



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER.



Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is the 28th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. There will be a new booking clerk for the Village Hall. Liz Thomas will be taking over from Jonathan Burch. The email will remain the same for the village hall (fristonvillagehall@gmail.com) but the telephone number will change. Thank you to Jonathan for his hard work as booking clerk and keeping the diary so well organised!

Reclaim the Rain

Friston has been chosen as one of six villages across Norfolk and Suffolk to be part of 'Reclaim the Rain', an exciting and innovative £6.4 million project funded by Defra. This project is of great importance to both counties due to the considerable flood risk and being in the most water-stressed region of the UK. Reclaim the Rain aims to look at new ways of reducing flood risk using nature-based solutions, capturing excess flood water, and putting it to good use for the community. The Project Team are keen to work with local people, to learn about their understanding of flood risk in the area and to ultimately develop tailored schemes that reflect and benefit local water users in Friston. Friston was selected for many reasons, including but not limited to, the strong local knowledge on historic flooding in the area, proactive and continued engagement with the Reclaim the Rain team, the generation of bright ideas for water reuse, and a passion for promoting sustainability in and around the village.

The Reclaim the Rain team is keen to meet, learn from, and engage with you. On Monday 21st November we'll be hosting a drop-in session in Friston Village Hall from 10am -12:00pm The team will be sharing more about the project and what we hope to achieve, listen to people's stories, answer any questions, and chat over a cup of tea/coffee and cake. We hope to meet you all soon!

In the meantime, if you would like to learn more or get in touch with us, visit: reclaimtherain.org

News from St Mary's Church

Our services in November are:

13th November, 10.50am - Remembrance Day - Led by Revd. Sheila Murray with organist Andy Murray.

The service includes gathering around the War Memorial in the churchyard for the Silence, Laying of the Wreath and remembering the fallen of Friston.

27th November, 9.00am - First Sunday of Advent - Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer - Led by our Priest-in-Charge, Revd. Sarah.

This marks the start of the Christmas season. It is right therefore to remind you of the **Friston Carol Service - Sunday, 11th December at 6pm** followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall. It is a traditional carol service for all the family when we hope all of the community will come together. We want to especially welcome all those who have moved into the village during the year. And for those who like to sing, Alan Bullard would love to hear from you to join his village choir. (alanbullard@btinternet.com).

Euro Link And Sea Link Interconnector Consultation

These are the sister projects to the Nautilus Interconnector project which NGV has been intermittently consulting on since 2019. Euro Link is proposed to connect the electricity grids of England and the Netherlands and Sea Link will connect Suffolk to Kent.

These are all projects which will connect to the National Grid connection hub proposed at Friston which has been misleadingly promoted as part of Scottish Power's EA1N and EA2 projects.

National Grid is promoting Sea Link under the guise of its NGET division and Euro Link under the guise of its NGV division. There has been some confusion as to how National Grid will conduct the so called consultation processes for these projects. The position now seems to be that the consultation on these projects will take place at the same time but separately.

An exhibition of the NGET Sea Link proposal will be made in Friston Village Hall on the 11th November 2022 between 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

There are two webinars for the proposals in Suffolk, go to nationalgrid/sealink for more details.

Exhibitions for Euro Link will be held at the following venues:

Leiston - Wednesday 23rd Nov 10am - 4pm Waterloo Centre, Waterloo Ave
Saxmundham - Thursday 24th Nov 2pm - 8pm Saxmundham Market Hall, High St
Aldeburgh - Friday 25th Nov 10am - 4pm St Peter and St Paul's Church Hall, Victoria Rd

There are also webinars being held, go to nationalgrid/eurolink for more details.

We appreciate everyone is feeling consultation fatigue after Sizewell C and the Scottish Power projects. However, we would urge you to attend the events so you understand these projects and express your strong opposition to yet further ill-conceived and environmentally damaging developments.

SASES Judicial Review Update

As previously reported the High Court accepted in September that SASES has an arguable case on all six of the grounds on which it is challenging the decisions of the BEIS Secretary of State to grant consent for EA1N and EA2. Those grounds relate to flood risk, heritage, noise, generating capacity, cumulative impact and consideration of alternative sites. The case will be heard in November although we do not expect judgment to be given until some weeks after the case is heard

Friston Allotment Association

Be prepared to protect brassicas from pigeons as winter approaches when their other food supplies get low. Broad Beans Aqua Dulce can be sown this month to help avoid the worst of black bean aphid attacks next spring. Hardwood cuttings can be taken over the next few months including soft fruit, some shrubs & roses. Pots & seed trays can be washed now ready for next year's crops. Check tree stakes & ties are both secure & not too tight before the winter winds & rabbit guards are in place to avoid damage in the event of heavy snowfall

Thursday Ladies Club (TLC)

For our October meeting we had Martin speaking to us about fire safety in the home and he told us some very amusing stories from his time as a firefighter.

Martin was very entertaining and we really enjoyed the talk and took a lot of useful safety information away from it. In November Jean Fryer, textile artist and jeweller, will join us to demonstrate and explain how she creates textiles panels and jewellery inspired by her rural and coastal surroundings.

Date: Thursday 10th November. Time: 19:00 - 21:00. Place: Friston Village Hall.

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Friston Wildlife Watch

Warning to all arachnophobes - spiders may be mentioned in this article

I'm actually rather fascinated by these much maligned and misunderstood creatures. In fact, I have fond childhood memories of my mother asking my father to remove spiders and my dear gentle daddy, with a twinkle in his eye, would scoop up the offending creature, give his cupped hands a little shake, lift them to his ear and then with great joy offer his prize towards us with the words "oh it's growling do you want to hear?". Before I wrote this article I admit to googling whether spiders do actually growl, they don't, but apparently some do hiss.... Living in an old house I have no choice but to share my living space with spiders of all shapes and sizes, but they are particularly prevalent in the autumn, this is because it is mating season and the males are in search of a pretty lady spider. The two most common residents are the small bodied spindly ones: the cellar or daddy long legs spider (*Pholcus phalangioedes*) which create those loose messy webs which are draped in corners and responsible for making my house look like I've decorated for Hallowe'en. Then there's the giant house spider, (*Eratigena atrica*) the big black one that you see out of the corner of your eye by the skirting board, then before you know it is charging across the floor toward you with great determination and evil intent. I admit to spending a whole evening watching a garden spider or orb weaver spider (*Eranus diadematus*) through my window, battle against the elements to build its cobweb with great care and expertise. Apart from the extraordinary fact that spider silk is 5 times the strength of steel, the orb weavers' cobwebs are a thing of extraordinary intricacy and beauty and I'm sure even the most ardent arachnophobe can't help but appreciate these spiders' webs when they are bejewelled with dew drops or frosted and glistening in the winter morning sun.

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 21st November 2022**

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