

Froxfield News

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Celebrating in the Rain

Froxfielders didn't let the weather spoil their Coronation Day picnic fun and games!

Froxfield toasted King Charles III in style on the afternoon of the Coronation. As the royals retreated from the Buckingham Palace balcony, villagers congregated for a 'picnic' on the green and our own Phoenix Brass Band struck up with some celebratory tunes. And, naturally, it rained!

However, we Froxfielders are made of sterner stuff and the dampness couldn't put a dampener on the fun and games!

There was a great turnout of locals to sample the Ramsbury Coronation Ale and Pimms at the beer tent, served throughout the afternoon by Claire Wilson and Ellie Morton. In the Memorial Hall, many cakes had been baked and donated – all served with teas and coffees by Jan Heppenstall, Jackie Timms and Raine Cully.

The Parish Council gave out commemorative mugs to the village children and there were also medals for those taking part in the slightly soggy sack races!

Although it looked like we might need to cancel the children's (and adult's) games... the precipitation paused just long enough to get the games underway at the end of the afternoon – with the traditional egg & spoon races proving a fun hit with all ages thanks to the mustering skills of Steve Tapper, who put his referee's whistle to good use!

We raised around £500 from bar takings, cakes and also the sale of stunning hand-made 'royal corgi' cushions created by Lynn Casey-Sturt, which is all in our Parish Council Community Fund.

It was lovely to see so many people braving the weather to support the celebrations and all the money raised will be put towards a fund to replace the swings on the village green and other future improvements to our community.





Hymns with Pimms and Sun!

The clouds rolled away and Rector Beth Hutton called it perfectly when she suggested that the Sunday afternoon's Hymns & Pimms informal worship should be set up to make the most of the glorious sunshine in the churchyard, which rounded off our celebration weekend.

The organ was brought out and placed in the All Saints doorway, and the music stand propped up with a broom!

The strengthening of bonds within our community was forefront in our minds, with a good turnout of villages and visitors in fine voice and ready for a joyful afternoon of worship.

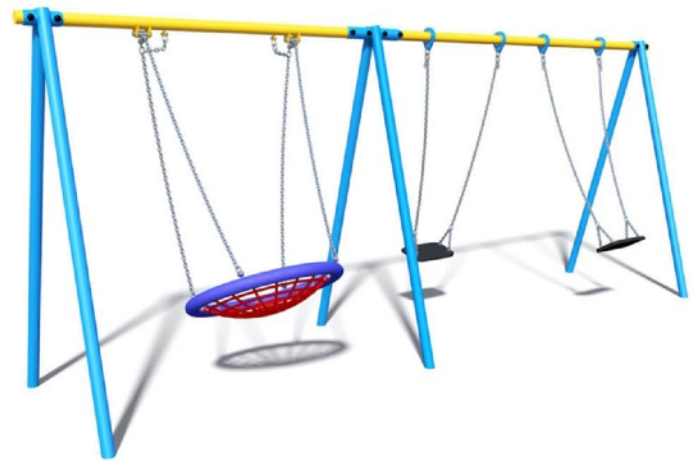
Through the hymns and the reading, delivered by David Wilson, we were able to connect our prayers for King Charles with thoughts about the Kingship of Christ and the 'call to serve'.

The organ was played wonderfully by Bernard Lane who rounded off proceedings with a lovely piece of music, which sounded superb — even rendered on the battery-powered organ!

Everyone then stayed on to enjoy a convivial Pimms (or two) kindly provided by Claire Wilson.



New Swings Funding Achieved



Thanks to the generosity of local business BK Grain Handling Engineers and a big grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, we now have enough money to buy new swings for the village green.

Father and son Bill and Simon Bird, who manage the long-established Froxfield-based family firm were delighted to offer their support by donating an extremely generous sum of £3,500 towards the play equipment appeal. In addition, we were successful in our bid and have secured a **Lottery Community Funding** of £9,590, so have been able to order the new swings from playground equipment specialists Wicksteed.

Due to a backlog of orders, we have been given a tentative build date set for August, but we are also hoping for an advance on this. The two-bay frame is constructed of tubular steel and painted as per the photo above. It will feature a basket seat, an infant cradle safety seat and a standard swing seat.

The Froxfield Parish Council wanted to install playground equipment that would 'stand the test of time' and was impressed with Wicksteed as a supplier (established in 1918).

Whilst the Lottery Community Fund would have covered the majority of costs associated with the purchasing and installation of the play equipment, the build would not have been possible without the contribution received from BK Grain Handling, and whose donation was pivotal to the success of this project, after unexpected inflationary costs were incurred whilst awaiting the outcome of the lottery grant.

The installation will include special safety grass matting underneath the new swings and the removal of the old swing set up. We will let everyone know when we have a firm build date.

It is hoped the new swings will bring pleasure to many generations of Froxfield children!

BK Grain Handling are specialists in grain handling, milling equipment, steel-framed buildings and fabrication. The company was established in Froxfield in 1981. It has held a Royal Warrant Holder —
Agricultural Engineers - Specialists in Grain Handling to HM The Queen —
since 2007, having worked on the Windsor Estate.

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& Music Festival
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