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## **“...And so this is Christmas, and what have we done? Another year over, and a new one just begun...”**

As with all the world’s major(!) publications, now is the time to look back over the previous year of the Magazine and to think about the forthcoming one.

Closest to home was the not small matter of Sarah and Phil Roberts deciding to hang up their editing boots after more than 4 years. We owe them much, in particular their dedication and efficiency, but at the same time their size 8’s should be comfortably filled by Gillian and Jonathan Pickering and Sam Sayers. We welcome them all warmly.

This means that the role of editor is now being shared by 6 groups of people, doing a couple of months at a time. Whilst each of us has idiosyncrasies, we do share two common aims: first, supporting our editorially non-interfering sponsor, namely the Froyle Parish Council, to whom we remain indebted for continuing to cover the funding gap which our advertising receipts - of which more a bit later - leave a bit short. And secondly we have been endeavouring to steer away from being purely a “Thank you very much for supporting our widget fund-raising evening” and “Congratulations to Worzel Gummidge, the winner of the Ugliest Vegetable Competition”-type of publication. Necessary though such items are, we hope that some of our more original sections have garnered some interest and, at least momentarily, saved the odd copy from going to landfill.

2017 has seen a slight slippage in the number of pages of advertising we regularly carry but we are doing our best to reverse this now steadied decline, including contacting the Alton Chamber of Commerce to advise of the attractiveness to their members of our growing readership. Hopefully this will lead to some new advertisers in the new year. That said, if any of you know of any individual or enterprise who would like to advertise with us, then do please let us know: our rates are very competitive and of course our readership is most discerning and well-informed! And don’t forget the small ads; maybe not as widely seen as ebay, but one-offs are free for locals!

Editorially, the Bentley School contributions have been particularly strong this year, and one of the “I was there...” columns had us in stitches for days. Chris Booth’s “The Froyle Archive” continues to fascinate, whilst our irregular columns about various drinks - including Mocktails this month - provide plenty of informed chat for that weekend dinner party. We have also included more photos even if you have to go to the online edition to get the full benefit. As ever, all comments, both for and against, and suggestions for new columns and ideas will continue to be gratefully received.

In the meantime, whilst sadly 2017 has seen us lose some very old and dear friends, Froyle continues to be a wonderful place to live which we believe is more than confirmed in the contributions on pages 7 and 16; this really is a unique community...

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

*The Editors*

# **PARISH NEWS & VIEWS**

*Parish Clerk - Philippa Cullen Stephenson*

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## **Report for the Village Magazine from the Froyle Parish Council (FPC) meeting**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

1. The Parish Council wish to express their concern and sympathy to the Ben-David's and the Mitchell's with the recent awful fire. We will help and support in whatever way we can. Meanwhile we are aware that a number of residents are offering help.

The Froyle Good Neighbours Group (chaired by John Sexton) is co-ordinating offers of help.

### **2. Froyle Parish Council.**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Louise Marston as the new Parish Councillor.

### **3. Parish Council Budget 2018/19**

The budget for 2018/19 was further reviewed in the meeting. The figures include a budget for a professional internal auditor to be appointed.

Our thanks again to Mr Phil Elliot for his many years' service as internal auditor.

### **4. Hampshire Cultural Trust**

The Hampshire Cultural Trust have recently written to the FPC advising of a pilot project at the Allen Gallery in Alton to run a small gardening themed activity group working with older people. If there is interest, residents can contact Sophie McLean at [sophie.mclean@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sophie.mclean@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk) or at the Willis Museum & Sainsbury Gallery – phone 01256 465902.

## 5. Football Hut project

The PC has set up a joint Village Hall / Parish Council sub-committee to look once again at options for the football hut. The sub-committee will be advised by local architect Mark Penfold. The answer as to what to do with the hut isn't clear and as there are a diverse range of opinions we feel that it will be helpful to have some professional input to develop options.

## 6. Advance notice of cycle event – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

UK Cycling Events have notified FPC that there will be a non-competitive cycling sportive on this day. Details can be found on [www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk](http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk). The routes include Lower Froyle (coming from Golden Pot and Bentley), and then up to Well.

## 7. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, at 7.45pm.

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## **HORSES AND FIREWORKS – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Horses, and in fact dogs, cats and sheep, are all frightened by fireworks and loud sudden noises. On bonfire night we stay with our horses, turn on the lights and play the radio to mask the noise and the occasion goes off without too much stress.

The problem arises when fireworks are let off in the village on other evenings. This year there were additional fireworks on 6<sup>th</sup>, somewhere in the middle of the village and of course there are the New Year celebrations.

If you are planning fireworks *on any night* other than 5<sup>th</sup> November, please could you be kind enough to e-mail or telephone me, with the date and approximate time, so that we can take adequate precautions. I will e-mail other horse owners if they could let me have their e-mail addresses.

Best wishes and many thanks  
Susan Hill 01420 22187  
[\(southdownsusans@btinternet.com\)](mailto:southdownsusans@btinternet.com)



## The next Froyle Film night

will be held on

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018**

Further details to follow in next month's magazine.

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## Froyle Charity Golf Day 2018

**Blackmoor Golf Club**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018**

Once again the trophy for the best team and individual golfer in Froyle is up for grabs.

Whether you wish to enter a team of four or enter as an individual all are welcome.

Further details in the February Magazine but in the meantime if you wish to participate please contact:

*Ian Whitmore on 22634*

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## LENT LUNCHES 2018

As our regulars will know, the Lent Lunches begin on Ash Wednesday, and continue every week until Easter. They consist of soup, bread & cheese, and the donations given are in aid of a charity chosen by the hostess.

Next year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th.

Further details in the February magazine.



Bookings: Gill Bradley  
01420 520484  
[www.froylevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froylevillagehall.co.uk)

## 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](mailto:secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk)*

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

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## **SONGS OF PRAISE St Mary's Church Sunday 28th January - 4.30pm**

We shall be holding our popular service of Songs of Praise again in January. After Christmas there will be a list of suggested well known hymns in the Church and at the Meeting Place, please vote for your favourite.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*The Community Group*

**IT'S BACK**

# **THE FROYLE NEW YEAR QUIZ**

**FROYLE VILLAGE HALL**

**27 JANUARY 2018**

**7PM**

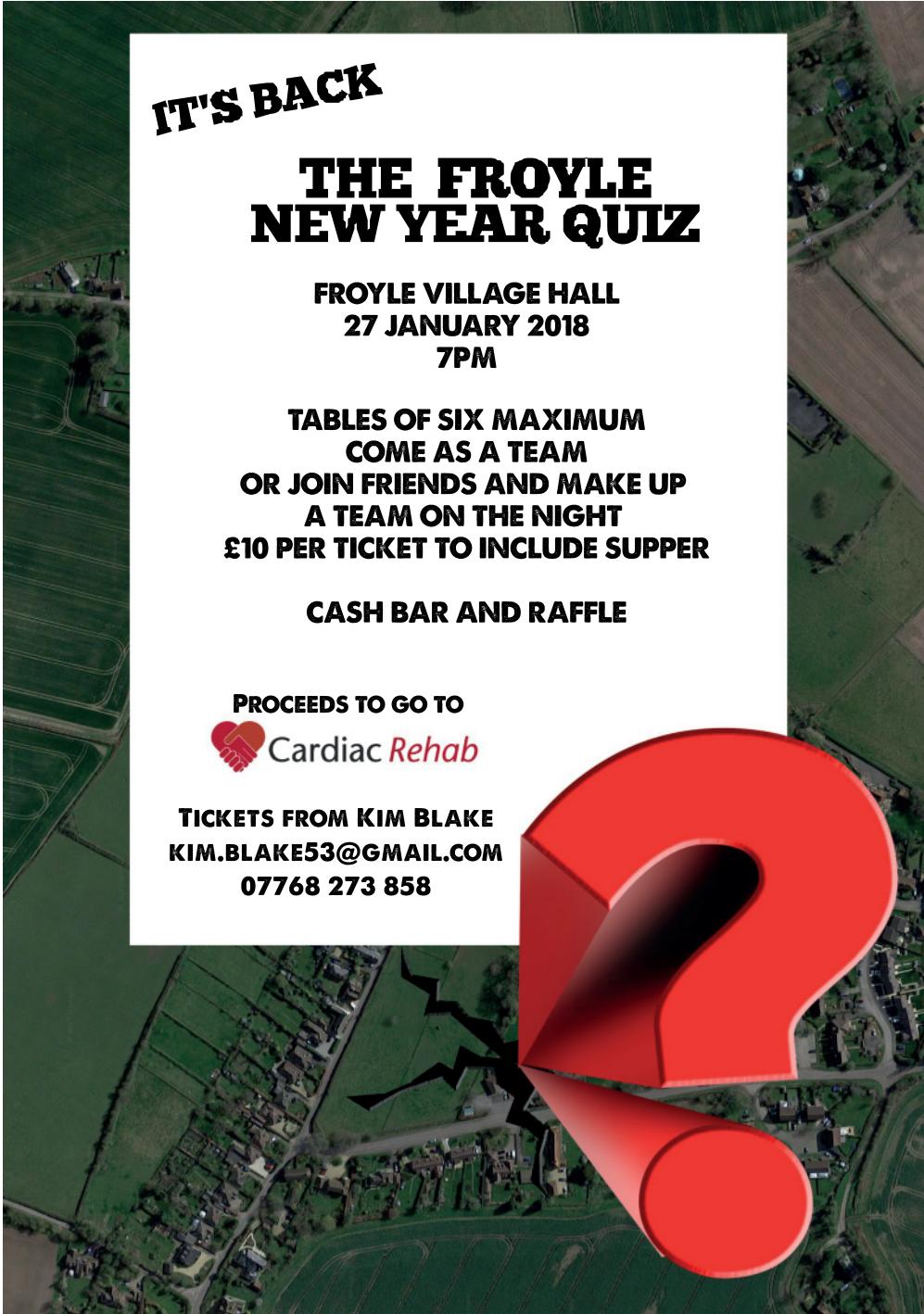
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*We are delighted to include this most uplifting item from a Froyle Resident...*

## The Kingsley Centre

I moved to Froyle from Rowledge in 2013 as a 'newbie' – well actually that is not strictly true as I had visited Froyle on a almost daily basis from 1980 to 2003. My daughter attended Lord Mayor Treloars College from the age of 12 until 21 and then worked in the gardens at the lower school alongside Richard and George Ezzard as a gardener. I was always very grateful for the great work that went on at both the lower and upper school, so that when I managed to find a house for sale in Lower Froyle I felt I was coming home! I can honestly say that there is not one day that I have regretted my move. It is such a friendly, active village and suits an elderly person very well!

What you will not know is that, when Nicola was due to leave Treloars as a pupil, I, along with a number of her peers' parents, was extremely worried about what these 'leavers' were going to do. Life at Treloars had been action packed and their needs met wherever possible but we all knew that there was absolutely nothing in this area that would support them on an ongoing basis into the future. Our offspring had had their expectations raised unrealistically and there was nothing on the horizon other than an outdated long-term day centre in Guildford or Basingstoke. It really amazed me that no one had addressed this deficiency and Social Services simply could not understand our concerns. So I decided that, if no one was going to do anything, I had better do something for Nicola and her friends. All I wanted was somewhere where she would be in contact with the community and be able to follow HER interests rather than what 'professionals' thought she needed – A POSITIVE FUTURE.

Very luckily I met a person in Kingsley who had been looking for a relevant use for her village school that had been closed and was due to be demolished. We joined forces and then started two long years of getting planning permission and recognition from Social Services. We finally opened the doors at the Kingsley Centre in May 1987, providing post office services and a WRVS luncheon club plus one usable room for hire. Our young disabled people joined us the following year. Our twin aims were to provide services at the Centre for the people of Kingsley (these services to be provided by our participants, wherever possible) and secondly to offer them relevant training and support, so now each individual has their own personal program and goals and, with the support of their peers and staff and having gained confidence and training, they are able to take part in the operation and activities of a Community Centre.

We have now been operating for 30 years and a large number of people have moved on from Kingsley into the wider world, living independently, working in paid employment and offering their help on a voluntary basis. Numbers of them retain their friendships and pay return visits. At any one time we offer support to 70 disabled people. These are basically people who had no future after their education had finished and were not recognised by the authorities as needing ongoing support. Nicola actually

did not come to Kingsley until 2003 as she was employed at Treloars as a gardener for 13 years on a special work program. But her peers did come and have since moved on to be replaced by other young school leavers from our area.

We have fantastic staff and a lovely building, which we have greatly enhanced over the years and we now have regular bookings, which help towards our running costs. Our shop and post office is open every day, we also have a small café, garden area and offer IT facilities to members of the village. Villagers tell us we are the hub of the village - housing a Hampshire Information Point, a Montessori Nursery School; we provide a community lunch twice a month, local talks and work shops on various subjects, a parents' support group and leisure services for disabled people. Our participants and volunteers are involved in organizing all these facilities.

My reason for telling you all this is to try and raise the Organisation's profile in the neighbourhood and to answer the question - 'what is there for young people after Treloars'. It is surprising how many people I speak to know the name Kingsley Centre but do not know what goes on there. So if you are ever passing do pop in and see us. You would be very welcome.

Our web site address is [www.kingsleyorganisation.org.uk](http://www.kingsleyorganisation.org.uk) (website being updated at the moment) and if you go on to You Tube "Kingsley Organisation 30 years celebration" you will see why we do what we do!

*Judith Leslie-Smith*

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## Froyle 100 Club Winners

The winners for December were:

1st - David Robertson 2nd - Sue Marriott

3rd - Vicky Poulson 4th - Jeanette Cray

....and the bonus first prize, held over from November due to the generosity of the Stanfords, was won by Pat Cranford.

Congratulations to all!

*William Knowles*

# The Meeting Place



The Meeting Place takes place 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 January 2018

05-Jan.	Shirley Bellis.	Alex Roberts.	Jo Mills.	Sarah English.
12-Jan.	Gill Bradley.	Janet Dobson.	Chris Muddeman.	Sheila Cottington.
19-Jan.	Bea Sword.	Elizabeth Sealey.	Sue Lelliott.	Corinna Whines.
26-Jan.	Kay Pogson.	Alison Pincott.	Anne Blunt.	Maureen Fry.

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 January 2018

05-Jan.	Elizabeth Sealey.	Jack Watts.
12-Jan.	Sheila Cottington.	Lori Taylor.
19-Jan.	Caroline Findlay.	Yvonne Irvine.
26-Jan.	Kay Pogson.	Jack Watts.

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](http://www.froylewildlife.co.uk)

### Big Garden Birdwatch

Joining in with the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch **27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> January** is simple and enjoyable - and a great excuse to watch your garden birds. This annual count now has over half a million people regularly taking part and was started nearly 40 years ago. The data collected contributes to monitoring trends and helps to understand how birds are doing. While some changes in bird numbers can seem scary - we've lost more than half our house sparrows and some three-quarters of our starlings - it isn't all doom and gloom. Since Birdwatch began blue tit numbers have risen by 20% and the woodpigeon has increased 8-fold in gardens. See [www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch). Bird feeders containing sunflower hearts will mainly attract finches, tits and sparrows and increase their winter survival.



### Bentley Station Meadow

Our nearest SSSI is Bentley Station Meadow and Butterfly Conservation organise winter work parties to help clear scrub starting 10am on the first Wednesday of each month from October to March, the next one is on **3rd Jan 2018**. So come and get involved with hands on nature conservation, see [www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php](http://www.hantsiow-butterflies.org.uk/workparties.php).



# Froyle Gardening Club

President: Anne Blunt  
Chair: Brenda Milam

In December, we had a successful A.G.M. with an attendance of 35. The club has a membership of 65 and about 40 regularly attend. Unfortunately we have run at a manageable loss for 2 years, so next year-2019 subscriptions will rise to £10. It was also unanimously agreed not to have prize money for the shows excepting the children's classes. We are now functioning more successfully as good people have taken on jobs even if they don't wish to be full committee members .

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our New Years Party, 12.30 pm for 1.0 pm. Tasty food, a quiz and good company. Tickets at £7 are available from Molly Court (23131). We would still welcome contributions of food but feel free to claim for the cost of expensive ingredients.

A Happy New Year and Happy Gardening.

*Brenda Milam*



## 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January Meetings in the village hall are every Thursday  
On the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Make a New Year's resolution, come and join us for a fun-filled morning!  
Any questions please call Sylvie on 520779.



We wish a very Happy Christmas to all participants in the Better Balance class!

Sue will contact you in the New Year about the start of the next session.

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](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)

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*<http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/>*



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## (Holiday Movie ) Medicine for the Soul



Identify 15 of the best Holiday Movies  
from which these lines are taken...

1. "I'm the king of the world!"
2. "Surely you can't be serious?"..."I am serious...and don't call me Shirley."
3. "Well, nobody's perfect."
4. "We'll always have Paris."
5. "If you build it, he will come."
6. "You can't handle the truth!"
7. "What we've got here is failure to communicate."
8. "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."
9. "Hasta la vista, baby."
10. "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist"
11. "Get busy livin', or get busy dyin'?"
12. "Where we're going, we don't need roads."
13. "You're gonna need a bigger boat."
14. "Now you listen here. He's not the Messiah. He's a *very* naughty boy."
15. "In Italy for thirty years under the Borgias, they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed. They produced Michaelangelo, da Vinci, and the Renaissance. In Switzerland, they had brotherly love, five hundred years of democracy and peace, and what did they produce? The cuckoo clock."

*(See page 15 for the answers)*

# **An Important Message from PCSO David Nops of Alton Police Station**

## **FRAUD WARNING**

The Alton Neighbourhood Policing team together with our colleagues in East Hampshire would like to request your help in sharing the information that follows with your friends, neighbours and relatives particularly the older generation who may not have internet access.

Unfortunately there have been a number of crimes reported recently in the East Hampshire area where members of the public are being targeted by criminals attempting to trick them into handing over large sums of cash.

On many occasions these criminals are pretending to be police officers and appear to be seeking assistance in detecting crime. They often have some personal information such as your date of birth or even the name of your bank. The scams involved can vary but often involve a claim that the bank has substituted counterfeit money into a bank account. A request is then made to attend the bank and withdraw some money with clear instructions not to tell the bank staff.

If you have been contacted by any person stating they are a police officer (or other official) requesting you attend your bank we can advise you that this will be an attempt to steal your money.

On some occasions victims are contacted by telephone and asked to call back to verify the identity of the caller. The fraudster keeps the line open from their end to trick the victim into thinking they have dialled a new number to confirm the identity of the caller. If you are asked to call back to verify a caller telephone Hampshire police on 101 from a different telephone or mobile number if possible.

There are many other scams in circulation at the moment which involve withdrawing large sums of money or other financial transactions such as the purchase of I-tunes vouchers so please be aware. Victims are often over retirement age and are defrauded because of their trusting nature. This is generally down to the sophistication of the scam rather than the fact they may be vulnerable.

One victim of a recent fraud reported hearing the ‘police sergeant’ they were talking to on the telephone being asked if he would like a cup of tea by a ‘constable’ in the office he was calling from. It was this little detail that made them think the call was credible. It wasn’t!

**No Police Officer or other person acting in an official capacity would ever**

contact you to ask you to withdraw money or provide details of your bank account or assist with an investigation in this way.

Please be cautious of any unsolicited call you receive from any person or company who asks you to provide any personal or financial information.

If you have been a victim of a crime of this nature please call Hampshire Police on 101.

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## **Renewable energy – bringing it all together at local level**

At Energy Alton's next public meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, ROGER MUNFORD will tell us all about smart grids, microgrids, community energy, solar, battery storage and how it all fits together in the home and in the national grid.

Roger is an engineer, a director of the West Solent Solar Co-operative and an electric vehicle driver. He has a passion for environmental technology and environmental education, and was one of the founding directors of the Southampton Environment Centre (now tEC).

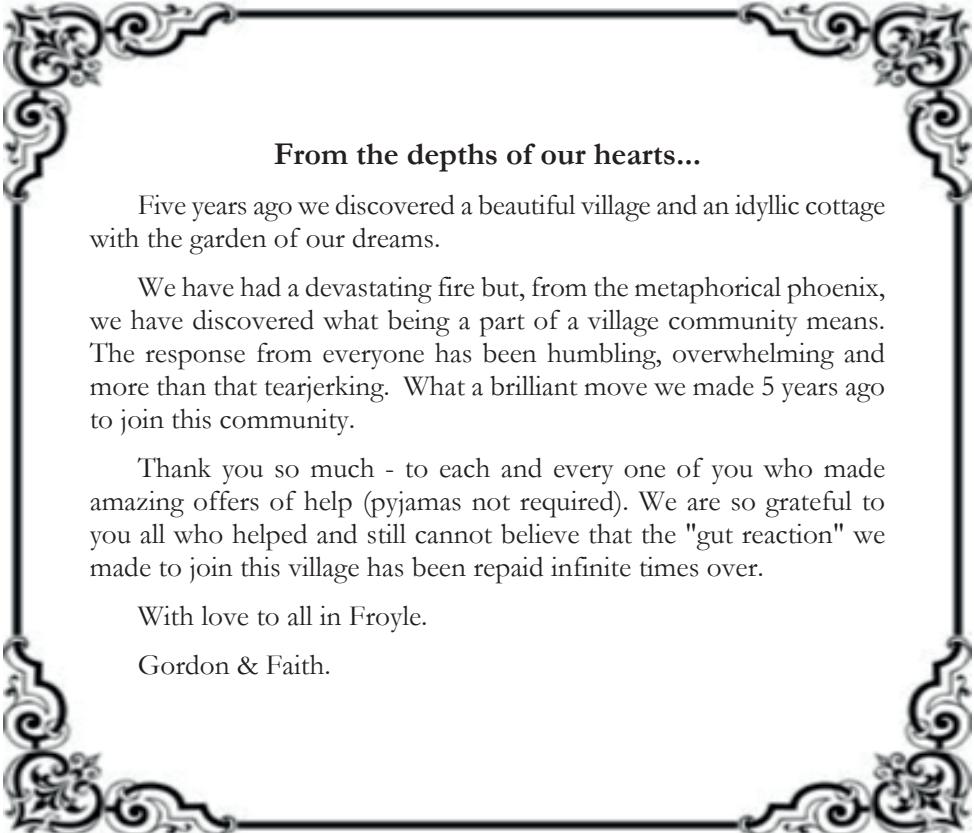
7.30 pm at Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN.

Free entry, bar, all are welcome. [www.energyalton.org.uk](http://www.energyalton.org.uk)

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### *Movie quotes answers from page 13*

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| 1. Titanic            | 9. Terminator 2: Judgment Day. |
| 2. Airplane           | 10. The Usual Suspects         |
| 3. Some like it Hot   | 11. The Shawshank Redemption   |
| 4. Casablanca         | 12. Back to the Future         |
| 5. Field of Dreams    | 13. Jaws                       |
| 6. A Few Good Men     | 14. Life of Brian              |
| 7. Cool Hand Luke     | 15. The Third Man              |
| 8. Gone with the Wind |                                |



### **From the depths of our hearts...**

Five years ago we discovered a beautiful village and an idyllic cottage with the garden of our dreams.

We have had a devastating fire but, from the metaphorical phoenix, we have discovered what being a part of a village community means. The response from everyone has been humbling, overwhelming and more than that tearjerking. What a brilliant move we made 5 years ago to join this community.

Thank you so much - to each and every one of you who made amazing offers of help (pyjamas not required). We are so grateful to you all who helped and still cannot believe that the "gut reaction" we made to join this village has been repaid infinite times over.

With love to all in Froyle.

Gordon & Faith.

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### **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

Thank you to so many people: the exhibitors; all those who helped man the church stalls and those who provided items for sale; everyone who came; everyone who bought raffle tickets; the kitchen "staff"; and the Fundraising team that organised it all.

Wow! what a lot of people were involved but what a lovely event it was, full of joy in our community. Thank you all.

*Nigel Bulpitt*



## The Poppy Day Appeal 2017

The total raised was £1,416.16.

Thank you very much for your generosity which is an increase on the previous year.

I am very grateful to the following people who have directly helped in raising these funds:

Home collectors:- Linda Bulpit, Maureen Fry, Jenny Gove, Mark Cray and Ron Figgins;  
The landlord and staff of the Anchor Inn and The Hen & Chicken Pub;  
The manager and staff of the BP petrol station;  
The manager and staff of Froyle Park.

I am looking for a person to cover the new housing in Upper Froyle which would involve a morning or afternoon going around house to house for donations.

Please let me know if you are interested.

2018 will be the 100th anniversary of the end of First World War and hopefully we can raise a record amount.

Do let me know if you have any ideas for a pub quiz or other such fund raising events.  
Again many thanks for your generosity.

*Jamie Stewart-Smith*

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## The Alton Branch of the U3A

Monthly Meetings for 2018 start on **January 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Community Centre, at 2.00 pm, you are invited to hear Brian Freeland talk of his many years since 1959 working with drama and dance with many well-known theatre companies around the World.

His talk is entitled **Around the World in 80 Plays**, which promises to be informative and entertaining.

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

*Penelope Kennedy*

## A seasonal recipe:

# Paprika Pheasant Breasts with Mushroom Sauce

(from Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites)

### Will serve 6

and should take no more than  
**half an hour to prepare -**

**Serve with mash or rice plus a  
seasonal green vegetable**

### You will need:

6 skinless pheasant breasts  
50 gms butter  
1 large onion, thickly sliced  
1 tablespoon light muscovado sugar  
2 tablespoons paprika  
300 ml double cream  
250 grams sliced chestnut mushrooms  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
S & P

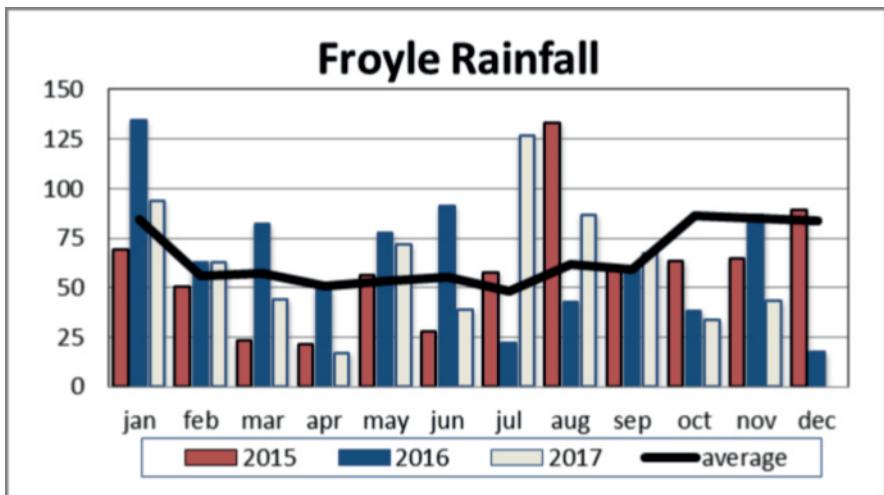
1. Season the pheasant breasts with S & P; heat a third of the butter in a deep frying pan, add the pheasant breasts, cook over a high heat for 3 minutes on one side, 2 minutes on the other, until golden brown and set aside.
2. Heat half of the remaining butter, add the onion and fry over a high heat for 1 minute. Lower the heat, cover and cook for a further 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until nearly soft.
3. Add the sugar and paprika and fry for 1 more minute. Pour in the cream, then return the pheasant breasts to the pan. Cover and simmer over a medium heat for about 10 minutes until the pheasant is tender.
4. While the pheasant is cooking, heat the remaining butter in a frying pan, add the mushrooms and fry for 2-3 minutes until golden and all the liquid has evaporated. Add the mushrooms and half the parsley to the pan with the pheasant breasts.
5. Serve one piece per person, with some of the sauce poured over and sprinkled with the remaining parsley.

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(... and if anyone is looking for pheasant or partridge for this recipe or to explore further the many possibilities for cooking with game, do **get in touch with either David Robertson (520820) or William Knowles (07775 92893)**, who have access to a plentiful supply between now and the end of January, when the game shooting season ends).

## Froyle Rainfall for November 2017

This year	43.5 mm	1.7 ins
Last year	87 mm	3.4 ins
Wettest November (2009)	198.5 mm	7.8 ins
Driest November (1978)	18 mm	0.7 ins
November long-term average— the 3 <sup>rd</sup> wettest month	84 mm	3.3 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	687.5 mm	27.1 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	698.9 mm	27.5 ins



Another very low month, the lowest November since 2004 in fact (40 mm); and, at 77 mm, 2017's combined October/November rainfall has only been this low once in 40 years and that was way back in 1978 when a mere 25 mm was recorded. But, for those of you whose memory is a little rusty, NB in December 1978 we had an absolute deluge (147 mm) and the third wettest Christmas month in Umbrella Man's lifetime ... and that is a very long time...



**“The Umbrella Man”**

## Meanwhile in Froyle exactly 30 years ago...



The snow of January 1987 was very heavy causing Froyle to be cut off from the outside world for a couple of days or so. Here at Anchor plain (just to the south of the Anchor Public House) it took a snow blower quite a while to move the accumulated drifts. This photograph by Sue Clark shows the magnitude of the task!



...and this particular photograph was taken just below Sylvesters Farm where the drifts were several feet deep.



# I was there...



## The Concert for Bangladesh

Sunday night, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1971; Madison Square Garden in New York City. I have no recollection of how my friend scored four tickets—only that I got to go along. The Beatles! Two of them, anyway: George and Ringo. Bob Dylan! Also, Eric Clapton, Leon Russell, Billy Preston and a host of others, “Thinking about someone besides ourselves, for five minutes” (Clapton).

George Harrison organised it with classic sitar player, Ravi Shankar. The first set was Indian music. We listened politely but we were waiting for the stars: my first time seeing Dylan and Clapton, and I never got near a Beatle again. We still sing the songs from that night: *My Sweet Lord, A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall...*

This was the first rock benefit concert for humanitarian reasons, inspiring *Live Aid* and many other events over the years. The goal was to raise international awareness and relief funds for refugees and famine victims of the Bangladesh Liberation War. The two concerts (day and evening) and stunning three-record album made millions for the cause. Forty-six years later, George Harrison’s Fund for UNICEF is still active in Bangladesh, sponsoring health, education and disaster relief projects.

*Mary Knowles*

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Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	11.00am 5.00pm 9.30am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Holy Communion Live@5 Morning Worship
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	4.30pm 9.30am 8.00am	Froyle Bentley Binsted	Songs of Praise Holy Communion & Ch Groups BCP Communion

## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to so many people: the exhibitors; all those who helped man the church stalls and those who provided items for sale; everyone who came; everyone who bought raffle tickets; the kitchen "staff" and the Fundraising team that organised it all. Wow! what a lot of people were involved but what a lovely event it was, full of joy in our community. Thank you all.

*Nigel Bulpitt*

# THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

***Dear all,***

I'm writing this at the end of November, in the midst of one of the first cold snaps of the winter, forecast to last up and down the country for a few days. And although our winters have been getting milder in recent years, I'm wondering if, by the time this piece is read in the Froyle magazine, we shall be experiencing what Christina Rossetti's well known hymn describes:

'in the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone'.

Those opening words make winter sound so miserable, don't they? But although there are days when the skies are leaden, when the fierce wind is biting cold, when taking the dog for a walk is almost an act of penance, I find that, more often than not, there are sights to lift the heart on the dullest day. My dog, for a start, is ecstatic on every walk, snuffling in the fallen leaves, drinking from icy puddles. A dry and bright frosty day is the best of course, with sunlight picking out diamond jewelled cobwebs, spread across twigs and blades of grass edged with silver, making the bare countryside something special to behold. And in this part of the country we are blessed with a landscape of sweeping fields and hills, where the open skies offer majestic dawns of gold and pink and magnificent sunsets of crimson.

For some, winter can be a truly difficult time, but for most of us, even on the longest, darkest days, we may still find hope and joy, as Thomas Hardy did in his poem, The Darkling Thrush. As the poet leant upon the gate, when 'frost was spectre-grey, and winter's dregs made desolate the weakening eye of day,' he heard the song of a thrush, which he describes as 'there trembled through his happy good-night air, some blessed Hope whereof he knew, and I was unaware.' And I think that he hears the voice of God in that sweet song before dark descends.

So although I may still sometimes feel reluctant to leave the Vicarage on a cold wintry morning, as Scooby eagerly tugs me outside, I know I will soon feel cheered by his enthusiasm, by the bracing air and by the glory of God's creation all around us.

***Blessings,  
Yann***

**♪ Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum-di-Dum... ♪**

## An everyday story of walking folk...

### New Year Walk

Right, you've had a good Christmas and are determined to lose a few pounds, so here is a good walk that should help. Some is on the road and some on tracks and across fields so appropriate footwear is advised.

Starting again at the Village Hall, walk to Husseys Lane, either along Froyle Road, or across the recreation ground - the Rec - and down Park Lane. Walk all the way up Husseys Lane - it becomes a track after the last house - keep going for the best part of a mile until you come to the tarmac road, and then turn right.

Follow this road past Isnage Farm on your right and again keep on this road probably for approximately a mile until you come to a t-junction on a tight bend, turn left and follow the road and then the drive to Bury Court. Just before the gates of Bury Court Barn turn right and follow this path, which takes you through an avenue of trees up to Bentley Church.

When you get to the Church turn immediately right and follow the road past a cottage on the left and onto the t-junction by Jenkyn Place. (At this point if you go straight on you can go into Bentley and maybe have a drink at the Star, but surely this will negate your reasons for doing this walk!!). At the t-junction turn right and then immediately left, go through the parking area for the cottages on your left, through two gates and follow the edge of the field with the vineyard on your left, keep going and, when you get to the horses, follow the path as directed and then through a gate along a narrow path and then turn left onto Pax Hill Drive.

Just before the first house, take the stile into the field, follow the defined path across the field, then through the gate and onto Coldrey Drive, follow the drive up to the next gate, go through it and then, keeping Coldrey Cottages on your right, return to Froyle Road, turn right and then return to the village, again avoiding any thoughts of stopping at the Anchor which you pass on your left.

This walk will take an average walker about one and half hours, and I'm sure those with fitbits and the like will tell you how many calories you have burnt.

R.Ambling

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