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## From the Church Wardens



As most of you will know, at the end of May during the night someone broke into our church in Frant by smashing a window. A few days later Holy Trinity church in Eridge suffered a similar break in when the new stained glass window (right) dedicated last year to the memory of the former Marquis and Marchioness of Abergavenny was smashed.

In Frant church the collecting box by the main door was wrenched off causing considerable damage to the wooden pew to which it was attached. The lock on the vestry door was also prised off, again damaging the door and smashing the lock. Everyone who came into the church on that morning said the same thing, 'Who could do such a thing?' But as the Police woman said, sadly this kind of crime is now common place. However, traumatic as it was, this incident did show me how kind, helpful and considerate most people are.

First, the lady who discovered the break in, spent 45 minutes on the 'phone waiting in a queue of callers to report the incident to the police. The police woman who attended was friendly, sensitive and thorough. She spent a long time asking questions noting evidence and taking photographs, on the chance that it could be linked to someone detained at a later date for a similar crime. The locksmith, who was having a very busy day, found time to come and do whatever repairs he could. By late afternoon, having tried unsuccessfully to find someone to board up the window, I was standing in the vestry wondering what to do and saying a quick prayer, when a young couple came into the church. The young man said "I hear you have a problem with a window". I showed him the problem and he said "I'll do that for you, it'll take me about half an hour".

When I asked him how he'd like paying he said "O no, I don't want paying". As if that wasn't enough, his wife said that while he was doing the window, would I like her to start picking up the books and clearing up the mess. I came back after an hour to find that not only was the window neatly boarded but everything was clean, tidy and where it should be.

I just said "Thank You Lord, that most people are so good". These are just a few acts of everyday kindness and consideration. Our Queen said some very wise words of hope on this subject in a Christmas broadcast several years ago. She said:

"A big stone can cause waves, but even the smallest pebble changes the whole pattern of the water. Our daily actions are like those ripples, each one makes a difference, even the smallest. It does matter therefore what each individual does each day. Kindness, sympathy, consideration and courteous behaviour are infectious, and the combined effect can be enormous. If enough grains of sand are dropped into one side of a pair of scales, they will in the end, tip it against a lump of lead. We may feel powerless alone, but the joint efforts of individuals can defeat the evils of our time. Together they can create a stable, free and considerate society".

In our Parish of Frant and Eridge, I know that we do see this happening, let's make sure it happens even more and keeps happening. One last thought, we shouldn't forget the person(s) whose actions caused us so much trouble and anxiety. I think it must makes us all sad that it may be a young person who has made some terrible choices in a short life and has not been shown the right path. So we should also hope and pray for that person(s) that he/she will one day, somehow be shown a better way.



**Encounter**  
» Meets every Friday, 7pm-9pm (for secondary school age young people). Includes a meal, games, Bible study and worship!

**Encounter IN Worship**

The Story so far...  
It was one evening when it finally clicked. The young people who come to the Encounter youth group all love music, love God and have similar music tastes, and, of course, are musical. One thing was to be done... Create a youth worship band!  
Ever since, the band has been going from strength to strength. The initial aim was for the band to play in Church services every few months. They played their first song (Oceans by Hillsong United) and soon discovered their flow.  
They have since played at The Packman's leaving party and the Summer Fair on 30th June. They take modern worship songs and put their own spin on it.  
They have also had the incredible opportunity to have a private musical workshop by the world-famous worship leader Graham Kendrick (pictured).

If you don't know who he is, think of the one who wrote the classic 'Shine Jesus Shine' and you'll be along the right track.  
The next aim of the band is to create a worship CD in time for Christmas. So watch this space!

**Community Action**

Some of the group joined Youth for Christ in the Easter holidays for a project called THE NOISE.  
This is national project which groups of young people physically take part in helping the community in any way they can. They spend the week clearing up rubbish in parks, cleaning areas of Tunbridge Wells, tending people's gardens, and any other helpful action that would help the community.  
This has clearly had an effect of our young people as, when asked for feedback in how to make our young people's work better, they asked if we could do something similar in Frant!  
Therefore, we are now looking at developing a community work branch which may include a community family fun day & BBQ and community action projects.  
**So watch out for encounter!**

**News from the Pews**

The weather was the only dismal thing about 12th May, in all other respects the day was bright and very happy when our Parish Nurse, Caroline Thomson married Adam Creedy Smith.  
The next day, 13th May about 40 people sat in the Gingell's barn at Earlye Farm for our annual Church on the Farm service. After the service we all ate our picnic lunch in the Farmhouse garden which is always fun.  
The 'Big Band' concert on 18th May once again brought people flocking to St Alban's to hear Pete Cater and his (very) Big Band!  
At the end of May both churches very much enjoyed a visit from of our Bishop, Richard Jackson. Apart from leading a very uplifting and it has to be said entertaining service, he gave a new look to the traditional 'Bishop' image, and his street cred was much enhanced when he arrived on his Harley Davidson motor bike!  
The Archdeacon of Hastings, Edward Dowler, also visited both churches. He didn't arrive on a motor bike, but he did give us some good advice on choosing our next Rector, which was gratefully received.  
There were no baptisms in May and June, but we held a lovely act of blessing and thanksgiving for Jesse Pascoe as part of the Family Service on 3rd June. This was followed by coffee and cake in the Stables, always a popular way to end to the service.  
Later on the same day, a chamber concert by 'The Lyric Quintet' was given in Church. It was a treat to hear the well known Schubert quintet in C played by five local professional musicians.  
At the time of writing, we're still looking forward to the John Williams concert on 22nd June. As always a very popular concert, which was sold out very quickly.  
Sadly, three parishioners passed away during May and June and funeral services were held for James Adams, George Adams and Kit Rigg.  
As most people will now know, St Alban's church was broken in to during the night of 31st May which was disturbing and unpleasant. A few days later St Thomas church in Groombridge was broken in to and the day after that Holy Trinity church Eridge also suffered a break in.

# 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 July/August 2018**

9:30am	Family Service	1st July	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	8th July	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	15th July	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	22nd July	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion	29th July	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Family Service	5th August	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9.30am	Communion	12th August	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Communion	19th August	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Joint Communion	26th August	No morning service	
			Evensong	6:00pm
There is a Sunday Club for 0-14 year olds at Frant when it isn't a family service—all welcome!				
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### Frant Nursery School

It has been a busy few months at the nursery, we visited Blackberry Farm for our yearly outing where the children got to hold some small animals, go on a tractor ride and have a picnic lunch. We set some butterflies free which we watched change from caterpillars to cocoons and we also with great anticipation watched our tadpoles become frogs!

We are now gearing up for our summer concert and sports day, both of which will be held in July. Come the end of term there will be 11 children leaving us to go onto 'big' school and it is always with a sense of pride (and sadness) that we send them off for their next steps. We aim to prepare them with the skills they need to make this step and the children really enjoy their dedicated sessions (Rising 5's) twice a week where they are able to play with older toys and board games. All of our children are heading off to the same school this year and we wish them well.

If you would like further information on Frant Nursery School please contact Shelley Holdsworth on 01892 890961.

### Frant School News

Frant School has been a hive of activity so far this Summer Term. Alongside the usual academic learning we have had many children involved in various sporting activities and have more to come over the coming weeks. In one week we have three tournaments! We have teams representing the school in cricket, rugby and cricket. It's great to see the children enjoying the competitions. The children always play well and are a credit to the school.

Oak class are working very hard on a production of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat. From what we have heard so far rehearsal are going well and it should be a great performance.

We had a very enjoyable Parish lunch on Wednesday 13th June and are pleased so many of you were able to join us. And on Friday 15th June we had a very busy Father's day breakfast organised by the PTFA took place in the school hall. There was a lovely atmosphere with over 80 people attending. Over £200 was raised in aid of school funds. It is always lovely to be able to hold such events and welcome people in to the school.

As we approach the end of the school year there is still plenty to look forward to: we have our Sports Day in July,



followed by the PTFA Summer BBQ and of course our Key Stage 2 production of 'Joseph.

### What's in a name?

This is the parish of Frant with Eridge. "Frant" means "place of the fern", but what is the origin of the place name "Eridge"? It is I think now commonly accepted that it is derived from two Old English words: "erne" meaning "eagle" and "hrycg" meaning "ridge" – in other words "the ridge of the eagles".

Seven or eight years ago a white-tailed eagle was spotted in Sussex, the first eagle seen in the county for 50 years. But that was near Pulborough. It must be a very long time since one was seen in Eridge. Crows are seen in Crowborough, and probably hawks in Hawkhurst, but no longer eagles in Eridge.

What, however, about the other part of the name? Where is the ridge – in the dictionary defined as a "long narrow hilltop"? Holy Trinity Church in Eridge certainly stands on high ground between Tunbridge Wells and Crowborough but nothing that fits the dictionary definition of a ridge.

In fact the Old English word "hrycg" also means "back of a man or beast". This fits better with the topography of Eridge: not a long narrow ridge, but a broad stretch of high ground.

And while reflecting on names....

"Unless a man understands the Weald, he cannot write about the beginnings of England." The High Weald – an area of outstanding beauty – has its own website ([www.highweald.org](http://www.highweald.org)), from which that quotation by Hilaire Belloc was taken. Belloc grew up in what is now West Sussex. His passion for our county appeared in several of his works, including "The Four Men: a Farrago", which describes a long walk across Sussex from Robertsbridge to Harting.

What however is the origin of the name "Weald"? It is another old English word, meaning "forest". For many centuries the High Weald was indeed an immense and virtually impenetrable forest spreading across Kent, Sussex and Surrey known as "Andredsweald", a name deriving from "Anderitum", a Saxon shore fort near Pevensey during the time of the Roman occupation of Britain. According to the Anglo Saxon Chronicle, this forest stretched westwards from Pevensey for some 120 miles, and was some thirty miles broad. Within it were a small number of clearings: in the Domesday Book seven are mentioned, among them Ifield, Sheffield, Hartfield, Maresfield and Rotherfield.

Although the clearings have become ever greater, it is still possible to see around us the remains of this great forest.

—Edmund Waterhouse



### Parish Council

#### » The 2018 Annual Assembly

In May we held our Annual Assembly in the Memorial Hall. This is an annual event where the Parish Council talks about what it has been up to in the last year, and about the year ahead.

The Chairman, William Rutherford, opened the meeting by publicly thank three councillors who stood down this year, Carmel Kinley, David Wright and Sue Hutchings. He said, “They all brought knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the council and I am very grateful for all their help and support”. He also welcomed our two new councillors, Sue Wallis and Debbie Park, who are already throwing themselves into the work of the parish council. William also thanked our clerk, Rosie, “Her hard work since she joined eighteen months ago is transforming the professionalism with which the parish council carries out its activities.”

The Chairman talked about how the Parish Council manages its assets

and explained that it has started a rolling programme of repairing the Fingerposts (the white wooden signs you will see around the area), with three being refurbished in 2017 and another two planned in 2018. The parish is also having the Eridge sign repaired, and it should be re-erected soon. He reported that the Halls in Bells Yew Green had been extensively refurbished by BCM an engineering company that has been based at Frant Station for several months. BCM did the work for free as a contribution to the community and the whole meeting wanted to pass of their thanks to BCM for their generous support.

The Annual Assembly also hear a presentation from the environmentalist who had been employed to recommend an environmentally friendly management scheme for the Green in Frant. The acid grassland that constitutes most of the village green is a comparatively rare habitat in East Sussex now, and we are very lucky

that such a large area has remained undisturbed. The Parish Council and the Friends of the Green are excited about this project, but it will be carefully monitored over the next few months to ensure that it develops as expected and that the community remains supportive. The plan met with universal support from the meeting.

#### A Village Green for Eridge

The other subject covered at the Annual Assembly was an exciting proposal for Eridge. The Parish Council have been exploring the possibility of creating a small “centenary” village green area on a piece of farmland at the back of Eridge Church and adjacent to Warren Farm Lane,

The owners of the land, the daughters of the late Marquess, John Abergavenny, have reacted positively to the suggestion, and both the Parish Council and the owners of the land are keen for the area to be a recreational space for the village and also to mark the 100th anniversary

of the end of World War 1 and to remember those who lost their lives in WW1 and WW11 including Rupert Nevill who died in 1918.

The Parish Council would like to hear from local residents – their thoughts and ideas for the green.

—Cllr William Rutherford

### Frant Open Spaces

I would like to start by apologising for the messy and muddled start to the cutting year on Frant Green. It has been enormously hard to get the work carried out, as we would like, when we would like in this first few months. There are still, as I write this, various issues that need correcting around footpaths and safety issues on corners for car vision. Hopefully by the time you are reading things will be fully resolved and The Green and the amenity areas will be properly cut as we hope it will be for the future.

The longer areas are developing into a rich and varied habitat. Those areas will need managing to suit each habitat in the future, so the work is still developing. The good news is that the ecologist can confirm we have 1.5 hectares of rare acid high weald grassland. There are only 200 hectares of this in Sussex as a whole. This habitat has been identified as being among the most threatened and requiring conservation under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. There has also been a sighting of a wild orchid on The Green.

The Friends group carried out a car trespass and erosion audit earlier this spring that we took to the Parish Council. We were delighted that they took this very seriously and have agreed to get professional traffic management companies to look at this problem Parish wide and offer solutions to mitigate car and lorry damage in the future.

The Friends committee are planning some improvements of sustainable management around The Victoria and Albert Wells. You may already notice an improvement. If not keep an eye out.

—Jan Steadman

### Frant Memorial Hall

In the last edition of The Parish News the article on the Memorial Hall gave a comprehensive picture of the wide range of activities currently happening in the hall. There is little doubt that it is a popular and much loved venue not just in the village but

well beyond. As most readers will be aware the hall is run by volunteers but as in the majority of small communities it is getting more and more difficult to find them. This is an especially pressing issue right now due to the fact that several long standing committee members will be retiring in July.

After over thirty years on the committee firstly as chairman and then as a trustee David Addey is retiring, Ali Brown who has been a member of the committee for six years is also stepping down as is Phillip Goodwin who has been chairman for the past nine and a half years. Sandra McDonald, who the current bookings secretary, is also having to reluctantly retire due to ill health. A sea change I think readers will agree!

There are still three committee members and two trustees and Ben and Zack from the shop have been appointed as day to day contacts/ caretakers. A new web based booking system is being introduced and existing users have been written to asking for committee volunteers. So things are being put in place but we still need a few volunteers from the community to fill the roles of secretary (taking the minutes of the meeting typically four a year) and a » long stop » bookings secretary as back up to the new system amongst other things.

If you are interested in getting involved in the hall please contact Brian Gill (01892 750266 ) who would be delighted to hear from you.

—Phillip Goodwin

### News from Friends of Bells Yew Green

Firstly, a very big welcome to Katie and Digby, who have taken on our very own Brecknock Arms. We were sad to see Sally and David depart, but wish them and Digby and Katie all the very best. The new chef is in place and the menu has just been published - take a look! [www.brecknockarms.com/menu](http://www.brecknockarms.com/menu) Sunday 2nd September there's a Community Barbecue at the Village Hall, hopefully with a bouncy castle (work in progress - anyone know of a good supplier?). Come one and all - a big welcome extended to our neighbours in Little Bayham.

Friends of Bells Yew Green are aiming to get “on the map”, so to speak! We have a committee, a constitution and



a bank account up and running! All we need now is you, your neighbours and friends! We have a fantastic little community - as evidenced by the turnout for our lovely Afternoon Tea in March. Let us have your ideas - we have some up our sleeve but would love to hear from you with yours!

### Bells Yew Green Short Mat Bowls

Come and Join us for Fun and Friendship. You are cordially invited, on a Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm, to join us at Bells Yew Green Village Hall for a fun and friendly game of short mat bowls. Spare bowls are available and we are really happy to help learners. All you need is a pair of trainers or flat sole shoes. It's only £1.20 per session which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

All ages are most welcome and there's free parking, so we look forward to meeting you soon! Any questions, please contact me. Sue Baker, 01892 668533

### Barbeque in Bells Yew Green

“Save the date! Sunday, 2nd september, for a community barbecue at Bells Yew Green village hall. 12 Noon until 4 pm.

Following the success of the lovely gathering for Afternoon Tea earlier in the year, let's meet again, this time for a delicious barbecue! It's just before the children go back to school so everyone should be back from holidays, hopefully!

Vegetarian, Gluten Free and Dairy Free options will be available.

More info nearer the time! Keep in touch via Facebook by signing up to: “Friends of Bells Yew Green” and “Bells Yew Green Village Group”.

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**Frant Bowls Club**

The outdoor bowls season is now well under way and we have been able to play all of our scheduled games despite its very cold and wet start. We have had some success too. Of the 15 matches played we have been able to record 12 wins and only three defeats. Thankfully it was only a matter of time before the weather improved and the last few weeks have been glorious and ideal conditions for bowling. We are really very fortunate to be able to play a game we love in such a beautiful setting.

On the 20th May we gathered on the green to play in the Brian Potter Cup, which is a drawn pairs competition played in memory of our former member, Brian Potter. Brian was a true stalwart of the bowls and cricket clubs and a

good servant of the village through his practical support for the Memorial Hall. We were blessed with a good day's weather and following a shared lunch and a closely fought final we were pleased to congratulate the winners, Audrey Hall and Jeff Holloway with commiserations to Helen Taylor-Restell and Michael Freestone, the runners-up. During the latter stages of the competition four unexpected Belgian tourists arrived to spend an hour or so with us during which we gave them an understanding of the game. A few days later I was very surprised and grateful to receive from them a very nice email expressing their thanks.

One of the sad things to report is that due to a lack of members at some clubs their very existence is under threat. In

recent years a number have folded, many to the detriment of their communities, and we know of several more local clubs that are struggling to survive. We try and support them whenever we can, for example by allowing them to play both their home and away fixtures on our green when they are unable to maintain their own. Although our survival is not in doubt it is a fact that like many clubs our membership is falling. So I make no apology when I ask that if you would like to learn to play this fun game outdoors and in the process have some exercise then please support us. We are a friendly bunch and throughout the summer months we can be found on the green on Tuesdays from 4.30pm when we would be very pleased to welcome you. We can provide all the equipment and coaching »

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I would like to end with a reminder that our re-arranged Race Night in the Memorial Hall is being held on Saturday 14 July. The doors open at 6pm for the first race at 7pm. This is a fun evening and there are still a few tickets available at a cost of £9 per head which does of course include a fish and chip supper. If you would like to join us then tickets can be obtained from Chris Hall on 01892 652483.

### Over 40's Football comes to Frant

On Sunday May 10th on the field behind the school usually reserved for bonfires, 16 local men fought back the hands of time and played the first football match there for over 10 years. What was different about this game against a very sporting Langton Green team, was that the players from both sides were all over the age of 40. It mattered not that Frant F.C. gallantly lost 6-0 because this score line didn't reflect the competitiveness of the game itself. What mattered was that the game happened at all after only one solitary person turned up to the

initial launch meeting back in February, and large numbers of stubborn moles have looked to terrorise the immaculate playing surface. However, a handful of undeterred local individuals, bonded by a late night promise in the pub have worked hard on renovating the pitch to a playable standard after years of disuse. They sourced kit, press-ganged players, organised training sessions and eventually saw the promise through to fruition.

A good local crowd swelled by youngsters, families and a dog, saw the veterans of Frant parish put their aching bodies on the line, hitting the oppositions post twice in a thrilling 2nd half siege on the Langton goal. Our next home match is on Sunday 10th June at 10am against a Rotherfield team who look good on paper but can be beaten on grass. The aim is to play only 4 friendly games per year (Two matches in Spring, two in Autumn) against hand-picked opposition.

Looking for sporting mediocrity? Tired of not being recognised in the village? - The club is looking for players and volunteers to help with administration and ideas. If you would like to know more please message Will Patrick on 07884 187 871

### Parish Past

It will come as a surprise to many that the first recorded headmaster of Frant School proved to be a rogue and a thief. Adam Jacob was not only headmaster, but churchwarden and overseer of the poor, and in 1826 at an open parish meeting a leading resident, General Beatson, accused Jacob of defrauding the poor on a grand scale. The relief system then was wide open to abuse as, in an age without paper bags, the poor were often paid in handfuls of grubby flour which they then needed somehow to exchange for other essentials. Beatson also accused Jacob of being in league with the flour suppliers thus providing additional rakeoffs for both, and of spending poor relief on himself. Since a bill exists from 1815 showing Jacob and another overseer, Joseph Newington, spending no less than £11.11p of poor money on a single dinner, lodging and drinks for themselves, Beatson had a case. A weekly wage for an unskilled labourer then would have been roughly 5 or 6 shillings a week (about 35p in modern money but prices were very different). Jacob furiously refuted the allegations, backed by Daniel Rowlands the Eridge agent, who had appointed him and disliked

having his judgement questioned. A violent row followed and the meeting broke up in general disorder but Beatson was not easily defeated and insisted on his right as a ratepayer to examine the relief accounts. After studying these he published a pamphlet at his own expense detailing discrepancies amounting to £804 over five years, when the average annual parish expenditure was £1168 - a sum which incidentally shows the scale of rural poverty at the time. Beatson also denounced the whole system of paying the poor in flour and the practice does seem to have ended in Frant shortly afterwards. Jacob apparently made no public denial and soon resigned as churchwarden and, so far as can be established, overseer of the poor. He remained headmaster of the school however, about which more next time.

—Pat Wright

### Frant Parish Friendship Group

Our last meeting before our summer break in April was also our AGM when we reviewed the past year and look forward to the new season. However first of all we had an excellent speaker in Andy Macdonald-Brown - who had been on a scientific expedition to the Indian Ocean off of Zanzibar where he was diving with whale sharks; an endangered species. These gentle giants live very secretive lives and the purpose of the expedition was to discover more about their general habits etc.

They feed totally on vast amounts of plankton and creel and have no predators apart from the worst predator of all mankind! It was a very enlightening talk and Andy promised to return next season with more of his travels.

After tea and cakes we then got down to the business of the AGM - the Group has now been going for 8 years in which time we have had a variety of wonderful speakers, many happy outings and of course very entertaining Christmas Lunches. Our exercise classes have kept us all fit and the Knit and Natter Group have produced vast quantities of knitwear for charity. Our financial position is very solid and more theatre and outdoor outings are planned for the Summer and Autumn. Sadly Trudi Godfrey our long time Administrator is standing down after 8 years. She will be greatly missed - her enthusiasm and ability to get things done have been an invaluable asset to the Group.

She has promised to still come to meetings, make cakes and generally help out but would be handing the reins of leadership on to Gill Barnes. Our Chairman, Brian Gill, thanked Trudi for all her hard work and presented her with a garden token and flowers from us all in appreciation.

We will resume our Meetings and Keep Fit Classes again in September, in the stables, and are always pleased to welcome new members. Contact Valerie Palmer 750559

### Beyond the Lemonades

*A tribute to Sally & Dave by Bob Bevan*

*There was a couple called Fawcett  
Who had a marriage quite serene  
And they lived their life round Tunbridge Wells  
'til they moved to Bells Yew Green*

*Beyond The Barricades success  
Clearly had unfurled  
Its local popularity  
Was now spreading round the world*

*Its front man was Dave Fawcett  
With a voice so loud and clear  
Lubricated in the pub opposite  
By Harveys award-winning beer*

*And so it came to pass  
They took over their local pub  
And ran it so fantastically  
It became the village club*

*They'd never run a pub before  
But did far better than you would think  
Though Dave was disappointed  
To find JLO was just an orange drink*

*They had welcoming open fires  
Cut a car park tree down for logs  
And moved in with their three kids  
Plus two very noisy dogs*

*Sally carried on teaching dance  
Both slow and supersonic  
But came back home each evening  
To serve the gin and tonic*

*Dave was up and down the country  
Coming home asleep in the back of a car  
But when the Sunday Club turned up at noon  
He'd be there, behind the bar*

*They had a variety of chefs  
Black, white and unreliable*

*They must have thought many times  
Serving food just wasn't viable*

*But they never let us down  
Their standards never slipped  
BYG became legendary  
For famous fish and potatoes chipped*

*The paid staff were always lovely  
But when they ran out of quids  
There was Scarlett, Antonia and Taylor  
Aka the talented emergency kids*

*Cribbage and darts tournaments  
Were played to a fierce decider  
As the landlord hailed the winners  
With a pint of cloudy cider*

*Occasionally Dave would go to sleep  
His batteries to recharge  
Leaving Sally to dish out the wine  
"Small, medium or large?"*

*We knew it couldn't last for ever  
Although we did try to pretend  
But people like me who've lived this long  
Know all good things must end*

*Laura and I are awfully sad  
We won't be there to see them depart  
But we leave behind our sincerest thanks  
For giving BYG its heart*

*As they leave there will be only tears  
No bunting, no parades  
As they put their feet up in Mark Cross  
A new life, Beyond The Lemonades*

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### » Sunday, 2nd September

Bells Yew Green BBQ, Bells Yew Green Village Hall. 12 noon until 4pm.

## Useful contacts

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## 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).

## Council contacts

### Chairman

William Rutherford: 752254

### Frant Ward

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Debbie Park: 319906  
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### Parish Council meetings

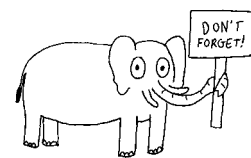
Full PC meetings are held at 7.30pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Planning meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

### Police Contact Details:

To report a crime or incident dial 101  
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