



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Parish Council

The Parish Council's next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 1st 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.

Suffolk County Council Highways will be undertaking a traffic survey on Mill Road between 28th September and 6th October. This is for the Quiet Lane application.

The Council discussed the issue of cars on Church Path and have agreed to look at barriers that allow pedestrians but stop cars from attempting to drive down it. This is the start of investigation and will need the relevant permissions and funding before anything is put in place. The main issue appears to be directions given by holiday letting agencies. The Clerk will write on behalf of the Council to ask that clearer directions be given and not to rely on postcodes for satnavs!

There is a community meeting giving an update on the energy projects in the Village Hall on Monday 27th September at 6.30pm you can also join via video link. There is also an information event from National Grid Ventures about the proposed interconnectors at Friston in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th September between 10am - 2pm. Please see the accompanying sheet for more details. Lastly the defibrillator was taken again in an emergency but thankfully not used. If anyone takes the defibrillator out of the cabinet, please can they report it to Cllr Sue Jackson 688032 even if it is not used. It has to be checked and recommissioned with the Ambulance Service every time it's taken from the cabinet.

News from St Mary the Virgin

As a result of unforeseen circumstances there are some changes to service times at St Mary the Virgin, Friston beginning in October. Please note that there will continue to be two services per month on the 2nd and 4th Sunday - however, these services will now be held at 9.30am. This is to help our clergy to ensure they can provide each of the churches in our benefice with the best services possible.

Date	Time	Service	Led by
3/10/21	N/A	No Service	
10/10/21	9.30am	Holy Communion, Common Worship	Reverend Jo Mabey
17/10/21	N/A	No Service	
24/10/21	9.30am	Morning Prayer, BCP	Reverend James Marston
31/10/21	10.30am	Benefice Service for All Saints, Holy Communion, Common Worship	Reverend James Marston

Friston Allotment Association

Winter squash need to be harvested this month, store in a dry frost-free place with good air circulation
 Winter salad crops can be sown in a cold glasshouse or frame for regular cutting i.e. winter purslane, mixup, rocket & oak leaf lettuce

Move any surplus self-seeded forget-me-nots & foxgloves to fresh positions ready for next year's display.

To keep leaves out of ponds put a fine mesh net over for the next 2-3 months

There is still time this month to plant spring flowering bulbs

Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride - Thank you

This year we have raised a total of £1,650 for the charity, which with the benefit of Gift Aid, will increase the amount raised to over £2,000. Half of this amount will be returned to Friston Parish Church, with the remainder used towards works to other historic churches in the area. We chose a route which we hoped would also raise awareness of the effects of the proposed energy projects planned for our beautiful part of Suffolk. We started in Friston at 9am, accompanied by Pete Berry on his penny-farthing, along with his wife, Theresa, and cycling chum, Deb, who stayed with us through Knodishall, Aldringham, Aldeburgh and back up to Leiston. Pete always draws a crowd and it was great fun to cycle with them in the morning. Ian and I continued on to Theberton, Middleton and Kelsale in the afternoon, then turned southwards back to Saxmundham, Sternfield and Snape, arriving back in Friston just before 5pm, having spent time in each Church along the way. Again thank you so much for your support and generosity and also thank you to all who came to the Church to see us off. *Mary and Ian Shipman*



Photos courtesy of Ian Cook

Friston Wildlife Watch

I think I'm quite brave and tolerant when it comes to creepy crawlies, mostly I can appreciate their beauty and their worth in the natural world: busy pollinating our plants, cleaning up the detritus left by other living/dying things, as well as being an important food source for other creatures. I am happy to scoop and release an errant spider, brush a beetle gently from my sleeve or waft a wayward bee out of the window. However, I have my limitations and autumn seems to be the season for particularly challenging and rude behaviour from the insect world. This week I have had several Daddy long legs dangling their legs in my face as I'm trying to watch television, dozy wasps hanging around my windfall apples as I'm tidying the lawn, moths in my hair at night when I'm putting out the hedgehog food and a multitude of earwigs creepily hiding under bin lids and in bird feeders waiting to pounce. All of these events causing me to flail around in an embarrassing fashion and emit unnecessary cries of surprise. I haven't even started on the massive spider invasion, but I might save that for next month. As you are clearing up the garden after summer, don't forget to leave some untidy, untouched areas to provide shelter and protection for all our wildlife in the colder months to come.

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 25th October 2021**

FRISTON VILLAGE HALL READY FOR HIRE!

If you're thinking about starting a village group, having a party or having a fundraising event, the hall could be the venue you're looking for.

Fully equipped kitchen and projector and screen available.

Contact the booking clerk Jonathan Burch on 01728 688655 or email

fristonvillagehall@gmail.com for details. Special rates for Friston residents.

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