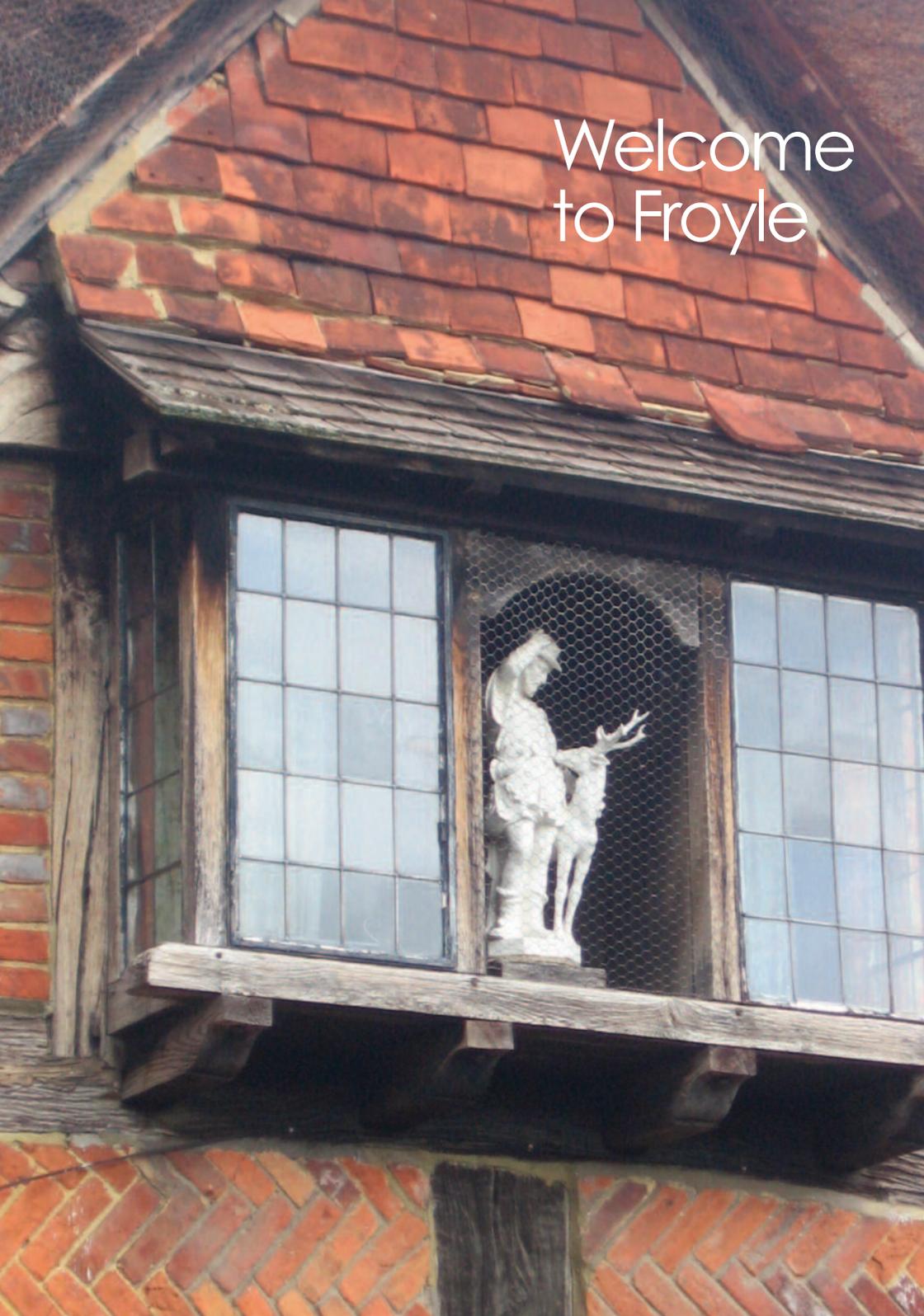


Welcome
to Froyle



Welcome to Froyle...

“On behalf of the village I extend a warm welcome to you as a new resident.

You will find that Froyle is an active and inclusive community, as demonstrated by the organisations and groups included in this booklet. I hope that you will find something here that you can enjoy and contribute to.”

Chairman, Froyle Parish Council

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History of Froyle

Froli, as it was then known, is mentioned in the Domesday Book, but there is evidence of earlier settlements in the area. Stone Age and Bronze Age tools have been discovered in Lower Froyle. The remains of a Roman villa have been found at Coldrey, at the edge of the parish, and Norman pottery has been found at Baldwin in Hussey's Lane.

Indeed, the entry in the Domesday Book notes that Froli 'was ever there'. It is believed that widespread usage of the name Froyle dates to the early part of the 14th century. The Domesday Book (1086) records the Manor of Froyle being owned by Edward the Confessor and later on, by William the Conqueror.

In the 14th century the estate belonged to the Abbey of St Mary in Winchester and this gave rise to our church being dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1541 the estate was acquired from Henry VIII by the Jephson family on dissolution of the monasteries. There were various owners over the next two centuries, until in 1770 the Manor of Froyle was purchased by Sir Thomas Miller.

To a large extent the Miller family laid the foundation for the form and layout of Upper Froyle as it is today.



Upper Froyle

Sir Thomas' son, Sir Thomas Combe Miller was responsible for rebuilding the nave of the church in 1812 and his grandson, Sir Charles Hayes Miller, founded Froyle School in 1868.

At the turn of the last century, Upper Froyle was home to Sir Hubert Miller, who spent much time in Italy. He brought back many beautiful church vestments, as well as a number of statues of saints.

The statues, which are a key feature of Upper Froyle, were positioned on the outer walls of many of the houses, giving rise to its other name, 'The Village of the Saints'. (A leaflet showing the positioning and names of the statues can be found in the church).

In Lower Froyle, the Anchor Inn dates back to the 13th century and it is likely that it has been an ale house for much of this time.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, Lower Froyle gradually evolved into a farming settlement, serving several large farms including Brocas, Silvesters, Husseys and Hodges.



Lower Froyle

About Froyle

The Froyle Archive

www.froyle.com is the place to find out all about Froyle, past and present.

The site is divided into two areas; *The Froyle Archive*, which features the history of the village and people of Froyle, while *Froyle Today* deals with news, events and community information about the village in the 21st century.

The Froyle Archive holds a vast array of records, the majority of which are online (over 2000 pages and 4000 photographs & maps), including church records, censuses, wills, inventories, histories, telling the story of the village from before Domesday.

Froyle Today has a calendar of village events, local weather, details of church services, the village magazine, including a searchable archive of the past 13 years.

Village Magazine

A village magazine is published each month and delivered free of charge to all households. This is a great source of information about all that is going on in the village.

Parish Plan

A Froyle Parish Plan was prepared in 2013 that summarises the results of a village wide survey of what residents most appreciated about life in Froyle and what they would like to see in the future. The Plan can be viewed at <http://communityplanning.froyle.com> or a hard copy can be purchased by contacting The Clerk, Froyle Parish Council, at froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Village Design Statement

At the same time as starting on the Parish Plan, work started on a Village Design Statement. This is a planning document and looks at the background to how future development should be considered from a planning and design perspective. The VDS is hopefully to be adopted by EHDC as part of planning guidance.

Mobile Phone Signals

The various mobile phone networks work with varying success depending where exactly you live in the village. To find out which is best for you, email Mark Phillips at business@froyle.com

Pubs

There are two pubs in Froyle situated at either end of the village. The 'Hen and Chicken' is in Upper Froyle and clearly visible from the A31. The 'Anchor' is in Lower Froyle as you enter the village from Bentley. Both pubs serve food at lunchtimes and evenings and have a good range of local ales.

Business Directory

If you want to find a local tradesman or business consult the Froyle Business Directory at <http://communityplanning.froyle.com>

If you would like your business included in the Business Directory contact Mark Phillips at business@froyle.com

Froyle Park

Froyle Park is a new venue with self catering apartments and facilities available for hire.



Hen & Chicken, Upper Froyle



The Anchor Inn, Lower Froyle

St Mary's Church

Froyle's ancient grade 1 listed church 'The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary' is in Upper Froyle. It is part of a Benefice with Bentley and Binsted, with one vicar, Yann Dubreuil.

Yann encourages each parish to play to its strengths. Froyle has a strong 'high church' history. The church seeks to retain the more interesting parts of this legacy including strong choral, traditional services.

We also have a unique collection of 17th and 18th century church robes, altar frontals and associated items. Display cases and regular exhibitions allow these treasures to be appreciated by a wide audience.

The church community also has an enthusiastic team of bellringers, a choir, a textile conservation team, groups of flower arrangers and cleaners. (No particular qualifications are needed for joining in with any of these).

Looking forward the church aims to combine its sense of tradition with an informal accessibility and sense of fun in its worship in order to be relevant to as many people as possible. The annual open air Pet Service on the recreation ground and the monthly slightly noisy and chaotic Sunday school are examples of this approach.

Special church services are held at Easter, Christmas, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. These and other church related events such as the Harvest Supper, music evenings and a programme of Lent lunches, are also enjoyed by residents who are not regular worshippers.

For details on times of services, please refer to the village magazine.



Clubs and Activities

Bellringing

Bellringers meet on Friday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm to practice. We ring for 30 to 45 minutes before most church services and weddings. Contact Linda Bulpitt 22725.



Church Choir

Froyle Choir is a friendly group of singers who rehearse every Thursday at 7.30pm for one hour. We sing music ranging from the 16th century to today. We sing at two main services a month (the 11am and Evensong) with one Evensong every other month being Fully Choral. We culminate our year with a Fully Choral Advent service. We also support weddings and funerals as requested, and have close links with St Lawrence in Alton. We would love to see new singers of any ability come and join us. Contact Martin Colbran 83619 or email martincolbran@gmail.com



Church Flower Arranging

There is a rota for Church Flower arranging and new volunteers are always welcome. For Feast Days, such as Christmas and Easter, we often have a theme and welcome as many contributions as possible. For information see village magazine.

Contact Sarah Thursfield 23294 or Gill Bradley 520484.

Church Vestments

The Vestments group meets every Wednesday morning from 10am to 12pm in the church to look after St Mary's very fine collection of rare vestments. The group undertakes housekeeping and minor repairs. Items are sent away to professional conservators when their conservation is warranted and money is available. Needlework, organisational or fundraising skills are welcomed.

Contact Linda Bulpitt 22725 or Madeleine Black 23371.





Countryside Code for the public

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control and **always** clean up your dog mess – 'bag it and bin it'

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



Upper & Lower Froyle

Clubs and Activities

Better Balance

This is a fun activity for people who want to keep active and improve their flexibility and mobility through gentle exercises to music. It is also a social activity as we finish with a well-earned cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. We meet every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

For further details contact Sue Sharman 22603, Gill Bradley 520484 or Madeleine Black 23371.



Gardening Club

Froyle Gardening Club is a friendly village institution taking in members from far and wide. We meet on the second Friday of most months for speakers on varied subjects and carry out garden visits in the summer. We hold three shows, one of which is combined with the Village Fête. A £5 membership will entitle you to a 10% discount at Springfield Nursery. We also offer flower arranging workshops and practical gardening demonstrations. For further details contact Brenda Milam 22216.



Baby and Toddler Mornings

The group is open to all babies, toddlers and pre-school children and aims to provide an opportunity for the children to play and socialise while their parent / carer enjoys a chat and cup of coffee or tea. There is a charge of £2 per family, per week which covers refreshments, craft activities and the rent of the village hall. Come and join us!

We meet every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.45am in Froyle Village Hall, term time only. If you have any questions please contact Sylvie Nonhebel 520779.



Wildlife Walks and Talks

We meet approximately once a month to talk about all aspects of wildlife. We also arrange guided walks in the local area led by an expert. We welcome all ages including children at our meetings. For further details see village magazine or contact Sue Sharman 22603.



Volunteering Opportunities



Bentley, Binsted and Froyle CARE Group

A team of volunteers provides transport to medical appointments. A small donation is requested to help cover fuel and administration costs. To arrange a lift telephone 23440, if possible a week or so in advance, and your call will go through to the duty co-ordinator who will take details and find a driver. Further information from Gill Bradley 520484. We are always looking for more drivers!

Good Neighbour Scheme

The Froyle Good Neighbours Scheme provides support for residents of Froyle. Simply phone a number and get help with any small emergencies that may arise. These can include basic repairs/DIY, help with shopping and gardening, snow clearance and short-term support with pets. The help is provided by our band of volunteers who should be able to solve most problems. When it is not possible for us to do this, because the problem involves approved trades such as plumbing and electricians, we will put you in touch with local trades people who can provide their services. The scheme is meant to provide short-term assistance for those residents that cannot help themselves. For further information contact John Sexton 520098.

Winchester Refectory

We help out three times a year, serving coffee and tea, taking out food and clearing tables. We help the Cathedral fulfil its Benedictine mission of being welcoming while also contributing to the running costs of this historic building. A pool of volunteers covers shifts during the day. If you would like to join the pool contact Madeleine Black 23371.

The Meeting Place

Volunteers to bake cakes, serve teas and coffees are always welcome (3 to 4 times per year at most). Contact Susie Robertson 520820.

Neighbourhood Watch

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme operates in the village. About a dozen volunteers keep watch on their immediate vicinity. If you are interested please call John Thursfield 23294.

Essential Services

Public Transport

The 206 bus route goes to Alton on Tuesdays and Fridays. It stops in Upper Froyle at Froyle Park and in Lower Froyle at the Village Hall.

The nearest train station is in Bentley with South-West Trains running to London Waterloo. Farnham and Alton stations are alternatives with more parking and trains every half hour throughout the day.

Doctors with Dispensaries

Bentley Village Surgery
Hole Lane
Bentley GU10 5LP
T: 01420 22106

The Wilson Practice
Alton Health Centre
Anstey Road
Alton GU34 2QX
T: 01420 84676

Chawton Park Surgery
Chawton Park Road
Alton GU34 1RJ
T: 01420 542542

Dentists

There are a number in Alton including two NHS practices.

Hospitals (with A&E Dept)

Basingstoke and North Hants Hospital
Aldermaston Road
Basingstoke RG24 9NA
T: 01256 473202

Frimley Park Hospital
Portsmouth Road
Frimley
Surrey GU16 7UJ
T: 01276 604604

Veterinary Surgeries

Cedar Veterinary Group
Anstey Lane
Alton GU34 2RH
T: 01420 82163

Amery Veterinary Group
Amery Hill
Alton GU34 1HS
T: 01420 82384

Chemists

Anstey Road Pharmacy, Alton Health Centre, Anstey Road, Alton

Lloyds Pharmacy, 68 High Street, Alton

Boots, High Street, Alton

Churches

C of E:

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (we just call it St Mary's!)
Upper Froyle GU34 4JY
Rev Yann Dubreuil M: 07777 684 533
Administrator M: 07500 949 465

RC:

St Mary's
Normandy Road
Alton GU34 1DN
Fr Peter Hart T: 01420 82030

Methodist Church:

Draymans Way
Alton GU34 1LG
T: 01420 82695

Police and Fire

Alton Police Station, Orchard Lane, Alton

Alton Safer Neighbourhoods Team
T: 101 Ext 771 249

Alton Fire Station, Butts Road, Alton

Library

Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton
T: 0845 603 5631

Leisure Centre

Alton Sports Centre, Chawton Park Road,
Alton
T: 01420 540040

Banks

There are branches of Nationwide, Barclays, NatWest, HSBC, Santander and Halifax in the centre of Alton. Other banks, including Lloyds, are found in Farnham.

Shops

Holybourne: Small shop and post office

Bentley: Small shop and post office

Alton: Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Marks & Spencer and Aldi supermarkets.
Tuesday Market, Alton High Street.

Dairy Crest delivers milk and more on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Froyle: Small shop with fuel station at BP garage (next to Hen & Chicken)

Domestic Waste

General household waste collected every fortnight; recycling rubbish collected every alternate fortnight and once per month either bottles or garden waste collected with recycling waste.

Recycling

Main centre off Wilsom Road in Alton.
Bottle bank by Froyle Village Hall.

Events

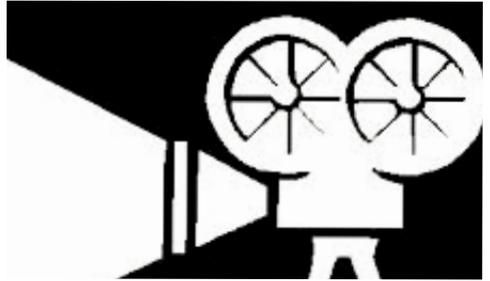
Quiz Night

A highlight of the autumn, this team event has been established for almost ten years with the winning team often organising the next year's event in aid of their chosen charity. It is held in the Village Hall, with the teams answering almost impossible questions to compete for the coveted prize of...just winning.



Film Night

Froyle Film Night is held on a quarterly basis in the Village Hall. Recently released films are shown on a wide angle screen with the accompaniment of wine and nibbles. Tickets are £8-10 each and the audience is limited to approximately 70, so it's 'first come, first served'! Forthcoming viewings are advertised in the village magazine.



Jumble Sale

This event is held on a Saturday, in May, at 2pm in the Village Hall. Notices for collection of jumble appear in the March issue of the village magazine and help is always welcomed. All proceeds go to St Mary's Church.



Harvest Supper

Harvest Supper is normally held the Friday before the Harvest Festival service at St Mary's. All Froyle Village members are welcome and tickets are sold in advance for this highly popular event. Delightful home cooked food for a variety of tastes, fine wines and good company are guaranteed.



The Meeting Place

The Meeting Place is exactly that! A chance to meet new people, make friends, eat fabulous homemade cake – even pick up a copy of the local paper and buy a few stamps.

We also celebrate birthdays and have two special Meeting Place occasions – one at Easter and one at Christmas, when Father Christmas pays us a visit and the Mulled Wine flows!

Join us every Friday in Froyle Village Hall. We are open from 9.30am to 12pm and look forward to welcoming you..

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches have been ongoing since 1991 and we are sure there are some people who have been to all of them! Forthcoming lunches are posted in the village magazine.

They are simple lunches of soup, bread and cheese in aid of a charity chosen by the hostess (or host). The lunches are held from 12.30pm to 2pm and we ask guests to give a £2 donation (although you can give more!). Pre-school children are free. Anyone wanting to help in any way, give a lunch or a lift, or a donation if you are unable to attend, please telephone Margaret Stanford on 22139.



Froyle Village Hall



Fun was had at the Easter Meeting Place

Charity Golf Day

This is held normally in September and at various local clubs. The golf day is open to all and is a competitive but relaxing day. All abilities welcome. Contact Ian Whitmore on ian@c2c-recruitment.com

Events

Open Gardens

Froyle Gardens open annually, usually in early June for the National Gardens Scheme. Gardeners are very fortunate that this event is enthusiastically supported by the village, cakes are generously donated and teas provided in the Village Hall. There is a nominal fee for combined entry to the gardens and plants are on sale too. The 17th and 18th century vestments are also on display in St Mary's Church.



Village Fête

A village fête is held each year on the second Saturday of July and volunteers are always needed to serve on the organising committee or to man stalls, beer tents etc, set up or break down. Contact Mary or William Knowles 231 64.



Christmas Fair

This is normally held on the last Saturday in November in the Village Hall starting at 2pm. It has stalls selling gifts, bric-a-brac, china, jewellery, locally produced food for Christmas, refreshments and a raffle. The highlight is the Father Christmas Grotto, the best for miles around and perfect for children of all ages. The ultimate Village Christmas Event!



See back page for one of our favourite events...

Committees

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets approximately six times a year. See website for minutes, responsibilities and dates of next meetings.

www.froyleparishcouncil.org.uk or email froyleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Village Hall

The committee organises village events including bonfire night, film night and other events. They maintain the Village Hall and facilitate hiring.

The committee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall.

Email chair@froylevillagehall.co.uk

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are elected by those on the church electoral roll. The PCC co-operates with the vicar to promote all the aims of the church and care for people in their needs whether pastoral, evangelistic or social.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building.

Froyle PCC is one of three PCCs within the Benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle.

Rev Yann Dubreuil, mobile 07777 684 533

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Bonfire Night

This is held each year, on 5 November, whatever the weather, on the recreational ground. A magnificent bonfire and spectacular fireworks, together with mulled wine and other refreshments.

Help constructing the bonfire in the preceding week is always appreciated.