

# Parish News

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*Bells Yew Green: Dusk. Photograph by Carmel Kinley*

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## From the Church Wardens



Catkins swaying in the spring breeze, chocolate-box picturesque cottages nestling against primrose covered banks and hedgerows, wide vistas of rolling fields and copses - isn't this part of the world idyllic in March? However, the view that people who live in the countryside are rich and enjoy a rural idyll masks pockets of deprivation and poor health - and our own communities are not immune. Rural poverty is a significant problem and is not confined to the traditionally poorer parts of the country.

The latest available government statistics for 2016/17 show that 19% of children in rural areas live in households with low relative incomes, and another government report states: "Rural social networks are breaking down with a consequent increase in social isolation and loneliness". Over the past few years, as central government grants to local authorities have been reduced, providing government social care services has become more difficult. This combination of factors leaves many deprived families within our communities struggling without access to social services, forced to be self-reliant and failing to cope, falling further behind. Inevitably, children suffer. We only have to scratch beneath the surface of our pretty villages to find those finding life a struggle. All sorts of factors can tip a family that is "just about managing" into one that is no longer managing: physical and mental illness; the onset of a disability; relationship breakdown; addictions. All

can and do strike at the heart of family life.

As a national characteristic, we have a horror of appearing interfering busy-bodies and we would shrink from making any enquiry into our neighbours' circumstances. In years gone by, village life was such that everyone knew everyone else's business but today "keeping ourselves to ourselves" both exacerbates social problems and keeps them hidden. On the other side, concerns about keeping up appearances, or even the adage "mustn't grumble" sometimes prevents people asking for help. But loving our neighbour means keeping an eye out for our neighbour's troubles and doing what we can to help. In that sense, old fashioned village life engendered community cohesion, and that is precious and must not be lost.

The churches of Frant and Eridge have for years supported Family Support Work (FSW). Their caseworker for this part of Sussex is based in Uckfield and she is looking for volunteers to do a wide variety of jobs to help her with a growing caseload. If you can help out, please check the article about the work of FSW on page 8 of this magazine. But even if you are not able to volunteer yourself, knowing that FSW are there to provide help, being aware enough of your neighbours to spot when they may be in need and being willing offer a helping hand, could be the vital catalyst to them getting the right help that will allow them to turn a challenging situation around.





Remembrance Sunday 2018

The Centenary of the end of the First World War was marked by well attended Remembrance Services in both St Albans, Frant and Holy Trinity, Eridge. Thanks to the generous support of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the Parish Council was able to supply clear silhouettes for both churches as part of the “There but not There” initiative. The space they created in the pews were a poignant reminder of the men who are missing from the community, but whose sacrifice is not forgotten. In addition, thanks to the generosity of their congregation, Eridge hosted a full-sized metal silhouette “Tommy” outside the church door.

Holy Trinity also hosted a small exhibition about Eridge during the First World War, including newspaper articles from the time and also letters from family members asking for news of their lost men. The day was the first opportunity for the congregation to see the outline of the proposed Eridge Centenary Green, that was marked out in the field behind the Church.

The Frant Memorial Hall, which was built in honour of those who served in the First World War, hosted a Remembrance event at 3pm. After a short service outside the Hall, attended by a standard bearer from the British Legion, wreaths were laid in memory of the 41 men from the village who gave their lives. Most of those men were ex-pupils of the Frant school, so it was fitting that the Frant School Choir gave a beautiful performance of a special Remembrance anthem in the Hall after the service. Frant also hosted a small exhibition highlighting some of the local stories from the war.



I would like to thank all those who were involved in making this such a special commemorative year and in particular the Frant School Choir who we hope will become a regular feature of our Remembrance events.  
—William Rutherford

News from the pews

January is always a quiet month after the business of December. The flood lighting at the front of the church was removed at the beginning of February, leaving Christmas as just a memory.

As you probably know, the search for a Rector continues. Our advertisement and our Parish Profile can be seen on our church web sites, [www.frantchurch.org](http://www.frantchurch.org) and [www.eridgechurch.org](http://www.eridgechurch.org) Meanwhile we rely on the good will of local and not so local clergymen to help us. In January, we were grateful to the Reverend David Houghton and the Reverend Dick Farr, both from Tunbridge Wells, who conducted

services for us.

Looking ahead, a date has been put in the diary for a summer concert on 23rd June by Kent Chorus, the popular choir who came in December; and on 12th July we’re having a barbecue at the Stables. The annual barbecue was a popular summer event for many years, hopefully it will be so again.

During January and February, you may have noticed that the Lychgate is undergoing major repair and refurbishment. The rotten woodwork is being replaced and a reliable light is being installed, after which it will be decorated. The Lychgate is an important and attractive feature at the centre of the village, and we need to raise £2,500 to complete the repairs and lighting. If you would like to contribute to this project we would be most grateful. Please place your donation in an envelope marked ‘Lychgate’, and put it into the letter box in the stables drive by the steps.

Sadly just before Christmas a well known and well loved member of the community, Mary Boorman, passed away. Mary had lived in the village for more than 70 years. She was a member of the Pantomime Society for many years, on one occasion staying up until 2am sewing costumes. she was a tireless worker at church, cleaning, cooking and serving. She helped to make beautiful patchwork quilts to be sold or raffled for charity, and was a member of the Garden Club and later the Friendship Club. Mary’s family and friends filled the Crematorium for her funeral on 7th January. Mary was a true servant hearted Christian lady who will be sadly missed by everyone.



St Alban’s, Frant & Holy Trinity, Eridge

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Holy Trinity: Jonathan Lynn—864304, Christopher Hall—750385



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Services for  
March/April 2019

9:30am	Family Service .....	3rd March .....	Traditional Communion	8:00am
			Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion.....	10th March .....	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Prayer.....	17th March .....	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion.....	24th March .....	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Family Service .....	31st March .....	Communion	11.15am
		Mothering Sunday .....		
9:30am	Family Service .....	7th April .....	Traditional Communion	8:00am
			Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion.....	14th April .....	Communion	11:15am
		Palm Sunday .....		
		18th April .....	Tenebrae Communion	8:00pm
10:00am	Family Service .....	19th April .....	Meditations at the Cross	1:30pm
		Good Friday .....	and Good Friday Eucharist	
9:30am	Family Communion .....	21st April .....	Communion	11:15am
		Easter Day .....		
9:30am	Communion.....	28th April .....	Communion	11:15am

There is a Sunday Club for 0-14 year olds at Frant when it isn’t a family service—all welcome!

During the vacancy the order of services may be subject to change  
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# Frant Parish Council

Do you want the Parish to have a bigger say in the way new houses are built within our area?

As the New Year begins, the Parish Council has been discussing some of the big issues that face us as a community. We are all acutely aware of the pressures for more building developments within our villages. The country has been building houses more slowly than then population has been rising, and all political parties have pledged to push for more houses. Villages like Eridge, Bells Yew Green and Frant need affordable housing, but new developments can be damaging without the facilities to support them, and without proper local input into the decisions. The Parish Council does comment on planning applications and contributes to local consultations, but this is usually just us responding to other peoples' ideas.

One of things we can do to make our voices heard in the planning process is to create a Neighbourhood Plan. The benefit of a Neighbourhood Plan is that it would become a statutory planning policy, so Wealden District Council or East Sussex County Council would be obliged to comply with it. Within a Neighbourhood Plan we can specify the number of houses we want to accept (as long as it is at least as many as Wealden has recommended), and also lay out some preference about where they are and what they look like. If a Neighbourhood Plan is put in place the Parish Council will also receive additional funds from any new housing developments to put towards infrastructure within the Parish. Frant has already registered its intention to establish a Plan, but have not yet started.

A Neighbourhood Plan means more influence and control at a local level, and also more revenue allocated locally to support development – so what's the catch? The process to put a Neighbourhood Plan in place is quite involved and quite time-consuming. The process must demonstrate that a high level of local consultation has taken place, with all sectors of the community involved. This is one of the areas where other parishes have failed to complete their Plans due to a lack of community involvement. This is where you can help - we need community volunteers who are willing to get involved if we are going to successfully navigate all the

way to conclusion. We need help getting feedback from residents – this could be questionnaires or surveys and it might involve speaking to local schools, businesses and community groups. We will then need to turn everyone's comments into a plan that can be submitted to Wealden District Council. If this is something that you think you might like to get involved in, then please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on the back page of this magazine).

# Looking after our Parish

Reflecting on the opening lines to this edition's "News from the Church Wardens" - Catkins swaying in the spring breeze, chocolate-box picturesque cottages nestling against primrose covered banks and hedgerows, wide vistas of rolling fields and copses - isn't this part of the world idyllic in March?" – got me thinking!

We are indeed blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world. Every day, there huge numbers of volunteers at work in the community whose time and commitment to the groups and causes they support have a direct impact on our day to day surroundings. In the Spring, we will enjoy the beautiful new flowers in Bells Yew Green when the bulbs planted by the Friends of Bells Yew Green start to bloom. The

ongoing work of Frant Open Spaces in developing the Green will have a huge impact on both flora and fauna in the area. A report from the company they are working with stated: "even small areas allowed to establish, grow long, flower and seed will bring a significant increase in biodiversity. Many species of bumble bees, moths and butterflies, grasshoppers, flies, wasps and beetles are associated with or depend on, a continuation of grassland flowering plants for at least a part of their life-cycle..." The Parish Council meets monthly to consider and resolve issues that affect us all including roads, greens, planning/housing – every detail down to a fingerpost in need of repair. Without these volunteers, our surroundings would be very different.

Not everyone can make the time to be part of a volunteer group. We can, however, all make our own contribution without really knowing it. How nice it would be to admire the pretty hedgerows when going for an afternoon stroll without having to pick up litter (the two bags pictured were collected within 200 yards long Bayham Road). A leisurely amble through the villages and churchyards would be even better without worrying about stepping in dog mess. Let's all really make the effort to tidy up after ourselves... And our dogs!







### Family Support Network

The general impression of affluence throughout Sussex masks the fact that East Sussex is actually the 7th most deprived county in England. The families who are referred to Family Support Work are experiencing challenging domestic situations, frequently magnified because of their rural isolation and the difficulties they have in accessing support services.

Family Support Work has been working in this part of Sussex for over 8 years, supporting local families who are experiencing deprivation, difficult family situations (such as relationship breakdown, unemployment and mental health issues) and other challenging experiences. The local FSW practitioner, Michelle, provides practical and emotional support to families that helps them to improve their situation; recover from crisis and find new ways of dealing with their challenges that will help to make the family stronger.

As Michelle's caseload is growing, and the issues becoming more complex, there is a real need for volunteers to support her. Whilst there are some areas of work that can only be carried out by a qualified professional, there are equally a number of volunteering options that would make a real difference to Michelle's workload and enable her to work with more families.

- Ad-hoc volunteering such as being available to drive a family to an important medical appointment (a



number of families do not own a car and public transport is inadequate)

- A regular commitment to support a particular family's need (for example, committing an hour a week to assist a child with homework, or to listen to them reading if their parent does not feel they have the literacy skills to do this)
- Deliver food to the families supported by FSW (FSW has its own foodbank that operates from its head office in Brighton)
- Assisting Michelle with outings and trips for the families in her caseload – this might include assisting with a trip to Drusilla's, Knockhatch or a

Christmas pantomime

- Raising awareness of FSW amongst your own networks
- Holding a fundraising event to support Michelle's work

Whether you only have a small amount of time to spare and don't want to make a regular commitment, or you are looking for a meaningful way of helping the local community, FSW would be very pleased to hear from you. More information can be found on the FSW website [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org) or by contacting Michelle on [michelle@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:michelle@familysupportwork.org.uk) or phoning the office on 01273 832963

### Eridge Garden Club Spring Meeting

The newly formed Eridge Garden Club Committee welcomes you to our meeting on Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm Eridge Village Hall. There will be a talk by Stephen Barnes about Asparagus Farming.

Refreshments available and great opportunity to meet fellow garden enthusiasts!

### Friends of Bells Yew Green:

A warm welcome to Manol and the team, newly up and running after a change of hands at Lamb's Larder - thank you and farewell to Peter. What a great sadness that the shop was broken into.

Many thanks to Bill for setting up a great new website for Bells Yew Green - check it out and give us your suggestions for more to add to it: [bellsyewgreen.org](http://bellsyewgreen.org). Amongst other things you can see the timetable of the village hall and find out what you're missing! Did you know that there was so much on in the village?! You can Dance with Keith, do Yogalates with Verity, Woodworking\* with Greta, Kung-Fu with Lee, Art with Liz, Short Mat Bowls with Sue, also there's a fitness class, a music group, not to mention Bells Yew Green's own fabulous Big Band... the world is your oyster! If you fancy popping in to see what's what, you'd be very welcome. The woodworkers have space for you to try your hand at woodcarving, sculpture, letter-cutting and general wood work - contact Greta on 01435-872435. Also, how about having a go at short mat bowls with the friendly group on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 pm?! Take a friend too?

\*New lighting is about to go into the main hall so that the woodworkers and artists can see what they're doing but the yogis can go low! A dull but necessary wiring update is also in the calendar, keeping things safe. Also, a new baby-changing table has been installed. Do you have any suggestions for other upgrades?

Everyone who enjoyed last year's flower banks will be pleased to know that the bulbs have started to emerge. Luckily, snowdrops are deer proof... fingers crossed! Niall and the team will be sowing more seeds for the summer show before too long. Wonderful! We had

so many positive comments last year.

The question is, what next?! Do you have ideas for a pleasant social time together? A coffee morning, toy sale, cheese and wine evening or pot luck?! Do drop me an email, text or phone. Sue and the Friends of BYG. 07944 712000. e-mail: [friendsofbyg@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbyg@gmail.com)

### Village Quiz Night

We are planning our next village quiz evening. These fun evenings are now becoming 6 monthly events. I hope you consider joining us for a challenging quiz hosted by the inimitable Steve!

The evening is on 27th April. 7.30pm Frant village hall. £5 entry, tables of up to 8, or individuals welcome. We are not holding a raffle just entry fee please.

Money raised will go towards a village sign on Frant Green.

People are encouraged to bring snacks but not booze that should be brought from the bar please.

We look forward to seeing you then.

### Woof Meanderings

Well, I have news... can you believe I am now having to share home and everything with The Pug. Oh my word it has been rather a shock to me as although she is very friendly and fun, she is mightily bossy and pushy.

For such a small person, she is an absolute shocker with her barging me out of the way and then leaping to try and hold me back by my collar. It does irritate me considerably, but can you imagine, there I have been all these years as top dog and now I have to share all my favourite moments with The Pug. In fairness, The Owner did sit me down and have a chat about it before she arrived and explained that The Pug has had to leave her Owner who has not been well, so I tried to give the 'obliging, understanding' look and thought maybe the company all the time would be nice, but actually I am not particularly keen sharing all my treats and special moments with someone so demanding.

It was my birthday yesterday, we are all a bit confused as can't quite remember if I am 11 or 12 in human years now which would make me rather an elderly dog years, but we are not thinking from that angle as I am super-sprightly and bouncy, but clearly just a bit more irritable nowadays!!! We had a lovely day though and The Owner gave

me a special delicious yummy bone from the Butcher, but clearly The Pug had to have a smaller one too so she did not feel left out and was even some of my tinned sardine birthday treat too.

The Owner is very pleased to see all the bulbs coming up for the onset of Spring and the snowdrops are looking good despite the snow and frosts, but it has been so mild also. I have only worn my cosy jacket a few times just to keep the chill away, but otherwise I get far too hot. I am consistently muddy though and seem to get huge clumps in my paws, so I am always being dunked after a muddy moment. Even The Owner is in her super grippy wellies now as refuses to be anything other in the layers for any weather.

As you can imagine, the poor Girls are not amused by all the mud and I am on fox-guard often as The Owner lets them out for a treat onto super new grass, but I am consistently keeping a beady eye. The Pug thinks it is all rather tedious though and just skulks off to snore the house down in her bed instead which suits me fine, as I can have a calm quiet moment outside and sniff about in peace and try to retrieve any old buried bones.

The good news is that Dolly has been visiting often as Her Owner adores The Pug and keeps wanting to see her as is now considering getting one herself. Fortunately, as Dolly and I are so fast we can dash away from The Pug to have a scuttle about in the woods and run through all the puddles together and get as muddy as we like as The Pug only likes dries dry ground and won't move through deep mud unless carried... thank heavens Dolly is such a fun go ahead wondrous girl as ever to me...

### Frant Open Gardens

On 15th June between 11am and 4pm, approximately 18 gardens, large and small in and around Frant Village, will open for viewing. All are welcome.

Maps of opening gardens can be bought for £5 in Frant Memorial Hall where there will also be tea and cakes.

Classic cars will be on display in front of The George where you can then enjoy a hog roast.

Parking will be available on the Diocese Field next to Frant School. For more information please contact Jan Steadman 07823 886160 [steadman.jan@gmail.com](mailto:steadman.jan@gmail.com)



Percy Matherwick, Martins Farm milkround, c.1912

### Parish Past

Frank Sivyer remembers very different local traffic around 1910.(and ways of maturing cider!) “Every Saturday an Italian organ grinder would pass complete with her children and monkey. This she pulled by two shafted handles; her reward for the tunes she played was bread and jam for the kids and perhaps a halfpenny or farthing but how she earned it pulling that contraption uphill and down all those miles. Mondays saw a man with huge wicker Basket on his head and what a weight when he started out. He supplied Winkles Whelks bananas oranges sweets etc. He walked until sold out. A quick return meant a quick sell. Then there was the tin man, he had a pony and cart with an assortment of milk cans, tin basins, wash hand bowls, very much used for many things. These were round with wooden handle, besides the real use washing hands and face, water was precious. Cider makers used them for ladles. Cider makers came to farms with their portable presses’ they scooped the liquid from

under the press to fill the casks. The Farmer did his own maturing of the Juice after. Many had their own secret methods and some very potent brews turned out. I’ve heard of so many methods they used, chunks of raw beef I’m sure is true, but men assured me some used nice fat rats. Whatever they used the acid absorbed all the waste before it was finally barrelled and tapped for use. One glass of good old farm cider would knock out most people stone cold. The last old presser I remember was about 1924. When ladling the neat juice could not resist a sip every two or three goes, his face was as red as the rising sun and his stomach resembled the kegs he was filling”  
—Pat Wright

### Volunteering at Burrswood

Thank you to all our volunteers

We would like to like to extend a great big thank all our volunteers for all the help they have given us over the past year.

Volunteers at Burrswood Health and Wellbeing support our staff in a wide

variety of roles – from administration and stewarding to flower arranging and gardening. One of the many success stories from 2018 was an undergraduate student who helped us during his summer holiday by not only working in our café but also helped out in our finance department and by giving guests a tour of our grounds by driving one of our buggies. He gained useful skills that will undoubtedly be a valuable addition to his CV when looking for future employment.

Another volunteer had been out of work for a while and wanted to gain skills and confidence to help her return to the workforce. And we have many retired volunteers who find a new purpose in life via their roles as well as getting to meet new people.

Volunteering offers something for all ages. If you would like to join our team of volunteers in 2019 then please check our website for details [www.burrswood.org.uk](http://www.burrswood.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

—Haritha Pattabhi, Volunteering Coordinator, Burrswood Health and Wellbeing

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### Frant Nursery School

We started the New Year by welcoming 3 new children and their families to the Nursery.

Our topic this term has been Pets and the children have all been sharing photos of their Pets, we even had one come into visit us !

We celebrated the Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day earlier this term with lots of activities and crafts.

Looking forward to the Spring, we are currently growing an amaryllis plant at Nursery to show the children how quickly some plants grow. We're also planning an Easter Egg Hunt in the village.

On Friday 29th March we will be holding a Fundraising Quiz Night with all proceeds going to the Nursery. The night will kick off at 7.30pm and will be held in the Bells Yew Green Village Hall. All welcome, tickets are available from Frant Store for £12 (includes Fish & Chips) For further details or if you would like to enter a team please email [melissahill2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:melissahill2010@hotmail.co.uk)

If you would like further information on Frant Nursery School or if you wish to view the Nursery please contact Shelley Holdsworth on 01892 890961.

### Friends of Frant Green Spaces Update

We have been busy working on various Green projects this month. We are very happy that the Parish Council has gone ahead with an advisement report on car damage and erosion around Frant Green. This is really critical and we will continue to press to ensure best possible protections from cars and lorries in future. Solutions won't be quick, easy or cheap but we are seeking to support the Parish Council to seek out through any necessary protections.

You will see The Victoria Well looking much improved. More heather is to be added in spring and The Memorial Hall has agreed to pay to have similar heather and soil put into the trough at its front. This will allow a continuous management of all Green areas from now on.

We are deep in planning mode for our Open Gardens event on 15th June. So far 17 gardens have agreed to open, which is very generous of all concerned. We are planning to use this money to put a village sign onto Frant Green into the autumn.

We are in the process of making a £10,00 grant application to Sussex Lund. The hope is that we can work in partnership with the Parish Council plant out 2 areas of native species thicket in Frant village. One of these areas is in front of Tethers End at the bottom of Shernfold Park Farm. The planting under the limes there has fallen into neglect and we hope to restore it. The second area we hope to work on The Parish field between the football goal post and the allotments. This is currently an area of brambles where footballers risk losing a ball. We seek to support the enthusiastic development of Frant football team by digging up the brambles and planting out an area of habitat rich, small trees and shrubs. This will protect the allotments from wind and allow team sports to develop on the field. Finally we also hope to plant a hedge around the Parish field. This will offer a habitat to wild life while creating a clear boundary on our precious space.

Last year we asked for donations to the work of FOFGS. Many of you generously gave money. We are planning to move towards annual membership so will be out asking again for support at this year's annual Parish meeting.

### Frant Garden Club

Thirty six members of the Garden Club met up in February for our annual lunch at The George. Although there was plenty of chat and laughter, very little mention was made of gardening as we had only just said goodbye to the first serious snow of the winter, and being outdoors was the last thing on our minds!

Hopefully by the time we meet again in the Frant Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 13th March (7. 30 p.m.) things will be different when Kathrine Lynn from Ticehurst comes to talk about tulips, the famous bulbs which originated in the Himalayas, and which give us such pleasure with their rainbow colours during springtime.

Steven Moore of Rapkyns Nursery provides our next gardening inspiration when he will arrive at the Memorial Hall with his van full of plants on Wednesday, 24th April (7.30 p.m.). All the plants are grown in his cottage garden nursery near Mayfield, and Steven's knowledge of his plants helps us to get the best from them by telling us where and how to plant them.

### Frant Parish Friendship Group

We ended 2018 on a very sad note with the loss of one of our founder members Mary Boorman. She had been instrumental in the birth of the Friendship Group and had remained a very active committee member right up to the end she will be greatly missed.

We started 2019 with a talk from our very own Terry Mucklestone on his early career in Europe, when as a representative of a large American conglomerate he travelled the length and breadth of Europe and Scandinavia. His adventures were extremely entertaining and he opened up a window on to the many and various cultures of our near neighbours.

Our speaker for the March meeting (28th) will be Heather Woodward on 'Ightham Mote Upstairs-Downstairs' and for April (25th) instead of an afternoon meeting we will be having an early evening social i.e. a Fish and Chip Supper.

As we hear so much these days from the media about keeping fit in later life our New Year's resolution is to try and persuade more people to come and join our exercise classes. These are great fun and along with the physical benefits our instructor is including memory exercises something which has proved very popular with members. These classes are open to all not just members of the Friendship Group please see our advert below.

### Young at heart exercise classes

Held in the stables 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 2.15 pm. Tea and biscuits provided!

These are gentle exercises aimed at the over 55's (no upper age limit!) and organised by the Frant Parish Friendship Group and run by our excellent instructor Alison. Our aim is to keep all Frant Residents fit and healthy. These classes are great fun why not come along and have a go. £3 a session.

All enquiries to Gill Barnes 752232 or Margaret Jones 750591.

### Frant School News

We have had a busy term in school since Christmas. We have managed to have several school trips ranging from a trip to London for both our younger children as well as our oldest children visiting the V&A museum.

This week (Thursday 14th February)



Oak Class (years 5 & 6) are travelling to London to the Southbank Centre to read their collaborative piece of writing in front of other schools.

On the sporting front, Mrs Douch continues to run clubs and teaches one lesson of PE each week with all the children. Our sporting events will start



in earnest next term. We are fortunate to offer many externally run clubs to children both during the day (violin, piano, and guitar) as well as after school including dance, football, pottery and Ignite.

Our PTFA continue to support the school very well and we are always very grateful. We have our annual Easter egg hunt coming up as well as bedtime reading to look forward to.

Within school we have four houses – Winbolt, Fern, Bracken and Alban. Fern House held 'Frant's got talent' event after school recently which was very well attended raising money for the RSPCA. The children were quite amazing and extremely talented. Next term Winbolt House are holding a teddy bears picnic to raise money for their chosen charity. It is wonderful to see all the children working together to raise money for outside causes.

When is snowed recently we decided to get outside and allow the children to build snowmen. Each class had to work together and create their own unique snowmen. I was so proud of

all the children as they showed great imagination, fun, creativity and kindness towards each other. In the end we had to decide who had won this competition – it wasn't an easy decision. We chose Oak Class as their snowman was doing the splits!

If you have any questions about school life please feel free to call us or pop in for a visit. You are always welcome

—Mrs Joanna Challis, Head of School

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## Parish Diary March/April 2019

### » Saturday 2nd March

Frant PTFA Jumble Sale  
Frant Memorial Hall 10am

### » Wednesday 13th March

Eridge Garden Club Meeting  
Eridge Village Hall, 7.30pm

### » Wednesday 13th March

Frant Garden Club Meeting  
Frant Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

### » Friday 29th March

Frant Nursery School Quiz Night  
Bells Yew Green Village Hall, 7.30pm

### » Wednesday 24th April

Frant Garden Club Meeting  
Frant Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

### » Saturday 27th April

Village Quiz Night  
Frant Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

## Regular Meetings

### Little Fishes: Baby & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday 10—11.30am in The Stables, Frant. A warm welcome to all.

### Ignite (School Years 3–6)

meets each Thursday (term time only).

### Encounter (School Years 7–13)

Contact Ed Pascoe for more information:  
frantyouth@gmail.com

### Coffee Morning at The Stables, Frant

Every Wednesday, 10:30am—12noon.  
Come for a hot drink, a cake and a chat.

**Sunday Club** Open to anyone aged 0-14, and meets during the 9:30am Sunday service at Frant (except for the 1st Sunday of each month when the children join in with our family service).

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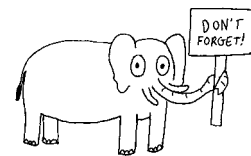
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