

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

*Dear All,*

My computer broke down recently. When I took it to the shop to be mended I was told that this was the result of a “power surge”. I immediately learnt how dependent I had become on a computer and actually how “fragile” computers are. A bit like people and the world, I suppose.

This year has seen a financial crisis and we have seen how fragile our economy has been. Wars go on and indeed Afghanistan reminds us of the fragility of world peace and the cost of life. I expect like me you have had your fair share of knocks this year. They take us by surprise and we are brought down to earth with a bump. Bereavement is particularly shocking as we miss friends and loved ones. We learn all too painfully that we too are fragile and our existence is contingent.

We come towards another Christmas and the end of another year and we see our own humanity reflected in the divine life come down to us. In the baby Jesus we see no “power surge” save only the true power that is made real for us in earthly, bodily love (not the false, fantasy, sentimental sort we easily tend to take for genuine love). In the feeding stall for animals (the manger) we see the fragility of God’s own love made known to us.

The amazing gift of all this Christmas time is that it is this fragile love made known in Jesus that is all that matters at the end of the day. We can in grace put aside our fears and anxieties and our self and ADORE...if we choose to...

I would like to wish everybody in Froyle a very happy Christmas and New Year.

*With every blessing,*

*James*

# St Mary's Church Notes

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*Churchwarden*

**Mrs.J.Dundas** Brocas Farm, Lower Froyle

*Tel: 01420 520279*



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## Services during December

### First Sunday of the month

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Family Service

### All other Sundays

11.00 a.m. Eucharist

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## Special Services in December

Sunday 20th

Carol Service 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Crib Service 5.30 p.m.

Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Family Service 11.00 p.m.

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## Church Report

As Christmas nears, please do feel free to come along to any of the special services we are holding to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Jenny Dundas the churchwarden has applied for a Faculty for the new cabinet in Clive Barter's name, to be installed at the rear of the Church. Draft plans are in hand. The memorial fund now stands at over £8,000 with £1,288 having been collected at the funeral and a further £6,700 raised by the sponsored walk.

**Jean Norkett**

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		1	2	3 TODDLER MORNING	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 TODDLER MORNING	11 MOBILE LIBRARY  GARDEN CLUB	12
13	14	15	16	17 TODDLER MORNING	18 XMAS MEETING PLACE	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

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**Nigel Fisher**

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### **KITCHEN APPLIANCES – SALES AND REPAIRS**

Washing machines, tumble dryers, dishwashers, refrigeration and cookers. We are a local company focused on providing a first class service for local people. Any appliance purchased from our showroom comes with the confidence that we can look after you from day one, also during the warranty period. Major brands not stocked by AES can be ordered and are usually available for delivery within the week.

We now stock a large range of electrical spares and accessories, inc light bulbs, extension cables, TV, audio and telephone supplies.

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## **ALTON TAXIS**

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# VILLAGE INFORMATION

## USEFUL NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Clerk to Froyle Parish Council - *Philippa Cullen Stephenson* - 520102

District Councillor - *Glynis Watts* - 01420 520810

Editor, Froyle Village Magazine - *Nigel Fisher* - 22574

Alton Police - 0845 045 45 45

Froyle Village Hall Committee: *Chairman - Jerry Saunders* - 22478

Cancer Research UK - *Margaret Stanford* - 22139

The Meeting Place - *Annette Booth* - 22364

League of Friends LMTTC - *Jo Mills* - 22384

Froyle Archive - *Chris & Annette Booth* - 22364

AFC Froyle - *Jason Smith* - 521056

Froyle Players - *Mark Cray* - 22709

Froyle Friends - *Annette Booth* - 22364

St Mary's Vestment Group - *Linda Bulpitt* - 22725

St. Mary's Flower Rota - *Brenda Milam* - 22216

Veolia (Recycling) - *Sue Jones (sec to John Collis)* - 01962 76400

*Should you or your club be on this list? Phone 22574 for inclusion*

## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Upper Froyle 11.15am to 11.25am

Lower Froyle 11.30am to 11.45am

## BENTLEY VILLAGE SURGERY TIMES

**Dr.J.W.A. Moore and Dr.M.Way**

Telephone calls taken from 8.30 a.m. every morning

*Tel.22106 for an appointment.*

Monday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday	8.30 - 11.00am	Closed
Wednesday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm
Friday	8.30 - 11.00am	4.00 - 6.00pm

*Branch Surgeries*

**Tuesday 5.00 - 6.00pm\* Froyle Village Hall**

*\*No appointments necessary.*

**PLEASE NOTE Closure of Surgery on Saturday Morning and at Binsted (Monday)**

## BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE CARE GROUP



If you should need this service simply call Bentley 23440. For the Farnham Shopping Bus - contact Mrs. Turner on Bentley 473062.