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From the Church Wardens



At this time of year we have to begin with the cliché on everyone's lips, 'Where has this year gone?' It's the question we all ask when we're three quarters of the way through the year, and very soon, even before the clocks go back, the shops will be displaying Christmas goods which to many is rather tacky and unacceptable.

But before we have to witness again the rather unsavoury commercialisation of Christmas, as a time to eat too much, drink too much and spend too much, let's enjoy the lovely season of Harvest Festival, a time of celebration and thanks giving for the sun and the rain, the good earth and the harvest of wonderful things it produces.

So far, unlike Christmas and Easter, big business hasn't found a way of exploiting our Harvest Festival season for profit. It remains a simple festival when we're reminded to say thank you for all that we have, and it also serves as a timely reminder that we must provide for others.

This spirit of giving and thanksgiving is strongly demonstrated by the enormous quantity of food brought as gifts into our churches and schools, which is distributed to local charities and used to feed the homeless and to help families in need. So we do our best in our small corner of the world.

However, when we see the global crisis of feeding the hungry, we look at the scale of the problem and despair. How can we ever hope to deal with and end this unimaginable suffering? One of the best known stories in the bible, was about Jesus facing a crowd of 5,000 people all needing to be fed. When a young boy offered to help by giving his lunch, one of the disciples, Andrew, dismissed the offering as inadequate, "What good is 5 small loaves and 2 small fishes among so many?"

But Jesus accepted what the boy offered, gave thanks for it and used it. Then the miracle happened, they all ate as much as they wanted and were satisfied. Is our response to the massive problem of the starving millions the same as Andrew's? We see the scale of the need, count up our meagre and inadequate resources, say it's hopeless and give up. Does the little I can do make any difference? Is there any point?

Mother Theresa said, "We can none of us do great things, but we can all do small things with great love. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Do it anyway". Jesus will accept what we offer, give thanks for it and use it. We must never give up. Even if we think it's too little to make a difference, do it anyway.



Colonel John By and Frant

Our church warden Jane recently had an email from two Associate Professors, Randy Boswell, and Klaus Pohle from Ottawa, Canada. They wished to visit St Alban’s church, and the grave of Colonel John By who is renowned for being the engineer who built the Rideau Canal (pictured above) from Kingston to Ottawa, providing a safe waterway for military goods and personnel following the 1812 war with America. It took six years to build from 1826 – 1832 through forests and Indian country. The dangers and extreme temperatures caused over a 1000 deaths. It is now a World Heritage Site, the title given in 2007 on the celebration of the 175th anniversary, which I was able to share. Every year there is a Colonel By Day In Canada and great celebrations.

John By had lived in Shernfold Frant ,with his wife and two little girls, and is revered in Canada for creating Ottawa which became the Capital city. Originally it was called Bytown after him. We have many visitors from Canada to our church and to visit his grave.

Randy and Klaus wanted to know the interest of local people and to visit the place of interest, as well as going to Lambeth where John By was born. His father was a Thames Waterman, there is a plaque on the wall of St Thomas’s hospital in London.

I met them and we spent a very pleasant few hours, in our church and the graveyard. They were amazed at the age of some of our graves. The oldest I believe was 1630. After a good lunch at The George they presented us with a beautiful book of photos of the Rideau Canal with an inscription on the first page from Ottawa. It is in the church for all to see. The visit is recorded in the Ottawa Citizen newspaper.

—Margaret Wickens

News From The Pews

We’re now six months into our time of vacancy without a Rector, and we soldier on. We’re very grateful to all the Clergymen and Licenced Readers who have helped us by taking services in both churches.

In July, we had a visit from Terry Steinegger, who came to tell us about the work of Tear Fund, one of the charities supported by our church and which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. It’s a good thing to be reminded about the plight of so many people in the world, and what charities are doing to meet that need. From a retiring collection we were able to give Terry £105.

On two Saturday mornings in July about eight people formed a working party to try and return the Rectory garden to something resembling a garden and less of a jungle. Everyone

worked very hard in the heat, and we were pleased with the results. On the second Saturday we were rewarded with a barbecue provided by Ed and Julie.

On July 20th our younger youth group, ‘Ignite’, had their summer fun day ‘Ignite the summer’, at the Stables. The first two hours of rain for six weeks fell on that day, so the planned water games, became unplanned water games! Needless to say when you put a group of children together they’ll have a good time, and they did.

Sadly two parishioners passed away in July, Ian Spence, a member of our congregation and Tim Howell, a very well known figure in the community.

For assorted reasons, numbers for our Men’s Breakfast which is held at All Saints Church Crowborough four or five times a year, have been falling, but our new ‘term’ starts on Saturday 15th September. These convivial events which include a good breakfast and the opportunity to hear a good speaker with a Christian message, are well worth going to. To know more contact Brian Gill on 750266.

Finally, an appeal from the ladies who keep the flowers in the church looking lovely. They need a few more volunteers to join the regular rota, and to help decorate the church for festivals. To find out more, contact Anne Pybus on 750535.

St Alban’s, Frant & Holy Trinity, Eridge

Churchwardens

St Alban’s: Jane Emler—532233, Crawford Burden—07789 170275
Holy Trinity: Jonathan Lynn—864304, Christopher Hall—750385



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Services for
September/October 2018

9:30am	Family Service	2nd September	Traditional Communion	8:00am
			Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	9th September	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	16th September	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	23rd September	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	30th September	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Harvest Festival	7th October	Traditional Communion	8:00am
			Morning Prayer	11:15am
9.30am	Morning Service	14th October	Harvest Festival	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	21st October	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	28th October	Communion Service	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
Please check the church websites for up-to-date information*

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Parish Council News

August is traditionally a quiet month for the Parish Council. We don't usually have a meeting as so many councillors take holidays in the summer, although this year has been such a scorcher that its been glorious right here in East Sussex! As there is no formal council business its a good opportunity for me to reflect on what has been going on over the year so far, and to thank those who have made it possible. Communities like our rely on volunteers, who freely give their time to local projects, and as a parish we owe these generous people our thanks.

This summer saw the return of the Frant Summer Fair. While the Parish Council helps to co-ordinate and finance the event the majority of work is done by enthusiastic local people. Firstly I would like to thank Frant Primary School for generously hosting the event again. I know that a Saturday event in term time, can be quite disruptive so we really appreciate their support. The school PTA also did fantastic work helping to set up on the day and ran a very successful stall. I also want to thank Mark Cross School, the Friends of Frant Open Spaces, the Friends of Bells Yew Green and the Frant Shop. Many of our parish councillors also volunteered to marshal the event all day which is fantastic. There are so many people I would like to thank, too many to name individually, but I would like to especially pay tribute to the hard work of Carmel Kinley who, in addition to editing this excellent publication, has been the chief organiser of the Fair in 2016 and 2018.

I mentioned the Friend of Frant Open Spaces, who ran a stall at the Fair. This is another local volunteers initiative that has made a big difference to our area. It is amazing to see the changes on the Green in Frant, especially to see the return of heather, the seeds of which have lain dormant for decades. I know that there was some trepidation about the proposal to change the way the Green is managed, but we are grateful for the support we have had from the community for this project. August should see a cut back of all the longer grass. With such hot weather this year it has taken on a beautiful golden hue - it makes me think the Parish could have a sideline in making hay!

On the subject of Frant Green recent months have seen some damage to the Victoria Well, presumably from errant footballs. It is fantastic to see the Green

used for games of all sorts, but we would ask that care is taken around our listed monuments! I would like to publicly thank Sir David Dain who has generously funded the repairs to the Victoria Well at his own expense.

The examples above are just the tip of the iceberg for volunteers locally. Our village halls in Eridge, Bells Yew Green and Frant are all run by volunteers, as are the Parish Friendship Group, the Church organisations and the Garden Societies. However, there is always room for more. If there is a community organisation that you think we lack or something that you have always wanted to get involved in, then don't just sit at home thinking about it. Come along to the Parish Council to share your ideas and we will do what we can to support you, and try to put you in touch with like minded people!

Friends of Frant Green Spaces

Wow what a summer this has been. Any of us who are keen gardeners know how much plants have suffered in the drought. Frant Green is no exception so the meadow areas went over early and as I write these areas are in urgent need of cutting. Hopefully as you read this, all is well and the long grass will be cut back for this season. The only area not cut back is an area of returning heather which is currently in beautiful flower proving the resilience of nature if we just give it the opportunity to live. We have recently agreed the final strategy for management of Frant Green with Frant Parish Council. There are a few improvements to the current situation, all intended to improve villager's access and enjoyment of Frant Green.

We are now working on the small copse of trees opposite Frant Court. This area of The Green has become neglected in recent years. FOSG is going to pay to take out dying trees and have the crown raised on other trees. This will allow the land underneath these trees to be scarified and for natural habitat to return to that area.

We are also undertaking work on the area around Victoria Well. The Eridge Estate has given us permission to remove heathers from the land that is currently awaiting development behind Albert Well. When the weather gets colder and wetter we will rescue some heather and bring it to a new home around Albert Well.

One of the main concerns that we keep hearing from villagers is about people not picking up dog poo. It is hard to



know what to do about this anti-social behaviour. We have requested that the Parish Council put poo bag dispenser on the dog poo receptacles. Finally only people's conscience will fix this. May I suggest that we all need to find the courage to approach people who are irresponsible when we see this happen, name and shame!

We had a great success at this years village fête. We sold plants generously donated by villagers and also Frant mugs. We made £340 on the day.

The habitat improvement work that we have undertaken on Frant Green is under the advisement of Coylus Ecology Company. In a recent report from them they noted that at least 1.5 hectares of Frant Green is now returned to Lowland Dry Acid Grassland and that is a priority habitat of principal importance to the area. This report has been registered with East Sussex County Biological Records Centre so that this area can be recorded and recognised as in need of protection.

Maybe you are thinking that this is a small area and that it may not make a significant difference. I thought I would finish with a quote from Corylus last report just to make clear how important this work is; "even small areas of the Site allowed to establish, grow long, flower and seed will bring a significant increase in Site 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 and with this the increase in invertebrate fauna and also small mammals, in turn will provide a foraging habitat for their predators with barn owls, nightjars, woodpeckers, badgers, stoats, weasels and bats may start to use the Site in increased frequency."

This is the world we seek to maintain. Thank you for your continued support.

Frant Harvest Supper 2018

Following the success of last year's Harvest Supper it will again be held in St. Albans Stables on Saturday 6th October 2018 at 7pm. Please make a note of the date and remember to buy your tickets early as numbers will be limited. Sale of tickets will be withdrawn on Tuesday 2nd October. Tickets will be available from Helen Carpenter (750368).

Frant Film Club**» Great Films for 2018/19 Season**

Frant Film starts its tenth season on 5th October. As usual there are 8 wonderful films this season, spanning several different genres and time periods, so hopefully there is something for everyone. Please see the details below. There is also a bar open before each film showing, so do come along at 7.15pm to meet friends and neighbours and have a chat. At just £17 for the whole season (that's £2.12 per film) Frant Film offers a great evening out that won't break the bank, whilst also raising money to help support the village Memorial Hall, to which all profits go. Existing members will be contacted shortly and for any new member enquires please contact Kathy Lowe on 01435 873967.

The Blue Lamp**» Friday 5 October**

A killer interrupts the daily routine of two London policemen. Starring Jack Warner and Dirk Bogarde. Originally Certificate A and rated for video in 2006 as PG.

Good Bye Lenin**» Friday 2 November**

In 1990, to protect his fragile mother from a fatal shock after a long coma, a young man must keep her from learning that her beloved nation of East Germany as she knew it has disappeared. Starring Daniel Bruhl and Katrin Sass. Certificate 15 contains some nudity.

The Fabulous Baker Boys**» Friday 7 December**

The lives of two struggling musicians, who happen to be brothers, inevitably change when they team up with a beautiful, up and coming singer. Starring Jeff Bridges and Michelle Pfeiffer. Certificate 15 contains some strong language.

**Enchanted April****» Friday 11 January**

This lovely film is about the civilizing influence of Italy on some beleaguered Londoners. It's almost like taking a little mini-trip to Italy, a gorgeously filmed enchantment. Starring Alfred Molina, Joan Plowright and Miranda Richardson. Certificate U.

Lincoln (pictured above)**» Friday 8 February**

As the American Civil War continues to rage, America's president struggles with continuing carnage on the battlefield as he fights with many inside his own cabinet on the decision to emancipate the slaves. Starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field. Certificate 12A

The Light between Oceans**» Friday 8 March**

A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat. Starring Micheal Fassbender, Alicia Vikander and Rachel Wiesz. Certificate 12A contains some sexual content.

Things to Come**» Friday 5 April**

A philosophy teacher soldiers through the death of her mother, getting fired from her job, and dealing with a husband who is cheating on her. Starring Isabelle Huppert and Andre Marcon. Certificate 12A, contains some swearing.

A Street Cat named Bob**» Friday 3 May**

Based on the international best selling book. The true feel good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. Starring Luke Treadaway. Certificate 12A contains references to drugs.

Frant School News

As we look forward to a new academic year we welcome some new staff to Frant and say goodbye to some very familiar names. Kate Elliott, Alison Harris and Lauren Maidman will be joining our teaching staff whilst Diane Summers, Josie Dinnage and Emily Archer will be moving to pastures new, both here and abroad. We wish them all the very best and thank them for all they have done for Frant school. Pat Higgins our wonderful caretaker retired midway through the summer term and has been replaced by Stuart who has stepped into his shoes really well.

Amanda Miller, who has been both class teacher and Head of school left at the end July. Again, we wish her well and thank her very much for all she has done for Frant, she will be missed. Joanna Challis who has worked at Frant School for the last 14 years will take over as Head of School/SENCo.

As you read this we will have welcomed our new reception intake as well as our new parents. It is always a very exciting time of the year when our new ones join. We know they will be looked after and nurtured by our current children. We will be holding a new parents coffee morning early in term 1 which is always a great way for new parents to become involved in school life.

We have a busy term ahead with a new staff team, new children and parents as well as new topics and learning opportunities for the children to become involved in. We will be holding a parish lunch at some point where we hope to see many of you join us for an enjoyable lunch with staff and parents.

Frant Bowls Club

As I look outside it is difficult to believe that only a few months ago we were experiencing one of the coldest, wettest starts to any year on record. From January until April our bowls green was almost permanently waterlogged and this and low temperatures meant the

grass had little chance to recover before the start of the 2018 season.

Today the opposite problem prevails as we struggle to keep the green in a healthy state. For gardeners, as well as bowls clubs, raised blades, light aeration, a bit of fertiliser and plenty of water is the answer but, unfortunately, just when temperatures were at their highest our irrigation system suffered a temporary but major breakdown. Still, it was a small price to pay for what has been a truly glorious summer; better, perhaps, than that of 1976. In such conditions outdoor bowling has to be one of life's pleasures, particularly when it is concluded with a cold drink or two!

Match results too have been excellent with the club having recorded 20 wins and only 7 defeats so far. Unfortunately four of the latter have come in the last four games. Disappointing but we

play primarily for fun and aim to give every member the chance to take part regardless of the quality of their play.

Villagers may have noticed that August is a particularly busy month on the bowls green. Our internal competitions, which started in June, are progressed so that the finals can be played on our Finals' Day which this year is on 25th August. On that day we also play a secondary competition for those who are not playing in a final. Please feel free to come along to watch and enjoy some refreshments with some of our members. Play starts at 10.00am with a break for lunch 1pm until 2.30pm when play will restart. You will be most welcome at any time.

—David Oliver Chairman, Frant Bowls Club

Friends of Bells Yew Green

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Morning, on Friday, 28th September, from 10:00 am until 12 noon.

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There will be some junior activities so the children can play.

Please spread the word; bring your family, friends and neighbours to BYG Village Hall. See you there! Zoë, Liz, Ethne, Jenni, Trish and Sue and the Friends of Bells Yew Green"

The Parish Summer Fair

It seems like a long time ago now that we held our Frant Parish Summer Fair on 30th June. It was a scorcher of a day! Despite the conditions (and we mustn't moan, but let's be honest, the heat has taken some getting used to). Below are some pictures which capture the day.



Closure of Frant Surgery

The Parish Council are aware of the constraints imposed on the local parish population by the closure of the Frant Surgery. Charitable funds have been sourced by the Parish Council to help those in need access their GP practice, Dentist, Pembury and Maidstone hospitals for out-patient appointments, Hospice in the Weald, Physiotherapist, or Day Care Centre. For more details contact Rosie the Parish Clerk 01892 752005 frantparishclerk@gmail.com or Andy Macdonald-Brown 01892 891273 a.macdonald-brown@frant.info

Frant Nursery School

We ended a busy summer term and school year with a successful sports day held on the village green and our

summer/leavers concert, with all the children doing a great job joining in and singing their favourite songs to an audience. We also had a leavers party, which consisted of lunch in the playground and party games, for our 'Rising 5's' who are off to start Primary School in September, a great time was had by all! It's always a sad day when the time comes to say goodbye, but they are all ready for the next stage of their education and i'm sure they will be popping in from time to time to say Hello! We also said goodbye and thank you to our outgoing chairman Leyna who left us at the end of term to have a baby.

We have recently received a Grant to be spent on equipment specifically to enhance the children's physical activity and gross motor skills. Thanks to the

Grant we have so far purchased balance bikes and will be holding balance-ability training for the children on a Monday.

We will be back at Nursery in early September and are excitedly looking ahead to the new term. We will be welcoming two new starters and look forward to many more children joining us as the year progresses. Spaces are available and we offer a full-week and twins discount. If you would like further information on Frant Nursery School please contact Shelley Holdsworth 01892 890961

Frant Garden Club

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Parish Past.

Continuing the story of our local schools, Adam Jacob remained as master in Frant for a few years after his public disgrace, largely it would seem because the class (there was probably only one) was held in his cottage, which stood on the old school site in the High Street. In 1835 he was replaced by Willet Gilbert and vanished, having already leased his cottage to the parish - perhaps by then in need of funds to finance his retirement. Gilbert was the Eridge Castle steward, so presumably his appointment was very part-time. A public subscription was then launched to provide a purpose-built school, during which Daniel Rowlands, (Eridge Agent and perhaps remorseful over his sponsorship of Jacob) bought the lease and site, presenting it to the parish "for all times ... for ever for use as a school." He appointed trustees to manage this gift, one of whom was the curate, the Rev Tatton-Brockman, a direct ancestor of our recent doctor. While the school was under construction the children were - very indifferently - educated in Rowlands own house, Saxonbury Lodge.

There was also a small 'Dame School' in the home of Elizabeth Underhill also in the High street and probably Manor Cottage as we know three other ladies continued to teach there after her death. Elizabeth's gravestone in the churchyard reads "Dame Underhill d. Dec 4th 1865 who kept an infant school in this village 65 years and closed a long and useful life in faith and hope of a Christian. This stone is erected by her numerous



pupils and friends who esteemed her very highly in love for her works sake." What better memory could one leave, the direct opposite of Jacob's dubious reputation. Until reforms following the Education Act of 1944 Frant was the only school most local children ever attended.

There was also a 'crammers' at Henley House (now Frant Place) where boys who failed Oxbridge entry went to study for a second try, and at The Limes, later moved to Hazelhurst in Down Lane (pictured above), an establishment run by Commander Lewin mostly preparing boys for entry to the Royal Navy. Lewin believed in drill and discipline, but also ran a farm in conjunction with the school, a surprisingly modern idea. One of the old boys won a posthumous VC in 1915 and another commented that you either admired or loathed Lewin. The school closed in 1940 and as mentioned in another article the lych gate was a gift in memory of its past pupils who died in war, incorporating lime and hazel wood. More next time on Eridge and memories of daily life in school.

—Pat Wright



c.1870; Schoolchildren in Frant

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To find out more, contact our Secretary, Adrienne Bishop on 01892 833232, or email secretary@paddockwood-choral.org.uk.

Burrswood Events

» Saturday 8th September

Kerry Ingham—Illustrations and Drawing Workshop; We will venture into colour! Join local illustrator and counsellor Kerry to encourage freedom of expression through drawing. £60 per person includes tuition, refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea.

» Friday 14th September 7pm

Open Air Theatre – Illyria presents Merchant of Venice; Picnic Boxes available to pre-order.

» Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd

September Ignatian Retreat with Jo Eaton; Take time out in our beautiful grounds to make a silent, individually accompanied retreat. £265 per person includes 2 days full board

» Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd

September Christian Mindfulness Retreat; Making space for God. A practical course learning to be more present to God, each other and the world around us. £165 per person full board

» Wednesday 26th September

10am—4pm Flower Arranging; Join Claire Rees and Mandy Pulsford who will help you create a classic basket arrangement and a contemporary design to decorate your home. £70 per person per day includes tuition, meals and materials

To book, call 01892 865988.



Bells Yew Green in Flower

At our Parish Council meeting of the 18th July, held in BYG Village Hall, Councillors were impressed by the wild flower verge that has erupted on our Green. It would be nice to say that nature has done a wonderful job, which it has, but with a lot of help! The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have nurtured, looked after and probably most importantly watered the verges. It would be wrong to name names but you know who you are, as do we, and a big 'thank you' to you all, in particular the guy who drives a large Council lorry!!

Fingers crossed then that the Green continues to prosper, the wild flowers flourish and the motorist keep off!

Woof Meanderings...

Ohhhh my oh my hasn't it just been so utterly scorchio... I am not complaining (well perhaps just a tiny bit) but it has been rather warm for a furry chap like me, despite a very short summer haircut. I have never appreciated our lovely old tree in the garden though quite as much, as it is such joyous bliss to lie down under it to cool down and of course, I am hugely spoilt as I have my own paddling pool. The Child has her own one which is larger, but I can just flop down and have a deliciously cooling moment at any time I choose in my own spot. Although, I do have to ensure everyone has shut the garden gate as the geese particularly love to frequent my super dipping spot and then leave a trail of feathers in the water that they have decided to leave and make such a mess

splashing around everywhere.

We did all have a particularly itchy moment this week as The Owner to her absolute horror found a jungle of red mites harbouring under the roofing felt of the chicken run. The felt was removed, mites where then leaping everywhere as she blasted them away, then lashings of water and potion to clean every crevice possible was sprayed in the house. There was then much powder flying around in the air subsequently as it was puffed later into the dried out house. What a performance and kerfuffle it all was not just to The Girls, as we all then had to be scrubbed down including the entire family and everything was removed outside and put straight into the washing machine on The Owners orders as those mites somehow found their way onto us all.

Later in the evening The Girls & Enrico The Cockerel once they had retired to bed in their newly super-cleaned boudoir, where then removed one by one to be dunked in a bucket full of powder-potion to cover them entirely so any mites they had on them would fall off with the powder drying them out. I wish I had listened and kept well away from being so nosy as I still ended up with powder landing on me as The Owner is so messy and never tidy with doing anything.

As the home it now seems of 'saving the bees' there has been much upset at Bumble bees landing in The Child's pool, so everyone has become very adept at quickly scooping them out and putting them onto flowers to dry out with a small

dab of honey to re-boot them. Even The Husband has been spotted leaping to sort a drowning bee out with the honey in hand, so the morale of the story is to now buy a cover so I hear. The Naughty Bees that have now clearly moved in again for good it seems this time into the tree by The Treehouse (still unable to use it clearly), do not seem to be quite as friendly as last year's inhabitants and are slightly grumpy at times, but it could be perhaps because The Owner has not chatted to them so much, as even she seems a bit wary of them and I am most certainly keeping my distance and not having a tiddle on their tree for fear of any reprisals!

We have had some lovely toads bouncing about in the garden in the evenings particularly and there has been great excitement at finding this years new toadlets. Nowadays, we are sadly losing so much wildlife around us, so The Owner and The Child get very over-excited about finding all the little friends and do their best to encourage them all and keep them going. I do find all the faffing about things quite boring though sometimes, but quite often once I have nosed my way into see what is going on, I just potter off for a snooze or sniff around somewhere else if it is of no interest to me.

Goodness me, I can hear the gate opening and I think that must be my wondrous Dolly about to arrive as I heard The Owner talking to Dolly's Owner earlier organising a walk this evening as it was cooler ... oohhh but I hope Her Owner stays for a glass of wine after as that means I can have a snuggle with Dolly under the tree after our walk... I will cross my paws and say a prayer to ask for such a moment...

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» **September, various**
Burrswood events calendar (see page 12)

» **Friday 28 September**
Friends of Bells Yew Green McMillan Cancer Support's, World's Biggest Coffee Morning; from 10:00 am until 12 noon; BYG Village Hall (see page 9)

» **Friday 5 October**
Frant Film: The Blue Lamp; Memorial Hall, Frant (see page 8)

» **Saturday 6 October**
Frant Harvest Supper; St. Albans Stables, Frant; 7pm (see page 8)

» **Wednesday 17 October**
Frant Garden Club: Edward Flint, Head Gardener at Tidebrook Manor; 7.30pm; Memorial Hall, Frant (see page 10)

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:
frant youth@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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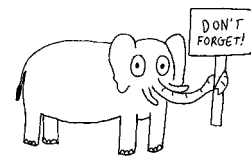
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