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From the Rectory



Something beautiful, something practical.

I don't know about you, but moving to a new house always makes me reflect on my life, where I have come from, where I am going to. Moving to the Rectory here is incredibly exciting, having lived in the weald for many years in the past it does feel a bit like coming home as we settle back into rural life!

It's funny how you end up where you end up, the turns of our lives leading us all to this point. I remember as an 18-year-old someone saying I should be a vicar, and I thought... not likely! And yet it happened. At 18 I wanted to be a blacksmith, I needed a job and wanted to do the most awesome job I could think of, and since I loved the Lord of the Rings I wanted to be a blacksmith and make a sword! Alas, I never made a sword, but I did make a lot of scrolls and I enjoy the fact that I can still see my work around my old village and have real satisfaction as I make use of the council bins I made. I love the mixture of beautiful and practical things, like gates, railings, fireplaces and pergolas. Something artistic that has a purpose over and above what it looks like. Beautiful and practical.

The church at its best is beautiful and practical. We have lovely villages and lovely churches. They look stunning, but they are practical too.

Someone asked me the other day in Frant why I stopped becoming a blacksmith and instead work for the church? I simply said; Jesus.

Jesus makes the church go from something beautiful to something practical. As the church lives out the love of Jesus; to rejoice with the happy, to care for the needy, to sit with the suffering, to help the hurting. Jesus came to bring us; life to the full, freedom, forgiveness. Beauty and practicality. Faith that makes a difference.

It's great to think that the work I made as a blacksmith might last a hundred years or more, but eventually it will all rust away. But the work that is my privilege to do now is to help us together, to make far more of a difference for good, that lasts far longer than a hundred years, to build together in our villages something beautiful, something practical that makes a positive lasting impact for our community and people's lives.

And now my family and I look forward to settling in, to joining your community, to making new friends, to making new memories together. I am sure it will be a time of real joy, fun, laughter and love, as our lives take this next turn onward on our path of life.

—Rev Brendan Martin

News from the Pews

In June we were delighted to have a visit from the Packman family. Apart from the fact that the children had grown a lot, they hadn't changed even after living for 15 months in foreign parts on the other side of Bristol. Lydia and Silas spent a day at school catching up with all their friends, and a good crowd enjoyed a morning chatting with the family in the Stables. They all love their new home/school/job, but still miss Frant. It was lovely to see them.

At the end of June Imtiaz Trask led a special service for persecuted Christians in Kenya, Sri Lanka, Nigeria and Pakistan. Some of the individual stories were pretty grim and made us thankful that we still enjoy comparative freedom to worship, thankful also that there are charities like Release International which exist to help and support people persecuted for their faith.

July was a busy month. The village barbecue which hadn't been held for several years, was resurrected and was a great success. Stuart Crookshank resumed his role in the hot spot as cook, and was assisted by Neil Patterson, thank you gentlemen, and thank you to the team who put so much work into providing an enjoyable, all age, family occasion.

Our youth and children's worker, Ed, joined teachers and year 5 children from our school on a 3 day 'holiday' to an activity centre near Hailsham. He survived! and had an interesting, enjoyable and exhausting time.

Three couples were married in our church in July. First, local couple, Isabel Rae and Joseph Brickle were married on 8th, later in the month on 20th, another local couple, John Best and Rosanna Mallows were married, and at the end of the month Craig Simpson and Katie Pease, although not local, chose our church for their wedding, and were blessed with just one hour of dry weather between heavy showers. It's lovely to see families and friends celebrating together in a very traditional way, to see our church beautifully decorated and to hear the bells. We pray every blessing for all these young people.

Our new Rector will be licensed in our church at a service on 4th September, but due to some delays with work being done on the Rectory, he won't begin his full time ministry until 6th October. It will be good to have a family living in



the Rectory again. Brendan, Claire and two of their children, Troy and Annabel, joined us one Wednesday at the coffee morning in the Stables. The children soon felt at home and with our 'resident' children, Benjamin, Norah and Jesse formed a working party to 'help' cut the hedge in the Stables drive.

In July we said sad goodbyes to two village residents. Jenny Wade died at the beginning of the month. Jenny moved to the village about 15 years ago from Tunbridge Wells and lived right opposite the church. She loved living in Frant and became very much part of the church and the village community. When less than 3 years ago she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of Parkinsons disease, she moved to sheltered accommodation and later to a Nursing Home. Jenny met her late husband, Geoff, when she was a nurse in Japan. A very good artist herself, she had a great interest in Christian art, and produced many colourful and imaginative paintings (see above). Throughout her illness Jenny remained good humoured and positive, and above all her faith remained strong.

Another village resident, Angela Pelly died at the end of July. Angela lived at Martin's Farm for about 50 years, first with her late husband Michael, who was churchwarden at St Albans for 19 years,

then with her daughter Rose and her family. As Rose said, 'Angela was a good strong character who won't be easily forgotten.'

Parking at St Alban's Church and The Stables, Frant

We respectfully ask everyone to be considerate about parking in the area by the church/top of the drive leading to The Rectory and The Stables. Please note:

- The area designated for Disabled Parking is for people with mobility difficulties who are using the church, the churchyard and The Stables only. It must not be used by anyone else, including local residents and able-bodied people.
- The space on the corner by the church wall on Church Lane/top of the drive to The Stables and the Rectory should be kept clear at all times. This is to enable pedestrians with mobility difficulties to proceed from the footpath in front of the church into The Stables drive without having to walk in the road around cars; good visibility and safe exit for cars leaving The Stables and the Rectory.

We ask, and thank you, for your co-operation in this matter, please. For and on behalf of St Alban's Church, Frant.
—Crawford Burden and Jane Emler,
Church Wardens

St Alban's, Frant & Holy Trinity, Eridge

Rector

The Reverend Brendan Martin — 750076; revbjmartin@gmail.com



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Services for

September/October 2019



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Churchwardens

Jonathan Lynn—864304

Christopher Hall—750385

9:30am	Family Service	1st September	Morning Prayer	11:15am
7:30pm	Licensing Service	4th September		
		for Reverend Brendan Martin		
9:30am	Communion Service	8th September	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	15th September	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	22nd September	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	29th September	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Harvest Festival	6th October	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	13th October	Harvest Festival	11:15am
9:30am	Morning Service	20th October	Communion Service	11:15am
9:30am	Communion Service	27th October	Communion Service	11:15am

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

WORSHIP AT BELLS YEW GREEN

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The Lych Gate

We all have a tendency to take our local buildings and landscape for granted and it often takes a visitor to remind us of how very fortunate we are. This happened to me recently when I met up with the Church Architect who had come to inspect the new stained glass windows at St Albans. The windows were made by local company Stained Glass in Sussex to replace the two panels damaged during the break-in last year. Just as an aside the Architect mentioned that the graveyard had to be one of the loveliest in Sussex, and I suppose he should know as he inspects many churches on behalf of the Diocese. As a consequence I looked around with fresh eyes and knew exactly what he meant. The graveyard is graced by a large number of mature conifers and hardwoods, the graves and grassed areas are tidy but not excessively so, and the whole impression is of nature and man being in perfect harmony.

The entrance to the graveyard is via the Lych Gate, an attractive structure comprising an open-sided hexagon with a tiled roof supported on six slender Tuscan columns built in 1964 to a design by Cecil Burns. The carving inside the roof is in lime and hazel wood and is to commemorate the boys of Hazelwood and Lime Schools who died in the First and Second World Wars. It is a clever design; as you enter from the High Street through one of the six sides you can take shelter from the wind and rain,

or sun, depending on the season, on one of the two benches that take up two of the sides, or choose one of two paths, the one on the right following the south side of the Church which takes you to the eastern side of the graveyard, or the one straight ahead which takes you past the Tower and on to the western side of the graveyard.

Having reached it's 55th birthday this year the Lych Gate was starting to look a little dilapidated with paint peeling and rotten bases to some of the columns and one of the benches. Thanks to the generosity of some local residents it has been restored to its original splendour, the repairs to the woodwork having been undertaken by David Sunney at Eridge-based firm Alpine Joinery and the redecoration by Paul Keineder who lives in Bexhill but counts many Frant residents among his clients. In the past the profits from concerts held in the Church helped to maintain the fabric but with fewer paying events in recent years this income has reduced to a trickle so it is important that local people who love the building and appreciate its importance to the village help to support its on-going maintenance through donations and legacies. I say this with the knowledge that parts of the lead roofing will need to be replaced and the interior decorated within the next few years and the costs will be substantial.

—David Torr

Paddock Wood Choral Society » Do join us

We are a friendly and enthusiastic choir, and enjoy singing music to a high standard with our Music Director, Kevin Ashman. Our repertoire covers a wide range of musical styles and eras, ranging from major classical works to musical and film scores. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings in term-time, from 7.45 - 9.30 pm at St. Andrew's Church, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood. We welcome new members - no audition required. For more information contact our Secretary, Adrienne Bishop, on 01892 833232, or email: secretary@paddockwood-choral.org.uk

www.paddockwood-choral.org.uk

Local Sports Club

» New members welcome

We are a sociable, friendly and non-competitive multi-sports club who meet every Wednesday evening in the large sports hall at Uplands in Wadhurst between 8 and 10 pm throughout the year. We are a mixed group of over 50's plus. The club has been running for over 30 years. We usually play a mix of table tennis or badminton, hockey, football and volleyball. Even if you haven't played one or any of these games before you are most welcome to come along and try both them and us out. We will always help with some tuition and encouragement.

If you would like to get fit, fitter or stay fit and – most importantly – have some fun whilst doing so, why not come along and have a go? We even go to the local pub afterwards for a quick drink (optional). There are two social events a year; a barbeque with AGM in the summer and a meal after Christmas to welcome in the New Year.

If you are interested, please email Sue Cackett (secretary) on: suecackett@btinternet.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Frant Harvest Supper 2019

Following the success of last year's Harvest Supper it will again be held in St. Albans Stables in Saturday 12th October 2019 at 7pm.

Please make a note of the date and remember to buy your tickets early as numbers are limited. Sale of tickets will be withdrawn on Tuesday 8th October.

Tickets will be available from Helen Carpenter(750368)



Cricket on Frant Green, c.1869

Parish Past

Writing this in the middle of a heatwave, cricket seems an appropriate subject. Perhaps because everyday life was undoubtedly tough, cricket was a hugely enjoyed summer focus in all three villages, and for which records stretch back for nearly 200 years. Details of innings for Frant club exist since 1864 - a triumphant note for 1866 says “played Bells Yew Green men in the afternoon and beat them!” In September 1867 64 cricketers from probably the whole parish sat down to “a great supper at Mr Hyland’s (landlord of the Bull/Abergavenny) at the end of one of the happiest days of my life.” Peter Hickmott, the writer, also recalls Mr Hyland regularly “appearing on the pitch with foaming jugs of beer.” In June 1870 he notes “Hot day. Drove back in the cool of the evening, but slept at Mr Hyland’s having got back at midnight” (after enjoying more foaming beer?) A minor scandal occurred later that year following a wager between Arthur Arnold of Lamberhurst and Nat Edgehill of Frant over who could score more in a single wicket stand. Arnold bet two sovereigns and Edgehill one - a large sum of money - but Arnold failed to appear so Nat was awarded all three sovereigns. In the early 20thC Harry Field, the blacksmith, was Frant’s star turn, a fearsome fast bowler who also knew how to take cunning advantage of the bumps and slope of the home pitch.

Cricket was certainly played on

Eridge’s old green inside the castle gates but the young Nevill boys are listed as playing for Frant during the 1870’s. Numbers in teams varied, sometimes as many as 22 a side, occasionally 14, once apparently 22 playing eleven, although eleven was normal. In 1910 even Shernfold had its own team consisting of “farmhands, gardeners, the stable boy and Beard our stalwart wicket keeper” as well as Mr Rowett himself, the owner, who wrote that one year they took on a team of girls brought down from London by a friend, the female captain being a “doughty batsman.” So let us leave the final word to Peter Hickmott who wrote in 1868 “after playing Flimwell Mr Hyland drove us back in his new van and we made rather a late job of it (yet more beer?) ... but such is going out cricketing, and what is pleasanter than a nice drive in a wagonette and pair to do battle against another parish at cricket?”

—Pat Wright

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Friends of Bells Yew Green

This year’s flowers on the Green have created an open invitation to insects and visitors alike to our village, it seems! We recently met some ladies and a little one who had strolled onto the Green to admire the flowers after a visit to Minor Mania and on their way to the Brecknock for lunch, on a visit from Tunbridge Wells by train, evidently. The flowers seem to cheer us all, as well as having the desired effect of deterring inappropriate parking, so that’s a thumbs up all round then!

Meantime, Frant Parish Council (FPC) has invited the village to come up with ideas to refurbish our now redundant telephone box. Sussex Heritage Trust suggests:

“... you will need an alternative public use in mind which your community would find more helpful. Kiosks housing defibrillators, tourist information, miniature art galleries, interpretation sites or book exchanges are all uses which have sprung up in the past ...”

You may well have come across book exchanges and defibrillators – but have you ever encountered a mini art gallery? It could be fun! How about a children’s book exchange . . . with a shelf or two for grown-ups?! Maybe a combination of book exchange and a space for art work too? What’s your view? The first task will be to rescue the telephone box from the ivy and think about how to approach the job! Please let the Friends have your ideas for restoration. Coincidentally, FPC has been discussing the merits of installing a defibrillator, where the best location might be and whether it would be used. If it saved just one life it would



be worthwhile, of course.

Another valuable asset is our Village Hall, which serves us well as a place for parties and events, as well as for hosting regular slots for activities including Art, Big Band, Dance, Kung Fu, Wood Carving and Yogalates, to name a few. Check out the Hall’s diary on our BYG website at www.bellsyewgreen.org. (If you have any ideas you’d like to add to the website, do let us know). The Village Hall Committee, having updated the electrics and the lighting, is now onto the next jobs – sorting out the guttering and refreshing the kitchen. In order to raise funds, the Friends are hoping to host a Table-Top, Pop-Up Craft Day before Christmas – the date to be confirmed. If there are any crafters/makers/creative folk who are interested, do please let us know.

Our last litter-pick was very successful. Sadly, there was an enormous stack of sacks at the end of the session. Many thanks to the team. Please do join us when you can – even if it’s only once a year, every little helps.

To keep up-to-date with what’s happening in the village please join our mailing list by contacting friendsofbyg@gmail.com. You can also sign up on Facebook via Friends of Bells Yew Green as well as Bells Yew Green Village.

—Sue and the Friends of BYG

Frant Parish Friendship Group

Our Autumn Programme will be kicking off with ‘Young at Heart’ exercise classes starting on the Thursday 5th September 2.15 at the Stables. If you are a regular member welcome back and if you don’t come perhaps you should!! These sessions run by our excellent instructor Alison give us a chance to improve our well being and after the exercise to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. These sessions are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.

Our first meeting of the season will be on Thursday 26th September at 2.30 in the Stables. This meeting will be our AGM where we will be looking back over the last year and forward to the next. We hope as many members as possible will come along. As regards a speaker for this meeting final arrangements are yet to be made.

The October meeting will be on Thursday 24th October when our speaker will be Noel Austin on the valuable work done by ‘Pat Dogs’.

A warm welcome back to all our members old and new.

Enquiries to Valerie Palmer 01892 750559

Frant Nursery School

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our children after their Summer Break as well as welcoming and settling in a few new starters who will be joining us in September. We have lots of exciting topics, activities and crafts planned for the year ahead as well as our weekly Balance Bike, Football, Cooking and Rising 5 classes.

We are now open from 8.30am Monday to Friday! Our NEW extended open hours (subject to child’s age) are: Monday to Wednesday 8.30am - 3pm and Thursday to Friday 8.30am - 1pm

We have spaces available for children aged 2-5 years old. If you would like further information on Frant Nursery School or to arrange a visit please contact Shelley Holdsworth on 01892 890961 or email Frantnurseryschool@yahoo.com

Friends of Frant Green Spaces

Friends of Frant Green Spaces have won a grant from Sussex Lund for approx £7,000. The intention is to create a few new areas of habitat return in Frant. We have one small ticket area planned for the area adjoining Tether’s End at the lower part of Frant Green. Another area is proposed on Frant Parish Field between the goal post and the allotments. This area will afford protection to the allotments while allowing footballers to collect balls without brambles. Finally a native species hedge is going to be planted around Frant Parish Field along 2 sides that are currently exposed. This will offer a natural boundary while also providing habitat opportunities for wildlife. We would like to thank all the villagers who have supported this grant application as well as The Parish Council who have acted in partnership with us to achieve this grant. Finally obviously we are extremely grateful to Sussex Lund, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin for offering this grant.

Frant Parish Council

At the council meeting in June we received a presentation from Inspired Villages Group, a developer of ‘retirement villages’, who will shortly be submitting a planning application

to Wealden. Their development would be on land in Benhall Mill Road opposite the Nevill Golf Club, but in Frant parish. The councillors raised a number of concerns around traffic flow, infrastructure and development encroachment into our rural parish, and will make a formal response in due course.

On-going discussions are also taking place over a potential pedestrian crossing opposite the Fern Close development in Frant, and the street lighting improvement in Rushlye Close.

The state of high-speed Broadband roll out into rural parts of the parish continues to provide a logistic headache, and representations to BT and our MP Nus Ghani, continue.

The current situation on Frant’s Green Spaces was discussed at our July meeting, with Jan Steadman. It was agreed to more clearly explain the relationship between the PC (which owns the Green) and Friends of Frant Green Spaces, setting out the reasoning and methodology for the management of the Green, and this document will appear on our website. We hope this will provide useful information to those who are unhappy with the uncut areas, and we request that further representations should be made to Rosie the Clerk, not to Jan.

A professional assessment of the state of traffic erosion of the Green has been carried out and quotations have been requested for reparatory works.

Safety – the health of mature trees in communal areas of Frant and Bells Yew Green, and the equipment in both playgrounds are being monitored on a regular basis. If you also spot a problem please let the Clerk know.

Bayham Abbey ruins, managed by English Heritage, will benefit from new information displays this winter, and EH would be happy to receive any personal memories of the site from local residents. Contact sarah.fairhurst@english-heritage.org.uk

The PC is in need of a council representative from the Eridge area. If you wish to be considered for the role, more details can be obtained from Rosie clerk@frant-pc.gov.uk .

Finally, there are 1 or 2 places available for a free British Red Cross first aid course on October 19th. For more details contact AM-B on 891273.

—Andy Macdonald-Brown



Eridge Summer Fair

The sun shone on Sunday 30th June for the bi-annual Eridge Summer Fair at Eridge Park which saw record attendance of some 2,000 people at the bi-annual Fair which is held by the kind permission of Lord and Lady Abergavenny in their beautiful garden. The garden has spectacular views across Eridge Park and on the day the rose garden was at its very best. There were a variety of stalls, a Fashion Boutique and traditional games organised by Eridge Cricket Club and putting competition run by the Frant and Eridge churches. Live entertainment included, Marco the Magician, the Tunbridge Wells Operatic and Dramatic Society, Cascade Dance, Tunbridge Wells Sea Cadets, Holmewood House gymnastics, the Mayfield Brass Band and it was a first appearance for the Headcorn Morris Dancers who performed twice in the main arena. The tea tent was extra busy and the cakes and local produce kindly donated by so many helpers were a sell out. On the drive local blacksmith Peter Marley demonstrated horse shoe making and there was a fine collection of vintage cars and prams. The afternoon ended with the Grand Draw where the lucky winner of one prize, the Skymax wing walk has some aerial thrills to experience in the near future, and much closer to the ground the Ladies and Gentlemen teams from The Huntsman of Eridge and The George of Frant battled it out in two tug of wars. The George were worthy winners of the two new silver trophies donated by Inkerman - next time The Huntsman will be back

The Fair Committee wish to thank all those local people and companies that supported the event and made it all possible. Also the Village Halls who lent tables and chairs and of course this Parish Magazine and its sister publication in Groombridge who kept everyone informed of the event. The Eridge Fair website is <https://eridgefair.org.uk/> where more background can be found including photographs by Alan Harbord who kindly recorded the day for us.

Life after headship

When I left my role as head of Frant School in August 2015, I had little idea what I would do next. I had been a primary school teacher since I left university at 22 and my years had always revolved around school terms, holidays and events.

Initially, I applied for other school roles and came close to moving to Qatar to take on a role running a school there. Instead, I decided to stay in this country, partly because my mother was diagnosed with dementia and it was becoming increasingly clear that she would not be able to live independently for much longer.

To help with Mum, I started a double life; living a few days in East Sussex and a few in Hampshire each week. Whilst in Hampshire, I taught briefly in a large (and very expensive) private school. I got involved with the Governor Services team and completed my accreditation to join the Hampshire Clerking Service. I also took on some private tuition, starting with primary school subjects

but soon extending to include both Common Entrance and, eventually GCSE, mathematics.

Meanwhile, my girls came and went on various travels. Ellie spent time travelling around South East Asia, settled for several months in Sydney, then Darwin, Melbourne (sharing a house with six other travellers from Tunbridge Wells!) and Sydney again. Bekah finished her degree then spent a year as a Nanny in Melbourne, followed by a few months in China working for a sailing school. Somewhat bizarrely they're both back home now and working locally, prime examples of the "Boomerang Generation".

Mum has now deteriorated further. As many of you will know from experience, dementia is a cruel disease. Before its onset, Mum went on a "backpacking" trip of her own, visiting Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand. Now, she literally can't find her own way to the bathroom.

From September, I will be spending less time in Hampshire and more in East Sussex and have placed an advert with Parish News in case any readers are looking for a private tutor. I can teach all primary subjects although I have gravitated towards teaching mathematics, particularly at Key Stage Three or Common Entrance. I have been successful with several less confident students and have decided this is possibly my forte. I am also still working with some schools and doing some freelance teaching as an outdoor education, sailing and paddle sports instructor. All in all, I now mostly do the bits I enjoyed most from my teaching career!

I hear that Frant and Mark Cross Schools are still thriving and that the federation is being extended to include two further schools. I feel very privileged and proud to have been head at Frant through the exciting period while the new school was built and I have many fond memories of the children and parents that I worked with through that time. —Paul Shefford

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Frant Film Club**» 2019-20 Season**

Frant Film Club starts its eleventh season on 4th October. As usual there are 8 wonderful films this season, spanning several different genres and time periods, so hopefully there is something for everyone. Please see the details below. There is also a bar open before each film showing, so do come along at 7.15pm to meet friends and neighbours and have a chat. At just £17 for the whole season (that's £2.12 per film) Frant Film offers a great evening out that won't break the bank, whilst also raising money to help support The Village Memorial Hall, to which all profits go. Existing members will be contacted shortly and for any new member enquires please contact Kathy Lowe on 01435 873967.

» Fishermans Friends**Friday 4 October**

Ten fishermen from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties.

Certificate 12A.

» The Darkest Hour**Friday 1st November**

In May 1940, the fate of Western Europe hangs on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on knowing that it could mean a humiliating defeat for Britain and its empire.

Certificate PG.

» Finding your Feet**Friday 6th December**

On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

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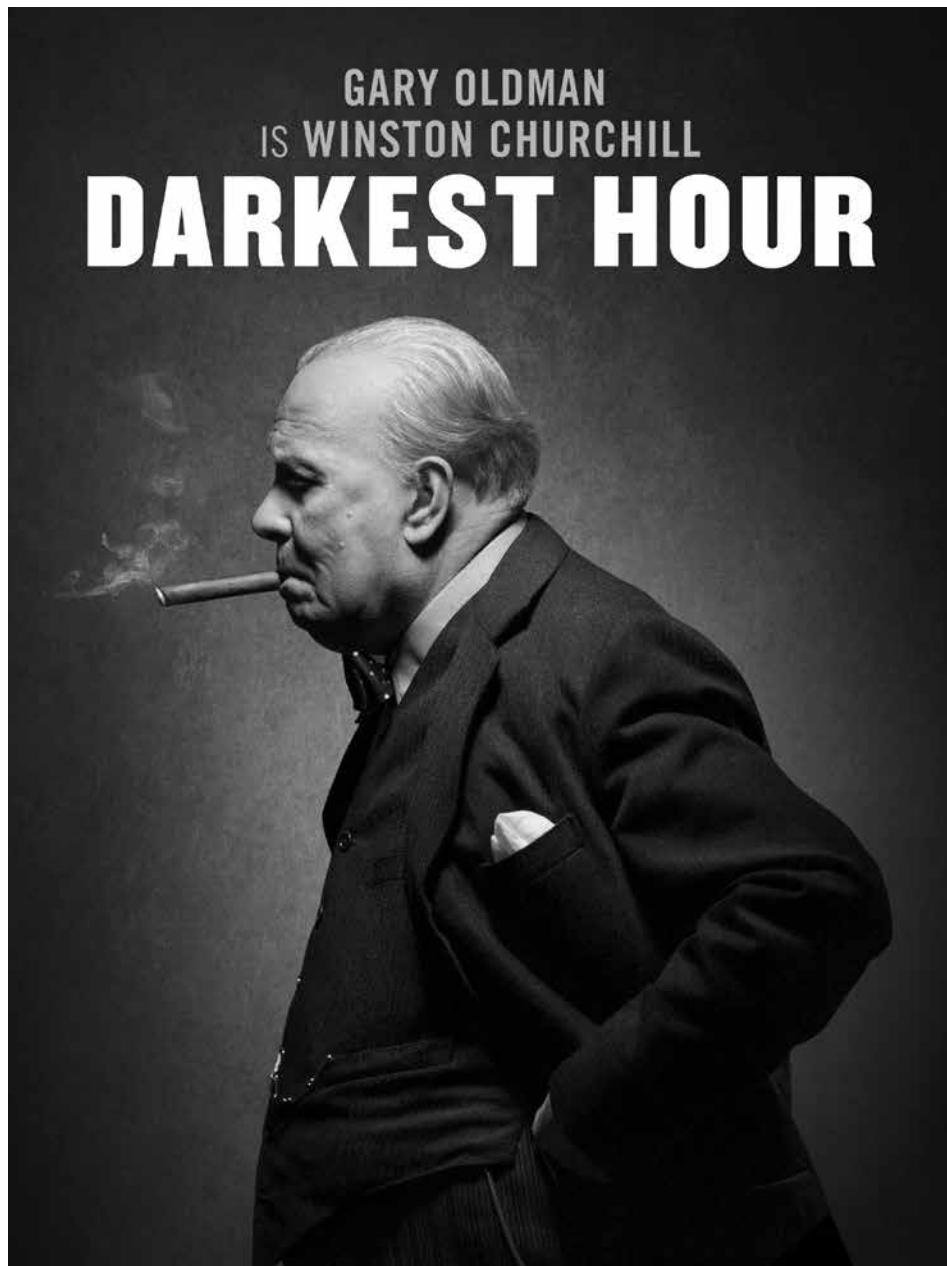
» Alfie**Friday 10th January**

An unrepentant ladies' man gradually begins to understand the consequences of his lifestyle.

Certificate X in 1966 and re-rated as 12 in 2001.

» The Grand Budapest Hotel**Friday 7th February**

The adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel



from the fictional Republic of Zubrowka between the first and second World Wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend.

Certificate 15.

» Bohemian Rhapsody**Friday 6th March**

The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985).

Certificate 12A.

» The Piano**Friday 3rd April**

A mute woman is sent to 1850s New Zealand along with her young daughter and prized piano for an arranged

marriage to a wealthy landowner, but is soon lusted after by a local worker on the plantation.

Certificate 15.

» The Pink Panther Strikes Again**Friday 1st May**

Charles Dreyfus, who has finally cracked over inspector Clouseau's antics, escapes from a mental institution and launches an elaborate plan to get rid of Clouseau once and for all.

Certificate U.

**Kent Chorus**

Kent Chorus returns with 2 concerts this autumn and winter. The postponed June concert now takes place at St Alban's Church on Friday October 18th at 8pm. featuring songs by Brahms Mozart and Elgar, and the program will be enhanced with John Rutter's Requiem and pieces from Carl Jenkins The Armed Man. Our pre-Christmas concert will take place on Sunday December 8th at 6.30pm at St Alban's and more details will be in the next issue of Parish News."

Poetry Reading

Frant resident Edward Kendall will be hosting a poetry reading at The George Inn, 77 Borough High Street, Southwark, London SE1 1NH at 6pm on Thursday 3 October in aid of the National Trust. All are welcome to attend, and you are most welcome to participate by reading out a poem of your choice. If you wish to attend or participate please RSVP to edwardkendall@gmail.com or 07530 162579. If you cannot make it, you can still participate by suggesting a poem to be recited in exchange for a donation here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/edward-kendall

Frant Garden Club

On a warm, sunny, perfect July day members and friends of Frant Garden Club climbed onto the Hams coach for our visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. We were pleased that members of Eridge Garden Club came along for the ride and swelled our numbers to 46; they were very welcome and we hope to see them again in future. As is always the case with the M25, our journey ended up taking much longer than expected so we were very grateful when our driver volunteered to delay our return journey in order to make up some lost time, but, clearly, at Kew there is never enough time to take everything in in one visit. Many of us could remember visiting before on school trips (some while ago now!) with the strongest memory being the pagoda, so in many respects we came with fresh eyes and were not disappointed, particularly with the added attraction of Dale Chihuly's amazing glass sculptures situated around the grounds and in the glasshouses.

We get together again on Thursday, 5th September, for an afternoon visit to Hever Castle Gardens with the added attraction of a new contemporary craft

fair organised by Craft in Focus. Then with summer 2019 behind us, on the evening of Wednesday, 16th October, we shall be back in the Memorial Hall (7.30 p.m) for a talk from Chris O'Donoghue entitled "From pottery to potting shed". Chris has spoken to us on other occasions about his work as a Chelsea Award winning garden designer, but this time we shall be hearing about his earlier career as a potter at Poole Pottery and then in Rye.

—Dianna Tennant

RSPB – Upcoming events**» Broadwater Warren to Eridge Rocks Wildlife Walk; 15 September, 10.00am**

A circular walk exploring the ancient woodland and heathland of RSPB's Broadwater Warren and the famous sandstone outcrops of Eridge Rocks, looking out for wildlife on the way.

Meeting point: Broadwater Warren Car Park, Broadwater Forest Lane, nr Groombridge, TN3. Map ref TQ 554 372. Distance / duration: 3½ miles / 2½ hours

Difficulty: Leisurely - Dogs on leads welcome; accompanied children (7+) welcome; slower walk, more leader talk.

» Fungus Identification Walk –

Tudeley; Thursday 26th September, 10:30 to 13:00

Price: £14 (£10 for RSPB members and children)

Booking essential. Join Martin Allison, freelance Ecologist and fungi expert, for a leisurely stroll to see and identify fungi on the reserve.

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Frant School News

Towards the end of July we said goodbye to all our year 6 children, wishing them all the very best as they enter the next stage of their academic journey. Having taught the children when I was in Reception, it is lovely to see them all ready (and scared!) for all the

opportunities that secondary school has to offer. I am looking forward to hearing how they all get on. We always welcome visits from past pupils, whatever year group they are in.

We are now looking forward to our new reception children joining us at the start of September and welcoming new families into our school community.

As I mentioned in my last news we are now a federation of 4 schools (Mark Cross, Five Ashes and Mayfield) and will be called The Weald Federation which will have one overall governing body. As we move into the new academic year I will keep you informed of how we will be working together.

Some of the highlights recently;

- Sports Day which was very well attended and enjoyed by all. We were all so fortunate to have help from past pupils which added to its success
- KS2 put on a fantastic performance of Mary Poppins – the singing and acting talent was quite amazing
- Sports Assembly taken by Mrs Douch reminding everyone of all the activities we are involved in over the year giving so many of our children the chance to develop their skills and for many to take part in competitive events.

School opens for children on Thursday 5th September. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to updating you on our news in the next edition. —Mrs Joanna Challis. Head of School

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talk, "From pottery to potting shed";
Memorial Hall; 7.30 p.m.

» Friday 18th October

Kent Chorus Concert
St Alban's Frant, See page 13

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:
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Coffee Morning at The Stables, Frant

Every Wednesday, 10:30am—12noon.

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Sunday Club Open to anyone aged 0-14,

and meets during the 9:30am Sunday
service at Frant (except for the 1st
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join in with our family service).

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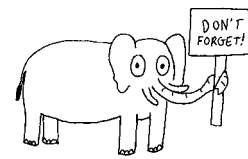
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