

FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Welcome to the 'It's still a bit fresh out' February edition

Right, not long now, Spring will be creeping around the corner, which means milder mornings, lighter evenings and as much blossom as you can sweep up. Just imagine, you'll be able to peel off those thermals, stow away those scarves and scrape off the layer of goose grease from your chest that you applied in November (or was that just us?). Whatever the weather, we hope this finds you in fine form and enjoying all the village and its environs have to offer.

Bucks Quiz plays alongside Thin Quizzzy



27th January: The annual and ever-popular village quiz was all sold out this year and as usual, didn't disappoint. A fantastic effort by our seasoned quiz masters Patrick Joyce and Steve Taylor, whose planning and creativity made the evening challenging, fun and feisty until the last point was counted.

This year we raised our tech game once again, as David House introduced automated booking and payment, email confirmations, proper ticketing and we even had our very own event QR code. 'What's an event QR code?' we hear you ask? Relax, by next year, he'll be using remote retina scanning and taking payments in BitCoin.

What's in a name?

Team names were traditionally creative, including Bucks Quiz, It's On The Tip of My Tongue, Thin Quizzzy, General Waste, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Questionables, 'And the winners are ...' (and they weren't by the way).

Who thought spaghetti could be so annoying

This year's innovations included a tricky table challenge of building the tallest structure of spaghetti, with enough stability to support a marshmallow during the judging/measuring stage (yes, it takes a twisted mind). Teams were helped by electrical tape, plus group prayer/Sanskrit chanting, to help it stay up. To those who gave in part way through and ate the marshmallow – we salute you.

So, who won?

Congratulations go to The Questionables for a terrific score of 140 points, second was General Waste, 128 points, and third was Bucks Quiz with 126.5. But the real winners were the overall community as we raised **£730** for local causes whilst having a terrific night. Thanks again to the whole team, and ...same time next year?



Tony adds much-needed gravitas to the raffle of unwanted Xmas gifts



Steve wonders if a multi-dimensional spreadsheet might work better next year



Tony seems to recognise the bath salts set he gave his wife this year



Just before Erna ate the marshmallow

Electronic copies of the newsletter are now available via the Frieth Village Society website: www.fvs.org.uk

We welcome all your feedback, thoughts and ideas for future issues.

Please send all messages to our **NEW** email address: newsletter@fvs.org.uk

The Village Voice

Frieth finds its 'X-factor'



Join our village singing group

Frieth Singers is a new community singing group, that has been going for a few weeks now and it's proving super popular! Run by Zoe Hatch from Sound & Song CIC in collusion with Nikki Yate, from Frieth Village Society.

The group is simply about the fun of singing and demonstrating how singing is for everyone. You don't need any experience to join. All the music is taught by ear, so you don't even have to read music, you simply need to show up.

Told you it was popular

What type of thing do we sing?

The pieces are easy to learn – folk, soul, gospel and pop, (yes, we get a sheet with the words on). Plus, there are some mindful pieces to soothe the stressed-out 'mindy' types. It's a lovely, fun thing to do and guaranteed to have you leave your day behind and exercise your lungs a bit. Most songs are in English but occasionally we learn tunes from other cultures and languages. Zoe keeps things moving and there's something for everyone.



It's not as serious as this lot is making it look



When do we meet?

Tuesdays in the Village Hall, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

What's the cost?

•Charges are £10 per week or a monthly payment plan of £33.00

More details?

•Contact Zoe on 07974 457 925



AND there's a drummer!

Join the Frieth Village Society – Together we make a difference

Frieth Village Society

Upcoming events

- Spring Litter Pick of Trim**
The Village Society Committee is pleased to announce that it will be organising a litter pick in the village on Tuesday 29th April at the Yew Tree. The litter pick will be held from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The litter pick will be held in the Yew Tree area. The litter pick will be held in the Yew Tree area. The litter pick will be held in the Yew Tree area.
- Annual General Meeting**
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Are you passionate about preserving your village for future generations?

Do you want to maintain a strong sense of community?

Would you like to hear first about village events?

Whatever your motivation, please join the Frieth Village Society, it costs nothing but shows you care. We'll use your contact details to let you know about Village Society events and other village news. We won't share your details with anyone else and won't bombard you with email.

We are refreshing our membership register and therefore asking all existing members to re-register via our new website www.fvs.org.uk/membership - it's free and should only take 2 minutes of your time but will be a huge help to the Committee in the running of the Society.

New members are welcome to join anytime. If you'd like to use a paper form, please join the Committee at the AGM on 29 April at the Yew Tree, we'll have forms available along with a free drink and canapés for members. More details are available in the 'Dates for the Diary' section on the back page.

Community Matters

A Hot Date in Frieth's Village Hall

It was early January when I began to see posters and Frieth Facebook Community Page notices, where my wife Amanda was offering a "Hot Date" in the Village Hall. Well, you can understand my curiosity at such an invitation. And, when I learned that the hall was likely to be packed, my curiosity became insatiable!

The night arrived and what a hot date it was. The purpose of the evening was to help increase the knowledge of green alternatives to fossil fuel heating as we transition to Net Zero.

'Greener Frieth' arranged for speakers from Delta T, Kimble Solar and Bucks Community Energy who all gave excellent, informative short talks.

As good as the talks were, the stars of the evening were the attendees, who asked excellent questions and were prepared to share information and experience on solar, air and ground source heat pumps.

For anyone who missed their chance of the hot date, an information sheet can be found via this link <http://tinyurl.com/GFhomeEnergy>

Mike Hopkins



Amanda kicks off the hot date



Much interest from Frieth's residents

Not all heroes wear cloaks

A proper thank you to our delivery team

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a proper thank you to the real unsung heroes of the Newsletter effort, our incredible delivery team.

Let's first express our deep appreciation for our infallible Delivery Team Leader, Irene White, who for over fifteen years now has taken custody of the total print-run and distributed it all over the village to the houses of the individuals who then go on to deliver them to you. This is in addition to delivering her own round through the main village, and it's worth mentioning that Irene's often the fastest to get hers out!

The complete team: In no particular order

Here are the wonderful people we count on in all weathers; in case you're wondering who to thank for yours, we've given hints as to the areas they deliver to.

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| Mary Webb: | Down to Elder Barn and along to Hanson's Bank |
| Juliet Gostelow: | Innings Road, beyond 'Down the Lane' along Spurgrove Lane to the post box and on to Willow Cottage |
| Gill & Dick Morbey: | Beyond the crossroads and Fingest Road |
| Judith Emmanuel: | Parmoor Area |
| Rick & Jill Meredith: | Ellery Rise to 'Sunnydale' |
| Penny & Sean Farrelly: | Main Road. From Old Parsonage to Innings Gate, across to Colliers Farm and Cherries Corner |
| Gillian Smith: | Hayles Field and Main Road down to the school |
| Henry Peplow: | Shogmoor Lane |
| Irene White: | Frieth Hill, both sides, to school and Church View |
| Mike & Helen Hall: | Moor End Lane area |



Irene, David and Benny the dog



Dates for your diary



Frieth Church – all welcome

Mothering Sunday/Wild Church – 10th March, 3pm, outside weather permitting, posies, tea and cake.

Palm Sunday – 24th March – two events: 10am Service at Fingest with donkey procession, and 6pm Service at Hambleden to celebrate Christine Wells' retirement after 67 years as organist for Frieth and Hambleden. Christine will receive an award from Royal School of Church Music.

Lent Lunch – Saturday 16th March, 12 til 2pm, Village Hall – a community social run jointly by the FVS and Church – simply soup, bread, cheese and time together.

Any donations of homemade soup are welcome but please let Sam Joyce know what you intend to bring on 07827 338796. A collection for charity will be made.

Frieth Village Society

Litter pick & tidy - Saturday 23rd March, 10am meet outside the Village Hall for hot drinks and bacon rolls prior to a 10.30am start. This is a community opportunity to help spruce up the village for Spring. Please come along.

AGM combined with Speaker/Social – Monday 29th April, 7.30pm, Yew Tree pub.

AGM 7.30-8pm followed by Speaker/Social. Free drink and canapes for FVS members. More details to follow.

Local Cheese & Wine Tasting – Saturday 11th May, Village Hall – save the date! – more details to follow.

Frieth Open Gardens – Sunday 9th June, 12- 4pm – save the date! – more details to follow.

Hambleden Valley Garden Club, Frieth Village Hall

Tuesday 5th March, 6 for 6.30pm, Novel approaches to growing food and biodiversity at Asthall Manor Kitchen Garden, presented by Tim Mitchell, Head Gardener.

The club welcomes new people with an interest in gardening. A one-time guest fee of £4 is payable to attend your first meeting, with annual membership available thereafter if it's for you!



REFLECTIONS

WHAT WILDLIFE NEEDS
AND HOW TO PROVIDE IT

MARK AVERY



Mark Avery, author of 'Reflections – what wildlife needs and how to provide it'

Mark will be speaking on Wednesday 10th April, 7.30 - 9.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Refreshments are available. Additional information including how to obtain tickets for this event will follow. Look out for posts on the village Facebook page.

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.

If you need help to get there, transport is available.

Contact Judy on 01491 882227 or email ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com

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Tree surgery, felling, planting, and hedge cutting. Fencing and gates supplied and erected.

Quality firewood for sale; producer and supplier of wood chips and locally made traditional barbecue charcoal.

Cedar Cottage, Parmoor, RG9 6NN

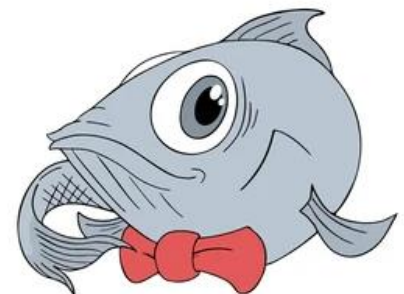
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Bad Joke Corner

Q: "What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?"



A: "Sofishticated."