



# The Swift

## FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER.



### Parish Council

The Council have agreed to go ahead with the remedial damp work at the Village Hall to alleviate the damp wall and corner in the main hall. This will be undertaken by a local company. The Council also hopes to apply for a Jubilee grant to potentially update the lighting in the Hall and make other changes that keeps the Hall moving forward. Thank you to all those events, groups and societies that have hired the Hall now we're fully open for business again. Your fees go towards literally keeping the lights on! Please contact the booking clerk on [fristonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fristonvillagehall@gmail.com) or 01728688655 to hire the hall.

There is no Parish Council meeting in August, have an enjoyable summer, the next meeting is on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Summer Concert - The Kingfisher Ensemble, 4pm, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August In the grounds of St Mary's Church Friston.

The return of this popular fixture! Beth Spendlove's ensemble play a mix of light classical and popular music ideal for a summer afternoon in an idyllic setting. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice

### Would you like to become the Recorder for Friston?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the future. A Recorder will note significant happenings in their Parish and collect their local Parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their Parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items. If you interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting [www.slhc.org.uk](http://www.slhc.org.uk) to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your Parish. In return you will receive a copy of SLHC newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders.

To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact [recorder@slhc.org.uk](mailto:recorder@slhc.org.uk)



### Friston Classics on the Green - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

After a break of two years owing to Covid-19 restrictions, the classic cars returned in force and so did the visitors.

We think the picture captures not just the scale, but also the spirit of the occasion. Certainly, the pigeon seemed impressed!

This was a major logistical exercise for our community and we are grateful to some 40 volunteers, some from far afield who all helped with the village green parking and collecting; public parking in Grove Road (courtesy of Margaret and William Reeve) and the army of ladies serving teas in the village hall. It was a great success and thank you to everyone, not least to all those who came and supported.



### Friston Allotment Association

Onions can now be lifted & dried once the tops have laid down, ready to be stored. Remove large weeds from borders to prevent the seeds setting & avoid more weeds next year. Thin apples, pears & plums to improve quality of fruit & reduce risk of broken branches. A late crop of turnips can be sown when soil has sufficient moisture. Water butts can be cleaned out while empty before the autumn rains. Semi-riewood cuttings can be taken now, keep compost moist & keep them away from direct sunlight.

### SASES Update

As reported in last month's Swift SASES has commenced judicial review proceedings against the BEIS Secretary of State currently Kwasi Kwarteng in respect of EA1N & EA2. SASES is challenging his decision on six grounds which relate to flood risk, noise impact, heritage, cumulative impact, alternative sites and a lack of commitment to generating capacity. As explained in last month's update as part of the judicial review procedure the case was referred to a judge to decide whether it should be permitted to go ahead. SASES is very pleased to report that Mrs Justice Lang has decided that SASES has an arguable case in respect of all six grounds and a hearing has been set for two days in November.

### News from St Mary's Church

Our new Benefice Priest in Charge, Revd Sarah du Boulay celebrated her first service at Friston on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. A good-sized congregation turned out to welcome her. The opportunity was taken for her to bless the oak tree in the grounds kindly donated by the Parish Council as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations together with placing a commemorative plaque. She also unveiled the colourful montage recalling the events of the Jubilee weekend. This can be seen in the church.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 9am** Holy Communion (Common Worship) Led by Revd Sarah du Boulay.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 9am** Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) Led by Revd James Marston.

### Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Needed

Friston has a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but a new coordinator is needed to take on the organisation of the scheme. For more details go to [www.ourwatch.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/become-coordinator](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/become-coordinator) or contact the Parish Clerk.

### Thursday Ladies Club (TLC)

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the cancellation of July's meeting at quite short notice. Unfortunately, with the cases of Covid-19 being so high and being in close contact with two people who had it, the committee decided to not risk a gathering at that time.

The next meeting on 11th August promises to be interesting with an evening of Friston memories. Ladies of Friston and surrounding villages and one guest are welcome.

Tea and coffee is provided or please bring your own preferred beverage.

**Date:** Thursday 11th August **Time:** 19:00 - 21:00 **Place:** Friston Village Hall.

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### Friston Wildlife Watch

The other morning I found a millipede walking with great determination across my landing. He was about an inch and a half long with a shiny black cylindrical body and I carefully put him on a piece of tissue for a closer look. Despite being called millipedes they apparently only have about 100 legs, they are vegetarian and eat mildew and decaying vegetation (which leads me to wonder what he found to eat in my bedrooms?) and perform useful nutrient recycling functions in our gardens. I gently popped him outside and within 2 seconds a Robin had flown down, performed a little celebratory dance and flown off triumphant with my millipede in its beak .... I was mortified. Another land crustacean I have discovered quite a lot of recently are the little pill bugs (Rollie Pollies, Chiggiwigs, doom bugs) who are a member of the family Armadillidiidae (try saying that!) they are a bit like a woodlouse but can roll themselves into a perfect silvery black shiny ball. I discovered quite a lot of these as I was scraping out the weeds in between my paving stones, prior to Open Gardens (that was after I had clipped the edge of the lawn with nail scissors, plucked at my shrubs with tweezers and polished the leaves of the Hebe ...) Like the millipede the pill bugs play an important role in decomposition but also remove toxic metals from the soil during the digestion process. I never stop being intrigued and amazed by the incredible creatures around us.

I have been writing in the Swift for two years now and would be very happy to hand over to any other wildlife lovers out there? If you would be interested, please contact Philippa at [fristonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:fristonparishclerk@gmail.com)

***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 next deadline for articles is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

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