



# **The Swift**

## FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



### **Friston Goes Green - Grand Total**

I am so happy to let you know that this year's event raised £1000 for St Francis' Hospice - cash banked on the day was increased with sales from the electronic device and a final donation from St Mary the Virgin Church which enabled us to reach such a grant total. My thanks go out again to everyone who supported the event: growers, cooks, helpers on the stalls and of course those who came along, purchased and generously donated. Watch out for details of our next event in Spring 2022! *Marie Szpak*.

### **What, no speed sign?**

For those of us who have missed the occasional reminder to slow down on our approach home, or just like to check the accuracy of their speedometer, there is good news. Having developed a fault with the brightness of the display after five years continuous service, repair to the unit is under way, and the speed sign should be back in action in early July. The sign has been shown to reduce the incidence of speeding through the village by around 30-40%, an effectiveness which is some considerable comfort in respect of the safety of our community. *Dickie Brooks*

### **District Council Elections**

There will be an election on the 9<sup>th</sup> July to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of TJ Haworth-Culf and Jocelyn Bond. The candidates are as follows: *Thomas Daly, Matt Oakley - Green Party, Ian Ilett, Mark Turner - Labour Party, Steve Marsling - Communist Party of Great Britain and Russ Rainger, Andrew Reid - Conservative Party*. A virtual hustings meeting in which you will be able to meet the candidates is planned. It will be important to learn how they plan to represent Friston regarding the proposed energy projects.

### **East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarms Update**

The most important message is that you should all write to The Planning Inspectorate opposing the developments at Friston by the final Deadline 13 which is Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The links are:

[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm)

[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm)

The more of you who write in, the greater the impact - the cumulative force of community impact is what counts. And there are plenty of major issues outstanding at this final stage of the Examination:

Flooding and Drainage Management-We all know that Friston is prone to flooding. Everyone and especially anyone who has suffered flooding or the risk of flooding should write in, especially those along Church Path and Low Road. Noise-particularly background noise post construction. The impact of the survey works, Traffic and safety, Loss of environment, amenity and heritage. National Grid-lack of involvement and clarity of their plans. National Grid Ventures are proposing to commence a public consultation exercise relating to the Nautilus Interconnector in September (another DCO to expect on top of this and Sizewell C). Eurolink will follow later. That is two interconnectors and each one requires its own onshore converter station covering some 14 acres (total 28 acres!) and they need to be sited as close as possible to the connection site! You should also be aware that we are receiving robust opposition to the developments by our own MP, Dr Therese Coffey and her succinct observations can be found on the Planning Inspectorate project websites. Meanwhile, thank you to all who have shown so much commitment and support along the way. Please remember the final deadline at 5<sup>th</sup> July. Of course, it does not end then. Sizewell C Examination continues and the prospect of public consultation on the Nautilus Interconnector to face whilst we need to maintain opposition to the current developments. All a great challenge and SASES and SEAS action groups will be working together to galvanise coordinated opposition during the period up to the expected decision of the Secretary of State early in 2022. *Simon Ive, simonive@aol.com*

### **Summer Concerts at Friston Church**

We have all lost so much personal contact and interaction arising from 'lockdown'. Hopefully, the restrictions will be relaxed sufficiently on 19<sup>th</sup> July for us to strive to return to some form of normality. So, what better way

than enjoying a Sunday afternoon concert at Friston Church starting with **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, inside the church at 3pm**, A concert with Duke Dobing (flute) and Alan Bullard (piano). The programme, just one hour, will include music by JS Bach, Mozart, Faure, Poulenc and Friston's own 'composer in residence', Alan Bullard. Duke is a professional flautist with substantial roots in the area and has played for us at Friston in the past. Alan is a renowned composer, and living in the village, a great advocate. There will be a retiring collection for our church and if the weather is kind we might celebrate with a glass of wine after the concert! We are glad to welcome back Beth Spendlove and her Kingfisher Ensembles for afternoon concerts which will be held in the church grounds, as last year. The dates are: Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August. More details to follow in the August Swift. *Simon Ive, simonive@aol.com*

### News from St Mary the Virgin

By the time Swift is published for July, we will have gone past midsummer and the solstice and we remain in semi lockdown, but, as always, we must look forward and consider the wonderful things to come. In July, we celebrate St Swithuns day on the 15<sup>th</sup> and on 30<sup>th</sup> July we commemorate anti-slavery campaigners - William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson. The start of the main holiday season will see many visitors to our village we hope - and many of them will at least venture into the church to enjoy its beauty and holiness. We must thank our wonderful flower arrangers - led by Margaret Fife - who do their best to adorn our church all year round with special efforts being made for special occasions and feast days. If you are a visitor to the village during the holiday season do please come along to a service if you can - even though we are still not allowed to sing, we still manage to fill our church with glorious music! Our service schedule for July is as follows:

Date	Service	Led By
4 <sup>th</sup> July@9.45am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Reverend Sheila Hart
7 <sup>th</sup> /14/21/28 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm	Compline on Zoom (contact Martin Steadman for joining instructions)	Martin & Emma
11 <sup>th</sup> July @ 9.45am	Common Worship Morning Praise on Zoom - see parish pew sheet for the link.	Martin & Emma
18 <sup>th</sup> July @ 9.45am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Reverend Jo Mabey
25 <sup>th</sup> July @ 9.45am	Common Worship Morning Praise	Reverend Mark Lowther

Whatever your holiday plans I wish you every blessing & a peaceful, happy summer. *Carole Edwards Churchwarden*

### Friston Wildlife Watch - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

The Good - I do love the birds in my garden and it is currently a hive of activity with lots of busy parents, fledglings and juveniles - Robins, GS Woodpeckers, Blackbirds, different Finches, Tits and House Sparrows, Starlings and a shy cock Pheasant with a limp who we've unimaginatively named Limpy! The Swift box has been inhabited, not by Swifts, but a lovely little Great Tit family who recently fledged. A little further afield at Minsmere I heard, for the first time, the Bittern booming and a Grasshopper Warbler. The Bad - it seems that Muntjac deer are rather partial to all the lovely sweet green shoots and leaves which are appearing at this time of year. I believe some barriers and deterrents are diesel/creosote soaked rags, human hair or urine, mothballs or lion dung! Some things may be easier to come by than others?! My Ugly is the rat-tailed maggot, a completely harmless but rather unattractive addition to my little pond, it is the larvae of a hover fly or drone fly with a telescopic breathing siphon at its posterior end which acts as a snorkel, allowing the larva to breathe while submerged - they really are quite unpleasant! Finally, the wild flower meadow by the church is a sight to behold, there are some really pretty species including Menzie's baby blue eyes, Field forget-me-not, Corn Spurry and the Poppies are looking fabulous - please take a walk and enjoy! A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Reeve for providing Friston with such a wonderful display and creating an important wildlife habitat. *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 deadline for the next issue is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

All information correct at time of publication. This newsletter is funded by Friston residents and lightly edited by the Parish Clerk. Thank you to all contributors and deliverers.

*Mrs. Phillippa Welby fristonclerk@gmail.com or phone 01502 478094.*