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(PC) met virtually on 4th May. This meeting was also the AGM at which the unaudited accounts and Internal Auditor's report for 2020/21 were approved. The 2020/21 accounts will be available for any resident to view between 14th June and 23rd July on application to the Clerk. Julie Southern was re-appointed as Chair and Ian Deans as Vice Chair for the coming year. The only other major item on the agenda was the football hut.

The PC has expended significant time and effort over recent months on the Football Hut project exploring how the existing hut could be redeveloped to offer additional community amenities beyond its existing storage use and at a cost that was considered to be an appropriate use of community funds. The PC's position on the project has been guided by the results of the public consultation in 2020 which supported the provision of additional community amenities such as a covered shelter, additional smaller meeting facilities, storage and support for existing events. At that time, it was anticipated that a budget of c.£75,000 would be required to renovate the existing building in line with the proposed plans. Responses to a formal tender in late 2020, resulted in the lowest price for renovation of the hut at c.£100,000. The PC has continued to explore other options to deliver the community amenities via the hut but, if anything, costs are increasing not decreasing and the best price obtained for a new build option was also in the region of £100k including the cost of demolition.

Faced with a cost of £100,000, which the majority of Councillors felt was unacceptable for the amenities provided, the PC have decided to pursue a different route. Despite an opportunity cost of £44,000 by not proceeding due to the loss of approved grants, the PC concluded at its recent meeting that a more modular approach should be used to deliver the additional community amenities. All activity to develop an integrated solution on the football hut site will cease and alternative solutions considered including different location, design concept etc.

This modular approach will allow the PC to prioritise the amenities and deliver each of them more efficiently and effectively. Although there is always the chance that the total spent might, over time, exceed the current cost of the football hut renovation, it was considered that removing the constraint of focussing all development on the footprint of the football hut will provide much more freedom to look at the best way to deliver each amenity to the community. Work would start immediately on:

- providing a shelter beside the playground;
- investigating how to meet the various storage requirements, and
- finding a productive use for the slab.

The football hut will not be demolished until an alternative use has been determined for the slab. This must also include provision to prevent unauthorised access of vehicles onto the Recreation ground.

Discussions will also be held with the Village Hall committee on the feasibility of integrating some or all the additional community amenities including meeting space, externally accessible toilet etc within the existing village hall envelope.

Any suggestions from residents on other community amenities that could be considered should be sent to the Clerk.

Around the village – three new planning applications were received since the last PC meeting, two for tree work and one for change of land use from agricultural to equestrian including construction of a stable block. The PC had no objections to the two tree applications. Clarification has been sought from the Planning Officer on the application for change of land use as information needed to comment on this was missing. The PC has expressed its concern via our District Councillor about the quality of validation recently being undertaken by EHDC that has allowed incomplete and inaccurate applications to be sent out for public comment. Two recent applications, to which the PC had objected due to the developments being inappropriately sized, have either been refused by EHDC or withdrawn.

Our District Councillor has raised concerns about speeding through the village with the local police. A manned speed surveillance unit was in the village recently, but the police advise they can only act on the basis of reported incidents. If you see or are involved in an incident, including near misses, please report these to the Clerk who will pass on to the local police so all the data can be collected.

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council following Simon Maher's decision to stand down. Any resident who is interested in joining the Council should notify the Clerk **before 7th July** including a brief description of why they wish to stand. The PC would welcome the opportunity to provide an insight into the role of a Parish Councillor by inviting any resident who is interested to attend a PC meeting and/or speak to one of the Councillors.

The **next PC meeting** is scheduled for **Monday 14th June** at 19.00 in the Village Hall and all residents are welcome. If you wish to attend, please contact the Clerk to obtain access details as the number able to join in person may be limited due to Covid restrictions.



Bookings:
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News from the Village Hall

Very gradually the hall is coming back to life but it is a slow process as restrictions are gradually lifted. Yoga classes have now resumed on a Thursday evening. The Mothers and Baby group thrives with three sessions a week although this may reduce after half term. The Meeting Place will soon be able to meet inside but still socially distanced.

On 6 May the hall hosted a masked and socially distanced polling station. If you voted you were probably too busy making your decision to notice the redecoration and the freshly cleaned and rehung curtains. I fussed about making sure the election officers were keeping warm (15 hours is a long sit with the doors open). By the time I left I had completely forgotten who I voted for!

To complete the renovation, over the week end 29-30 May the floor will be resurfaced. The hall will therefore be closed from midday on the Saturday to the following Wednesday to allow the floor time to cure. Thanks are due to Cllr Costigan for a grant of £300 towards the cost of the operation.

After waiting patiently for six months, £500 towards the cost of the new dishwasher arrived in our account from the EHDC 106 Developer Contribution Fund. Every little helps. Details of the halls accounts for 2020 can be found on page 5.

The PLCFE (post lock-down celebratory Froyle event) has been restyled the Froyle Frolic(s). A sub-committee has been established and will meet shortly. More next month!

Nick Whines secretary@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Froyle Village Hall Chairman's Statement 2020

No one need be told for the umpteenth time that 2020 was on the whole a year to forget, and Froyle Village Hall's last twelve months was no exception; and like many other organisations, we were much restricted in what we could do, including, inevitably, having to conduct our monthly Committee meetings via Zoom.

The Hall itself was open for the first three months of the year, and then on a restricted basis in October plus most of December, so unsurprisingly our bookings were well down - from 336 in 2019 to 111 in 2020 – which was reflected in our total revenues (down by more than 60% over 2019).

Of our regular users, during those months the Meeting Place continued to be held, but generally on an outside, take-away only, basis. And the Toddler Group kept going for a lot of the time, due to its educational focus, as did the Art class and Baby Ballet; but our other regulars, like the Wildlife, Gardening and Card and Games Clubs all had to operate virtually, if at all. The introduction of a card-payment terminal has made, and hopefully will continue to make, life easier for everyone.

On the events front, whilst we had no Film Nights, Open Gardens or Fete and Flower Show, on November 5th we funded a socially-distanced fireworks display, and two nights later organised a virtual quiz in aid of Alton Foodbank, both of which were well received.

In terms of our income, the 100 Club continued to be an important source for us. However, this year we also received substantial Government support via funding from EHDC in lieu of business rates, such that we ended the year with considerably more money in the bank than budgeted.

As we have a number of fixed costs, because of the lower activity, our overall costs were only down by approximately 40%.

In terms of personnel, we said farewell to two long-standing members of the Committee, namely Ian Whitmore in June and Roger Cooper in December, and we thank them warmly for their many years' service. (We subsequently filled the resulting vacancies in 2021).

Looking to the future, the outlook for 2021 seems brighter and we hope the Hall can be fully opened by mid-summer, although we have made the decision to offer reduced rates for an initial period while numbers are limited. In addition, we are hoping to help organise a Village event in late summer to celebrate the end of lockdown.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow members of the Village Hall Committee for their many invaluable contributions over the last 12 months – including, amongst many other things, tending our shrub border outside the Hall, keeping the inside clean and virus-free, and helping to organise what few activities we were able to. The role of Chairman is remarkably easy with such a dedicated and hard-working team and I am indebted to them all.

(David Robertson – Chairman Village Hall Committee 20th April, 2020)

Froyle Village Hall – 2020 Accounts, Notes and Treasurer’s Report

Froyle Village Hall Accounts 2020		Registered Charity number 281141		v3 - for approval	
Receipts and Payments (Note 1)		2020 - Full Year		2019 - Full Year	
	Receipts	£	£	£	£
	Charges to Users	3,634.60		9,957.00	
	Sundry / One Off	109.00		0.00	
	Interest	132.70		121.61	
			3,876.30		10,078.61
	Payments				
	Cleaning costs	-1,085.00		-2,669.05	
	Electricity, Gas and Water	-607.64		-641.14	
	Supplies and Consumables	-684.76		-409.62	
	Repairs and Maintenance	-566.10		-961.66	
	Insurance	-1,353.11		-1,439.24	
	Phone and Broadband Internet	-679.15		-874.21	
	Other (Note 3)	-556.88		-1,576.66	
			-5,532.64		-8,571.58
	Operating Surplus/-Deficit (Note 2)		-1,656.34		1,507.03
	Donations and Fund Raising				
	Donations and Takings	852.60		5,007.36	
	Costs of Fund Raising	-970.00		-3,125.27	
			-117.40		1,882.09
	Operating Surplus with Donations (Note 2)		-1,773.74		3,389.12
	One-off projects				
	Restricted Grants and Specific Gifts	13,834.00		3,360.00	
	Project Spending	-1,800.00		-4,123.43	
			12,034.00		-763.43
	Total Receipts less Payments (Note 2)		10,260.26		2,625.69
Assets and Liabilities		2020 - Full Year		31/12/2019	
	Assets (Note 4)				
	Hall Building	120,652.03		120,652.03	
	Furniture	701.93		701.93	
			121,353.96		121,353.96
	Bank (Note 5)				
	Unrestricted	12,965.73		11,205.47	
	Designated	15,500.00		7,000.00	
	Restricted	0.00		0.00	
			28,465.73		18,205.47
	Liabilities				
	Un-cashed cheques at end		0.00		0.00
	Total Net Assets		149,819.69		139,559.43
	Represented by				
	Accumulated Funds	139,559.43		136,933.74	
	Surplus/-Deficit	10,260.26		2,625.69	
	Total		149,819.69		139,559.43
David Robertson - Chairman		Charlie Findlay - Treasurer			

- 1) As a Registered Charity with an income below £150,000, we operate on a "Receipts and Payments" or "Cash" basis rather than a "Profit and Loss" or "Accrual Accounting" approach.
 - a) Receipts and Payments are recorded when the bank transaction takes place and so not necessarily when the associated events or costs occur.
 - b) In more normal years, receipts for bookings towards the end of the year are not included in the Accounts if they have not been received by 31 December. The amounts outstanding at the start and end of a typical year are generally small and the net differences have had minimal impact on each year's results. For 2020, we received payments for late 2019 bookings but had none outstanding at the end of 2020, in fact two users had small credits. Overall, these effects made a ~£700 positive impact on the 2020 receipts.
 - c) Increasingly, receipts arrive directly into our bank account. We bank all cheques and cash. Payments are made by direct transfer, cheque or Direct Debit. There is no Petty Cash.

- 2) The Accounts show the results for the year at three levels:
 - a) Operating Surplus/-Deficit - the result before any fund raising and one-off projects.
 - b) Operating Surplus with Donations - includes receipts from donations and fund-raising events, less any associated costs.
 - c) Total Receipts less Payments - includes one-off, or 'capital', projects and any grants and specific gifts received to pay for them.

This Total reconciles with the net change in Assets for the year.

- 3) The larger "Other" Payments were: Performing Rights Society / Phonographic Performance Limited £278 and the online Booking System £224. EHDC did not levy any Rates in 2020.

- 4) Assets: Buildings and Furniture. With Cash accounting, there is no Depreciation.
 - a) The Buildings are recorded at cost: new in 1984; additions in 2006. The Furniture value is the depreciated cost at end of 2006.
 - b) Since 2007, all projects are 'expensed' in the year they occur and not added to Assets.
 - c) The Buildings are insured for £548,000 and this sum is increased annually by our insurer.

- 5) Assets: Funds held in our bank accounts - Restricted, Designated and Unrestricted.
 - a) Restricted: subject to specific legal, donor or other conditions. At the end of the year there were no Restricted funds.
 - b) Designated: funds set aside by the Committee but which can be reallocated. At the end of the year £15,500 was designated. This sum included £5,000 for the Hut, £2,000 for floor refurbishment (increasing £1,000 per year until 2023), £1,500 for the website, £1,000 for redecoration and a General Reserve of £6,000. (See Treasurer's Report for more details.).
 - c) Unrestricted: all other funds.

- 6) Our Accounts are 'inspected' and not 'audited'. The Accounts, these Notes, a comparison with the Budget, and the Treasurer's Report are reviewed by the Committee, inspected by our independent inspector, Ian Macnabb, and then approved at the Annual General Meeting.

Froyle Village Hall		Budget vs Actual 2020											
Version 3 - for approval							Actual	Last 5 year	Budget	Actual			
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average	2020	2020	Notes			
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£				
Receipts													
Charges to Users		11,238	12,244	10,569	11,033	9,957	11,008	10,000	3,634	Down 70% as Hall closed for 7 months			
Sundry / One Off		133	221	15	50		105	105	109	and free for Sept & Oct			
Interest		3	3	3	9	122	28	122	133				
Total		11,374	12,468	10,587	11,092	10,079	11,141	10,227	3,876				
Payments													
Cleaning costs		- 1,875	- 1,706	- 2,268	- 1,971	- 2,669	- 2,098	- 2,098	- 1,085	Hall mostly closed but extra cleaning when open			
Electricity, Gas and Water		- 1,558	- 1,124	- 1,350	- 1,408	- 641	- 1,216	- 673	- 608	5% Hall closed for 7 months. (?No water bills?)			
Supplies and Consumables		- 356	- 341	- 428	- 211	- 410	- 349	- 349	- 685	Extra PPE etc			
Repairs and Maintenance		- 2,538	- 1,973	- 1,524	- 1,669	- 962	- 1,733	- 1,733	- 566				
Insurance		- 1,665	- 1,237	- 1,285	- 1,336	- 1,439	- 1,392	- 1,511	- 1,353	5% Bud = 2019 plus 5%.			
Phone and Internet		- 634	- 672	- 715	- 716	- 874	- 722	- 918	- 679	5% New deal from BT			
Other		- 1,435	- 1,332	- 890	- 1,353	- 1,577	- 1,317	- 1,317	- 557				
Total		-10,062	- 8,384	- 8,460	- 8,664	- 8,572	- 8,828	- 8,600	- 5,533	Costs down 40%			
Operating Surplus/-Deficit		1,311	4,083	2,127	2,427	1,507	2,312	1,627	- 1,657				
Donations and Fund Raising													
Donations and Takings		5,091	7,850	8,625	4,635	5,007	6,242	4,242	852	100 Club and Quiz			
Costs of Fund Raising		- 3,022	- 3,901	- 3,504	- 2,648	- 3,125	- 3,240	- 3,240	- 970	Fireworks and Quiz			
Total		2,069	3,949	5,121	1,986	1,882	3,001	1,001	- 118				
Operating + Donations		3,380	8,032	7,248	4,414	3,390	5,314	2,629	- 1,775				
Projects - One-off/"Capital"													
Grants and Specific Gifts		-	1,450	1,550	1,750	3,360	1,622	2,000	13,834	£2,000 2019 Fete £10,000 + £1,334 EHDC £500 HCC			
Project Spending		- 4,555	- 3,988	- 9,167	- 10,383	- 4,123	- 6,443	- 2,500	- 1,800	Dishwasher (£500 HCC as above, £500 EHDC expected)			
Total		- 4,555	- 2,538	- 7,617	- 8,633	- 763	- 4,821	- 500	12,034				
Surplus - Grand Total		- 1,175	5,495	- 369	- 4,219	2,626	492	2,129	10,259				
Year End in Bank		14,673	20,766	19,979	15,586	18,205	17,842	20,334	28,465	Last year + Surplus			

USE: Compared to 2019, bookings increased during Jan, Feb and early March. But then Covid struck and the Hall was closed until October when a few organisations were allowed back under restricted measures, Toddlers, Baby Ballet, Art and Meeting Place, but no private users. The Committee agreed that the Hall should be free for two months to encourage users back. However, the Hall closed again in November. In December we returned to the limited opening but with no Meeting Place. As the numbers in the Hall continued to be limited by Government advice/guidance, the Committee agreed to charge users 50% of the normal rate. Overall, for the year we were 70% down on hiring income at £3,635 vs a 5 year average of £11,000.

OPERATING COSTS: With the Hall closed for seven months, costs reduced for Utilities, Repairs and Maintenance. There were no Cleaning costs while the Hall was closed but enhanced cleaning in October and December. As mentioned in last year's Report, we have had no charges for Water/Wastewater but are unable to understand why. Overall costs fell 40% to £5,533, from an average of £8,828 over the last five years.

The net Operating Deficit was £1,657.

FUNDRAISING: The 100 Club raised just over £600. Fireworks cost £720 compared to typical year where the Bonfire and Fireworks are funded from the food, drink and bucket donations. We held a virtual quiz on behalf of Alton Food Bank, raising over £800, where we covered the costs of prizes etc from Hall funds to the tune of £114. Our net Donations/Fundraising was -£118.

ONE-OFF / PROJECT EXPENDITURE: During 2020, we had to replace the dishwasher at a cost of £1,800. HCC contributed £500 and EHDC committed another £500. This latter amount had not been received by the end of the year although we have been assured it will be paid in 2021.

In 2019 the Fete agreed to help with £2,000 for the garden project and the external repairs and painting. The funds arrived in Jan 2020 and so is included in these accounts.

PLANS: We plan a complete internal redecoration and refurbishment of the floor in 2021 while the Hall.

We also plan a new dynamic website and have budgeted £1,500 for this.

In 2018, 2019 and 2020 the Committee noted but had not budgeted to support Parish Council plans for the Football Hut. We have £5,000 Designated to support an appropriate project which might directly or indirectly increase the Hall's revenue, which enhances the Hall's overall facilities, and which fits with our charitable purpose.

For 2021, we have prepared a budget assuming the Hall remains closed until Easter, operates at 50% capacity and 50% of normal charge-out rates through the summer and usual capacity and charge-out rates after the summer holidays. Assuming continued Government support while we are closed, this will deliver a Deficit of £1,500.

We also plan to review our pricing structures, which have been in place since 2018, as costs rise year by year.

SUMMARY: The overall Surplus for the year was £10,260 reflecting support from Government, via EHDC, of £11,334 and a Deficit, without this support, of £1,074.

The Hall's financial reserves remain strong and, we wish to encourage and support new and existing users when conditions permit and to help fund community activities in and around the Hall for the benefit of the village. The Committee has also agreed to help organise/partially fund a post-Covid Village event if, and when, this is appropriate.



Dog Fouling in the Churchyard

We're delighted so many dogs are enjoying walking through the churchyard, but please could you pick up after them. Those who kindly look after the churchyard have found strimming and mowing increasingly unpleasant. You can put bags in the green bin to the left of the porch.

Jane MacNabb



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place takes place every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 10am- 12 noon, so do come and join us for delicious home made cake, hot drinks and good conversation. Although lockdown restrictions are lifting, we are still aiming to be outside on the terrace as much as possible, weather permitting.

June Kitchen Helpers

4 th	Sue Carr	Mary Knowles
11 th	Julie Southern	John Dunn
18 th	Corinna Whines	Linda Hagan Wilkie
25 th	Sarah Lovell	Caroline Findlay

June Cake Bakers

4 th	Sue Lelliott	Barbara Starbuck	Maureen Fry	Brian Jones
11 th	Ann Roberts	Jenny Matthews	Clare McMullen	
18 th	Sue Carr	Katherine Gilmour	Sally Turville	Pam Green
25 th	Sarah Roberts	Jane Dunn	Janet Dobson	Anne Blunt

It's always helpful to know what cake you are making , and if you can't bake for any reason, do please let us know. Cakes can be left in the porch at Wykeham House Lower Froyle on Thursdays or bring to the hall after 9.30 am on Fridays.

Gill Bradley (520484)

Jenny Gove (23697)

Susie Robertson (520820)

For **FROYLE OPEN GARDENS 2021 - June 5th & 6th** - if anyone would like to bake a cake for this, please bake one of the following, preferably a traybake or loaf cake for ease of cutting.

Coffee - Lemon Drizzle - Victoria Sponge with jam filling only - Fruit

If you could let Susie know if you are bringing a cake, it would be ENORMOUSLY helpful!

Sjrinfroyle@gmail.com

Froyle 100 Club - May Draw



Things seem to be looking up: on 21 May the Meeting Place was back where it belongs, in the Village Hall, as was the 100 Club draw; and those in attendance celebrated Patti's birthday (check out the birthday presents in the photo)! I think, though, that I detect a slight air of concern on Patti's face in this photo. Maybe it's that milestone birthday... and she was of course made to draw all four numbers from the bag - she pointed out (as a loyal follower of the 100 Club) that she was following in the footsteps/pawsteps/clawsteps of chickens, ducks, dogs and an assortment of creatures over the last year, so she might not have thought that doing the 100 Club draw was really so much of an honour these days. In reality, though, it was just a rubbish photo – sorry Patti – where is Nick Whines when you need him...?

Anyway, Patti did an excellent job with the draw (so says Mrs Knowles).

So a Very Happy Birthday Patti. Well done the Meeting Place team in getting us all up and running again – let's hope we can keep the momentum going. And congratulations to all the winners, who were:

1st - Mary Knowles 2nd - Beverley Morgan
3rd - June Fenn 4th (wait for it) - Patti Parrott!

William Knowles: (07775 928933, email: wbk@wbknowles.com)

FROYLE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

ALL CHANGE! EXCITING NEW SET UP STARTING
JUNE 10TH

THURSDAYS 10AM-2PM

With restrictions easing, we are now going back to just Thursdays, but with now an extended session 10am-2pm.

DROP IN

No booking system.
Completely flexible.
Arrive whenever.

Stay for as long as you want to.

No paying in advance, no need to commit to every week.

DON'T WORRY, THERE WILL STILL BE CAKE!

Refreshments and cake included.
Please feel free to bring your own snacks and packed lunch.

£3 PER FAMILY

The price is increasing to £5 per family. This is to cover hall hire fees, refreshments and craft materials. I can take card or cash.

Please sign in and pay at the kitchen hatch when you arrive.

RULES

For now, masks are still mandatory unless exempt.

If we are finding certain times are getting too busy, we will introduce a time limit to your visit. We will assess this week by week.

Please social distance as much as possible, and use the 'sanitisation station'.

Search 'Froyle Baby and Toddler Group' on facebook for more information.



Scorpions & Tigers Seen in Froyle

Recently both of these were unexpectedly reported as found in Froyle but are just harmless insects. The **water scorpion** (*Nepa cinerea*) is a brown, leaf shaped predacious water bug about 3.5cm long. The long tail acts as a breathing tube to penetrate the water surface, exactly like a snorkel. It feeds on insects, tadpoles and small fish, concealing itself in weed and grabs passing prey with its pincer-like front legs. Described as widespread in southern England, search in shallow edges of ponds by torchlight to find one.



The **scarlet tiger moth** (*Callimorpha dominula*) caterpillars were found in a Froyle garden. This moth breeds on comfrey, hemp agrimony and hound's tongue. When larger the hairy caterpillars can be found feeding on nettle, bramble, sallows, honeysuckle and meadowsweet. The adult moth is day flying in June so look out for this colourful garden visitor with its white and yellow spots on a dark iridescent forewing and crimson red underwing.

Other sightings in Froyle in May include Siskins on garden feeders. These small finches with yellow-green and black plumage are more often

seen in winter. In spring, the majority of siskins migrate to Europe and those continuing to visit gardens in the summer will be breeding locally. Do send us your wildlife sightings or photos to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or to Instagram with #froylewildlife.

North Warnborough Greens

-Join us for a walk at North Warnborough Greens SSSI on either Thursday 3rd June 10am-12 or Monday 7th June 7pm. Managed by Hampshire Wildlife Trust, these flower rich wet meadows are adjacent to the River Whitewater and are home to a great variety of flower species. We hope to see both Early and Southern Marsh Orchids in flower. Please note that there are two dates because of limited parking nearby, so please let us know if you plan to attend by email to info@froylewildlife.co.uk or phone 01420 23520.



Ideas for nearby places to visit this summer for nature include:-

- Noar Hill near Selborne managed by HIWWT;
- Farnham Heath managed by the RSPB;
- Bishops Meadow, Farnham managed by Bishops Meadow Trust;
- Alton Flood Meadows managed by Alton Town Council and voluntary groups;
- Bentley Station Meadow managed by Butterfly Conservation;
- Alice Holt Forest managed by Forestry England;
- Home Farm, Burkham Bentworth managed by the Woodland Trust.

Barry Clark



June from the Potting Shed

Well, what will June bring us? April and May have been topsy turvy and the plants have not known what to do, some things are a couple of weeks late.

Did you do the 'No Mow May'? The flowers did enjoy the break from the mower and flowered really well giving plenty of food for the bees. But where did the butterflies go? The earlier cold weather slowed them down.

So, if you were delayed with French and Runner Beans still time to sow some more and get them planted. Lettuce and Beetroot can still be sown to give continuity of cropping. You can also get another sowing of Sweetcorn in this month to give you a supply later in the summer. Tomatoes can be planted out into the garden in a sunny spot. Remove side shoots on cordon tomatoes but it's not necessary on Bush types.

Straw the strawberry plants to keep the fruit off the ground and be prepared to net over the fruit as soon as they start to turn as the birds will get them. To stop them falling over autumn fruiting raspberries may need some support. I think that the June drop of the apples may be a little late this year so be prepared to thin out the apples if you have had a good set. This is to give you less fruit but bigger fruit.

As the roses start to bloom remember to cut off the flower heads after flowering to give chance for more flowers later in the season. Tie in the new growths of rambling roses trying to stop them from growing vertical. They need to be bent just above horizontal and zig-zagged up the supports to encourage plenty of flowers for next year.

Check any supports needed in the herbaceous borders and deadhead as required. It is always a good time to note if plants need to be repositioned. This is noted now and done in the autumn or spring.

Gardens are hopefully going to be open this summer under the NGS scheme so it is a good time to go visiting and noting what plants you might want in your garden and also see the planting schemes and designs that other gardeners have created. Enjoy.

Geoff Hawkins

Lots of reminders from Geoff to keep us busy in June but I am pleased to say that two garden visits have been arranged for us to enjoy on evenings in June and July, details follow. Numbers are required so please contact Brenda if you wish to come. 01420 22216 or walbury@uwclubnet

- **11th June** - 7pm Nigel & Julie Southern, Aldersey House, Lower Froyle, GU34 4LL

Limited parking. Walk from Village Hall if possible.

- **7th July** - 7pm Roger & Jenny Bateman, Silver Birches, Old House Gardens, East Worldham, GU34 3AN Admission £5

From Alton take next turn on left after the one to the church

Some parking in the close or short walk from church.

The weekend plant sales continue on 29/30th May at Old Brewery House and Bramlins. As I write the weather has been too cold and rough to put out the more tender annuals, tomatoes etc. but should be possible before the end of the month. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the interesting variety of plants for sale. And of course there will be more plants at the Open Gardens weekend 5/6th June.

Anne Blunt

Thank You

Patti Parrott would like to thank all the kind people who made her birthday at the Meeting Place such a special celebration; especially Jo for the cake and the lovely Meeting Place organisers for the balloon and champagne.

The Countryside Code

Everybody knows about the Countryside Code - or at least, they think they do.

Unfortunately, one side effect of the COVID lockdown has been that the countryside has come under unprecedented recreational pressure, and this has led to levels of irresponsible behaviour not seen before.

As a result, the government and representatives of land owning and working interests have got together to update the code.

The full code is too long to print here. You can read it on the government's own website. But they have also issued a two-sided introduction to some important points and we are reprinting it here following.

The Countryside Code

Your guide to enjoying parks and waterways, coast and countryside

Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

The Countryside Code



Follow advice and local signs

In some cases, additional higher rights of access or permissive access could exist.

Footpath



Bridleway



Restricted Byway



Byway open to all traffic



Permissive Path

Follow advice on local signs as landowners voluntarily provide access to these paths and choose who can use them. Some open access areas are also made available in the same way.



National Trail

National Trails are created for walking, with horse-riding and cycling possible on some trails or trail sections.

www.nationaltrail.co.uk



Open Access

You can walk and explore away from paths.

www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk

For further information visit www.gov.uk/countryside-code

Down Your Country Ways

With R. Ambling

Walk the Gardens



Thinking of a walk in June, Froyle Open Gardens gave me inspiration, why not a route that encompasses all the gardens that can be undertaken on the two days they are open and anytime during the month? The owners will only want you to visit on the days they are open to give to the charity so I'm not encouraging trespassing for the rest of the month.

Start at the Village Hall, on the day you can return for refreshments. Go to the end of Ryebidge Lane and turn left onto Froyle Road, almost immediately you will see Warren Cottage on your left, your first garden. On leaving continue left and just past Well Lane, again on your left you will see Day Cottage, your second garden. On exiting and just a few yards further on you reach your third garden, Aldersey House. Then on exiting turn right, the way you came and on the corner of Well Lane you will see Well Lane Corner, a very appropriate house name but this is your fourth garden.

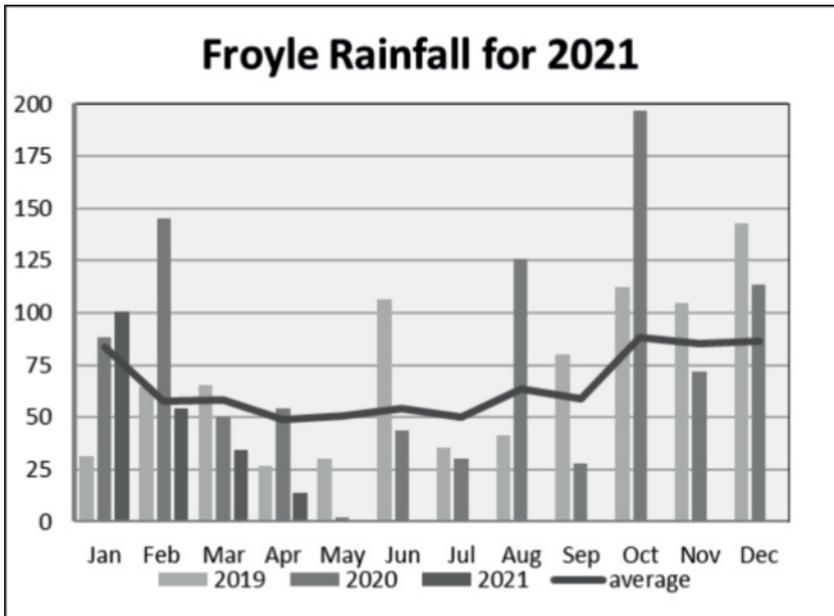
On leaving you can continue to follow Well Lane away from the village, after about 250 yards you will see the entrance to Kiln House, no not your fourth garden but this is just part of the walk. Just at the initial part of the drive enter the field on your right, through a new gate, a vast improvement from the previous stile which caused many a split trouser. Thanks to a very kind landowner. Follow the path up the field over two stiles and through two further fields and you finally arrive at Husseys Lane. Turn Right and down the lane all the way to your next garden, Old Brewery House. On leaving, carry on to the end of Husseys Lane and turn left, along here approximately 250 yards you will reach Brocas which is now your sixth garden. On leaving Brocas carry on the road to the Anchor, where you will follow the path adjacent to the pub. Keep on this path, St. Swithuns Way as it goes along the edge of two fields and finally you reach Gid Lane, turn right and then immediately left on to the Avenue towards Froyle Park. As you reach the gates of Froyle Park there is a permissive route to the right which takes you to the church. On leaving the Church turn left and follow the road to the large White House on your right and your final garden.

Now on the day you will certainly be in need of refreshments so a walk back to the village hall, either directly along the road or maybe why not take a walk over Saintbury Hill, then you will certainly have earned it.

This is a decent walk on any day and without visiting the gardens will take about an hour.

Froyle Rainfall for April, 2021

This year	13.5 mm	0.5 ins
Last year	54 mm	2.1 ins
Wettest April (2000)	155 mm	6.1 ins
Driest April (2007 & 2011)	1 mm	0.04 ins
Long-term average for April – the driest month	48.9 mm	1.9 ins
Total rainfall for the year so far	202.5 mm	8 ins
Long-term average for the year so far	248.4 mm	9.8 ins



The average for April continues to fall, from 50.8 mm in 2016 to 48.9 mm this year, and, as I said this time last year remains comfortably Froyle’s driest month. Whilst the average for the first quarter of the year has remained pretty steady for a number of years, the second has continued to decline steadily, with 2021 looking like continuing this trend.



“The Umbrella Man”

FROYLE

THINKING GREEN

Following Mental Health Awareness week, we all know that spending time outdoors has a beneficial effect on our health and well-being. Gaining enough outdoor light, particularly in the morning, has a positive effect on our sleep patterns which in turn regulate many functions within the body. Doing positive things for the environment have also been shown to be important for mental health. Do you have any well-being tips to share with us? A few simple things you can do within your garden include:

- 1) plant bee-loving plants, either in beds or pots. Examples include lavender, cosmos, borage, nasturtium, herbs etc.
- 2) leave a strip of your lawn un-mown.
- 3) leave a shallow bowl of water out for thirsty wildlife like birds and hedgehogs
- 4) install an insect/bee house – you can make your own from an untreated piece of timber with lots of (just under 1cm) holes drilled into it about 15cm deep and hang it in a sheltered location.
- 5) create a small veg patch in a border or a pot - tomatoes, courgettes, potatoes, beans, peas, leeks and herbs all grow very easily outdoors without a greenhouse.
- 6) avoid using chemical sprays or metaldehyde slug pellets which kill wildlife.

At least a third of British wild bees and hoverflies are in decline, so looking after our bees is so important. There are about 25 species of bumblebees in the UK. They are most active March to October, and only feed on flowers so any extra you can provide them will help them survive. Visit the Bumblebee Conservation Trust for more information.

If you need a reason to venture out into this wet and wild spring weather, the Great British Spring Clean takes place 28th May to 13th June. The UK's largest mass-action environmental campaign aims to contribute to a million miles of litter-picking. Go to www.gbspringclean.org to pledge your miles or minutes spent litter picking and let's keep Froyle looking tidy and our step counts up! Don't forget to recycle any plastic bottles or cans you find.

Alex Roberts and Anthea McRiley
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Then & Now - Memories from The Froyle Archive

With so much change going on in the village, we thought we would bring you a mini-series illustrating some of those changes.

We felt it would be appropriate to begin with our own bungalow at “Adams Field”. As you may have guessed, this name was inspired by this early photograph below which shows men at work in the field known as “Adams”. The field, along with many in the village, was farmed by Henry Brownjohn, whose family had lived and worked in Froyle since the 1800s. Henry grew comfrey, a broad leafed plant used to feed the cattle, in Adams Field. We have deliberately kept a patch of comfrey in our garden in his memory.

In the 1915 photograph below you can see (*left to right*) the Post Office, the Pub with its covered well and the small Church of St Joseph’s. We hope to cover these and many others in the coming months.



*Adams Field in 1915
Looking towards a nearly new
Prince of Wales*

*Adams Field in 2021
Looking towards the quarry*



We also thought it appropriate to feature our property, as this month we will have lived in Froyle for 50 years. During that time we have collected in the region of 4000 photographs of Froyle. In 1995 we set up the Froyle Archive, with the specific aim of not only gathering as much information as we could about Froyle, but also making that information available free of charge to anyone who might care to use it. Today the Froyle Archive reaches far beyond Hampshire to the rest of the world with a 4000 page web site, at www.froyle.com, where anyone with Internet access can trace their relatives and relive the history of this tiny Hampshire village.

Don't forget the Archive is there for YOU! - We would love to hear from you.

News from Bentley School



AI Technology Helping Children with Reading Difficulties

You may have spotted Bentley CE Primary on BBC's 'The One Show' on Monday 26th April. The feature, presented by poet and author Benjamin Zephaniah, focussed on how recognising reading difficulties in children at an early age can be vital to their education. Mr Zephaniah talked of his own struggles at school when his dyslexia went undiagnosed. Bentley was chosen to be on the programme because they are using an innovative new technology to assist teachers to support children with reading difficulties.



The technology, developed by Lexplore, offers a valuable insight into the complex cognitive and linguistic processes behind reading by tracking the eye movements of children when they read. This gives a unique insight into the way a child reads, where they struggle or indeed, which aspects they find easy. This data allows teachers to plan support or stretch in reading accordingly. It is great

to have a diagnostic tool which is giving us an insight into 'silent reading'. Many children get stuck in areas of reading, for example with aspects of decoding, fluency, comprehension or even particular phonetic sounds. It is a complex area and staff at the school can now see what strengths and development areas for each individual child. Mrs Pinchess, Headteacher, says "Many children struggle with reading and Lexplore enables our trained staff to identify even the most well-hidden issues. It aids what we already do in school to support both emerging and fluent readers in their further development."

This technology has been purchased for the school using our budget to support children with Special Educational Needs. After the significant disruptions due to Covid how we use teacher and Learning Support Assistants' expertise is vital. Lexplore is a tool which allows the teaching staff to analyse the data and gives them the time to spend face to face with the children. AI technology is certainly no replacement for people skills but is helping us to use our limited resources really effectively.

Natalie Drew - Admin Officer (525010)

Froyle Open Gardens 2021

Froyle Open Gardens will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday 5 and 6 June between 2 and 6pm in aid of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) which supports a number of nursing and cancer charities.

Tickets cost £7.50 and can be obtained via the NGS website or on the day at the village hall. Children are free. There is a lot to see so do wear comfortable shoes. If you can't get round all the gardens on the Saturday your ticket will be good for the following day.

There is a slight change to the information given in last month's Magazine. Sadly Bernie and Vonny Wilks from Burnham Square have had to drop out for family reasons. We hope to welcome them back next year. This means that Charlie and Sarah Zorab will be flying the flag for Upper Froyle. The good news is that after a gap of many years the new owners of 'Brocas' in Lower Froyle, Lara and Harry Speir, have offered to open their garden. They have also kindly given permission for us to use their field as a visitor car park.

Thanks are also due to Belport, the new owners of Froyle Estate, who are allowing us use of the car park at West End Farm. The main car park will be the recreation ground courtesy of the Parish Council. With three car parks to manage the garden owners would like to thank all the volunteers and the volunteered who have agreed to help ensure cars are parked neatly and safely. Meanwhile across the village, cakes are being baked to feed our visitors. So again, thanks to all the cooks.

As for the gardeners the weather is undoubtedly proving a challenge. A cold dry April resulted in nothing growing. May is proving tempestuous. The growth is overwhelming. Now with just over two weeks to go every time I venture into the garden the hail drives me indoors. No sooner are my boots off than the sun is blazing down. The weeds have gone from nought to sixty in a matter of days. Bindweed is already four feet long. I am shifting ground elder by the barrow load. A single rose appeared only to be shattered by the wind which is now removing the blossom as quickly as it can while flattening the oriental poppies. On the upside the beetroot is doing unusually well.

We really look forward to seeing you at Gardens Open. There will be plants for sale, delicious teas at the village hall and much to see and people to meet.

STOP PRESS

We have just heard that we are likely to get a mention in the Daily Telegraph Saturday Gardening Section. This should result in a few more visitors!

Nick Whines nick@whines.co.uk (23130)

This Month's Recipe

Asparagus and Brie Tart

I hope everyone has been enjoying the asparagus as much as we have this season! Here is a super idea for when you get tired of eating it plain (hard to imagine), or if you want to make a small amount of asparagus feed more people.

What you need:-

375g (13 oz) shortcrust pastry – your favourite recipe with a little finely grated parmesan cheese worked into the mix.

450g (1lb) fine asparagus

2 medium eggs, plus 1 yolk

225 ml (8 fl oz) double cream

4 tbsp chopped fresh chives

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

150g (5 oz) Brie, cut into small cubes

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

A rectangular tart or Swiss roll tin, 33 cm (13 in) by 10 cm (4 in), and 2.5cm (1 in) deep.

What you do:

First, trim the asparagus and blanch in boiling water for about 3 mins. Drain on a clean tea towel. If you have any thicker spears in the bunch, cut them carefully in half lengthways.

Preheat the oven to 190 C, 375 F, Gas Mark 5. Line the tin with the pastry and bake blind for 10 mins, then remove the greaseproof paper and baking beans and bake for 5 more mins.

Scatter half of the cubed brie over the base, then arrange the asparagus widthways across the tin, snipping any that need to be shortened to fit, and scattering the chopped snippings over the base. Beat together the eggs, yolk, cream and herbs and season well. Pour over the asparagus, and scatter on the rest of the brie. Bake for 20 mins until the tart is set and golden.

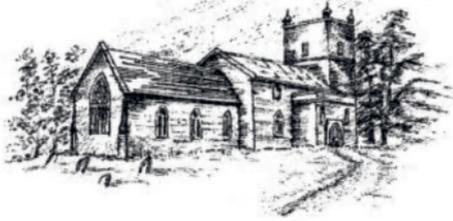
Heavenly served warm with a crisp green salad. This will serve 4 to 6 people depending on how greedy they are feeling!

Sue Lelliott

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

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JUNE SERVICES

Every Sunday, Online at 11.00am

Sunday 6th

11.00am Bentley Morning Worship

Sunday 13th

9.30am Froyle Holy Communion

11.00am Binsted Morning Worship

Sunday 20th

11.00am Bentley Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

11.00am Binsted Holy Communion

5.00pm Live@5 Online

(With Zoom tea at 4.30pm - see online notice)

6.30pm Froyle Evensong

For further details, see the benefice website at www.benbinfro.co.uk

YouTube - BenBinFro Churches

Froyle Church Update

Like so many organisations, we are in the frustrating position of being partially released from and partially still constrained by the pandemic-induced restrictions, and not quite sure where that currently leaves us.

In addition, our ‘new normality’ will be affected by the pastoral reorganisation being led by the Winchester Diocese, which will see our benefice grow with the addition of Kingsley and Oakhanger to Bentley, Binsted and Froyle – this at least is the likely outcome. We welcome the congregations of those two parishes to our existing group of churches!

We now have to decide upon the appropriate structure for governing the extended benefice – one which most effectively harnesses the strength in depth of the enlarged benefice while retaining at the individual church level those activities which are best carried out at that level, without unnecessary duplication. This will involve combining all the churches in a single parish or other single governing body of some kind – the PCC will be considering how this will work in practice over the summer.

The new churches will join the benefice in the autumn. A new more permanent rota of ‘live’ services will be introduced at that stage. Over the summer, we are likely to continue with something like the current rota of two services a month in each church, plus a continuation of the YouTube services. We’ll let everyone know when this is finalised.

Those who attended the APCM on 29 April will know that William Knowles stood down as churchwarden, but will remain on the PCC. Jonathan Pickering stood down from the PCC, of which he was secretary. They have both contributed much to Church life in recent years. This means we are again back to having only one churchwarden in Froyle rather than the two we should have! We have, however, established an organisational system which will spread the load of the churchwardens’ responsibilities over a group of people – in particular, Nigel Southern, Vanessa Remington, Charlie Zorab and Jane Macnabb, with some continuing support from William. We hope in this way to focus our efforts more consistently on the full range of duties which churchwardens should address. I am hugely grateful to everyone for their support!

Meanwhile, there will be much going on in the church in June, as promoted elsewhere in the magazine. In particular:

- ‘Teas on Tuesday’ return on each Tuesday in June at the church;
- Assuming we are free to frolic by then, Noah’s Ark, complete with an exhibition of the creatures contributed by everyone, will finally appear (mysteriously...) at the church on Monday 21st June, and be open for visitors every afternoon (2:00pm to 7:00 pm) during that week, closing in time for Evensong on 27th June;

- There will be events at the church that week, linked to the Ark: a special Teas on Tuesday on 22nd; drinks and nibbles on Friday 25th June, accompanied by a short illustrated talk from Mary Ginsberg about the flood and other creation myths as reflected in art through the ages; games activities for the young at heart over the week-end of 26/27th June.

In all this, we shall also of course be celebrating the refurbishment of the vestry with its new kitchen!

Also at the end of this month and early next we shall see the first two weddings in Froyle church since lockdown – as the father of the bride in the first of these, I shall have particular cause to celebrate the reopening of the church.... We hope the rain we are currently experiencing will have abated by then....

Simon Marshall



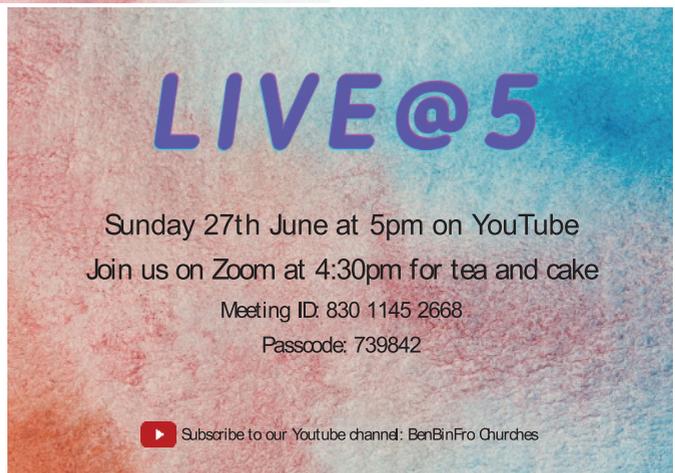
Messy Church
ZOOM

You're all invited! Whatever age you are, join us on the 2nd Sunday in the month to get stuck in with craft, songs and a Bible story.

13th June 2021 at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 816 5023 6547
Passcode: MessyZoom

We're looking forward to seeing you!



LIVE@5

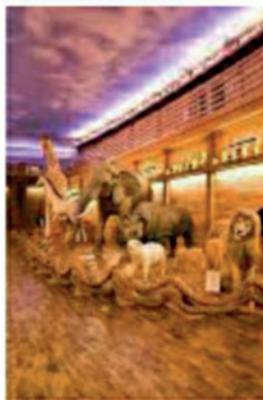
Sunday 27th June at 5pm on YouTube
Join us on Zoom at 4:30pm for tea and cake

Meeting ID: 830 1145 2668
Passcode: 739842

 Subscribe to our Youtube channel: BenBinFro Churches

DON'T MISS! DON'T MISS! DON'T MISS! DON'T MISS!

FREE!



6:30PM FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

WINE, NIBBLES & ART

(Wine from 6pm)

Mary Ginsberg will be giving a short illustrated talk on the art of the flood and other universal myths. Reserve your place by calling Karen Potter on 520294.

**DROP OFF YOUR ANIMAL
BEFORE THE ARK ARRIVES!**

**EVERY TUESDAY IN JUNE
AT THE CHURCH
& HAVE A CREAM TEA
2:30PM - 4:30PM**



**EVERY FRIDAY IN JUNE
AT THE MEETING PLACE
OR
CALL WILLIAM ON 0775
928933 FOR COLLECTION!**

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO
CREATE A CREATURE
VISIT FROYLESARK.COM**



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**FROM 2PM
SATURDAY 26TH
&
SUNDAY 27TH JUNE
ARK ACTIVITIES
GAMES, PUZZLES, QUIZZES**

VISIT FROYLE'S ARK!

MONDAY 21ST JUNE  SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

AHOY THERE!

Froyle's Ark is letting down its gangplank at Froyle church on Monday 21st June and will be open all week from 2pm - 7 pm. Come and see the creatures and pictures that have been contributed.

Also, don't miss the special events happening at the Ark during that week. There's something for everyone - a special Teas on Tuesday, wine, nibbles and a talk on Friday, games, puzzles and quizzes at the weekend



ALL YOU NEED IS (A) DOVE...

Find your very own dove included with this copy of the magazine.

Jot down a joke, doodle on it, turn it into something spectacular - your own little harbinger of hope!

No need to bring it with you when you visit the Ark, but if you do, we'll add it to the flock.



THE VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear all,

At the time of writing this, the freedom from the restrictions we have all had to live with since just after Christmas is tantalisingly close. All non-essential shops have reopened and pubs and coffee shops have returned to serving customers at outside tables, where many of us have been enjoying a degree of social activity, albeit with winter coats and even hot water bottles and blankets during an unseasonably cold Spring.

But what are we really hoping for with this new freedom? Are we desperate to fly abroad for sun and sea, longing for restaurants to reopen so we can have expensive three-course dinners? Are we planning theatre tickets, nights at the opera or sporting events? Or are we just longing for the simplest of pleasures, such as making spur of the moment arrangements to see friends, to pop round to visit elderly relatives or a reunion with other family members.

We suspect that the latter will be highest on most lists. What we've really missed is the freedom to spontaneously meet, to hug and to love our families. None of us ever expected in a life of peacetime to be separated so long from those dearest to us. None of us ever thought we would be unable to celebrate life-changing events that produce long-lasting memories. None of us ever imagined that we would be unable to hold hands with those close to us when saying a final farewell to a loved one.

It is been so very hard for so many and yet perhaps some good has come out of this challenging time. Maybe so-called bucket lists will no longer be comprised of exotic activities such as swimming with sharks, bungee jumping and parachuting, along with the ambition to finally write that novel. Wouldn't it be enough just to compile a list of things we should all do or should have already done? Fulfilling promises to thank those who have helped us, contacting distant family members and friends we haven't spoke to in ages, basically taking steps to show them we care?

We never lost our freedom completely, despite the curbs on our liberty – true freedom is established in our hearts, our minds, our spirit. As it says in 2 Corinthians 3:17, *'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.'*

Let's use our new freedom wisely, whether we are anxious to join the throngs in pub gardens or simply to meet friends on a windswept beach and plan village summer fetes. And let us hope we can value this freedom having tasted its lack.

***Blessings,
Yann and the team***

CHURCH YOUTH UPDATE

It's been a challenging time in youth work through the last few months, but the word 'June' starts to spark some excitement as the restrictions are being lifted on the 21st (though not confirmed at the time of writing!) Contending with flow tests, zoom and face masks has been tough but we are coming out the other side with some very exciting events and plans to look forward to.

In May, our young people (including me!) took on the challenge of the Big Sleep Out to raise money and awareness for Trinity Winchester who support hundreds of people, practically and emotionally, who are experiencing homelessness each year. Please see the separate article further on (page 32) for more detail and our current total. It may be too late to sponsor us now, but Trinity Winchester are always appreciative of any donations through the year. Please see the donation link at the bottom.

Looking towards the summer, we are really looking forward to a few days of activities and fun as we are sadly no longer going to YouthScape's Satellites festival. Instead, we have put together a timetable of exciting activities - challenging ourselves at GoApe, taking a trip to Nando's and the cinema, and having a relaxing garden party and picnic. We have also invited my old youth worker to provide some teaching for us around his own faith story which will be interesting and will help us all learn more about Jesus.

For our younger church family members in the summer, we're also putting together a trail or 2 throughout Bentley and Binsted which will focus on God's creation of our world and how we can look after it. Keep your eye out for more information coming soon!

I've also really enjoyed getting to know the Year 6 class in Bentley school through our new Youth club at lunchtime. So far, we've played some very silly games including 'What if?' Writing what if questions and plausible answers on separate pieces of paper, then mixing up the questions and answers to get combinations like, "what if all the food in the world was free?" – "I'd eat dog food!" Very silly but very fun, and I'm looking forward to getting to know that group better as the weeks go on.

There are so many more plans other than this, including monthly online assembly videos, evening youth groups for the younger youth in the area and Youth Alpha starting in September.

We have so much going on which simply wouldn't be possible without volunteers. Get in touch if you'd like to get involved in such an exciting and rewarding role!

Trinity Winchester Donation Link: <https://trinitywinchester.org.uk/donate-now/>

Gemma Ball
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the big sleep out

On Friday 14th May, the BenBinFro youth group spent the night in makeshift cardboard shelters to raise money and awareness for Trinity Winchester who support those who are experiencing homelessness.

We had a great time building the shelters as you can see in the photos – we had two ‘villages’ as they were lovingly named. We made them as strong and as waterproof as we could with the materials that were donated, and we had been collecting, to help us out. The boxes were cosy(!) and surprisingly warm, but rather uncomfortable.

There was a BBQ for dinner, followed by mug cakes for pudding and a sing-song round the fire pit! Singing worship songs and a lot of Disney...

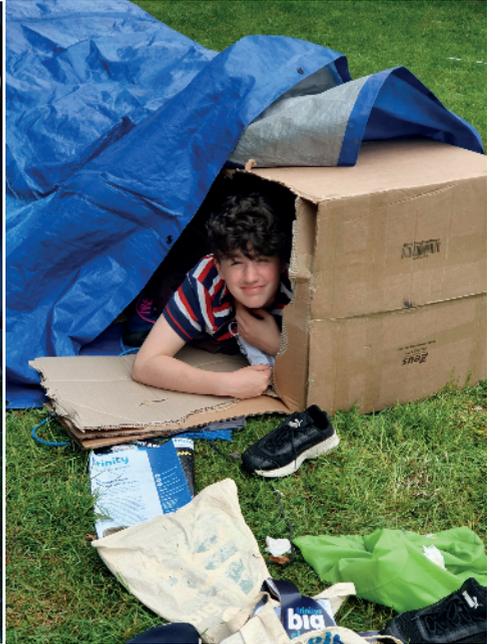
The whole evening was dry and mild and eventually we all decided it was time to crawl into our shelters and get some sleep for the night. The rain started at 3:30am which woke half of us up – it sounded a lot worse than it actually was! But come the morning, the youth group were dry and sound asleep.

It was a challenge, but it gave us a real insight into what it must be like to not have a bed, or a roof over our heads. We were lucky that we had a BBQ, entertainment, toilets and a place to charge our phones, even having pillows and enough blankets to keep us warm reminded us of the things we take for granted.

We are so grateful for all the support we were given over the last few weeks leading up to the Sleep Out! For the cardboard boxes, waterproof sheets and especially the sponsorship which is going to such a great cause. Our current total, as I write this, is £2145! An incredible amount which will help a lot of people in need. It may be too late to sponsor us now, but please consider donating to Trinity Winchester directly to support their amazing work - <https://trinitywinchester.org.uk/donate-now/>

Gemma Ball





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ST MARY'S CHURCH, FROYLE

'TEAS ON TUESDAY' IN JUNE ARE BACK!

Tea, Scones, Cream & Jam
served every Tuesday afternoon in June
(commencing Tuesday 1st June)

2.30 – 4.30

St. Mary's Church
Upper Froyle

We look forward to welcoming everyone back

RELAX AND ENJOY A SUMMER'S AFTERNOON IN FROYLE

Subject to weather and any changes in Covid restrictions at the time!



It's Not Gone Away Yet!

It's been a long haul, but the fight is not yet over. While we would all have liked a successful early resolution to the Veolia incinerator application, Hampshire County Council committee meetings have been suspended because of the local elections.

Meanwhile, your No Wey Incinerator team has been contacting all Hampshire council candidates to make sure they are aware of the deep concern over the county's recycling problem and reliance on incineration. The earliest the Regulatory Committee could meet to consider the Veolia application for the incinerator in the Wey Valley is June, but July is more likely.

Once we know the composition of the new Regulatory Committee, we shall ensure all members are fully aware of the weight of opposition and the implications of this damaging development.

We shall make sure you are fully informed of any further developments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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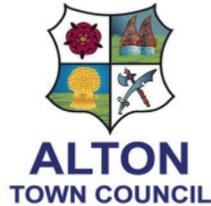
Binsted Football Club are recruiting for players from current Year 1 to Year 5 - we're looking for enthusiastic kids who love to play football.

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To find out more, please contact us at binstedfootball@gmail.com or call Vicky Soden on 07917 062568.

We also have a Coaching vacancy for our U8 (current Year 3) team - if you are interested in joining our great team of coaches, please get in touch - no previous experience necessary, all training will be provided.



Alton Community Share – presents “Saturday Morning Takeaway”

By the community for the community

We're having a clear out to make space for new donations. We've always been powered by the generosity of our local community, so it's only right that we should give something back too.

On **Saturday 22nd May** we're opening our doors for everyone to help themselves. We're inviting local schools, pre-schools, care homes, charities and anyone who would like to come to **St Lawrence Parish Centre from 10.00-12.00** and takeaway whatever they like, books, toys, games and jigsaws. We need to free up space for new donations to refresh our stocks.

We've been open for nearly a year and we've done our best to support local families to find nearly-new toys, games and jigsaws, to help keep busy throughout the pandemic. We're planning '**Saturday Morning Takeaway**' as a stock clearance to make way for new donations. We need to evolve to keep our stock fresh and interesting to attract new visitors.

Do you know someone who runs an after school club, or a holiday club. Perhaps you organise a day care centre and would like some jigsaws. Does your local school need some more reading books? We're inviting everyone to come and take their share.

Our mission has always been to help people keep busy at home, save money by not needing to buy new, and reduce waste by re-using things which still have plenty of life left in them. We're keen to continue providing a lending library to encourage families to think about their consumption and make it easy to re-use 'stuff'.

We'll be accepting new donations from June to ensure we have plenty of tempting toys and games in store ahead of the summer holiday period.

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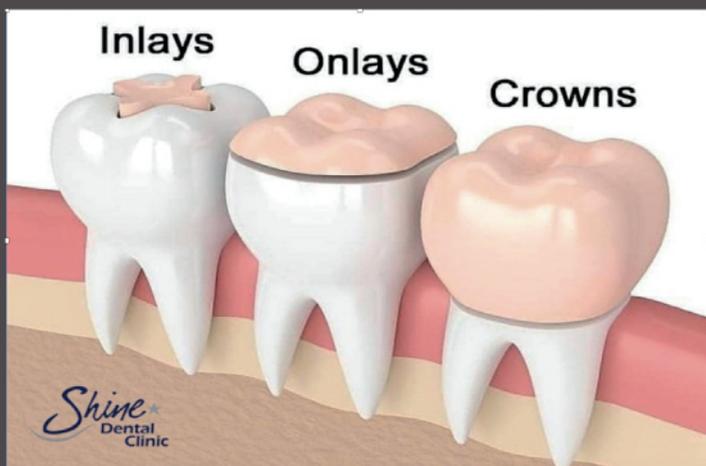
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The Benefice of Bentley, Binsted & Froyle	www.benbinfro.co.uk
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