



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER.



Parish Council

The Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to the SASES group who have been at the forefront of the opposition to the SPR developments. The Council values the time and resources that were spent on the submissions to the planners in the defence of our community. The Parish Council have agreed the rates of hire for the Village Hall for the coming year. They can be found on the Village website or by contacting the booking clerk - Jonathan Burch 01728 688655. They are simple to understand and reflect the unfortunate rise in utilities, insurance, cleaning, supplies and everything else it seems! The Parish Council would also like to thank Alan Thomas for his refurbishment of the Jubilee clock from the Village Hall. When it is rehung in the entrance hall, there will be a history of clock nearby for anyone who's interested in its origins. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on the 23rd May in the Village Hall at 7pm. This a meeting for residents to raise any issues or let other residents know about groups or activities they wish to promote.

Friston Goes Green - Saturday 5th May.

Just a quick reminder we are having our annual plant and cake sale on Saturday 7th May, (10am - 4pm). We have made one or two changes this year: the event will take place on the Village Green, it will only be for one day, and, at the suggestion of one of our team, will include the opportunity to bring along any seeds that you may have but not want. Remember all proceeds go to St Elizabeth's Hospice. If you have any donations: plants, cakes or seeds, please either drop them off at Church Walls Cottage (adjacent to the church) on Friday or bring them along to the Village Green on Saturday morning around 9.00 am. *Marie (07708249213)*

Future Friston Events

- Thursday 2nd June - Sunday 5th June Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Thursday evening beacon lighting with Peter Berry; Canon Derek Johnson is organising a short programme of readings and orations with Carolyn Ridgeon and music will be provided by Beth Spendlove's Kingfisher Quartet. The feasibility of a bring your own picnic on the Sunday is still being considered. Ideas welcomed and Maddie and Jim at the Old Chequers are supportive.
- Sunday, 19th June - Friston Open Gardens 11.30am - 5.30pm.
- Sunday, 3rd July - Friston Church Choral concert organised by Jan & Alan Bullard as part of the Suffolk Festival.
- Thursday, 14th July - Classics on the Green
- Sunday, 14th August - Kingfisher Ensemble Summer concert in church grounds.

Friston Allotment Association

With frosts still a possibility this month be prepared to protect potatoes & fruit blossom with fleece on cold nights. Squash, courgettes & runner beans can now be sown in pots to plant out at the end of May when the frosts have finished. Newly planted vegetables, trees & shrubs will require regular watering in dry spells. Tomatoes can be planted in cold greenhouses but wait until June for outside tomatoes.

The Church of St Mary The Virgin, Friston

We are pleased to tell you that The Revd Sarah du Boulay has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Alde Sandlings Benefice of which Friston is a part. She is currently assistant curate at Needham Market and is expected to take up her duties at the beginning of July. We hope that you will join in welcoming her to Friston. Our Mothering Sunday service at the end of March was very well attended and it had the added benefit of raising £425 for the Ukrainian DEC Appeal. We had a record congregation for our Easter Sunday service led by The Revd Nicky Winter with music accompaniment and hymns curated by Nicky and her husband Nick. The church looked stupendous, Margaret Fife having galvanised her flower arrangers to new creative heights. She and Margaret Savage embellished the pews and balcony with paper flowers. Thanks to Mary Pledger (glorious

pedestals), Maggie Knight (decorated font and tulips!) and Caroline Duncan (Easter Garden). It was especially memorable since at the start of the service, Nicky dedicated a scroll celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Beautifully designed and scripted by Ann Savage, it will be hung in the Church for all now and the future. Everyone sang and Nicky's sermon was a call for Friston to rise up to the challenges which we face. Meanwhile, owing to the interregnum and pressure on clergy resources our services are irregular so please keep an eye on the notice boards.

8th May 9am - Holy Communion (Common Worship) led by Revd Jo Mabey.

22nd May 9am - Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) led by Revd James Marston, our Curate-in-Charge. Followed immediately by our Annual Parish Church Meeting. Sadly, this often leads to a mad dash for the exit whereas your taking part can help shape how our church can serve our community and how you might help. It is not a long meeting! *simonive@aol.com*



Ladies Group

Having had a meeting with WI advisors, we decided a meeting to discuss whether we want to be under the WI umbrella or just have our own ladies group. I'm arranging a social gathering of local women who would be interested in meeting once a month in the village hall. If you can't make this meeting, but would like to join in future, you're welcome to email with your contact information.

woireland@icloud.com **Thursday 12th May 2022, Friston Village Hall - 19:30 - 21:30** *Wendy Ireland*

Knodishall Flower Show

The popular Knodishall Flower Show is back after a 2 year break due to the pandemic. It will be held in Knodishall village hall on Saturday 6 August. Further details, including show schedules, will be available shortly. For more information, please call me, Lin Patrick, 07511 653383

Energy Projects

Thank you to everyone who attended the community meeting at Friston Village Hall on 7th April. It was full and an emotional occasion. Friston Parish councillors Michael Mahony and Mary Shipman are having initial meetings with Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council later in April. Meanwhile we have already been subject to lengthy compulsory purchase and acquisition orders affecting footpaths and individual properties without any accompanying plans for understanding. Our mood has since worsened if you observed the National Grid Sea Link webinar. This made quite clear there will be yet another interconnector on top of Nautilus and Eurolink to be dumped in our area. Public consultations (so called) are due to start in the Summer when we are also likely to be subject to meetings about the Friston projects. Happy holidays! *Simon Ive*

Friston Wildlife Watch

I have a complaint to make about my very noisy neighbours: they wake me up in the morning, there's the constant chattering all day and then for no perceptible reason they create a loud argumentative commotion which is extremely disruptive and certainly not becoming of our quiet peaceful neighbourhood. I am of course talking about the small colony of sparrows that have moved into our garden since we moved to Friston five years ago. They must have heard that the lady in the pink cottage was spending silly amounts of money on quality sunflower seeds and other birdy treats from Wild about Birds (other suppliers are available). Their main residence is in the Winter Jasmine on a north east wall in our garden but they also have a smaller home in our Honeysuckle, both of which, to my partner's dismay, are now terribly overgrown, but I can't possibly disturb them can I? They also like to skulk around the 'Champagne' Hebe in the rockery which I think is their favoured place for dust bathing. Unfortunately, our seating areas are positioned next to the sparrow residences and relaxing with a cup of tea is now more like sitting on the runway at Duxford during the summer air show. When we came to Friston I said how nice it would be to have sparrows in the garden, particularly as they are still red listed as a species of high concern in the UK ...be careful what you wish for! *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 next deadline for articles is Monday 23rd May 2022

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