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Saxonbury Lodge, Frant; from a watercolour dated c.1820

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From the Church Wardens



THE RAT RACE - what an awful expression, where does it come from? Some members of the animal kingdom e.g. ants, termites and bees cooperate with each other and work as a team dividing the labour in a social group with no competition. There are also animals which don't belong to social groups and are so concerned about themselves that they'll attack their own species. The rat is prominent in this category. So 'Rat Race' is a term describing the intense competitive struggle to keep one's position in work or in life. It can also be described as 'the law of the jungle', or as Charles Darwin described it 'the survival of the fittest'. Both compare and equate us with the less attractive attributes of the animal kingdom. Sadly it remains true that all too often hard work and endeavour is driven by the craving to outshine or not to be outshone. Selfish ambition results in the competitive behaviour which we see notably in sports and games. The motto of the ancient Olympic Games 'value the game and not the laurels' (the prize), is rarely evident in any sporting event, the motivation now appears to be somewhat different. We also see these characteristics in politics, business, even league tables in schools and in what is supposed to be friendly rivalry. The desire to win doesn't always bring out the best - have you ever been to a Quiz Night? If unhealthy, ruthless ambition and rivalry are bad, what about the 'drop out'? We're not talking about 'The Good Life' here, hard work and self sufficiency, but the person who claims to despise

the Rat Race while he's actually the one who can't be bothered; his attitude is one of complacency and idleness, no cares, no responsibility, 'let the state keep me'. That way of life is equally destructive and meaningless. Having considered two extreme ways of life, neither of which brings lasting fulfilment, what ought we to be aiming for in our short lives on this earth? The Bible actually provides sound advice. It tells us that wealth is not our entitlement, it is God's gift. The hapless Old Testament character, Job, says from experience "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away". If we suddenly had all of our material possessions taken away, what kind of people would we be? There are people like us today all over Europe who, through no fault of their own are now refugees with nothing. They probably had a life plan and ambition which didn't include relying on the charity of others. Their plight demonstrates exactly what the Bible teaches us, earthly possessions are transient, temporary and fragile. Heavenly treasures which can be invested in and stored on earth, and sent on ahead, are moth proof, rust proof, burglar proof and indestructible, they last for ever. The final word on this from the wisdom of Solomon. "When God gives any man wealth and possessions and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work - this is a gift from God". So a good new year's resolution for 2019 might be, let's be grateful and contented. A happy, blessed and peaceful New Year from the wardens.

Christmas Table Decoration Workshop

On the first Monday in December, The Stables were filled with seasonal greenery, the sound of Christmas music and the smell of mulled punch, to welcome ladies for what has become an annual Christmas Workshop. This year, with the expert help and advice from local florist, Helen Marshall, table centrepieces were created. Helen started off the Workshop with a demonstration of how to construct the framework, and then throughout the morning provided suggestions and help for building the display to personal preferences.

Mid-morning a break was taken for coffee and mince pies, and we heard a personal message from our guest Janine Bending making us all think about the real magic of Christmas, where you don't need to worry about the "naughty and nice" list, to receive the most precious gift of all which is given freely to everyone. By mid-day we were all agreed that we had managed to produce some impressive creations. The event, and the raffle, raised much needed funds for the Women's Refuge. Thank you to everyone who helped, participated and donated.



News From The Pews

On 11th November, as well as the usual Services of Remembrance in our churches, a short Act of Remembrance was held at the Memorial Hall in which members of the Church, the Parish Council, the British Legion and the children from Frant School took part. The school choir sang the special hymn "Hope for the world's despair". About fifty people, including children attended and afterwards we enjoyed tea, cake and a chat in the hall.

On Advent Sunday (2nd December), we joined the Eridge congregation for their morning Advent Service. In the afternoon, the Christmas tree was lit up and the church was floodlit for the Christingle Service which launched the Christmas season in a blaze of light.

On 9th December, as in previous years, Kent Chorus gave a concert of Christmas music in church. The church was full for a wonderful evening of music and audience participation. It also gave a welcome boost of over £800 to our bank balance.

In November, almost 300 people crammed into the church on the very sad occasion of the funeral of Katie Sutton, a young wife, mother and an active member of the community. The service, which was led by James Packman, was a lovely reflection of the life and lively character of this popular young lady.

Also in November, the ashes of Hans van Screven were buried in St Alban's churchyard and in December, the ashes of John Skinner were buried in his parents' grave in St Alban's churchyard.

Finally, we must again express our gratitude to all the clergy, including our Archdeacon the Venerable Edward Dowler, and the Lay Readers who have continued to help us during the ongoing vacancy.



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 January/February 2019

9:30am	Family Service	6th January	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion	13th January	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Communion	20th January	Communion	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	27th January	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Family Service	3rd February	Traditional Communion	8:00am
			Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	10th February	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	17th February	Morning Prayer	11:15am
9:30am	Communion	24th February	Communion	11:15am

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

*During the vacancy the order of services may be subject to change
Please check the church websites for up-to-date information*

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Frant School News

Well, here we are a few days from breaking up for Christmas. We have had a very packed term here at school. Here are some of our highlights.

Our school choir, run by Mrs Davey, goes from strength to strength – at the Frant Christmas Fair recently there were about 20 children from our KS2 classes singing for the village. I was very proud to stand there and listen to them make the Fair very festive. They have been singing at various venues locally raising money for charity and brightening up people's days.

On the sporting front, we have taken part in many tournaments and events, thanks to the commitment and support of our PE teacher, Mrs Douch. The children always represent the school exceedingly well, taking part with enthusiasm, showing good teamwork and encouraging each other.

Our PTFA have supported the school so well this term. We held a fantastic Bonfire Event in November, which raised a lot of money for school. Thanks to the PTFA we have a set of class ipads for all children in across the school to use. A donation was also given to school to enable us to book a visiting pantomime last week which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Our annual Christmas disco took place on Friday 14th December. Thank you as always to our hard working PTFA.

As I write this, the children are getting very excited about the KS1/Reception Nativity play that will take place in the church and the KS2 Carol Concert that will take place next week. They are always wonderful events.

We say goodbye to Mrs Snelling next week and wish her well as she goes on maternity leave – she is expecting twins in the new year. Mrs Kellam, Teaching Assistant, also leaves us next week. Again, we wish her all the best.

It was with great sadness that Katie Sutton, our school secretary, passed away after a short illness. Katie was an extremely valued member of our school community. She gave so much to school life, both as school secretary but also as a very active member of our PTFA. Her smiling and ever positive outlook is sorely missed around school.

If you have any questions about school life please feel free to call us or pop in for a visit. You are always welcome. On behalf of the school I would like to

wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas with family and friends.

—Mrs Joanna Challis, Head of School

Frant Nursery School

We ended the year having lots of fun celebrating Halloween by carving a pumpkin and for Bonfire Night we made the Guy for the Primary School Fireworks display. The children decorated cakes in aid of Children in Need raising £30.

We've been busy getting ready for our Christmas Concert and Party and a very special visit from Father Christmas! The children all made cards and other Christmas crafts to take home to their families at the end of term.

We have lots of Fundraising events planned for 2019 kicking off with our annual Quiz Night on 1st February, which is always a fun night!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters in the New Year. Places are available for 2019 - for any enquiries or if you wish to view the Nursery please contact Shelley Holdsworth on 01892 890961

Our Parish Nurse

Our Parish Nurse, Caroline Creedy Smith, has stepped down from this role and it is not intended to replace her. We are very grateful for the work that Caroline carried out in the Parish during her time.

Caroline (pictured) was funded by donation and there is a substantial amount remaining in the fund. The PCC proposes to transfer this money into the fund to support our Youth and Children's Worker. We trust that this will be acceptable to everyone who donated.



Frant Parish Friendship Group

The subject of our October meeting was 'Saving Energy'. Justin Bailey from Wealden gave a very interesting talk on how with help from him members could be making considerable monetary savings on their energy bills. The service he was offering consisted of a home visit an assessment of the customer's needs and then finding the best market deal. In the present climate this was very welcome news.

For our November meeting our very own historian Pat Wright gave a talk with slides on various works of art and architecture through the centuries, particularly showing the amazing skills of the artisans who created them. Although many of these object were commissioned by the great and the good it was the skill of the artist, mason, metalworker, carver etc that brought these to life.

On 27th November members visited Burrswood at Groombridge where the head Physiotherapist gave a short talk on the benefits of Hydrotherapy and how it keeps older people mobile. Burrswood is a beautiful place to visit and members enjoyed a light lunch in the café and browsed the shop for Christmas gifts.

Les Wilcox our local Chiropodist is retiring and has asked us to pass on the following message to all his clients: "Changes to Foot Health Services in the BYG Village Hall.

It is with deep regret to inform you that I am having to give up the service in the village and retire due to family reasons. I have found a new practitioner who has kindly agreed to continue the service called Kay Bowles 07792 641299.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your kindness and support over the past few years. It has been a great pleasure working with you all. Kindest regards, Les Wilcox MCFHP MAFHP

We will be starting the New Year with our Young at Heart exercise classes beginning on the 3rd January and our first meeting will be on January 24th at 2pm in the Stables when our speaker will be Terry Mucklestone. The February meeting will be on the 28th February when our speaker will be Mick Flynn and the subject ' Kentish Seasonal Customs'. New members always welcome.

Happy New Year To One And All.
 Enquiries Gill Barnes 752232 Valerie Palmer 750559



Parish Council News

There has been a rash of planning applications recently for the Parish Council to comment on. This is always a difficult debate with the conflicts of needing more houses but also trying to preserve our villages and our AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) status. In addition I think all of us in the Parish would agree that the pressure on our roads is becoming more stressful. Our minor country roads were not designed for the volume of traffic, especially vans, which now use them. Of course it is so convenient to buy things through the internet which arrive in er... vans!

It is always good to have local residents attend Parish Council meetings to express views and their concerns. The Parish Council can tell when there is a potentially contentious planning application as suddenly lots more seats are required! The discussions are always constructive and positive and help considerably in coming to an objective opinion.

We currently have vacancies for Councillors in Frant and Eridge Wards. You may not be able to change the world but at least your voice has a better chance of being heard and you can influence local decisions and make a positive impact on our community. I urge you to give it a try, you've got nothing to lose and a lot to gain, and the demands on your time are not onerous. If you are not sure but would like to know more speak to

Rosie (our ace Clerk) and/or better still attend a meeting. To give you a flavour of the sort of impact you can have on our Community, early next year the Parish Council will be discussing how to protect our Greens, enhancing and preserving them for future generations. When you think about it, what would our villages look like without them? My guess is a car park! It is imperative that they remain valued and protected.

We wish you all a peaceful 2019.

Parish News Contributions

Thank you to all of our contributors over the past 12 months. We endeavour to vary the content as much as possible and so always welcome one-off articles as well as regular updates from the local schools, societies and charities. Whilst some societies are just outside the Parish, their information is included as they are well supported by many residents and provide an important update as to what is going on.

Please do drop me a line if you have anything you wish to contribute or any comments/ suggestions for future editions. (carmel.kinley@gmail.com)

A huge thanks must go to Jonathan Christie who designs the magazine each time, turning a plain word document I send to him each time in to the well laid out finished edition that comes through your door. Susan Piccioni works very hard each year to co-ordinate the advertising and Colin Webb, a Bells Yew

Green resident who runs LR Online Print Services, puts it all together and delivers the boxes of magazines to Frant for distribution.

Finally, the magazines wouldn't be much good sitting in boxes so thank you again to all of those volunteers to put them through residents' doors. Great team effort.

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The Arts Society, Ashdown Forest

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» Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera: The Golden Age of Mexican Painting. 10th January at 2pm

Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera have iconic status in Mexico. Rivera's intricate visual narratives, rich with allegory and symbolism, adorn the walls of public buildings. Inspired by Aztec and Maya imagery, and by early Italian fresco painting, his vast murals combine social criticism with faith in human progress. Kahlo's work is small in format. Arguably Mexico's most original painter, she made herself the principal theme of her art, reflecting her experiences and dreams. Both have recently featured in major exhibitions and this lecture surveys the work of both artists, their turbulent marriage and Mexico's history after the 1910 Revolution. A colourful afternoon awaits.

Refreshments afterwards. Members free, Guests £6. Lecturer: Chloe Sayer

» Wallace Collection, the Frick Collection and their Connection with Knole. 14th February at 2pm

Living as close as we do to Knole, we will be fascinated to hear about its' connection with the Wallace (pictured above) and Frick Collections. Brighten a winter afternoon with a cuppa and an interesting lecture. Members free, Guests £6. Lecturer: Hilary Williams

Eridge: The geology

Holy Trinity Church in Eridge is a mere 100 metres above sea level, much lower than its near neighbours in the High Weald. St Denys's Church in Rotherfield is 150 metres above sea level, and St Alban's Church in Frant is higher still, at more than 175 metres. All three however are well below the mark set by Chelmorton Church in Derbyshire which, at 365 metres above sea level, claims to be the highest parish church in England.

But the land on which Eridge, Rotherfield and Frant now stand has moved considerably in the vertical plane. During the cretaceous period - the age of the dinosaurs, when the climate was warmer and sea levels were higher than today - the High Weald was a lowland swamp, susceptible to regular flooding. Subsequently, during the tertiary period which followed the cretaceous, it was thrust upwards to a height of nearly 1000 metres - in present times, as high as anywhere in England. The formation created by this upward folding of the earth's crust is known to geologists as the wealden anticline.

Natural denudation over many millions of years has reduced the crest of this anticline to the levels we see around us today, with high points of around 225

metres at Crowborough Beacon and in parts of the Ashdown Forest.

As a result of this process of denudation, different strata have been laid bare. The High Weald is now composed of three main geological elements: Wadhurst Clay, which on the surface is characterised by pasture and woodland; the Ashdown Beds, characterised by the heathland of the Ashdown Forest; and Tunbridge Wells sand, where the best sandstone - Ardingly stone - is quarried and from which picturesque outcrops such as High Rocks, Harrison's Rocks and Eridge Rocks were formed.

In Matthew's Gospel the foolish man built his house on sand, and when the rains came and the floods, and the winds blew and beat upon it, it fell. Holy Trinity Church however was built on Tunbridge Wells sandstone and was constructed from it. It has withstood the elements for more than 160 years and will surely do so for many more centuries. Yet the land on which it stands will continue to move, albeit over millennia, as the process of natural denudation further erodes the landscape and threatens to return the High Weald to lowland swamp - until a further change leads to the formation of the next anticline.





Eridge Station

With an hourly service throughout the day, Eridge station may appear to be a rare survivor of the Beeching cuts: a quiet rural station especially popular with London commuters. Yet if we look around us on the platform we can see that Eridge was once a far busier and more important station.

The middle decades of the nineteenth century were the great years of rail expansion. The first line south of London, opened in the mid-1840s, connected London with Brighton and the South Coast. Gradually the rail network spread. When a new line was

opened in 1868 connecting Brighton with Tunbridge Wells, Eridge was one of several new stations built along the single track. Why a station should have been built at Eridge is something of a mystery, since it served no local community. Could it have been built simply for the benefit of the Earl of Abergavenny, whose castle was some two miles distant?

By the end of the nineteenth century Eridge station had been enlarged, reflecting its importance as an intersection between different routes. Three extra lines of track were laid, and two island platforms built. As

well as goods trains, more than 50 passenger trains were handled every weekday. In the 1930s, at the peak of railway activity, a person could travel from Eridge by through train north to London as well as south to Lewes, Brighton and Eastbourne; also north east to Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone and Chatham; and north west to East Grinstead, Redhill and Reading.

After the second World War, as car ownership expanded, the number of rail passengers started to fall away. By the early 1960s it was clear that travel on some rail lines was in major decline and cuts were needed.

The line from Eridge to Hailsham was closed in 1965, and from Ashurst Junction to Three Bridges in 1967. On these lines, where once the whistles of the old locomotives sounded, one now hears the occasional bicycle bell.

The link to Tunbridge Wells West, which closed in 1985, has since been partially re-opened by the Spa Valley Railway. The enthusiasts who run it have brilliantly restored their part of the station. How many of us have travelled between Eridge and Tunbridge Wells West, possibly stopping off at Groombridge or maybe High Rocks, on trains pulled by a steam-powered locomotive? And, as we look at the glowing firebox of that locomotive, have we not felt a pang at the passing of the steam age?



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Friends of Frant Green Spaces

Frant Parish Council is now progressing work to establish methods of traffic protection for Frant Green. The run of wet weather this autumn has made this more urgent than ever. We will keep you posted with regard to progress. While this specific work is outside of the remit to Friends of Frant Green Spaces to carry out, we are fully supportive of the urgent work and seek to help where we are able. The PC should soon have some options of possible solutions for this work.

You will have noticed that the trees opposite Frant Court have had work done to them so that they are a far more attractive addition to that area. We are now having the understory scarified so that it also will look better, discourage rubbish collecting and encourage heather rather than brambles.

For our next project we have spent sometime sourcing local native species heather. This is a difficult thing to find because it is illegal to remove from the wild. We have found some removed a while back and not hybridised. Now having found 36 plants, we are paying to remove the remains of historic planting around Victoria Well and to make the soil suitable for heather. We will then plant out the area. I know that many people have put effort into doing volunteer gardening around Victoria Well over the years and obviously we all have a debt of gratitude to them for that work. The problem with this sort of management is that it is so difficult to maintain over time. Now we hope that

the heather will naturalise around that space so that it can be maintained as part of the general green management contract.

There is a space just to the side of Shernfold entry that currently has 2 lime trees and a sycamore tree. The understory has a preponderance of cow parsley and nettles. It is an area that FOFGS has thought about improving for nature and peoples enjoyment for some time. Now we have taken a serious look at the area and think that we could plant out some native species shrubs and small trees there to create a more attractive environment for humans and bees! So this is our next target and we are planning to seek a grant for this next year. We have also asked the Parish Council if there is any other aspirational environmental work that we can include in our grant application. We seek to work in agreement with the PC as trustees in all our activities.

FOFGS held a successful quiz evening in October. Thank you to all those who shared the evening, which was superbly overseen by our quizmaster Steve. We raised £750 that is paying for the Victoria Well planting improvements. Because these evenings are so much fun as well as good for fund raising we are thinking that we will hold another event in spring. FOFGS see a central part of it role as maintaining community as well as ensuring the best future ecology for Frant village.

At Frant Christmas Fair we raised £170 selling Frant mugs. These are now

available in the village store.

In 2019 on 15th June it is our big open gardens event. Those of you who took part last time will know how much fun it is, as well as how much hard work. I felt so proud of our beautiful village on the last occasion not just for its lovely gardens but also for the huge sense of community that was palpable on that day. I hope that lots of you are thinking of opening this year. Don't worry if your garden is small or not super perfect. Visitors come to see normal gardens to get ideas as well as loving the larger inspirational gardens. My personal experience was that visitors just liked to ask about one plant that was in flower or one idea in my garden. If you are considering opening please let me know ASAP. The event depends on individuals like you willing to show your garden to others.

All the best for a wonderful 2019 from Jan and FOFGS Committee

Parish Past

Frank Sivyer (1900 - 1979) wrote his memoir virtually without punctuation. I have supplied this but otherwise his words and spelling give a wonderful liveliness to a past age.

The greatest cause for poorness and slum like living was size of families. My earliest memories go back to the age of about three my father having died about that time. he was a widower with seven children and my mother produced eight more I being the youngest. His illness then became a real worry as she might have to quit the cottage (a two up and two down for all those people on Riverhall Hill). It looked like the workhouse for us, this I remember would come up twice more.

The sanitation was of the primitive, outside shed with tin buckets, ours was a gem being a twin very up to date for that time as an earthenware pipe was fitted direct to a large sump at the bottom of the garden, it meant carrying a pail of water each time you went and emptying the sump yearly. But my word, what vegetables that garden produced! The traffic past was fairly continuous, apart from horse drawn veichels there were quite a few steam traction engines used mainly for threshing corn. These got many curses from horse drivers who had great difficulties getting horses past them. Their were many tricycles riders, penny farthings, bicycles. These (penny



farthings) were not easy to master, too much weight on the forward wheel and over the top you went the small wheel coming over to klunk you on the head. Much the same with the newer type with tubular flat tyres, one front brake onto the wheel, too sudden application and over you went. Two horse drawn carriers passed each day, they carried goods to sell and all cottagers had a pole with the letter or name of the carrier on it, if one wanted his services you stuck it in the hedge and he would call, nothing too small, just a pound of butter or a long list, he would purchase and drop in on his return journey for a few pence. The Royal Mail was horse drawn with open top to all weathers, he plied between three villages we being about midway between. We could almost tell the time by him at night: nine o'clock indoors in winter one would remark: there goes the mailman.

—Pat Wright.

A thank you from Frant School PTFA

Frant School PTFA would like to thank everyone for supporting the Bonfire and Firework Night on November 3rd. We had a brilliant turn out, helped by the clear weather and raised just over £3,300 for our school, which is fantastic! The funds raised will go towards buying equipment for the school to enhance the children's learning.

Thank you to everyone that came along to watch and buy from our stalls. It was lovely to see such a big crowd of people supporting this event who had come

from not just the village but from further afield too.

Thank you also to local businesses that help support the event including Fullers for the wonderful BBQ meat and Marks & Spencers.

Once again, we are extremely grateful to all local residents in Frant for their understanding of the disruption caused by the additional number of cars and people around the village on the evening.

Frant Garden Club

The 39th AGM of the Club took place in November and marked the last time members met in 2018. During the year we enjoyed our annual lunch at The George in Frant and had talks from Folly Wildlife with a special guest hedgehog, from Chris O'Donoghue showing us how he has painted pictures with plants in the various, and varied, gardens he has designed, and from Edward Flint who is the creative Head Gardener at Tidebrook Manor. We enjoyed half day visits to Hole Park and the Walled Garden in Hawkhurst and our full day outing was to National Trust property Hinton Ampner in Hampshire (pictured). It was a good summer to be out and about and, as always, there was much pleasure to be had being in the company of friends who share an interest and love of plants and gardens.

2019 will start as always with our lunch at The George, and then the first meeting of the year at the Memorial Hall will be on Wednesday, 13th March, (all meetings start at 7.30 p.m.) with a talk

entitled "Tiptoe through the Tulips" with Kathrine Lynn. In April (24th), by popular demand, Steven Moore from Rapkyns Nursery will return with a selection of his fine plants for us to learn about, and buy! With hopes that the weather will be as good again in 2019, we plan trips during the summer months to Clinton Lodge Garden at Fletching, Hever Castle and a full day outing to Kew Gardens. Back indoors again in October (16th) when Chris O'Donoghue will return to tell us about the Potteries of Rye, and we then come full circle with our AGM and pre-Christmas get-together on Wednesday, 20th November.

Please keep an eye on the Parish News for updates about our programme throughout 2019, and as always, new members will be very welcome.

—Dianna Tennant

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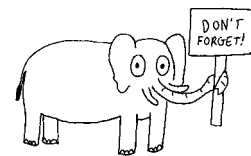
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