



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Parish Council

The Parish Council's next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 20th September. 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. Grove Road and Church Rd/Lane have had their announcements in the East Anglian Daily Times and all houses on those routes have been notified of the Suffolk County Council run consultation. Anyone wishing to make representation should do so by the 13th September to George.Firth@suffolk.gov.uk.

In relation to traffic and speeding through the village, the Parish Council are applying to be part of a joint initiative from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police which involves an ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) camera being sited in the village. These are devices which capture the registration of a vehicle exceeding the speed limit, the data from which generates a warning letter to the registered owner. Should the vehicle be captured by ANPR exceeding the speed limit again, the information is passed to Police for targeted enforcement.

The Parish Council also welcomed both Cllr Russ Rainger and Cllr Tom Daly to their first Friston meeting who are (along with Cllr Tony Cooper) representation for Friston at District level.

Highways have marked out parts of Church Path for resurfacing which should hopefully eradicate the larger potholes on here. One recent visitor to Friston had an unfortunate start to their holiday by driving down Church Path to access a holiday rental. A crane was needed to rescue the stranded car. The Council will be discussing ways to make Church Path safer at the next meeting.

Lastly the defibrillator was taken for use in an emergency recently 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.

News from St Mary the Virgin

Following the retirement of our Rector, Revd. Mark Lowther, the pattern of services at St Mary's changes slightly as we adjust our 'clergy resources.' There will be no 9.45am service on 5th or 19th September but there will be a service of Holy Communion (CW) on 12th September and Harvest Festival will take place on 26th. This is always a joyful occasion and we look forward to welcoming you. Wednesday evening compline at 6pm continues via Zoom. *Nicky Winter*

Summer Concerts at Friston Church

Beth Spendlove's Kingfisher Ensemble gave two hugely enjoyable concerts at Friston Church in August. Their programmes always have pieces to please everyone from Bach to The Beatles and Mozart to Morricone. All ideal to enjoy outside on a sunny summer's day. Except that sunny summer has been in short supply this year. The first concert had to be transferred inside



the church which became an advantage since the quintet was reduced to a trio as two original members were 'pinged' and the acoustic suited the reduced forces. No matter, fifty people enjoyed and lingered after the concert. The weather was kinder the following week and many more came to listen in the church grounds. It

was another happy social occasion and the generosity of those attending the concerts raised £1,005 for the St Elizabeth Hospice. Our special thanks go to Beth and her friends for bringing such pleasure after months of lockdown. They all enjoyed playing before a 'live' audience once again. *Simon Ive*.

Peter Berry's Dunwich Daynamo - 4th September 2021

Peter (56) was diagnosed with early onset dementia at the age of 50. He and his wife, Teresa, both of whom live in Friston, believe research is the way forward. A keen cyclist and a familiar figure in Friston, notably when riding his penny-farthing, he has raised thousands for dementia charities through his many cycle challenges. There is a cycle event called the 'Dunwich Dynamo' which is an overnight event from London to Suffolk. Peter has always wanted to do this but because it takes place overnight, he is now unable to complete this because of his condition. Undeterred he has proposed his own version cycling from Stratford to Saxmundham - a journey of over 100 miles and which takes place during the day. He has called it the 'Dunwich Daynamo'! Accompanying Peter will be Teresa and his cycling chums Deb and Andrew. Peter and his friends are seeking sponsorship for Alzheimer's Research UK and if you would like to support them, you can log onto www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-berry-dunwich-daynamo
Your help will be much appreciated.

Peter backs 'Riding for Friston' on Saturday 11th September

Peter and Teresa oppose the energy project proposals for Friston and have kindly agreed to 'lead off' Mary and Ian as they aim to cycle some 30 miles and visit 23 churches in parishes affected by the energy projects threatening our Heritage Coast. Full details of this are circulated with this edition of Swift. Half the proceeds raised by Ian and Mary will support Friston church. Peter and Teresa were married in our church so they have a special wish to help. The 'party' should be leaving the churchyard around 9.15am on Saturday 11th September if you would like to wave them off! *Simon Ive*

Friston Allotment Association

Main crop potatoes can be lifted & allowed to dry before bagging in hessian or paper sacks & stored in a frost-free shed. It's now a good time to control vine weevil with an application of nematodes before new grubs cause damage in containers & strawberry beds. Semi-ripe wood cuttings can be taken from non-flowering wood of shrubs & perennials. Grazing rye as a green manure can be sown from end of September & October to conserve nutrients in the soil for next year's crops.

Friston Wildlife Watch

I think the butterflies were late this year, they have arrived now, but I think fewer in number from last year. Earlier in the year I did see Orange tipped, Common blue and a Brimstone in my garden. However, the Buddleia is now busy with Red Admirals, Peacocks and Painted Ladies, we also have regular visits from Commas, who for some strange reason are attracted to my partner! Locally I've also seen Speckled woods and Gatekeepers and a lucky neighbour has spotted Small Tortoiseshell. Of course there are always plenty of Large and Small White, who we kindly provide food for in our vegetable patch! I'm afraid this about exhausts my knowledge of butterflies, I would love to know more and find rarer species (See RSPB Minsmere) but they do this annoying thing of closing their wings when they alight somewhere, so they just look black or brown...If you see a strange woman wending and winding her way in a drunken fashion across a field it's probably me...following a butterfly...Please stop and say hello. Happy Butterfly hunting. *Briony Sones*

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 20th September 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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