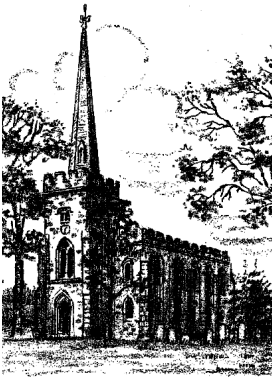
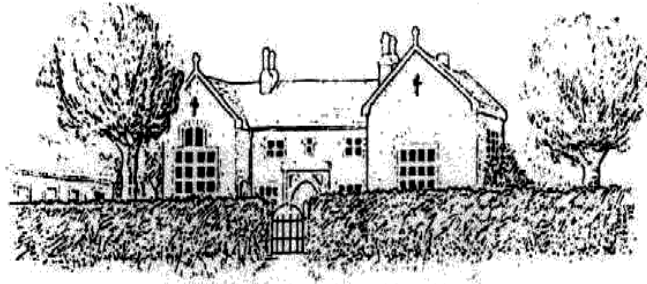
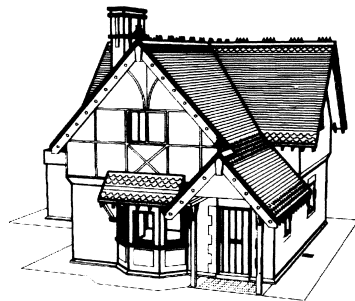


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# Frenchay Community News

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### ' Turn, Turn, Turn '

In the month of November, the cycle of the seasons is most apparent, as the brightness of Summer fades and Winter conspicuously looms. This feeling is reflected in the classic Pete Seeger song of the 60s, 'Turn, Turn, Turn', itself using text from the Biblical Book of Ecclesiastes, and which was read at one of the national memorial services for the late Queen, as they have a resonance for these recent times. Some extracts from the song version are set out below :

To everything (Turn, turn, turn)  
There is a season (Turn, turn, turn)  
A time to be born, a time to die,  
A time to dance, a time to mourn,  
A time of love, a time of hate,  
A time of war, a time of peace,  
A time you may embrace,  
A time to refrain from embracing,  
To everything (turn, turn, turn)  
There is a season (Turn, turn, turn)  
And a time to every purpose under heaven.

### Frenchay Community News

Articles and items of news are welcomed by the editorial committee, to be sent to :

frenchaycommuninews@gmail.com or,  
if posted or hand-delivered, to

31 Wadham Drive, Frenchay, Bristol  
BS16 1PF

The deadline for the December 2022  
edition is the 12th November

## **Frenchay Residents Association (FRA) Report No. 96**

### **Dear Friends and Neighbours,**

We understand from Winterbourne Parish Council (WPC) that all the final agreements are now in place for the Voluntary Village Green and Nature Reserve to be handed over to the Parish. The end of a very long and winding road, going right back to the previous RUG campaign nearly 10 years ago, when FRA made sure that the 20 acres of green space came to the village in perpetuity. When completion takes place I think everyone involved will be seen dancing around the new space whatever the weather, such will be the relief at delivering this legacy for everyone who fought so hard for so long to preserve this wonderful space.

It is also incredible to see the change in mind-set from 2013 due to so much concern about the Climate Emergency and environmental priorities changing so dramatically.

So those whom we fought for the space to save it from development are now offering assistance and massive donations of trees and plants to enhance the biodiversity. By the time you read this we expect to be planning the planting of over 500 tree whips and plants donated by the NHS and Woodland Trust. It really feels as if we are succeeding in making this space one to be proud of now that we can plan ahead for future generations.

WPC has now also launched its Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) which will prioritise projects such as enhancing the biodiversity in Tuckett Field, where a specific WECA Bee-Bold Pollinator grant has been applied for by WPC who own and maintain this land.

Much more to follow on this, all local interest groups will have the opportunity to support this project leading up to the Centenary of its gifting to Frenchay Residents by the Tuckett family which falls in 2028.

### **FRA Meeting/AGM**

We are conscious that with Covid problems still evident, getting everyone crammed into the Village Hall to sit down together might still not be considered ideal. Consequently, we are looking for a venue with more space and height. We also feel that after nearly three years an 'open evening' for FRA and other Frenchay interest groups like the Preservation Society and Tuckett Society for example, would be better to give residents the chance to catch up with what we are all doing collectively for Frenchay. This is particularly important for new Frenchay Park residents and residents new to Frenchay.

We have been offered the new school hall for such an evening and are working currently on a suitable date as the new school settles in. We are hoping that this can take place before the end of November and will confirm the details as soon as possible.

## **Christmas Carols on the Common**

We have set a date for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30pm, same format as last year with us all gathering on the common opposite the Parish Church. This year we feel it is safe to try and offer some refreshments and festive offerings to keep everyone warm and happy, so if you are involved with or know of local voluntary groups that would like to provide refreshments at reasonable cost please contact us. We are thinking of hot drinks, soup, cake and mince pies for example. These can help local groups to raise funds for their own activities and we would very much like to support our local community in this way.

## **Nature Reserve Pond**

At the moment we are waiting for BAM to add more clay to the upper slopes and help provide the structures around the pond so it is safe and available to be used by the new school. Understandably, BAM have been distracted as they race to get the new school open, but we have their pledge to see this project to completion.

A shout out for more help on the ground with this project from residents and DofE students will be coming out very soon, it has been so enjoyable getting hands dirty together.

## **Becks Pool**

Work to tidy up before the winter was undertaken by our dedicated team of volunteers on Sunday 23 October, we are now planning the power supply and aeration system as described in October's FCN update.

The really good news, after some tenacious persuasion, is that Wessex Water have confirmed their Watermark Grant of £500 to the project, a presentation will happen soon.

Unfortunately the turmoil of Covid has led to delays in pulling this all together, but great deeds are wrought not by strength, but by perseverance!

## **New Path to School**

Considerable pressure has been put on our SGC councillors to get this underway ASAP, some planning notes on the SGC portal suggest Redrow plan to complete this by Easter. As the new school is open this is simply not good enough now that the wall work is complete.

## **Outstanding Matters**

There are a number of issues on which it is very important that SGC makes, and implements, certain decisions. Above all, the development of some form of health and social care facility on the dedicated 6 acres of land next to BIRU. Other matters include use of the vacated former primary school site, hopefully, to include a much needed nursery, and other local amenities, removal of the Beckspool Road build outs and the Hambrook traffic light system.

We very much hope that SGC will find time to deal with these matters in the near future, thus demonstrating that these issues really matter to them for Frenchay residents?

### **Frenchay Hill**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October saw the successful introduction of 400 'plug plants' into the Frenchay Hill embankment, this is an existing 'wild no mow' area and the plants are specifically chosen for that steep shallow soil bank to compliment DofE student work done in summer 2021. This work extended to some of the area by the new village hall wall and disabled access gate, where crocus bulb planting and grass/wild flower mix seeding has now taken place. For the bulb planting this is being done as part of a weekly community service bronze project by one of our DofE students with their parents. Many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who have got their hands dirty with us on these projects.

As part of all of this community activity, FRA are setting up a specific parent contact group for DofE students as we now have a growing group of students where projects can provide community service opportunities. If you wish to register for this group with your children/young adults please email [adriancollins1958@gmail.com](mailto:adriancollins1958@gmail.com)

### **Police Contacts**

We have been asked by some residents about our police support locally where non emergency contact is needed with local police support is needed, something Jackie and her team used to undertake before services were reorganised.

So at Winterbourne police offices we have PCSO Sam Norster tel 07545 649602  
Email [7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

We understand that PCSO Bianca Rotariu does Frenchay Village duties  
Email [9061@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:9061@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

From a recently attended Community Engagement Forum meeting FRA understand that Bianca is now re-establishing a cohesive Neighbourhood Watch group for Frenchay.

Thank you all for your engagement and continuing support in Frenchay's Best Interests.

***Adrian Collins (Chair - FRA)***



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Tuckett Pond - We have been doing some investigations into the low level of the water (appreciate we have had little rain!) which has possibly been due to tree roots in the wall and the fall of a tree damaging the wall as well. It needs to be professionally surveyed and when we last had work done to desilt the pond the contractors found it difficult with access. We will endeavour to find someone who can do the job.

Frenchay Parklands - We have had another productive meeting with North Bristol Healthcare Trust and are trying to finalise the handover of the land. It is with both solicitors at the moment and we are hoping this will be progressed as soon as possible.

Beckspool Road - The unpopular 'build outs' installed a couple of years ago along the stretch opposite the church on the common we were promised by South Glos Council would be removed and traffic calming put in place. This has taken longer than expected and required further planning consultations. The new route through the wall by Cedar Hall needs the pavement dropping to provide a safer route on the road and this also is a route through to the new school.

*Paul Kembery, Chair*—Winterbourne Parish Council

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### **Report from Frenchay School**

Frenchay Primary are enjoying their first months in the new school. It has definitely been worth the wait! The children are so excited about so many aspects of the building, the space, the new interactive teaching panels, that playground and field and the huge hall, far bigger than what we are used to! Even the new smell has been appreciated!

The public art has been designed by Opus Glass in Redland and is a beautiful feature in the new library. The colours chosen in the school reflect both the school logo and also the natural surroundings in which the school is set. This felt very apt when being the first Passivhaus school in the South Glos authority. Visitors Erica Williams and Ben Burton were very impressed when they visited, as were the parents and governors. It has been a pleasure seeing so many smiling faces as they walk around each area. The children have been keen to get into school each morning, with a cheer when the gates are open!

As promised, on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** we shall hold an **Open Session** where members of the local community are welcome to come and have a look round. If you would like to visit, then please come to the school's main entrance at 4.00pm when we will meet you for a tour.

*Katherine Marks, Head-Teacher*



# Images from the new Frenchay Primary School building



## The Foxes Are Singing Again!

Your local ladies' community choir, The Frenchay Foxes, is giving a **Concert in Frenchay Village Hall at 7.30pm on Sunday 6th November**, and they would love you to be there! Come and enjoy a relaxed evening being entertained and uplifted by feel-good songs, including retro-pop, country and gospel numbers.

There will be a bar open before the concert (doors open at 7pm) and during the interval, when there will also be a raffle to add to the occasion!

Tickets for the performance are £4 for adults and £2 for under-18s, with profits going towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Advance tickets through a choir member or email as on the opposite page



Have you heard about the Headmaster who was prosecuted for excessive caning?

Or the Headmaster who didn't have a pay rise for 30 years? When he complained he was given 3 months' notice.

All this and more can be found in '**Honour Wisdom**' a short history of Frenchay Primary School.

If you went to the school or know someone who did this would make a good Christmas present

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Please also visit our web site at [www.frenchayvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.frenchayvillagehall.co.uk) where you will find a list of our charges and details of all regular activities that are held at the hall which may be of interest.

# New YOGA Classes at Frenchay Village Hall

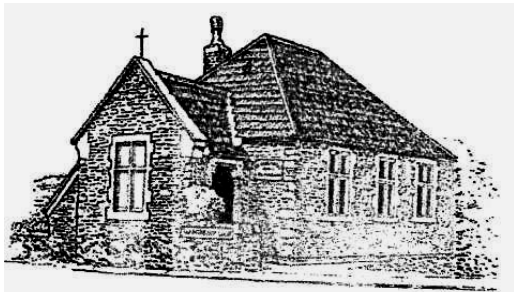
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**Frenchay Foxes Community Choir**, a ladies choir, has been going for 10 years and are back in September, doing what we do best; singing and laughing together at **Frenchay Village Hall**, on **Wednesdays, 1.00 to 3.00 pm**. We sing all sorts of songs, and learn them step by step by ear, so there's no need to read music. We do occasional concerts, next on 6 Nov.

So if you're wondering if you'd enjoy having a go at singing in a friendly, supportive group, why not come along and have a free "taster" session to see what we're all about? You can make contact or ask any questions email to [fran@naturalvoice.net](mailto:fran@naturalvoice.net). **Fran Bolton** (*teacher of the Frenchay Foxes*)



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### **Temporary exhibitions update**

Our current visiting exhibition, celebrating the lives of South Gloucestershire residents of Indian Heritage, continues until the end of November (and the accompanying computerised continuous display is now working properly).

### **Annual close-down**

Please note that the Museum will be closed during December & January for our annual 'deep-clean' and repairs / adjustments to various displays.

### **February 2023**

We will be re-opening with an exhibition about Frenchay's Women. The current material is all about historic women and we would love to tell the story of some contemporary women, as well. Do you know of someone whose story deserves telling? If so, just give us some details – with a photo if possible - and we will feature them. The possibilities are endless; perhaps a neighbour who helped during lockdown, someone with an interesting life or someone who is a lot of fun! Don't be too shy or modest – why not your own mother or daughter? Please ring Carol Thorne on 0117 956 9963.

### **Winter talks programme**

Unfortunately, for various reasons, it has not been possible to finalise the autumn segment of our winter talks series (shown in draft on the membership card). So, apologies for the fact that there was no talk on 13<sup>th</sup> October and that there will be no talk on 10<sup>th</sup> November, either. The committee is working to restore the planned talks in the New Year and we hope to have three talks arranged for January, February & March, followed by the AGM in May (our usual month). If contacting speakers, booking rooms and drafting some relevant & eye-catching publicity is your speciality, then we have a vacancy on the committee for just such a volunteer! [Please contact me on 0117 956 6378.]

### **Roadworks near the Museum**

Please watch-out for the start of planned upgrades to the existing access road from the mini-roundabout, being carried out by Redrow & various contractors. We discovered some information during the planning application and have recently been updated by North Bristol Trust. It is understood that the road is being moved away from the Museum, leaving room for a pavement but with minimal loss of our garden areas. On balance, we hope it will be the start of some long-term improvements in the setting of West Lodge but no doubt also some short-term inconvenience!

***Hugh Whatley (Chair – Frenchay Tuckett Society).***

## **Councillor Ben Burton reports :**

### **Frenchay C of E Primary School**

A huge congratulations to the staff and pupils of Frenchay C of E Primary School who have moved into their new buildings last week. Cabinet Members for Schools and Property Services, Erica Williams and myself, were given a tour of the £10.5m Passivhaus-standard facilities.



We witnessed first-hand the transformational impact this new learning environment will have on our local young people. We were delighted to see that hard hats were a thing of the past and the classrooms were alive with the sound of children hard at work. It was noticeable that coats were not required and the energy and heat saving benefits of the building's design were clearly evident. We were also delighted to see that our young people were promoting sustainability in other ways, such as the separation of their waste after lunch (which was being served from the brand new kitchens).

The site constraints had caused headaches at the design stage but the tranquil environment that has been created can only support learning. The outside areas provide separate spaces for play, 'refection' and sporting activities, which will positively impact on both the young people's educational attainment but also their general well-being. Cllr Liz Brennan continues to work with road safety colleagues at South Gloucestershire Council to promote sustainable and safe routes to school. We look forward to the school achieving the Modeshift Stars accreditation.

We are also working with Redrow in order to expedite the finalising of the 'hole in the wall' route to school.

### **Camping on Frenchay Common**

We have been made aware that campervans have been using parts of Frenchay Common for overnight stays. Whilst we appreciate that people from further afield recognise the beauty of Frenchay Common, it is clearly not appropriate for these unofficial overnight stays to continue

We have been in contact with legal officers at South Gloucestershire Council to understand possible solutions to this issue. We have provided details of possible byelaws that can be passed by Winterbourne Parish Council to prevent further camping and to remove advertisements from websites that promote the location. We hope these actions will allow Winterbourne Parish Council to pass the appropriate byelaw to prevent further incidents. We are grateful to the Frenchay representatives on Winterbourne Parish Council for their support with this issue.

## No Holidays at the Holiday Inn

Our local hotel continues in use as accommodation for asylum –seekers while their applications are being processed, and our local Councillor Ben Burton was asked to find out what information he could, and he has been able to provide the following :



*Asylum seekers are people who are seeking protection in the UK due to a conflict or persecution in their own country of origin*

*People are treated as asylum seekers until they are given right to remain in the UK than they can become full members of our communities*

*Filton contingency hotel for asylum seekers was established in November 2021 and currently supports up to 260 residents who are waiting for outcomes of their asylum applications.*

*There is currently a 5-10% turn over each month.*

*The asylum provision in the hotel is managed by a company Clearsprings Ready Homes on behalf of the Home Office, with onsite management subcontracted to SBHL.*

*The package of support to the hotel residents is currently delivered by a local multi-agency partnership including adult care, children’s services, safeguarding, the ICB, community health, public health, adult education, community cohesion, the Police and a number of VCSEs.*

*The partnership is currently meeting fortnightly and driving a holistic service improvement plan for the hotel residents.*

*Since it’s been set up it has been able to achieve a significant progress in a number of areas including the following:*

*Opening up some communal spaces in the hotel for residents.*

*Offer of numerous constructive activities in the hotel, e.g., football, cricket and sports sessions etc.*

*Offer of library cards and access to local leisure facilities for residents.*

*Offer of bikes for residents, which is particularly significant given the isolated location of the hotel.*

*Support from a number of VCSEs with asylum issues, some learning courses, mental health and access to basic necessities.*

*Regular drop-in sessions by the local police and South Glos Asylum and Refugee Services*

*Improvement in access to health services through commissioning a specialist service Haven which provides regular GP and nursing appointments in the hotel.*

*Covid 19 vaccination events, with offers of free haircuts and clothing to residents to support uptake.*

*Access to ESOL courses funded by the local government and delivered on UWE premises.*

*Effective safeguarding escalation process, and services for comprehensive services for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.*

*Improvement in communication with Clearsprings Ready Homes and SBHL responsible for operational management of the hotel.*

*We are also currently developing further plans which would see us delivering more proactive and structured educational and skills training supports to the residents.*

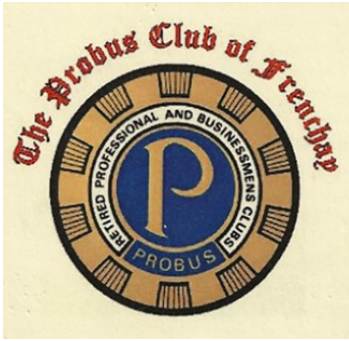
*If members of the public are interested in supporting Asylum Seekers in our area the best way to do so would be through contacting one of the local voluntary organisations which currently provide support to the residents of the Filton Hotel, including Bristol Rights, Bristol Minds or Borderlands.*

*Information about how to get in touch with these organisations is available on line.*

Other sources of information supplementing Ben Burton's report above include Bristol Refugee Rights, who provide general support to asylum –seekers in the city. However one problem for those in our local facility is that they usually do not have the financial resources to use public transport to get into the city to access charity support services. So, many of them take the long walk into Bristol, glad to be out of the restrictive feel of the hostel where they have otherwise little to do and little opportunity to mix with others. The leisure facilities of the Hotel are closed, and most of their time has to be spent in their bedroom. In other locations, local people have sought to help by arranging transport, and if anyone in this area is wanting to explore that, they could perhaps do so through one of the support charities.

Asylum-seekers are entitled to a very small supplementary living allowance while their claims are being processed, but often there may be a delay before that starts to come through. They may alternatively be issued with what are known as 'Aspen Cards'. This is a debit payment card given to UK asylum seekers by the Home Office, and which provides basic subsistence support, and purchases on the card are closely monitored by the Home Office.

So how long will this present situation last? No one can give a clear answer, and matters are continually kept under review. Contracts with SBHL and Clearsprings come up for periodic review. Asylum seekers have continued to arrive in the country in large numbers, and while that may reduce for a while over the Winter period, the issues will not go away any time soon.

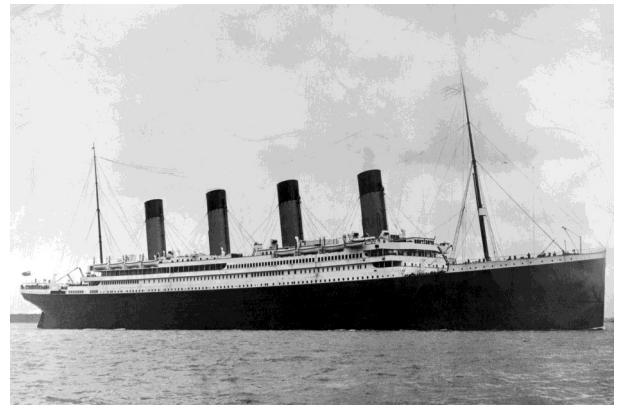


The Club held its Annual General Meeting on the 5th October and reported on a successful year, resuming a regular pattern of meetings after two years often interrupted by Covid precautions. New members had joined before that period of disruption, and the aim was set to seek and to welcome further members, particularly from the recently-retired taking the opportunity to socialise together. So anyone interested to

know more should please make contact through [frenchayprobus@outlook.com](mailto:frenchayprobus@outlook.com)

## Get on board the Titanic !

The Meeting on Wednesday **2nd November** will feature a Presentation on the topic of 'Titanic : An Engineer's Viewpoint' in the Frenchay Village Hall, meeting for coffee at 10.00 am for a 10.30 start. If you are interested to come as a guest, arrange in advance as directed above. Or 0117 9568461



As the funeral of our late Queen, Elizabeth II, was being held on the date of our monthly meeting in September it was decided, as a mark of respect, to cancel the meeting. We received many messages of support for this decision from our members.

We are looking forward to holding our October meeting and hearing from Avon and Somerset Police about avoiding scams.

In November we hold our Annual Meeting, when the new committee is elected. At this meeting we also have Country Markets who bring their homemade food items (jam, chutney, cakes, scones etc as well as craft items) which is a great opportunity to purchase some early Christmas gifts. Payment can be made by card or cash.

Any ladies who would like to come and see what we are about with a view to joining us would be very welcome. We meet at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of the month at Frenchay Village Hall.

More information can be obtained from the secretary, Chris Davies, at

[frenchaywi@gmail.com](mailto:frenchaywi@gmail.com) or on **0117 9568123**



## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2022

### Commencing at 10.30am

|             |   |
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| 6 November  | All Age Worship                                     |
| 13 November | Remembrance Sunday followed by short Holy Communion |
| 20 November | Morning Praise                                      |
| 27 November | Advent Carols followed by short Holy Communion      |

### Commencing at 6.00pm

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|-------------|----------------------|
| 6 November  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 13 November | Evening Prayer       |
| 20 November | Evening Prayer       |
| 27 November | Evening Prayer       |

*It is not compulsory to wear face coverings (masks) in church but please do so if you wish. Sanitisation is still available.*

### First Wednesday of the Month

8.00pm – 9.00pm 'Frenchay Focus' Prayer meeting in the Church

### All Other Wednesdays

8.00pm Prayer Meeting on Zoom

For updated information, please refer to the Church Facebook and website

[www.frenchaychurch.org.uk](http://www.frenchaychurch.org.uk) and notices outside the church, on other notice boards in Frenchay and as kindly included through the Frenchay Residents Association.

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### SPIRE LIGHTING

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### Sunday 27 November: Advent Sunday

10.30a.m. Advent Carols

Our new church year starts today. We look forward to the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, with a service of readings and carols especially for Advent.

Advent hymns include well known ones like O come, O come Emmanuel as well as others sung very infrequently and only for a limited time each year. At this special service we can all join in singing many of them, not just a few

Advance Notice also of December event dates : **04/12** 10.30 am Christingle Service  
**18/12** 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight **24/12** 4.00 pm Crib Service

## This Month's Minister's letter



Do you think of November as the end of autumn or as the start of winter? Perhaps your answer depends on what weather you enjoy, or on memories formed in childhood. Do you perhaps see this November as starting to draw to a close the happenings of 2022, or is it a time of new beginnings, perhaps even a time to 'get ready' for Christmas, make your cake, write some cards?

Unfortunately, when I look at the News or read the papers, I often feel that they are promoting a winter of discontent. Certainly there are problems to be faced - and hopefully resolved - both at home and abroad. Some of them are happening to other people, people who are facing crises of flood, famine or war, or the effects of climate change. Other problems affect many of us. At home we are experiencing rising food prices, higher mortgage costs, and rapidly increasing energy bills for heating some of the least well insulated housing in Europe.

A year ago I wrote that the people of Frenchay had been pulling together, supporting others during the difficult times of Covid. What can we do now? Ours is often perceived to be a well off area yet there are many who will be struggling in the months to come. Jesus led by example, showing compassion and asking people to share their wealth with others. Can we do the same (whatever our beliefs) and look out for those around us who need help, especially those who live alone? Even small kindnesses can make a big difference.

November brings dark evenings. Remembrance Day on 11<sup>th</sup>, and our annual Remembrance Sunday church service at 10.30 on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> this year, are times with sad memories for many. I wonder, though, how different things might be with our new King, Charles III – who is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

This year at the end of the month we celebrate Advent Sunday, the start of the new Christian year, when we look forward to the coming of Jesus. I hope to see many of you at the Community Lunch we will be hosting in church. All are welcome, not just church members.

**Kate Davison**, Lay Minister

## Community Notices for Everyone

### Community Lunch, 27 November

Would you like to have your two-course Sunday Lunch cooked for you? Do you know someone on their own who would like to come with you? Or someone for whom rising costs are making life difficult?

On 27 November Frenchay Parish Church will be hosting a Community Lunch. Space means we have to limit numbers, so the event will be one with tickets. However, there is no fixed price. We hope that those who can afford it will be generous and cover the cost of those can't.

More details later – on the church notice board and by email - but probably at 1.00pm start and a suggested price of £7.50.

Kate Davison kate1.davison@gmail.com

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### Remembrance Sunday Service

13th November at 10.30 am

Adjourning shortly before 11.00 to the memorial on the outer North wall of the Church (*shown to the right*) for a ceremony of remembrance.

**All welcome.**



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### Tear Fund Big Quiz Night

**The Big Quiz Night** is being held at Stapleton Church Hall, 23 Park Road on **19th November, 7.30pm** start. Access to hall from 7.10 pm. It is aimed at being fun and suitable for all ages, with questions that span the generations

Over the last four years, tens of thousands of people have joined in The Big Quiz Night and have raised over £800,000 to support the work of Tear fund, lifting people out of extreme poverty all around the world.

You can book as a team - suggested number 4 -6 or as an individual and be put with others to form a team There is a small car park or parking on the road is available.

Register by emailing Rev Ruth, on [r.harding208@btinternet.com](mailto:r.harding208@btinternet.com) or phoning or texting on 079221 936561 by the latest on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Payment will be up to you in cash or by JustGiving on the night.

There will be soft drinks and tea, coffee, crisps and biscuits available on the night, but you are welcome to bring your own alcoholic/soft drinks and snacks.

## Redrow Community Achievements Recognized in a National Award

Redrow South West are pleased to announce that our development here at Frenchay Park & Gardens has won a “Redrow 8 Award”.

At Redrow we are committed to delivering thriving communities and a better way to live for all our residents. To help us deliver these commitments we have a set of place-making principles to be applied to all of our developments, which we call the Redrow 8. These principles, which are unique to Redrow, were developed through a review of customer surveys and feedback, a literature review of urban design and place-making principles and workshops with our teams

This gave us a list of fundamental principles to deliver the key ingredients of a good place to live: somewhere with a sense of identity; a place that is easy to get around on foot or bike; destinations within the new community or within a short walk or ride; a place where nature is an integral part of the design and is accessible from every home; and a community with a balanced mix of homes.

At a time when there is an increased focus on the quality of the natural environment and on our health and wellbeing, these principles enable us to deliver high quality, beautiful places to live for our customers.



We are delighted that our development in Frenchay has been chosen out of all of our developments nationwide as the development that “best delivers the community with places to go and things to do.” Frenchay has such interconnected community infrastructure, and the development was chosen, as the development and its surrounding open spaces provide opportunities for people to interact and socialise.

We strongly believe that by providing places to go and things to do we create opportunities for social interaction and contribute to a sense of community, and we are so proud that the development here in Frenchay and the amenities we have created and allowed for this to take place, and for our residents to have been able to join such a fantastic and thriving community.

Creating a better way to live by providing high quality homes is an integral part of our culture here at Redrow and our aim is to leave a legacy of attractive, sustainable and beautiful places to live, and we firmly believe Frenchay Park & Gardens is the perfect example of this.



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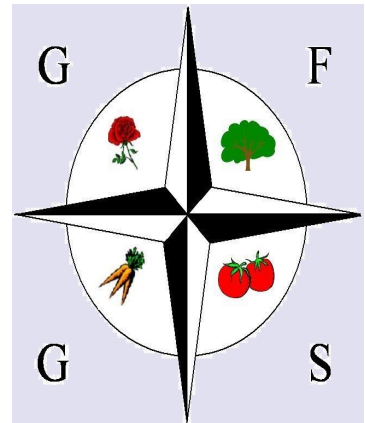
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## **Frenchay and Hambrook Horticultural Society**

*(a member of the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies)*

It was great to see the successful return of the Frenchay Flower Show on The Common in July after a 2 year absence. For many years the Show was run entirely by the Horticultural Society and we continue to support the event which is now run by Frenchay Village CIC in conjunction with the Society.



Our AGM this year was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Following the officer's reports and committee election, the winners of the two prizes reserved for members of the Society for exhibits at the Flower Show were announced with The President's Vase, for the greatest number of points won overall, being awarded to Delma Matthews and The Grower's Trophy, for the greatest number of points in classes 1- 101 being won by Natalia Lloyd. Congratulations to both for a great effort. We then enjoyed a nostalgic short film, shot and edited by Tony Blake, of the 2008 Flower Show which was the last to be held within the hospital grounds . This was followed by an American Supper.

We are a friendly group which, in addition to helping with the Flower Show, meets at monthly intervals to hear interesting speakers on a variety of mainly horticultural subjects followed by a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. If you have a gardening problem or need a bit of advice you are sure to find someone to help. From time to time we also organise day trips for our members to RHS and other notable established gardens.

You do not have to have a garden to be a member of the Society but if you have an interest in gardening or garden visits please contact us and we will make you welcome. We meet at the Friends Meeting House (near the Village Hall on the edge of Frenchay Common) at 7.30 on the first Wednesday of each month from October to May. If you would like to try us out you are welcome to attend our evening meetings as a guest, paying only the £2 meeting fee. To join the Society, please contact our Subscription Secretary Mrs Caroline Newton, 266 New Cheltenham Rd, Kingswood, BS15 4RJ. Email [metromummy@aol.com](mailto:metromummy@aol.com) or speak to her at one of our evening meetings. Membership is £15, due annually in October, with a further £2 payable at each meeting you attend.

At our **next meeting**, which will be on **2<sup>nd</sup> November**, Mandy Bradshaw freelance writer, editor and photographer and winner of PPA Garden Journalist of the Year Award will give a talk entitled '**Beyond the Garden Gate**', her guide to Cotswold gardens, looking around a dozen gardens and the stories behind their creation. We look forward to welcoming some new members.



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## Just Run's Winter Motivation

Do you ever feel lacking in enthusiasm to get outside when the skies are so grey and the wind begins to bite? As we head towards the darker, colder months of the year, sometimes you have to dig a bit deeper to find your motivation to get outside. It's usually worth the effort and the extra layers of clothes.

To begin with, maybe just look for the good and you're sure to find it!



One of our members writes "Today I gave myself a mission to seek out bright red leaves on my run, I was not disappointed. The last of the autumnal leaves' colours looked particularly vibrant against the threatening grey skies on my run route through the local footpaths.

It was a bit windy this morning, I'd already cleared sticks off the cycle track on the ring road and had kicked a few old fallen apples into the hedge as I neared the Bromley Heath roundabout. My guessing is that these ruby-red leaves won't be around on the trees for much longer with the strength of today's wind.

My pace picked up as I had the wind on my back and dropped away completely at the brow of the new bypass in Stoke Gifford, a perfect excuse to change my return route home to Frenchay via the picturesque Hambrook lanes instead of the noisier ring road.

It's good to have a run plan in mind when you head out, it's also good to adapt to the conditions of the day and change your route if needed. Wearing light colours and Hi Visibility clothing is a must as the days darken, and a few additional layers helps you get out of the door.

Getting home before the heavens open is always a good running motivator too!!"

If you're looking for some motivation come along to your local ladies running club.

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## **FRENCHY PRESERVATION SOCIETY (FPS) : full year report - November 2022.**

In my half-year report back in June, I mentioned that there were three topics on the radar which are of great interest to local residents. The current update is as follows:

Hand-over of the Village Green areas – to be known as ‘Frenchay Parklands’; now agreed in principle between North Bristol Trust and Winterbourne Parish Council. A final date - and accompanying celebrations – will depend on the lawyers!

Opening of the new Primary School – this has now been achieved and last month’s FCN contained details of a chance to look round the buildings from 3.45 on 9<sup>th</sup> November. It is obviously very frustrating that the new walking route to school via the ‘hole in the wall’ by Cedar Hall is still to be finished under a separate contract. (Questions have been asked...!)

Further health provision in Frenchay – no actual news, yet, but we have been told by sources at South Glos... to ‘watch this space’...

So, two out of three isn’t such a bad result and there is more information, as ever, in this month’s report by Adrian Collins on behalf of Frenchay Residents Association (FRA). Adrian and I are very conscious of the statistics which indicate that ‘Covid’ and the pandemic are still very much around, leading to thoughts about alternative ways of arranging meetings during the winter season.

Meanwhile, the four ‘Frenchay Members’ on Winterbourne Parish Council, namely Paul Kembery, Charlie Watkins, Adrian Collins and myself have been as busy as ever dealing with various Planning Applications and the detailed work of Finance & General Purposes committee. Two national issues are also on our local radar. The ‘declared’ climate emergency has led to the Parish Council pressing South Glos (as the planning authority) to encourage the highest possible take-up of environmental measures on new housing schemes and major conversions. The cost of living crisis has prompted F&GP to identify more opportunities for various grants & other financial incentives when setting budgets for annual costs associated with maintaining & improving our parish assets.

By the time this piece appears in print, we will be into the last 6 months of our current four-year term (how time flies since May 2019) and feel that some form of ‘get-together’ in Frenchay could be more effective in promoting what we have been doing on your behalf.

Further information will be made available via the FRA data-base in due course.

***Hugh Whatley (Chair – FPS).***

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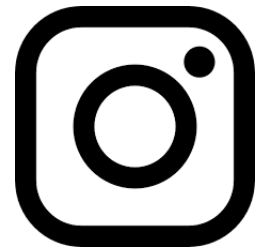
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## Report from The Dings :

What a start to the season! As I reported last month we started the league season with two victories, including the much cherished defeat of Clifton. Following that we moved across the city to play our old friends and adversaries Old Reds in the second local derby. A very hard fought game delivered another win for Dings moving us to the top three. This ended Red's 2 year unbeaten record at Scotland Lane.



Next we welcomed Bournville, from Birmingham, to Shaftesbury Park, another new opponent. This was a 14 try thriller, fully entertaining a large crowd with Dings coming out on top. We then faced what was our biggest challenge to date. A visit to Leicester Lions, top of the table and unbeaten at home in 18 matches, and a side we have never beaten away. Once again it was a really tough but entertaining encounter. Dings demonstrated a tremendous 'team' ethic, with the players giving it everything for one another. We prevailed 19-15, the highlights being an Anton Welling (whose Dad Mike is a Dings legend) try under the posts and an outstanding last ditch tackle by Chris Robery on a Lions player who had crossed the line. Chris tackled him and turned him on his back before he could ground the ball, dislodging the ball in the act, which then rolled dead.

The upshot is that we have won the first five games in a season for the first time in many, many years and also for the first time in the 20 odd years at this level, we are top of the league. Nonetheless we still face more tough games, with a visit from Barnstaple and a trip to the ever difficult Redruth before the end of October.

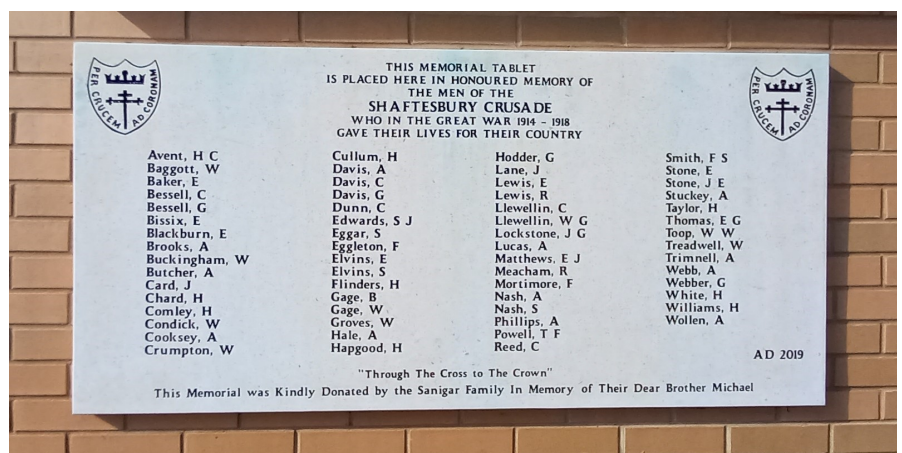
Our Warriors and Knights, (2nds and 3rds) are also off to winning ways in their respective leagues and our Colts are through to the second round of the National Cup. We held our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Marriot, two of our guests being the grand daughters of H.W. Rudge, our founder.

The cafe continues to serve delicious lunches on Wednesday and Thursday and mighty Breakfasts on Friday.

Come along to our home matches a watch some very high quality rugby from YOUR local team.

On the **11th November** we will be holding our annual act of remembrance at the Memorial Plaque (*pictured*) in the car park at Shaftesbury Park. This will start at **10.45** with the Two Minute Silence at **11.00 a.m.**

**All are welcome.**



## Frenchay News November 2022

The outdoor season finished in September, and serious preparations immediately took place to set up the Ground for 2023. As well as the regular 'end of season' works to the Squares, as part of our on-going 'Wickets Improvement Project', specialist Contractors arrived to completely relay three wickets on the Main Square (see photograph). The objective is to upgrade these and increase the number of 'Top Quality' Wickets available for more 'top range' matches that the Club will host in the future. This is the first phase of such improvements, with the intention to repeat the work on another three Wickets in September 2023. The Club is extremely grateful to South



Gloucestershire Council, because this is an expensive operation to carry out, and we were delighted to receive the finance for this through the Section 106 from the Redrow Frenchay Hospital Residential Development.

The success of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in achieving promotion to the West of England Premier League (WEPL) is a really important step in furthering the quality of cricket played. Now we have great news that Frenchay has been invited to join the newly formed WEPL Womens Division. This is a joint initiative by Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire Cricket, to extend and improve the offer at the 'top end' of recreational women's cricket. This will be a super challenge for our young players, a huge advance for the 'pathway' for our girls and women, and a great reflection in how the Club is seen in terms of promoting and developing the female game.

Celebrations continued at the Club with the series of Youth Presentation Evenings, when achievements on and off the field were recognised. And the 'Senior' Presentation Evening is taking place at the excellent venue of Shaftesbury Park, with news of that in the November edition.

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## Gardening in November

Winter may be on the doorstep but there is still delight to be taken from the colours and depth in your garden and outdoor spaces. Trees are amazing things and as they sense a shift in daylight levels, they begin making changes to become more tolerant of cold temperatures. After the ravishes of the summer drought, what leaves are left, should be falling rapidly as the wind and rain increase but relish in the colours that they have and the thought of bursting back to life in spring. It may be a nuisance that you have to rake your lawns but leaf fall not only protects the trees from the effects of wind but also provides an excellent leaf mould. Its formed from decaying leaves and produces an invaluable soil conditioner.

As the weather gets colder pots need feet to keep them out of standing water and to stop the compost freezing in the bottom of the pot. Fleece (or bubble wrap if they are in a less windy area) your tender plants or move them under cover to avoid them becoming sodden but please do look after them with a bit of water when needed. Overwatering is the most common cause of loss of container plants; watering should aim to keep the compost moist, never soggy and avoid alternating dryness and saturation.

Roses in November are usually dormant. There is nothing to do now but reduce the size to help them survive root rock. Winter is regarded as the best season to prune most types of roses but rambling roses should already have been pruned after last flowering. Do not worry about them being exposed to extreme frosty conditions or snow as they are in hibernation and will be unaffected by the weather. If you have outdoor planters standing empty during the winter months, try some evergreen shrubs such as potted topiary using box. Or fill them with winter bedding plants such as ornamental cabbages and winter flowering pansies. Lawns will still need care and attention. Rake when necessary, avoid scarifying and foot traffic but don't be afraid to use the lawn mower on milder days.

Berries on bushes and trees will be a feast for birds; blackbirds and thrushes will become more noticeable searching your lawn for worms. Food and water may start to become in short supply for birds but they will repay you with keeping pests down. Leave food out for birds every day, including supplementary food such as suet and sunflower hearts, and fallen fruit. It's also a good idea to leave seeds on herbaceous plants and shrubs, and don't forget to keep your bird bath topped up and fight off the squirrels!

November can be thought of as the start of the gardening year where traditionally trees and shrubs are planted ready for next year's growth. Treat yourself to something new for your garden.

## Esmé's Article - 'Eternity'

Thank you to those readers who told me that they liked my poem in last month's magazine. That was very kind, so here is another.

Eternity means 'time without end'. It is the same word in French : we share so many important ones ! I remember at a party once, a friend said to me : "An hour at a party goes by in a flash, but in a dentist's chair, it's an eternity! "

The word 'eternal' is the adjective to that noun. Many of us know the popular Hymn 'Eternal Father , strong to save'. What a comforting thought during worrying times !

Here is my poem. Have you written one yet ?

Eternity - a lovely word, yet one we seldom use.

A gentle word, so full of hope, when feelings melt and fuse.

To me, eternity's the sky, blue space without an end,

A place of PEACE and BEAUTY , where sun and rain-clouds blend.

Like life itself it's never clear : things tend to mask the view.

Yet, as with love, that's really deep, bright beams come crashing through.

Eternity, yes I'm for that. Why, who could ask for more?

When love's like that, the joys increase, as pebbles on the shore.

*Esmé*

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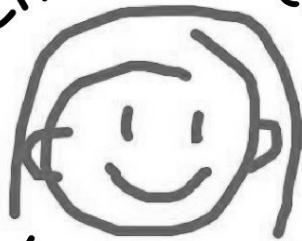
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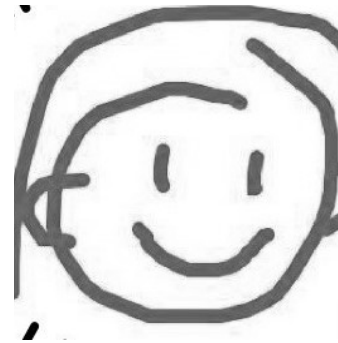
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750g mushrooms roughly chopped, ideally darker varieties such as chestnut or Portobello

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| 1 onion, roughly chopped                               | 2 celery sticks, sliced |
| 1 medium carrot, scrubbed or peeled and finely chopped |                         |
| 3 garlic cloves, thickly sliced                        | 75g plain cashews nuts  |
| 2 bay leaves   | 2 sprigs of thyme       |
| 2 tbsp olive oil                                       | 100ml dry white wine    |
| 800ml hot vegetable stock                              |                         |

Heat oven to 190C or 170C fan. Divide the mushrooms and all the other veg between 2 large roasting trays and then add the garlic, cashews, bay and thyme. Season with salt and pepper and trickle a tablespoon of oil over each tray, toss together and roast for 20mins.

Trickle the wine over the veg, stir, then return to the oven for 20mins, or until the mushrooms are soft and the carrots tender. Discard the bay leaves and thyme.

Scrape half of the veg mixture into a blender. Add half the hot stock and blitz to a smooth soup. Pour into a saucepan and then do the other half. Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed and a splash of hot water if it is too thick. Reheat the soup gently without boiling.

Serve in warmed bowls garnished with freshly chopped parsley, croutons or roasted nuts. And for those who are not vegetarian with a dollop of cream.

### ***The Tidy Cook***

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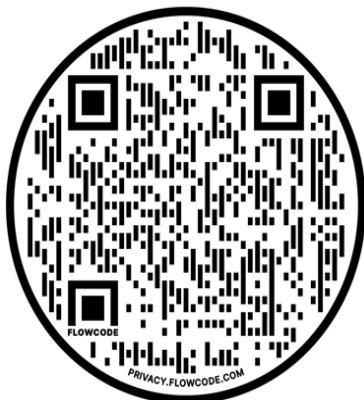
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