

Froxfield Parish Council News

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Countdown to the Coronation

Join us for a special Coronation Day Picnic on the village green 3pm to 5pm, Saturday May 6th.

We have timed the event to follow directly on from the broadcast coverage of the King's Coronation. Come down and celebrate this historic day!

Timetable

-  **The Phoenix Brass Band strikes up at 3pm**
-  **Beer Tent and Pimms Bar opens at 3pm**
-  **The Pelican Morris Side will dance at approx 3.45pm**
-  **Children's Games from 4.00pm. Coronation medals**
-  **The Phoenix Brass Band returns to entertain**
-  **Teas & Coffees throughout the afternoon**
-  **Cakes on sale to raise money for the new swings**
-  **Kids: 'Create your own crown' and win a Royal Prize**
-  **Tug of War — test your strength at 5 pm**
-  **Floral Festival 'Embracing Nature' theme — all weekend at All Saints Church (see poster below)**

Bring a **cake** and donate it to be sold at the picnic with the teas and coffees. All proceeds from sales from the afternoon will go to help pay for new swings for the village green playground. A small selection of very special coronation-themed handmade cushions will be for sale.

Some trestle tables and chairs will be set up on the green, but please bring **picnic blankets** and use the picnic tables as well.

The Froxfield Parish Council is gifting a personalised commemorative mug to village children — **handed out at the picnic**. For all details and any offers to help on the day email: v.body@froxfeld.org . Orders for these mugs have now closed.

There will be **commemorative medals** given to children taking part in the games.

We need **volunteers** to help serve in the Beer and Pimms tent.

Tug of War - we aim to round off the afternoon with a traditional tug of war contest: Men v Men, Women v Women and a Mixed event! Please only take part if you are confident your body will cope with the strain!

In the case of heavy rain, the Coronation Picnic will be moved into the Memorial Hall and the timetable adjusted accordingly

**Can you help out on the day?
Contact Jan Heppenstall. Tel. 01488 683612
or email Vanya Body on v.body@froxfeld.org**





Floral Festival All Saints Church ‘Embracing Nature’

Our theme reflects His Royal Highness King Charles’ passion for protecting the natural world.

We are hoping to fill the church with beautiful festive floral displays.

The church will be open over the Coronation weekend, from 10am to 5pm — Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Unleash your floral creativity and deliver your display to the church on Friday May 5th between 10am and 4pm

Place your floral creation wherever you feel it will look best (other than on the alter).

All enquiries to c.wilson@froxford.org

Hymns and Pimms @ All Saints church

A special community service of thanksgiving will round off Froxfield's official Coronation celebrations. Join Rector Beth Hutton at 4pm Sunday May 7th and share a convivial glass of Pimms with your hymns at All Saints church.



Other News...

Community Speed Watch folds

Village volunteers had given up their time regularly for a couple of years to help monitor speeding traffic through Froxfield and do their bit to try to stop drivers flouting the law. But it has taken its toll. Now organiser Sarah Whatley says they have had to admit defeat.

No new team members have come forward and others were no longer prepared to take the abusive language and rude hand gestures which some drivers fling at them. There were five regulars and several more occasional volunteers.

Said Sarah: “We have been struggling for new volunteers for a long time. We all felt uncomfortable with the rude gestures and frequent rude verbal remarks being shouted at us. But, in the end, it was the failure to attract more volunteers which led us to hand back the equipment to the police — who said they weren’t surprised as other groups were experiencing the same problems! It’s such a shame as it was so difficult and protracted getting the CSW set up in the first place!”

- The village is now waiting for an official Traffic Speed Survey by Wiltshire Council. If this shows the same levels of speeding so regularly recorded by Sarah and the Community Speed Watch team, we may be able to pressure for more action by the police. We are also waiting for a formal speed limit assessment by the council, with the aim of reducing the 50mph speed limit down to 40mph but, as yet, there is no date set for this.

Swings update

The Parish Council has applied for a grant from the National Lottery fund — but as yet, we await a decision. However, while we wait, prices are going up as well! We will continue to raise money for the playground equipment from sales of refreshments at the Kings Coronation Picnic and would **gratefully accept donations from local businesses** towards the swings — anyone making a sizeable donation will have their name recorded on a commemorative plaque!



On-demand bus service - next month

The new on-demand bus service is imminent, with a anticipated launch date in May!

The current 20/22/X22 bus service will run in parallel until July/August, so there will be a period where people can try the new service whilst the existing services are still running.

Three on-demand pickup points have been confirmed: The existing bus stop on Church Lane, the carpark of The Pelican and the bottom of Brewhouse Hill (where the primary school mini bus currently picks up). As soon as we have confirmation of the details we will let you know.

Help us to keep in touch with you...

This newsletter is being emailed out to residents of Froxfield who have signed up to our email news service. We hold a list of those wanting to be kept abreast of the PC's activities and being informed about opportunities to get involved with village projects. If you are not already on this email broadcast list and would like to be, send your details to PC Chair Vanya Body at v.body@froxford.org

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