

FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Oct 2023

Welcome to the autumn edition

As summer recedes to make way for possibly our most glorious season, we hope that you've had a wonderful time of it and have made great memories that last. In this edition, we celebrate some of the best of our village calendar, the annual fete and the produce show. Remembering that these wonderful community events depend on so many of you to plan them, pull them together and then clear up afterwards. Unsung heroes, you know who you are.

Food and Produce show: Where size matters



When you know your onions

Congratulations to the winners, runners-up and 'not-winners' of the annual food and produce show. As usual, the artfully chosen magnolia palette of the village hall formed the perfect backdrop to the riot of colour we have come to expect.

As usual, the onions were squeezed, the green beans were fondled, and the tallest sunflower was measured (twice). Mistakes at this level of competition just cannot be tolerated and no one likes a dust-up over the size of their courgettes.

The organisers and committee of the show wanted to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who entered, helped set up and then clean up on the day, or simply came down and got 'judgey' whilst drinking tea and eating rather marvellous homemade cakes.

New committee members are welcome for next year, please get in touch with Sam Joyce by email: samanthajoyce@btinternet.com



These are... flowers



This one got 'high' praise from the judges



Hey, slugs? - can't touch this



Lottie Hunt brings home Fred Cripps' trophy



Freya Cox wins Ted Carpenter's cup



Sam Joyce won so many we lost count



Last seen heading for Lane End

We welcome all your feedback, thoughts and ideas, email: friethnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk

The Village Voice

Frieth Village Summer Fete



The summer fete: Where weather matters

Well, hurrah for being blessed with a glorious day! and given the summer we've had, a Fete bathed in sunshine felt like a miracle. The village hall was beautifully decorated with flowers from village gardens on each table, and fabulous cakes, made by local bakers, were available to buy with tea or to take home (and the smart money did both).

As usual, the dog show was great fun, and it was wonderful to see so many young owners presenting their dogs or racing around the agility course to secure the fastest time. Our traditional events included crockery smashing and welly wanging; the wanging was as popular and hotly contested as ever, with one all-comer bearing a strong resemblance to Jeff Capes.

The Junkyard Dogs played superb 70's and 80's covers, and we enjoyed an amazing set from Caroline Priestley on her sax. Such great talent in our community; it would be great to hear from anyone who'd like a spot next year.

At the time of writing, the trusty treasurer hasn't finished counting the proceeds, so this will be shared in the next newsletter, along with the benefits the FVS aim to deliver to the village as a result. Thank you to all who came along to support, we hope you had a great time. Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers; the regulars who turn out every year and all the new faces who stepped forward this time – your help made a huge difference. For all volunteers, there is a Fete Review and Thank You meeting at the Yew Tree on **Mon. 2nd October at 7:30 pm**. What worked well will be discussed and what can be improved for next year. Yes, we'll be back next year, hopefully, bigger and better. If you feel you can help, please don't be shy – **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!**



Community Matters

Forests, feathers, fiends and more.....

Profits from the sale of the 2023 Frieth calendar were £435 and were used to buy tools, equipment and magnifying binoculars for the Forest School - an area within the school grounds, which is used for the benefit of all pupils, with a dedicated Forest School Teacher coming in every week to lead the lessons.



For 2024, a special edition of the Frieth calendar will feature “Frieth Furrries, Feathers and Fiends” (and yes, it's fiends not friends!). Please submit your best photos of your pet against a nice backdrop in Frieth (indoors or outdoors) to Caroline.priestley@me.com no later than 9 October. Photos should be landscape orientation (wider than tall). Please include your pet's name if you'd like it included alongside the picture. Pets that don't live in Frieth but that regularly walk in Frieth will qualify. The best photos will be used for the calendar.

Caroline is also working with other members of the village to produce a set of tea towels - one will feature the village map, drawn by Graham Adam, and others will include photographs selected by Rachel Wallace. Profits will be split between the school and the Finings Wood fundraiser. More details to follow; if you would like to express early interest, then please contact Caroline at the above email.

Staying on time

To raise awareness of the Frieth Village Hall clock refurbishment project, the Village Hall Committee set a challenge to inspire our valley youngsters to design their own clock dial.

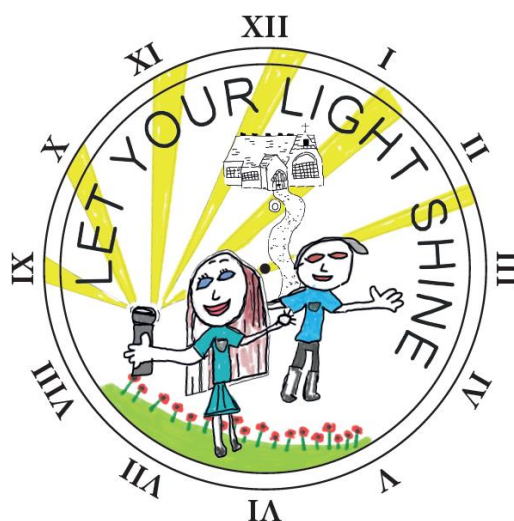
The design theme was to create a dial that communicated the school moto – **Let your light shine**. The Headteacher of Frieth C.E.C School kindly afforded Jolyon Marshall the opportunity to talk with all at an assembly, set the task and then later judge the entries.

It was truly challenging to decide and, in the end, three dial designs were felt to resonate particularly well and prizes of a book token were given to each of the three finalists. One entry also was awarded a Special Commendation.

Such was the quality of the three leading submissions it was felt we could cleverly incorporate all three into the final dial design.

It has been a little while now since judging, but the clock has been made, the graphics beautifully applied and the timepiece hands and movement are all now attached. An official unveiling of the gift of the new school assembly clock will take place upon the school's return and thanks to everyone for their timely participation.

The Frieth Village Hall committee are still looking for donations to help with Phase 2 of our Village Hall Clock restoration please contact Jolyon Marshall (**07802 483128**)



Dates for your diary

Church Services at Frieth Church

Sunday 1st October, 10 am: Group Service, when the valley churches worship together.

Sunday 8th October, 3 pm: Wild Church/Harvest Festival, outside if the weather is good.

Participation from the School Choir. Harvest gifts for One Can Trust. Followed by tea and cake.

Sunday 12th November, 10 am – Remembrance Service with talk by Andrew Green – Frieth's own writer and broadcaster about the pilgrimages Frieth people took years ago to visit the graves of loved ones.

Monday 4th December, 7.30 pm at Hambleden Church: Licensing Service for the new Rector, Andy Storch, by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Friday 15th December, 6 pm: Christingle Service in Frieth.

Monday 25th December, 9 am:– Christmas Day Communion.



Hambleden Valley Garden Club, Tuesday 3rd October, 7 pm, Frieth Village Hall

The first meeting (of six) will be a presentation by Colin Roberts, Head Gardener at Adwell Gardens, titled 'A year at Adwell Gardens'. The club is looking forward to seeing existing members and would be delighted to see new people with an interest in gardening.

A one-time guest fee of £4 is all that's required to attend your first meeting, with annual membership available thereafter if it's for you!



Hambleden Tennis Club

Can you help? The club is looking for someone to spend approximately 3 hours a month maintaining their courts, which would include brushing the AstroTurf, weeding and general tidying around the court. For more information, please email hambledenlhc@gmail.com

Club Update: Play continues throughout the winter. Club sessions from October to March are on Wednesdays from 1.30 pm and Sundays from 10.30 am. The 3-month trial membership is still available. Contact: hambledenlhc@gmail.com



Frieth Hilly: Sunday 15th October, starts at 10 am

Registration from 8.30 am. 5km and 10km mixed terrain runs in and around Frieth. The race starts and finishes at Frieth School. More information on the website: www.friethhilly.co.uk



Frieth Lunch Club: Last Friday of the month

Great food and wonderful company. ALL welcome. If you need help to get there, transport is available. Contact Judy 01491 882227, email ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

Parmoor Afternoon Tea Club: Tuesday Afternoons at St Katharine's, Parmoor

All are welcome for a chat over a cuppa and to play board games if you wish.

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Bad Joke Corner

Two windmills stood on a wind farm.

One asks the other, "What's your favourite type of music?"

The other one replies,

A: "I'm a huge metal fan."

