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PARISH NEWS & VIEWS

Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson

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Email: froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk

Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting Tuesday 23rd January, 2018

1. Mrs Louise Marston is no longer available to join the FPC. A notice has been placed on the village notice boards stating there is a vacancy. Anyone interested is asked to advise The Clerk of the Froyle Parish Council.
2. **Transport Funds - a reminder that funds are available**
The PC has funds available for Community Groups to use for subsidising the hire of a minibus. The fund is open to any Group that benefits Froyle Residents, maximum of £500 contribution per trip. Further details on how to apply are available from the Parish Clerk. So if you have plans for a trip in 2018, let us know.
3. **Football Hut project**
The joint Village Hall/Parish Council sub-committee have recently met with a local architect, Mark Penfold. to discuss ideas and options for the football hut. Mark Penfold has been asked to develop the ideas discussed and report with costings for these options.
4. **Froyle Park**
There is continuing concern over the lack of adequate signage for Froyle Park. Froyle Green is still being driven into by guests seeking Froyle Park. FPC and Glynis Watts, the District Councillor, will pursue the matter so that traffic is better directed towards Froyle Park.
5. **Cycle event – Saturday 27th January, 2018**
A further reminder for the non-competitive cycling event on this day. Details can be found on www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk. The routes include Lower Froyle (coming from Golden Pot and Bentley) and then up to Well.
6. **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th February 2018, at 7.45pm.**

LENT LUNCHES 2018

Starting on Ash Wednesday, these lunches are a simple soup, bread and cheese affair, in aid of a charity chosen by the host/hostess.

They take place between 12.30 and 2.00 pm, and all donations from attendees will be gratefully received. If anyone needs a lift, would like to offer a lift, or has any other queries, please call me on 23697.



Ash Wednesday February 14th at Warren Cottage, in aid of Crohn's & Colitis UK
(Gillian Pickering 23209)

February 21st at Brecklands, in aid of RNLI (*Jo Mills 22384*)

February 28th at Yarnhams, in aid of Kidney Research UK (*Ali Mande 01256 862291*)

Next month's Magazine will contain details of the remaining three Lent lunch venues.

Jenny Gove (23697)

Froyle Charity Golf Day 2018

Blackmoor Golf Club

Friday 2nd March, 2018



There are still plenty of vacancies for this annual event - whether you wish to enter a team of four or enter as an individual, all are welcome - so anyone wishing to play should contact Ian Whitmore by email ian.whitmore1@gmail.com or by telephone 22634.

We would also be grateful to anyone who wishes to donate prizes.

Ian Whitmore (22634)

FROYLE WILDLIFE

An entertaining talk

on Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm

'My family and 50 other animals'

by natural history writer Dominic Couzens.

See page 12 for more details.



Barry Clark (23520)

FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2018

Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd June

See page 13 for more details

Nick Whines (23130)





FROYLE FILM NIGHT PROUDLY PRESENTS:



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A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms.

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'MY COUSIN RACHEL'

**Starring
RACHEL WEISZ
&
SAM CLAFLIN**

**FRIDAY
23RD FEBRUARY**

**Froyle Village Hall
Doors open 7 p.m.
Film starts 7.30 p.m.**

Price = £8.00
(payment in advance would be
appreciated)

**includes a sausage bap
(to be available before the film starts)**

Pay Bar available

**For catering purposes, if you plan to attend please contact:
Karen Potter (01420 520294)**



**Bookings: Susie
Robertson
01420 520820**

Hiring the Hall

The general rule is please leave the hall in the condition you found it, or better, as it is not always possible to clean the hall between bookings. Please take all your rubbish with you as there is insufficient bin space for two weeks accumulation. If you wish to use the dishwasher, follow the instructions and remember to rinse the plates first. Before you leave, check the loos are clean, stack the tables and chairs correctly, make sure the floor is swept, close and lock all the windows and French doors, draw the curtains back, turn off the water heater and switch off all the lights. Double lock the front door.

Please return the key to the key safe which is located to the right of the front door by the down pipe. Do this as soon as the session has ended because the key may be needed early the next morning.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the hall other than bookings please let me know.

Nick Whines (23130) - secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

**Don't forget you can keep up to date with Hall news on
Facebook (Froyle V Hall) and Twitter (@froylevhall)**

News from the Village Hall

Froyle Village Hall is a Registered Charity (281141). It is managed by a committee who are elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Meetings are held once a month on the first Tuesday. At the most recent meeting Gordon Mitchell was invited to join the committee and Sarah Zorab to rejoin and we are delighted to report that both have accepted.

Current Projects

Currently the Committee have two improvement projects under consideration. In response to user comments we are looking to replace the two hand dryers in the loos with more efficient models which we hope will actually dry your hands. We are also

getting quotes to replace the heavy wooden front doors with aluminium ones which should be more stable and less inclined to jam.

The Village Hall Committee is working with the Parish Council and the architect Mark Penfold to develop a new plan for the football hut.

Hall Hire Charges

Hire charges have remained unchanged for a number of years. **From 1st April, 2018**, the Committee has agreed a modest increase to cover the cost of rising prices and, at the same time, simplifying the tariff as follows:

| <u>By session:</u> | Resident | Non-resident | All Others |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Morning (8.30am - 12.30pm) | £25.00 | £40.00 | £70.00 |
| Afternoon (1.30pm - 5.30pm) | £25.00 | £40.00 | £70.00 |
| Evening (6.00pm – 11.30pm) | £30.00 | £45.00 | £80.00 |

Special Hourly Rate:

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| (Wed afternoon and evening only) | £12.50 | £20.50 | £35.00 |
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For information purposes:

| | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|
| <i>Effective hourly rate per daytime session</i> | £6.25 | £10.00 | £17.50 |
| <i>i.e Session Rates/ 4 hours</i> | | | |
| <i>and for All Day + Evening bookings</i> | £5.33 | £8.33 | £14.67 |
| <i>i.e Session Rates/ 15 hours</i> | | | |

Resident: Froyle residents hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

Non-resident: Other individuals hiring the Hall for not-for-profit events.

Others: All others.

If you would like to hire the Hall please have a look at our web site at www.froylevillagehall.co.uk where you will find plenty of information. We are currently experimenting with a new online booking service which we will make available once we have mastered it! For the time being, to book the hall, please contact Susie Robertson on 01420 520820 or email bookings@froylevillagehall.co.uk.

Other matters

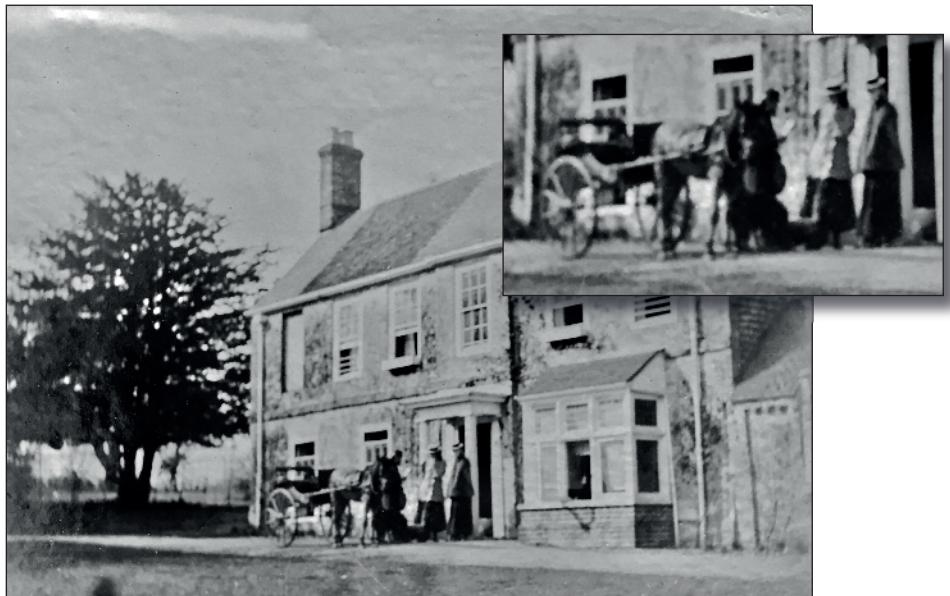
We were sorry to learn that the Quiz Night has again had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Quiz Night has always been a much loved (and sometimes very rowdy) event in the Froyle Calendar. We will do our best to ensure it returns in its traditional slot in October.

Finally if there are activities or events you would like to see happening in the Hall, the Committee always welcomes suggestions. And don't worry, you won't immediately be asked to organise it!

*Nick Whines Hon Sec Froyle FVH
[\(23130\)](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

February News from The Froyle Archive

We recently received a couple of photographs that show life in Upper Froyle at the end of the 19th Century. They came from Lady Cynthia Floud who had been researching her family tree. We don't have a precise date, but they show "The Vicarage" and the vicar's wife, Mrs Annie Floud - she is the one gardening.



Henry Castle Floud had become vicar in 1876, moving from All Saints Church in Alton, and would stay in Froyle until 1897.



There are a couple of points to note about the larger picture - there is no statue of St Paul on the far corner of the house where a window has been blocked off, presumably to avoid the "Window Tax", and we imagine the pony & trap belongs to the postman who is delivering the mail. The back of the house had many additions before the pictures were taken, but there is a 1930s picture on the website

which shows little further change.

Chris & Annette Booth

Visit *The Froyle Archive* at www.froyle.com

Ode (Owed) to Froyle

*Froyle has always been known for its good deeds
for its caring and special touch
but until you are on its receiving end
you can't know how it means so much
How can we say a thank you ?
What can we do to repay
the great support that's been given to us
since the fire took hold that day.
From the uplifting words
to the helping hands
For the warmth of clothes and hugs
to the sorting out and the comfort stops
to the food and hot tea mugs
For the caring hearts
and the gifts and smiles
to the chats and open doors
by all these things – we've been humbled
and we give you our loudest applause.
So thank you Froyle for all that you've done
and all that you will do in days to come
We know having lived here 39 years
Froyle is there for the laughter
and there for the tears.
So as we rebuild and watch the house grow
with each new brick we'll totally know
That here is the place we want to be
right in the heart of our Froyle family.*

*P.S. The wonderful Christmas hamper you gave to us was a
lovely surprise and
has been thoroughly enjoyed.*

Lynda and Julian Ben-David (1 Highway Cottages)

We have recently received this notification from the Patients Participation Group:

Please Note — any queries to be addressed to: almitchinson@gmail.com

Annual Health Fest 2018

The Annual Health Fest will take place on Saturday April 21st, 2018 10:00am — 3:00pm at the Assembly Rooms in Alton. Entry is Free.

New for 2018: HEALTH CHECKS FOR 40 — 70 YEAR OLDS.

Health Checks this year will be available from Rushmoor Healthy Living.

To be eligible for these you must be:

Aged 40 — 70 years, without certain pre-existing conditions or be on particular medications.

In addition to the health checks, there will also be free blood pressure, lung function and glucose tests fitness assessments available to all.

Stands will include Walking for Health, Breast Care, Aortic Screening, Bowel Screening.

Everyone Welcome regardless of which Practice you normally attend.

The Alton Branch of the U3A

Alton U3A invite you to February's Monthly Meeting to hear Phil Holt reveal the history of the **RED ARROWS**, the story of the creation of this magnificent display team, and some events from the behind scenes. **Date February 16th 2018, venue Alton Community Centre, time 2.00pm, all welcome.**

More information on the U3A web site.: <https://u3asites.org.uk/alton/home>

Penelope Kennedy

The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place opens its doors every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am - 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious homemade cake, hot drinks and good conversation.

We collect used stamps and plastic milk bottle tops for charity, sell postage stamps and the local paper and there are a selection of books to borrow. We would love more surplus local produce, eggs, vegetables, flowers etc.

Cake bakers for February 2018

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2 nd | June Trim. | Lauraine Bourne | Mary Perryman | Barbara Starbuck. |
| 9 th | Shirley Bellis | Kim Blake. | Louise Marston | Sarah Zorab. |
| 16 th | Sue Carr | Anne Wetherall. | Jenny Dundas | Jenny Matthews. |
| 23 rd | Susie Robertson | Lucia Lindblom. | Mary Chaplin | Pat Gasson. |

It is enormously helpful to be told what you are baking each week, so if you could let us know by Thursday it would be much appreciated. If you're short of inspiration do get in touch.

Kitchen Helpers for February 2018

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 nd | David and Mary Perryman |
| 9 th | Sue Carr |
| 16 th | Linda Bulpitt |
| 23 rd | David Robertson |
| | Marje Heyhurst. |
| | Brenda Milam. |
| | William Knowles. |

If you do need to swap dates, please contact another helper direct to arrange this. Please be at Village Hall around 10.00am.

Gill Bradley 520484 p.andg.bradley@btinternet.com
Susie Robertson 520820 sjrinfroyle@gmail.com



www.froylewildlife.co.uk

In Spring 2018 we plan to enlarge the wildflower area on Froyle Recreation ground by sowing cornfield annuals.

Now all we need are volunteers to make it happen! Can you help on **Saturday 24th February 2-4pm** to roll up and remove turves? (The turf will have already have been cut by machine). If so please bring a garden spade and gloves, refreshments will be available. We will then cultivate the ground on Saturdays 17th March and 7th April at 2pm and again assistance would be appreciated.



The plan is to cultivate a new 5x10m area and sow with cornfield annuals only. Sown in April these should flower from July to September. This area would not be cut until the following year when the ground would again be cultivated in spring and sown with cornfield annuals. Volunteers from Froyle Wildlife would do this for the next 3 years with approval from Froyle Parish Council.

An advantage of spring sown cornfield annuals is that they should flower at a different time of year to the existing perennial wildflower meadow area, lengthening the season to autumn. There should be a colourful display of cornfield annuals each

year and more nectar for bees and other insects. For more information see www.froylewildlife.co.uk/planned-extension-to-wildflower-area-2018-froyle/.

Date for your diary for an entertaining talk on Thursday 8th March 7.30pm
'My family and 50 other animals' by natural history writer Dominic Couzens. This talk tells the story of a family mission – to see as many species of Britain's mammals in a single year as possible. See www.froylewildlife/news.

Barry Clark



Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt
Chair: Brenda Milam

Once again we had a very happy New Year Lunch party. Thanks are very much due to the Gardening Club committee who all worked hard to ensure its success. Members brought delicious food and a large number of delicious desserts disappeared very quickly. I must thank Geoff Hawkins for preparing the 2 quizzes which proved quite difficult but also different. Maureen Hunter also read poems with a convincing Pam Ayres delivery. Thank you everyone.

On February 9th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Mr Graham Bowyer will speak about Japanese Gardens and on April 26th this will be followed up by a visit to his garden. The competition is a 'Winter Posy'. Visitors as always are very welcome.

Special Invitation: Valerie and David Menzies have invited us to their new Winter Garden on Saturday February 3rd, 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. There will be refreshments.

Finally this year's Surrey Horticultural Federation talk will be on Sunday 4th March at Normandy Village Hall, Glaziers Lane. Tony Kirkham from Kew Gardens will give a talk, 'Trees-A Cut Above The Rest'. Please ring Brenda on 22216 for tickets.

Brenda Milam

Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for January were:

1st - Margaret Stanford 2nd - Martin Wimshurst

3rd - Caroline Bush 4th - Ann Blunt

Congratulations to all!

William Knowles

2018 FROYLE OPEN GARDENS (FOG)

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June

First Call for Volunteers

Sunday 21st January 2018 looking out through the window. For a while it snowed and the garden was etched in white. Then the snow turned to rain. Puddles formed on the lawn. The water butts and gutters overflowed. The trees dripped. Gloom descended. Not a day for even the keenest gardener. Hard to believe that Froyle Open Gardens, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS), is only four months away. How, in such a short time, can this muddy and melancholy plot transform into something that visitors will travel miles to view. But of course it will. Close your eyes for a moment and imagine the roses and the clematis against a blue sky with fluffy clouds.

In fact the gardeners are already planning and preparing. Well I hope they are. They know that out there in the damp and the cold the gardens are stirring. Already the snowdrops and aconites are in flower. Other bulbs are pushing up through the leaf litter. In the greenhouse the autumn sown sweet peas need pinching out. As always there is a great deal to do.

Froyle Open Gardens will be held over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd June. Nine gardens, including three splendid new ones, will be opening to delight nearly a thousand visitors. The success of the event depends on a considerable amount of community effort. In addition to the gardening there are cakes to be made, sandwiches to be cut, teas to be poured, car parks to be managed, signs to be erected, plants stalls to be manned, directions to be given, money to be counted, litter to be picked, and lots of washing up.

So **this is a first call for volunteers.** If you would like to help please make yourself known and put the dates in your diary. Last year Froyle raised over £5,000 for the various medical and other charities the NGS supports. In 2018 we will try to do even better.

Nick Whines 23130 Email nick@whines.co.uk



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

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. We have great wooden toys to play with: a doll house, a pretend kitchen and even a pretend shop!

There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall.

February Meetings in the village hall are every Thursday

On the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February

Bring a friend and come and join us for a fun-filled morning!

Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.

Finally a note of sadness...and a request...

After 9 years of being an active member of the Froyle toddler group, I shall "retire" from my toddler group duties in July, as my youngest child will start primary school in September.

It has been so much fun and a privilege to be part of this toddler group for so long and I have met lots of lovely parents, grandparents and child-minders along the way. It is such a great and important group for our local community.

The group needs more than one volunteer and a group of new mums would be ideal as it does get a bit much doing it weekly from start to finish single-handed. I shall be enjoying the next few months with the group but **would very much like to hear from any volunteers that may want to help run this group from now or September...**

Sylvie Nonhebel (520779)



More news about Better Balance next month.

In the meantime, please call Madeleine on 23371 if you are an older person and you'd like any help in finding information or services in your local community, or if unavailable call Age Concern Hampshire on 0800 328 7154 or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

*For ACH Information and Advice 10-3pm, Mon-Fri 0800 328 7154
<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/>*



ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Registered Charity No: 1174502

Do you actually NEED your Winter Fuel Payment?

We know of many local people who are in need of help to keep warm in winter

If you answered NO to the question above please consider donating your payment to Alton Lions Club in the certain knowledge that we will make sure that it goes directly to where it is needed. Through working with Citizens Advice Alton, we have targeted the real need.

Help Alton Lions Club to support our community

Please send your donation to:

Alton Lions Club Sort Code 40-08-21 /A/c No 91002856 / Ref WFP

Or send your cheque payable to

'Alton Lions Club', endorsed WFP on the reverse to
Lion Treasurer, 1 Archery Rise, Alton, GU34 1PG

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(Musical) Medicine for the Soul



The best team sport ...
for the sportingly challenged

I was wondering recently why music has been such a huge part of my life, even my identity, and why I feel so passionately that it is such an important force for good in this troubled world.

I can't really remember life before music, although growing up there wasn't a huge amount in the household. My parents were keen supporters, but not musicians. When my mother found my first piano she was very proud that "every note played", which was certainly a good start. I think I was exceptionally lucky with having an inspiring class music teacher who made music in school, something that everyone wanted to do and join in with. To me, that inclusivity remains the magic of music.

When I was a little girl, I wanted to be an opera singer but I certainly didn't have the voice for that. I wasn't the right shape to become a ballerina or anything similarly exotic so I had to settle for a more traditional route through life. What I did do though was sing all the way through school, then through university and throughout my life since then. I am very lucky to have a long-suffering husband who counts the numbers of concerts he has loyally sat through in the hundreds.

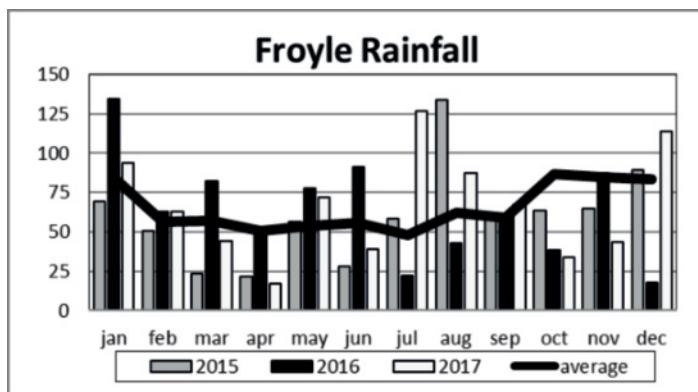
We are all born with a voice and it is the only instrument that is freely available to us anywhere almost any time. Music for the voice covers all genres and all times so you really can sing anything you like with anyone you like. What I love is the variety available even to us amateur singers. You can sing with your children and grandchildren, with friends in the village choir, in massed choral events and even on specially arranged musical holidays. It's handy to be able to read music but you can sing quite well without.

I have been asked by the Editor to say what is my favourite and although it sounds rather trite it is so often what I'm singing at the moment. It is really exciting to be in the chorus of a really big work like Messiah. The Rachmaninov Vespers were really special too. But I had never heard "O Radiant Daw'n before we sang it at the recent Froyle Advent Service and for a while it was definitely my number one, and Jonathan will tell you I was singing it all the time. This is why I am convinced that singing is quite the best team sport, is good for the body and restores the soul. I recommend it to everyone.

Gillian Pickering

Froyle Rainfall for December 2017 and for the past year

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| This year | 113.5 mm | 4.5 ins |
| Last year | 17.5 mm | 0.7 ins |
| Wettest December (1989) | 167 mm | 6.6 ins |
| Driest December (1988) | 17 mm | 0.7 ins |
| December long-term average – the 4 th wettest month | 84.2 mm | 3.3 ins |
| Total rainfall for the whole of 2017 | 801 mm | 31.5 ins |
| Long-term average for the year as a whole | 783.1 mm | 30.8 ins |



School report on last year's predictions:

1. at end-2016:

Two-thirds of the time a dry final quarter is followed by a dry first quarter; WRONG (almost exactly the average)

2. in March:

Below average Q1 means below average H1; RIGHT (5% below average).

3. in August:

>200mm of summer rain means run up to Christmas lousy; HALF-RIGHT (Q4 was 25% below average but December was 35% above).

So overall FAIR (must try harder...)

And my prediction for 2018?

See 1 above... again... on the basis that I am hopeful that I will not be wrong two years on the trot. (*I'm not. Ed*)

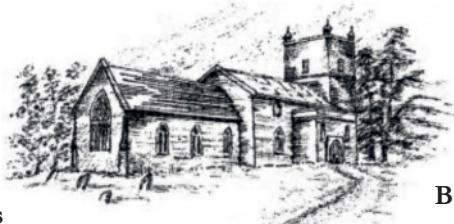


“The Umbrella Man”

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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Gill Thallon (23528)

Prayer Chain:

Nick Carter (472861)

Tel: 01420 520041

FEBRUARY SERVICES

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|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Sunday 4 th | 8.00am 9.30am 4.30 for 5pm | Froyle Binsted Bentley | Holy Communion Holy Communion Live@5 |
| Sunday 11 th | 9.30am 11.00am 3.30pm | Bentley Froyle Binsted | Morning Worship with children's groups Holy Communion Messy Church |
| Wednesday 14 th | 9.30am 7.00pm | Froyle Binsted | Ash Wednesday service Ash Wednesday service |
| Sunday 18 th | 9.30am 11.00am 4.30 for 5pm | Binsted Froyle Bentley | Morning Worship Holy Communion Live@5 |
| Sunday 25 th | 8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm | Binsted Bentley Froyle | Holy Communion Holy Communion with children's groups Evensong |
| Sunday 4 th (March) | 8.00am 9.30am 4.30 for 5pm | Froyle Binsted Bentley | Holy Communion Holy Communion Live@5 |

THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

As I began this letter for the February issue of the magazine, not long after the start of the year, thoughts of Lent and fasting were somewhat far from my mind. Having done my best to dutifully rid the house, let alone the Benefice, of stray mince pies, brandy butter and cream, I still found my hand straying to the lonely bumper box of Christmas chocolates left temptingly open in the study. Over-indulgence is so easy in Western society and the festive time of year offers us all so many opportunities to eat to excess. We make New Year resolutions to diet, study the advice offered so freely by all the newspapers and yet so often we fail to reform our habits.

Yet now, as February begins and those rashly made resolutions have been abandoned, there is truly the chance for renewal of purpose with the onset of Lent. This year it will commence on (Ash Wednesday) February 14th and end on (Holy or Maundy Thursday) March 29th, which is actually a period of 44 days. As there is no obligation to fast on Sundays, this is how we arrive at a total of 40 days, echoing the period Jesus spent fasting in the desert. I'd like to think if He could do it, I could do it, especially since the normal custom here is just to curb our consumption of sweet things or alcohol, rather than deny ourselves all nourishment.

But we are surrounded by so many temptations in our busy lives, including the very moreish Lemon Drizzle Cake our lovely parishioners provide after every Sunday morning service, that even a modest denial can prove difficult to sustain. And our period of Lent is traditionally preceded by one last fill-your-boots blast of feasting, whether it's Fasching in Germany, Carnevale in Italy or our more modest Shrove Tuesday (February 13th) with its traditional pancakes (make mine lemon and sugar please!).

Maybe if we described Lent as a 'detox' or 'mindful' eating, in keeping with the latest dieting trends, more people would subscribe to it. But Lent is not just an opportunity, welcome though it is, to lose a few inches from the waistline by eating more simply, it is also a window of time in which we can reflect and appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made for us and meditate on the true meaning of our lives. 'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.'(1 Corinthians ch.13, v.12)

So this year I pray you may all embrace this period of abstinence in the hope it will strengthen your resolve to keep your hastily made New Year resolutions, encourage you to see more clearly the purpose and future of our Church and maybe also whittle away a stubborn pound or two. And I'll be joining you all in 'mindful' eating, just as soon as I've demolished the last praline truffle in the box.

**Blessings,
Yann**

THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY, BINSTED & FROYLE
CHURCHES
INVITE THE SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH TO A
PANCAKE LUNCH PARTY ON SHROVE TUESDAY 13th
FEBRUARY
AT THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE, BINSTED 12PM -2PM



Enjoy savoury filled pancakes followed by sweet pancakes
RSVP - Please let one of us know if you would like to come
Jane Dalton tel 520278 or Helen MacDonald tel 474584



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 11th February

from

3.30 - 5.30pm

In Binsted School Hall, Binsted Village

for a time of

Fun, crafts, celebration & food

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1. Leave Lower Froyle to the north west, walking along the road towards the Golden Pot, go about a mile and a half (past the turning to the right to Long Sutton) and then turn left at the sign for Yarnhams. Follow the drive past the barns (on your right), Yarnhams Farmhouse on your left and then the bungalows on your right and when you get to the lane turn left. Follow the road - taking in the panoramic view at the top of the hill of Upper Froyle - all the way back to Froyle Park. Turn left past the church and then follow the road back to Lower Froyle. This will take you about an hour and a half and can be walked **without Wellingtons** and if you are really fit maybe a good jogging route.
2. Similarly this walk, again about an hour and a half, can be walked in walking boots or again a decent jogging route. Leave Lower Froyle past the Anchor, turn into Coldrey Drive and follow this all the way to the cottage at the end of the drive, cross the road go under the A31 and follow the lane to Isington. Passing Isington Mill and over the River Wey, keep going up the hill until you reach the t-junction and turn left, follow the road all the way to the Bentley/Blacknest Road. Turn Left walk over the A31 to Bentley crossroads, turn left and follow the road back to Coldrey and then back to Lower Froyle.

Both walks are pleasant, involve no muddy fields and, as they involve a few hills, will get rid of a few calories.

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| 4 8.00 HC | 5 <i>Recycling</i> | 6 | 7 | 8 9.45 FVH Toddlers | 9 9.30 FVH Meeting Place 7.30 FVH Gardening Club lecture | 10 |
| 11 11.00 HC | 12 <i>Refuse & Garden Waste</i> | 13 12.00 (Binsted) <i>Pancake Day</i> | 14 9.30 Ash Wed. Service 12.00 <i>Warren Cott Lent Lunch</i> | 15 9.45 FVH Toddlers | 16 9.30 FVH Meeting Place Magazine deadline | 17 |
| 18 11.00 HC | 19 <i>Recycling & bottles</i> | 20 | 21 12.00 <i>Brecklands Lent Lunch</i> | 22 9.45 FVH Toddlers | 23 9.30 FVH Meeting Place 7.00 FVH <i>Film Night</i> | 24 2.00 <i>The Re Wildlife Gp wildflower garden preparation</i> |
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