



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Friston Village Support

Please let us know if you need someone to help you with shopping or a lift for a medical appointment, or would just like someone to talk to. Contact: fristonvillage@gmail.com (if you do not have email please ring 07885 560380) *Briony Sones*

Parish Council

The emergency legislation that allows Councils to meet via video conferencing has ended meaning all Parish Council meetings will be face to face in the Village Hall from now on. The next meeting will be at 7pm on the 28th June. We will meet in the main hall to allow room for people to spread out and feel comfortable. Although all restrictions should have lifted by then the Council wants residents to feel confident and at ease whilst attending meetings. The Quiet Lanes application was discussed at the Annual Parish meeting and Councillors voted to take all proposed routes to the next stage of the process. This will involve Highways engineers visiting the routes and a traffic survey on Mill Road. At the Annual meeting of the Council, Mike Caplin accepted the nomination as Chair for this coming year and Sue Jackson as Vice Chair. We also welcomed two new Councillors - Mary Shipman and Michael Mahony and said goodbye to Jonathan Burch. This means there is a vacancy on the Council, if you are interested please contact the Clerk for more details. The Village Hall is open for bookings (subject to Covid restrictions) and the Council are hoping to redecorate the building in the autumn. Please contact Jonathan Burch to book the hall. Rates are very reasonable and there are special rates for Friston residents!

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarms Update

A short update this month since everyone involved has their head down preparing for two crucial Issue Specific Hearings 16 and 17 concerning outstanding issues relating to the Friston site and then the updating of the draft DCO on 26th and 28th May respectively. These are more or less the last throw of the dice for Friston. SASES is wheeling out all its big guns - barrister and experts on landscape, heritage and flooding. Friston Church is to speak on Heritage and the latest policy considerations. When you receive this, you should be able to listen to the recordings of the proceedings. These might help you in any further submissions you wish to make to the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 11 which is 7th June 2021. Deadlines after that are (no. 12), 28th June 2021 and Deadline 13 on 5th July which is the day before the Examination finally ends. Rest assured the Panel will be assailed by photographs of the carnage at the site. Feel free to fire any relevant ammunition at whoever you feel needs it. At least our MP opposes the plans here and forcefully recommends better planning and alternative options and sites. Please follow the updates on the SASES.org.uk and SEAS websites and the Planning Inspectorate project websites. *Simon Ive, simonive@aol.com*

Friston Goes Green

So, once again, the English weather threatened to disrupt our event but, being resilient, we ploughed on, putting up a tent and gazebo in the wind and rain, in which to house our produce for what has become our annual plant sale in aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice. Maybe it was because of lockdown, or maybe it is just the spirit of Friston, but the church car park was filled with laughter and chatter. We welcomed some people who are new to the village (and maybe have 'lined them up' for future events!), visitors who had seen the flyer advertising the event and of course lovely locals who always support community events. A big 'THANK YOU' must go out to all those in the village, and indeed beyond, who supported the event: those who brought items we could 'sell' and those who came to buy. This year we extended Friston Goes Green to include cakes, marmalade, pickles, scones and even eggs from residents' chickens! We had a wide variety of plants: perennials and annuals, herbs, tomatoes and other vegetables. One villager even donated two large teddy bears which went off to a good home! As I write we do not have a final total for the money raised: at the end of Sunday cash in hand was £860.00 but as there were some people who paid electronically, we await the grand total. It goes without saying that people were very generous and there were donations made with no produce exchanging

hands. To you all I say once again 'thank you'. There are some people whom I must mention without whom the day would not have been so successful. I will not mention them by name for fear of embarrassing them, but to my co-workers on the days who helped putting up and putting down the tent and gazebo, filling, and then managing, the tables, galvanising, or blackmailing (!) people to provide goodies, and of course counting the money raised - thank you. To all the growers and cooks - well we could not have run the event without you, your hard work was, as always, much appreciated. Looking to the future, I think it is fair to say that we have another event to add to Friston's annual calendar of events. Watch out for the date for next year's Friston Goes Green, but also Open Gardens, Classics on the Green and our Christmas Fayre. *Marie Szpak*



Friston Goes Green volunteers keeping warm!

News from St Mary the Virgin

The season turns – although not very quickly if that sharp breeze we appear to have had since January is anything to go by. However, May was a joyful month with Ascension Day – the day our Lord ascended into heaven followed by Pentecost on 23rd May – the moment when the Church was 'born' when the fire of the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles – and we celebrated it in Church with special birthday cupcakes and a beautiful Birthday Card designed by our Elder Emma Steadman for each member of the congregation. The readings for Pentecost led us to a wonderful rendition of 'Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones' as our 'gradual' hymn. What a joy to worship with such a wide variety of musical contributions despite still being denied the joy of singing ourselves. At the end of June, we will be celebrating the 'priesting' of Reverend James Marston, and the licensing of Reverend Jo Mabey in a special benefice service at the Church of St Peter & St Paul in Aldeburgh at 10.30am.

Our Sunday Services in Friston for June are as follows (all at 9.45am except on 27th June).

Date/Time		Led By	Location
6/6/21	Common Worship Holy Communion (Trinity 1)	Reverend Mark Lowther	St Mary's and Zoom live stream
13/6/21	Common Workshop Morning Prayer (Trinity 2)	Emma & Martin Steadman	Zoom Live Stream
20/6/21	Common Worship Holy Communion (Trinity 3)	Reverend Jo Mabey	St Mary's and Zoom Live Stream

Our short service of Compline continues to be at 6pm on Wednesday evening via Zoom. Details and link from Martin Steadman (Elder) martin.steadman.me.uk.

With Blessings and hope for a long and enjoyable summer *Carole Edwards, (Churchwarden)*

Friston Allotment Association

Frost tender plants can now be planted outside i.e. half-hardy annuals, runner beans, squash.

Earth up potatoes to stop tubers becoming green.

Continue to sow small numbers of lettuce every 2 weeks.

Main crop carrots & beetroot can now be sown.

Be ready to protect soft fruit from birds.

After the rain keep hoeing regularly to prevent annual weeds from seeding.

In hot & dry weather water newly planted trees & shrubs.

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 21st June 2021*

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