



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Coronavirus update

Following the newsletter distributed on 26th March 2020 it is heartening to report that offers of help for those in need have so far outnumbered requests for help. Thank you to all who have responded! Of course, circumstances can change swiftly - please contact fristonvillage@gmail.com with your name, address, telephone no, email address and indicate how you can help, or how you might need help. If you don't have email, please telephone **Briony Sones on 07885 560380**.

Parish Council update

The new play equipment on the Village Green has been installed and is ready to be used when the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The equipment was paid for by Community Infrastructure Levy from building developments in the village and a grant from East Suffolk Council. There is also a 'no parking' sign on the Green to remind visitors and residents alike that it is not a car park or access point. The Parish Council are in the process of taking over the management of the Village Hall from the Village Hall Management Committee. The Management Committee have done a fantastic job in keeping our hall open and the vibrant community space that it is. The Council hope to build on this success and continue to make Friston Village Hall a viable asset. A new dog waste bin has been installed on the Village Green and the bin on Mill Road has had a new post making it usable again. Can the Council please ask all dog owners to act responsibly and clean up after their pets, especially as our footpaths are getting so much more use currently. Everyone would like to be able to take their daily allowed exercise without having to clean their shoes when they get back.



The detailed flood report for Friston is expected to be published on the Suffolk County Council website in the near future and residents will be able to comment. Due to the current health situation, most SCC officers are working from home and the Flood Engineer has asked that we coordinate the responses through the Clerk rather than contact SCC individually. As soon as the report is available a link will be published on the Friston website.

The Parish Council is unable to meet currently due to the restrictions but your Councillors and Clerk are still there on the end of a phone or email to try and help you with issues in the village.

News from St Mary the Virgin

Churches throughout the country continue to be closed, but that didn't prevent Easter from being celebrated. What a joy to walk past our church here on Easter morning and find that some faithful volunteers had placed floral decorations in the porch to mark the occasion. Heartfelt thanks! The church continues to worship. On Sundays our Rector celebrates Holy Communion. This is streamed live and can be easily accessed by going to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and searching Alde Sandlings Benefice.

The readings - and other benefice news - can be followed by emailing Claire Turner at the Aldeburgh Parish Office, claire@ebe.co

A service of Night Prayer is held over the Zoom platform every Wednesday at 6pm and is led by our Lay Elders, Martin and Emma. Please email martin@steadman.me if you would like to join us for this short contemplative service. Meanwhile, please enjoy our churchyard when exercising! *Nicky Winter*



Cancellation of events

We are sorry, but we have now cancelled this year's Open Gardens (14th June) and Classics on the Green (9th July). The consequences of the Covid-19 virus are going to be far-reaching and will continue for some time. The health and safety of the village come first. We do not doubt that many have taken to their gardens during the lockdown so, we are exploring how we might have a digital virtual Open Garden by creating a website to which you could submit photos of your labours (of love)! More details to follow. Perhaps we might have, if circumstances allow, a smaller scale village event in late August / September when your autumn blooms will be at their peak. *Simon Ive*

SPR and SASES update

The examination process of the Planning Inspectorate has been postponed and we do not know when the new dates will be announced. There is an interesting link on the Inspectorate website about the potential use of technology and remote conferencing. It does seek to reassure that the independence and objectivity of the enquiry should not be undermined:

www.gov.uk/government/news/planning-inspectorate-coronavirus-covid-19-update

During this lockdown many of us have taken their permitted exercise walking the footpaths leading up to the site and surrounds. Remember that the majority of these will be closed and lost forever if construction goes ahead. Otherwise, please continue to work on your written representations and keep abreast of developments on the SASES.org.uk and National Planning Inspectorate specific project websites. *Simon Ive*

Friston's own homemade food delivery service

Viv Hawes (Day), known also as Pinewood Catering, based in Church Road is now offering to deliver homemade cakes and dishes direct to your home. Viv can be contacted on 01728 687560.

Mary Wright 1926 - 2020 - a tribute

Mary was a great believer in public service. She served this community as a Parish Clerk for 25 years. She felt one of her most important contribution was the work with the flood alleviation scheme. She was involved with the village hall, the community council and the district council, she was the village reporter for the East Anglian and a governor at Coldfair Green school, and still found time to make puddings for the Lunch Club especially at Christmas! In earlier days she had worked with RADAR at Bawdsey and also lived and worked in Canada. Her daughter hopes to be able to display her extensive archive of village material before it passes to the county archive. *Christine Brooks*

If you have any information that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the next issue please email fristonclerk@gmail.com or phone 01502 478094. Please note space is very limited.