



# The Swift



## FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**Friston Recorder** - [fristonrecorder@gmail.com](mailto:fristonrecorder@gmail.com)

We live in a lovely village with a long and interesting history. If you would like to join me, Elizabeth Ashton, in setting up a Friston village history group and protecting our archives, please let me know. Contact me via email, or phone 01728 688892, 07507 947486 to find out more.

### Thursday Ladies Club (TLC)

In February we listened to Elizabeth describing the highs and lows as well as the important work of the Probation Service. At our next meeting on 21st March we will welcome two nurses from Ipswich Hospital Breast Care Unit. Ladies from Friston and the local towns and villages are welcome at Friston Village Hall on the 21st at 7pm - 9pm. £3 entry (£10 annual membership). Tea, coffee and cake. Any enquiries phone Wendy 07948 150022

### Village Events 2024 - Important Dates for your Diary

#### May - **Saturday 11th** - Friston Goes Green

We will be holding our annual plant and cake sale in aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice again this year. So a heads up to all growers, bakers and preserve makers to keep us in mind for our May event! Last year everyone was so generous and we made over £1,000 for the Hospice. If you have any queries, please contact Marie Szpak on: [marieszpak2051@gmail.com](mailto:marieszpak2051@gmail.com).

#### June - **Thursday 6th** - D-day celebrations

Friston village is proud to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings on 6th June 1944. To commemorate we will be hosting an afternoon and evening of events, including a short service of remembrance, bell ringing, beacon lighting, a community picnic with music on the Green and maybe more! It should be a lovely day to celebrate a momentous event in our nation's recent history and we hope you will join us. If anyone would like to be involved, has any information about D-Day they would like to share, or any questions, please contact Wendy Ireland on: 07948 150022.

#### June - **Sunday 16th** - Friston Open Gardens

Our annual Open Gardens event will return again this year. We always welcome new pastures: front or back gardens, large or small, courtyards, wildlife havens, interesting greenhouses or vegetable plots would all be considered! If you would like to open your garden, or would be happy to help on the day, please contact Briony Sones: [brionysones@yahoo.com](mailto:brionysones@yahoo.com).

#### July - **Thursday 11th** - Classics on the Green

This year's Classics on the Green will be on Thursday 11th July starting from 2.30pm. Volunteers needed to help with parking and collecting donations, please contact Paul Carlaw on: 07918 602500 or Tony Morley on: 07785 305206

### March Services at St Mary the Virgin Church, Friston.

**Sun 3rd March** at 10am, the Third Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion Service (Common Worship) led by Revd. Sarah du Boulay.

**Sun 10th March** at 10am, the Fourth Sunday in Lent and **Mothering Sunday** - Service of the Word, led by our Elder, Marie Szpak. You are invited to join us for refreshments after the service.

**Sun 17th March** at 10am, the Fifth Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion Service (Common Worship) led by Revd. Christopher Lewis.

**Sun 24th March** at 10am, **Palm Sunday** - Service led by Revd. Mary Brown.

**Mon 25th March** at 6.30pm, Service of Compline for **Holy Week** led by our Elder Marie Szpak.

**Fri 29th March** at 2pm, **Good Friday** - The Hour Before the Cross, led by Revd. Nicky Winter and Marie Szpak.

**Sun 31st March** at 10am, **Easter Sunday** Holy Communion Service (Common Worship) led by Revd. Nicky Winter.

### Friston Allotment Association

As the soil is now warming up early sowings of broad beans & carrots can be made, as well as onion setts & shallots, when the soil is dry enough, along with a few early potatoes under fleece to get an earlier lifting of new

potatoes. Tomatoes can be sown indoors this month for planting later in a cold greenhouse. Large clumps of grasses can be split & re-planted now the soil is warming up, to get established before the summer. Complete any planting of bare root trees & shrubs this month.

## Energy Projects Update

### Scottish Power/National Grid

SASES - SASES has now applied for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court. However the test for the grant of permission which the Supreme Court applies is a strict one. Permission to appeal is only granted for applications that, in the opinion of the Supreme Court Justices, raise an arguable point of law of general public importance which ought to be considered by the Court at that time. SASES has sought permission on two grounds relating to how surface water flood risk should be addressed when selecting a development site and how information relating to other projects should be taken into account (i.e. cumulative impact) when granting development consent.

A decision could take up to six months.

SEAS - The SEAS appeal was heard on 14th and 15th February 2024. The case is based on the manner in which Scottish Power engaged with landowners. Judgment is awaited. Meanwhile SEAS is continuing to campaign and argue for the better alternative of an offshore grid/solution.

SPR Activity - SPR is undertaking some survey and testing work at the substations site and along the cable route. Despite multiple requests SPR has still not engaged with the Parish Council

### National Grid Sealink

National Grid expects to make its formal development consent application in the Autumn of 2024.

The proposal that two new offshore windfarm projects, North Falls and Five Estuaries, will connect offshore to Sealink is still under consideration. If they do not connect to Sealink then it is proposed that the power will be brought onshore in North Essex and connect to a new substation at Lawford.

### National Grid Lionlink

The statutory consultation is planned for the first quarter on 2025 with the application being made in the fourth quarter of 2025. As previously reported the Parish Council has complained to the Planning Inspectorate, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council about the multiplicity of development consent consultations and applications and the intolerable burden this places on the community. However National Grid shows no inclination to reduce impacts on the community. Further the Parish Council has complained about the inadequacy of the consultation with regard to National Grid's assessment (or rather lack thereof) of cumulative impacts.

### National Grid Nautilus

NG has been considering whether it can connect this project at an existing substation location at the Isle of Grain in Kent or as originally planned at Friston. This has still not been confirmed, a decision can be expected this year.

### National Grid Study

This is a study into NG's transmission infrastructure in East Anglia. The results are expected in March.

### Sizewell C

TASC with the support of Stop Sizewell C and others is challenging the Secretary of State's decision grant development consent. The challenge relates to the availability of a potable water supply at the site and the need for a desalination plant. TASC has sought permission to appeal to the Supreme Court.

EDF is continuing with its preparatory works and formally triggered the Development Consent Order in January.

EDF has established a number of community forums. Two of these relate to traffic, one for the North of Saxmundham the other to the South. After initially not being invited to any of these the Parish Council persuaded EDF to invite a representative to the Southern Forum. The Forum covered the steps EDF were taking to mitigate traffic impacts covering both rail and road. A key concern is the much looser control over light goods vehicles (those under 3.5 tonnes) i.e. white vans. While there is some control there is no tracking and enforcement will rely on residents' complaints. Substantial disquiet was expressed over this. In relation to HGVs the point was made that more needs to be done to ensure compliance (i.e. using designated routes only) and very strong enforcement action taken against those who flout the rules. Further the Parish Council raised the issue of cumulative impact with SPR and the multiple National Grid projects and suggested that representatives of SPR and National Grid attended these forums.

*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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

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