



# The Swift

## FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



### Parish Council

The Parish Council's next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The meeting will be in the main hall to allow for social distancing and the doors and windows will be open for fresh air providing the weather stays clement. The interior decorating and new installation of front doors on the village hall should take place in January 2022. It's hoped that giving the interior and exterior of the hall a facelift and improving the security will entice people to make Friston Village Hall a regular place to hold meetings, clubs and social events. This will mean the hall is out of action for most of January but it will be worth the wait! The Council have also engaged a sign writer and carpenter to refurbish the village sign. This had unfortunately fallen into disrepair but the professionals will bring it back to its former glory. The Council have also arranged to have the sign made double sided and will arrange for it to be installed further forward in a more prominent position. Friston has also been placed on the list for site checking for the ANPR camera in a bid to tackle speeding in an initiative from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police. Vehicles caught by this camera will receive a joint letter from the above agencies warning them of their speeding.

### News from St Mary the Virgin

Date	Service	Led By
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 (Bible Sunday)	BCP Morning Prayer Last Sunday of Trinity	Revd James Marston
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021 (All Souls)	Benefice Service at Aldeburgh - 10.30am	
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	No Service at Friston (please see alternative services below)	
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10.50am	Remembrance Sunday	Revd Christine Brookes
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2021	No Service at Friston (Please see alternative services below)	
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent)	BCP HC	Revd James Marston

### Alternative Services:

7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2021
Aldeburgh, 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am - Informal service of the word Aldringham, 11am - Holy Communion, CW Knodishall, 9.30am - Holy Communion CW	Aldeburgh, 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion CW Aldringham, 11am Holy Communion, BCP Knodishall, 9.30am, Holy Communion CW

### Friston Allotment Association

Broad beans Aquadulce can be sown this month for an early crop next year, they also tend to be less affected by black bean aphid than spring down crops. Now is a good time to divide overgrown rhubarb which will then be more productive in future years.

Fallen leaves can be stored in a simple wire netting enclosure to make useful leaf mould for future use.

Asparagus stems can be cut down to ground level. Now is the time to take hardwood cuttings of gooseberries & currants once the leaves have fallen.

### Energy Projects Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Community Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

It was most heartening for the organisers since it reflected the level of concerns within the village.

Over 50 people were in the village hall and 20 more on Zoom. The number of questions and concerns expressed extended to a high village turnout of over 80 for the National Grid Ventures Friston Public Information Day on 29<sup>th</sup> September. We were even treated to a fleeting visit by our MP, Dr Therese Coffey. This was to provide information about the proposed Nautilus interconnector and converter station to be located in one of four potential sites in the wider area which would extend the sprawl of projects. This is causing some alarm as the scale of these is not understood. There was a notable absence of any visuals of these buildings which cover an area of 12 acres and 24 metres high. Friston church tower is 15 metres high!

The big question was why this consultation was being launched now when there has been no decision about the Scottish Power (SP)/ National Grid (NG) Examination? Clearly, Friston is seen as the new connection hub sought by National Grid for this area.

We enter a rather uncomfortable period before the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Kwasi Kwarteng announces his decision early in January 2022. With the advent of COP 26 coinciding with the publication of the government's Net Zero Strategy, we are subject to a propaganda blitz of green initiatives which Scottish Power are exploiting in their £6bn energy hub - but nobody asks just how much of that benefits the UK let alone our region when almost all the kit is manufactured abroad and in fact has adverse financial and social impacts in the immediate area.

We fear that the majority do not comprehend the scale of what is coming down the track if the SP/NG proposals are consented. The floodgates for Friston connections of all the other projects will be opened. They are:

- National Grid Nautilus and Eurolink Interconnectors
- RWE Five Estuaries offshore windfarm
- RWE North Falls offshore windfarm
- National Grid SCD1 and SCD2 UK grid connectors.

All these when Sizewell C (two nuclear reactors) is most likely to be consented, a major disrupter itself and all these projects potentially extending over ten to fifteen years.

The cumulative impacts of all these projects have not been addressed by SP and NG.

Our Suffolk and East Suffolk Councils are mostly sitting on their hands awaiting the decision of the Secretary of State.

So, all protests and submissions should primarily be directed to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Kwasi Kwarteng and Greg Hands, Minister of State, BEIS.

E-mails: [secretary.state@beis.gov.uk](mailto:secretary.state@beis.gov.uk); [greg.hands@beis.gov.uk](mailto:greg.hands@beis.gov.uk).

Meanwhile, it is important to understand more and follow developments by accessing regularly the [SASES.org.uk](http://SASES.org.uk) website which has had a makeover and also those of SEAS and SoS (Save our Sandlings).

Simon Ive (Member of SASES), [simonive@aol.com](mailto:simonive@aol.com).

### Chris Wheeler

I would like to thank everyone for their kind letters and cards on the death of my husband Chris. He was the most amazing man with an outstanding brain. He had an ability to research and understand in depth the technical and associated aspects of whatever interested him, which in recent years has involved him in joining with other SASES members in the fight against Scottish Power. Alongside that he was very practical and there were very few problems around the house and garden he couldn't fix. In between times he hugely enjoyed getting his allotment up and running, as well as enjoying the chatting there. He also had a productive veggie bed in our own garden. It's so very sad that he is not able to enjoy the fruits of his labours, I will be making variations of butternut squash soup and bakes for some time to come. I miss my brilliant and wonderful husband so much more than words can ever say.

With Best Wishes. *Julia Wheeler*

***Your Swift, Your news!*** *Anyone can contribute to the Swift, please contact the Clerk with any articles you may have, please keep them light, factually correct and village orientated. Space is limited but we do try to fit everything in. The deadline for the next issue is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.*

**Home wanted for a Sebo upright vacuum cleaner. Elderly but in good working order, now no longer needed. Contact Roberta on 688387**

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