

# FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

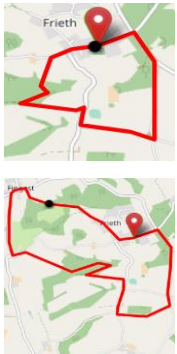
## NEWSLETTER

November 2023

### Welcome to the November edition

Right, you've had your extra hour in bed, and the shops are pushing Christmas full force which means at some point you need to decide just how many cards you can avoid writing this year. Oh, and you still haven't finished in the garden yet, those leaves won't sweep themselves you know. For some genuine feel-good factor, why not get involved in the seasonal events in Frieth and its environs and make Christmas about community?

## Frieth Hilly 2023



After an energised local promotion, Sunday 15th October saw another great turnout for this year's Frieth Hilly. The 5k and 10k runs occur over mixed terrain through the beautiful Chiltern Hills, starting and finishing at Frieth CEC School. The race attracts runners of all types, some for whom this is seriously competitive but others who simply do it as a personal challenge. Across the two races, almost 300 competitors took part, and we admire them all, especially at the end of the race, as they must climb Frieth Hill to reach the finish line. Congratulations and well done to all who took part, and a huge thank you to the volunteers who make events like this possible. They are a real boost for the community, and we appreciate everyone's efforts.

All finishers received a well-deserved medal and goodies of all kinds were available for all – the cake stall and BBQ were particularly tempting and especially welcome for the runners!

The Frieth Hilly is managed by Eventrac but supported by the Frieth CEC School. Proceeds will be put towards various school projects including supplementing a Christmas Panto, other trips and enrichment days; new furniture for Year 1 and the new wellbeing room; ICT subscriptions, and furniture for the refurbished library.

## Troopers turn out for Village Litter Pick

### Pickers on parade

Braving less than clement weather but lured by an offer of hot drinks and bacon rolls, volunteers donned wet weather gear and stayed smiling. With routes assigned and bin bags in hand – Hi-Vis jackets are optional but always professional looking! Our eagle-eyed pickers soon got to grips with Frieth's roads, verges, hedgerows and paths. Thank you to all who joined in the fun.



Let the clean-up commence! Young, older and four-legged friends get ready to pick



On the lookout for discarded £50 notes



Amelia joins the dream team

We welcome all your feedback, thoughts and ideas.  
Please note our **NEW** email address: [newsletter@fvs.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@fvs.org.uk)

# The Village Voice

## Update from the Village Hall Committee

### A lot is happening at the village hall!

**The high-tech stuff:** Upgrades over recent years include the installation of a high-speed 60 MB Wi-Fi, which is available to all users of the hall. This system also has an extender that supplies free Wi-Fi to the church.

Last year, the main overhead hall lighting system was replaced with dimmable LED lights that use around 75% less energy than the old fluorescent system and allow hall users to create a cosy ambience when required!

We have also invested in a modern, Smart electric heating system in place of the old storage heaters. This enables us to remotely schedule the heating on/off as required by the bookings' schedule.

Our latest hall addition is the installation of an impressive 2.7 x 2 metre projection screen; 50% of the cost was kindly donated by our friends at the Frieth Village Society and is available for use by hall users.



**The low-tech stuff:** The old, inefficient immersion heater, which supplied hot water to the kitchen and bathrooms, has been replaced by individual on-demand water heaters to eliminate wasteful hot water storage.

**The no-tech stuff:** Future projects include seeking grants to help with roof insulation and new windows in the storeroom, kitchen, and committee room, plus a new side door. Also, you may have seen the recently restored village hall clock face and surround. Plans are afoot to overhaul the internal workings of this incredible piece of engineering, which has historic significance. Lastly, there is a rolling programme of painting to keep our hall looking great. Shortly, we will commission renovation of the magnificent dovecote that sits atop the roof.

**In summary:** We have a dedicated group of people on the Village Hall Committee who give many hours of their time to keep this incredible 124-year-old institution modern, cared for and at the centre of village life. We have many regular users of the hall but are always seeking more. So, if you have a class, a society event, an upcoming children's party, or a social occasion, why not book our wonderful hall?

Our website [www.friethvillagehall.org](http://www.friethvillagehall.org) has details of all hall facilities, a live calendar with up-to-date availability, and details on how to enquire and book. **Steve Taylor, Chair, Frieth Village Hall Committee**

## Frieth Flower and Produce Show\* Results

Congratulations to all who took the time to prepare entries for this year's Flower and Produce Show, remember that 'you're all winners', and here are the actual ones:

1. **Fred Cripps Memorial Trophy:** Fruit, Veg and Flowers, Val Hussey
2. **Sunnydale Trophy:** Fruit and Veg, Val Hussey
3. **Squirrels Trophy:** Flowers, Val Hussey
4. **Whitsun Cup:** Best pot plant: Rose Kennedy
5. **Wells Cup:** Flower arrangements: Sam Joyce
6. **Peggy West Trophy Open class for flower arrangements:** Sam Joyce
7. **Frieth Women's Institute Cup:** Cookery and preserves, Sam Joyce
8. **Fred Cripps Memorial Trophy Junior:** Child aged 8-12, Lottie Hunt
9. **The Mary Butler Cup:** A child aged 7 or younger, Amelia Macleod
10. **Ted Carpenter Cup:** Best in Show for the Children's Section, Freya Cox
11. **The Lady Parmoor Cup:** Community cup for fruit, veg and flowers, The Lady Ryder Garden
12. **Stella Cup:** John Young for courgettes
13. **Gidman Trophy:** John Young for dahlias
14. **Ashcroft Trophy:** John Young for collection of vegetables
15. **The Copse Cup:** Alison Pitcher for fruit, veg and flowers.

\*Sincere apologies for our slight misnaming of the show in the previous edition; we were too high on coffee and cake to type straight.



# Community Matters

## Frieth Mean Time (FMT) - Fundraising for Movement & Timekeeping



Frieth



Tokyo



New York

### Who needs GMT? – We have our special time zone here in Frieth!

With Phase 1 already complete (hands, dials and surrounding cabinetry) we are now able to press forward with Phase 2 (overhaul of the clock mechanism itself). The intention is to disassemble the movement in February 2024 and re-install our restored clock several months later, subject to receiving sufficient donations and grants. Right now, we still have a sizeable shortfall, so we continue to fundraise! Should we be fortunate to get to the position where there is a small '**Clock Fund**' surplus, this will be ringfenced to ensure regular servicing and maintenance so that **Frieth Mean Time** is always the right time!

The Frieth Village Hall Committee again sincerely thanks all the villagers, companies and individuals who have already donated funds toward the cost of restoring the historic Thomas West Memorial Village Clock. In addition, our thanks also go to Hambleton Parish Council, Buckinghamshire Council, Wycombe District Council (as was) and The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, who have just confirmed a generous grant too.

To find out more, please feel welcome to talk with **Jolyon Marshall** on 07802 483128 or pop by and have a chat with him at Little Cottage on Frieth Hill (opposite the Yew Tree Pub).

## The Fate of the Fête Funds



Flower & Produce Show £100



School £150



Village Hall £450



Church £100



Lady Ryder Memorial Garden £100

The Frieth Village Society is delighted to let you know that our Village Fête raised a surplus of more than £1,700. As a result, the following donations have been made to benefit our local community:

£400 will also be made available to a newly created 'Local Causes Fund'. This is aimed at supporting village and community initiatives. More news to follow soon from the Frieth Village Society as to how you can apply.

## Frieth Gets Festive



### Frieth School Fayre

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November sees the return of the popular School Christmas Fayre. Ever wondered what the school is like inside? Now is your chance to see! Volunteers needed for some of the stalls/games - just contact Becky Djillali via Facebook.

### Pumpkintastic

Thanks to all those who joined in for Halloween, just a small selection pictured here.



## Dates for your diary

### Christmas Church Services at Frieth Church

Friday 22nd December, 6 pm: Christingle Service.

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

### Licensing Service for Andy Storch

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



### Frieth Village Society

Thursday 14th December, Carols around the Tree on the Village Green – all welcome, young and old.

Mulled wine and soft drinks in Village Hall from 6.30 pm followed by carols on the green at 7 pm.

Saturday 27th January, 7 pm, Quiz Night, Frieth Village Hall. More to follow but think about your team lineups.

### Portrait of Village Photographs taken by Rachel Wallace will be exhibited in Frieth Village Hall

Thursday 14th December – after Carols around the Tree along with mulled wine and mince pies, and

on Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th December, 11 am to 4 pm. Prints and a book will be available to buy.

Village calendars and tea towels may also be available.

### Hambleden Valley Garden Club, Frieth Village Hall

Tuesday 5th December – Hardy plants, presented by Souren Ala, 7 for 7.30pm start. The club welcomes new people with an interest in gardening. A one-time guest fee of £4 to attend your first meeting, with annual membership available thereafter if it's for you!



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com)



### Save the Date! Comedy Evening Saturday 2nd March 2024: Frieth Village Hall

Join us for an evening of fun and laughter. The comedy duo Victor & Albert are back by popular demand, with an exciting show full of new material. Tickets are £15, available via

[www.friethvillagehall.org](http://www.friethvillagehall.org) or from Lisa Sanderson at 07889 396838. Suitable for age 14+.

Please book early as this is a hugely popular event, a perfect Christmas present!



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## Bad Joke Corner

Q: Why don't oysters donate to charity?



A: Because they're shellfish.