



June 2017

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Village Website — www.frithelstock.com

Welcome to the June edition of the Prior. It is with great sadness that we report the death of Michael Hearn who did so much for Frithelstock and was the author of the Frithelstock Book. He served 32 years on the Parish Council and contributed to all areas of village life. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

Remember, if you don't let me know about your activity it won't be in the Prior! Please send all your news or information on items you may wish to sell or exchange to: Judith Seaman, Mariners, Hele Lane, Frithelstock Stone. Hardcopy please as I do not have internet access.

Deadline for next edition is 15 August 2017.

Historical Note WW1

FRITHELSTOCK

Private George Lake, aged 21 years, has been killed in action on September 5th. Deceased was the third son of Mr Richard Lake of Eastbeer Farm, Merton, and joined up about 15 months ago. He was well known at Frithelstock. His father rented Drummetts Mills for a good many years before going to Merton. Pte Lake had only been in France just over two months. He was in the signal section, Royal Garrison Artillery. Mr Lake, who lost his wife some years ago, has another son in France, Mr John Lake, who is well known in Frithelstock, his wife being the youngest daughter of Mrs May, of the Clinton Arms, Frithelstock.

News has reached the parish that Pte. Charles Mitchell, aged 23 years, of the Pioneers (Canadians), died of wounds in France on July 26th. He was the third son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Mitchell, who for many years lived in the parish, and was the grandson of Mr William Langbridge, of Old Pound, Frithelstock.

Western Times, 1917, Sep 21, p 8.



☆Great Torrington☆ Royal British Legion

Once again we have passed remembrance tide and things have again been up on the previous year. Lena tramped the village once more and made a very good collection of £216.00. The Church collection was £131.20, all to help the Poppy Appeal. Over-all the Torrington area collected £8223.33. This included a concert in Torrington Church which was £807.49 up on the previous year. In fact for the first time the sum of 1 million had been reached in Devon by February this year.

Our service in Frithelstock was quite well attended and wreaths were laid by the church and parish council, and individual crosses laid for each person from the village who lost their lives in the two world wars. I would like to point out that any organization can obtain a wreath to lay, and it would be very good if you did. Just come and see me to arrange it.

Thank you all for your support. It helps a lot.

Sidney FC Adams
Chair Torrington Royal British Legion.



☆VINTAGE TEA ON THE PLAYING FIELD ☆

A themed Vintage Tea is to held on the Frithelstock Playing Field on Sunday 3rd September from 2pm, with complementary stalls, games and music, organised by the Playing Field Committee of Frithelstock Parish Council. Donations of raffle prizes please to Julian Carrington, Durrant Cottage. Telephone 622521.



☆ MARIE CURIE ☆

An envelope collection in Hele Lane raised £40 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. A big thank you is due to everyone who donated so generously to this worthy cause.



☆THANK YOU☆

Gwen Barrow wishes to thank all her dear friends who sent Get Well Cards, telephone messages, flowers, plants, chocolates and various foods, also visits which I have greatly appreciated during my recent illness. Particular thanks to the Reverend Peter Bevan for his most encouraging visit.

☆ FRITHELSTOCK WI ☆

At the May AGM Maureen Poole was re-elected President, The committee consists of Sheila Weeks, Gill D'Maurney-Gibbons, Jenny Brydges, Ruth Blake, Eileen Brown, Ruth Ward, Marcelle Paton-Smith, Jane Nicol and Sue Rudman. The speaker, Alison Marsden of TorrAGE gave her talk 'Are You Aging Well?' TorrAGE supports the health and well-being of older people in North Devon. They arrange Aging Well activities in Bideford and Torrington so that with a little help these people meet others, keep healthier and more active. Allison arranged for the activity list to be e-mailed to members that were interested.

Maureen Poole



☆FRITHELSTOCK INDOOR ROWING CLUB☆

Some of our rowers fancied a challenge, but not necessarily quite as tough as some previously completed. We decided to row a 'marathon' to coincide with the London Marathon – 49,195 metres, 26.2 miles.

So Sunday April 23 saw 13 people (present and past rowers) gather in the village Hall to complete our own version of the marathon. Charlie Heckman (our 'retired' coach) kindly agreed to come and encourage us on the day. The team consisted of Kev and Di Beer, Rachel Bond, Helen Haville, Nick Hillman, Steve and LizzyHunkin, Cathie Peters, Chris Poole, Sarah Steggles and Mark, Julie and Sam Thomas.

A very last minute decision was made to support the locally run charity – Little John's House – a home for children in Romania. Liz, from the charity, very kindly came up to see us start the row, and Mags and Verity called in to cheer us on part way through.

We had set a goal of two and a half hours to complete the distance in our usual relay style of sprinting, which some had thought was too optimistic. We were really pleased with our actual time of just over two hours 25 minutes. And to top it all, we raised £189 for Little John's House.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support the row, and to Mark and Mel Goldman for opening the bar afterwards, and to Adrian Green and Colette for providing us with some really lovely food. We are already thinking about our next challenge.

Di Beer



Frithelstock 50 Club

April winners: 1. Brigit Miles; 2. Gwen Barrow; 3. Sidney Adams.
May winners: 1. Carol Freemantle; 2. Ruth Blake; 3. Chris Poole

☆SKITTLES CLUB☆

The Ladies Skittles Team, the Penguins, were runners up in Division 1 for the second year running. They were presented with their trophies at the Bideford and District Ladies Skittle League annual dinner and dance at the Royal Hotel. The team comprised Jean Short (captain), Eileen Brown, Velva Ley, Nicky Sanders, Maureen Poole, Jenny Hearn; reserves, Margaret Hutchings, Claire Wilson, Rebecca Wilson and Rose Bond. Eileen Brown was also presented with a cup for having the three highest individual away scores.

The Frithelstock Skittle's Club held its annual meeting and the following were voted in: chairman, Michael Short; secretary, Maureen Poole; treasurer, Jenny Hearn. Jean and Michael Short are responsible for competitions. The club congratulated the Penguins on coming runners up for the second year running in Division 1 of the Bideford & District Ladies Skittle League competition.

Maureen Poole



☆COMBINED ANNUAL PARISH MEETING☆

The combined annual parish meeting was held at Frithelstock Village Hall. Mike Stokes, chairman of the parish council, presided over the meeting. Zena Tett, parish clerk gave a parish council financial report.

Adrian Green, chairman of the Village Hall, gave his report saying that there are eight regular activities taking place every week in the hall. Collette Henerty, treasurer of the Village Hall, gave her report. Marcelle Paton-Smith, who is standing down as chairman of the entertainments committee, gave a report on the different events that had taken place this year. She was thanked and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

A playing field report was given by Terry Warrington and Mark Thomas. Maureen Poole reported on the Poor Lands Charity and thanked everyone for donations and proceeds from the recent quiz night raffle. All this helps to continue providing gifts at Christmas for people of the parish in poor health.

Mark Goldman gave a report on the parish council website. Michael Short reported that the 50 Club has 78 members. Richard Joseph reported on the speed watch, thanking the volunteers who turn out in all weathers. He also gave an update on Frithelstock homepage. At the end of the meeting Mackie Poole paid a tribute to Michael Hearn who lived most of his life in the village and was a past clerk of the parish council for 32 years. He will be greatly missed.

The evening concluded with Mike Stokes thanking everyone who attended the meeting.

Maureen Poole

☆FRITHELSTOCK PLAYING FIELD☆

New residents may not be aware of the local Playing Field. Located in Hele Lane and surrounded by stunning countryside, it boasts a football pitch, sitting/picnic area including a shelter, and children's playground with swings, slide, climbing frame and roundabout. The playing field is open throughout the year from early morning till dusk when it is locked. Managed by the Playing Field Committee of Frithelstock Parish Council, the facilities are free to use and enjoy. Volunteers are needed to help with the upkeep of the Playing Field or to join the Friends of Frithelstock Playing Field and help with fundraising events. Anyone interested should contact the chairman of the Playing Field Committee, Terry Warrington, at terry@tkplay.co.uk or telephone him on 01805 625235.

Julian Carrington



☆QUIZ NIGHT☆

Quiz goers tackled 11 rounds of challenging questions as well as enjoying a cheese and pate ploughman's supper at the Frithelstock 2017 Quiz Night. The winning team, Headhunters, comprising Kim and Terry Warrington, Julie and Mark Thomas, Maggie and Dave Longhurst, scored 73 and a half, beating the Inglorious Bar Stewards into second place by 11 marks. A raffle was held in support of local charity Frithelstock Poorlands, which raised £88. Thanks to quizmaster David Smith and also to Marcelle Paton-Smith for setting the questions; thanks also to the bar staff and everyone else who worked so hard to make an enjoyable and successful evening.

Maureen Poole



‡ST MARY & ST GREGORY CHURCH‡

FRITHELSTOCK

Our Mothering Sunday service on the 26th of March was well attended with a large number of children having flowers blessed. Tea and coffee were served after the service with soft drinks for the children.

The Easter Sunday service also attracted a number of visitors who admired the way the church had been decorated. Tea and coffee were served and, as is traditional here, everyone attending received an Easter Egg.

On Saturday July 1st we will be running a stall in aid of our church at the Great Torrington Church Fair. Do come and support us there.

The date and time of the next church service is displayed on the board outside the church gate. Usually there is a service every Sunday at 11am. **All are welcome.**

If you wish to contact to the vicar - Fr Peter Bevan: The vicarage, Calf Street, Torrington, EX38 8EA. Tel. 01805 622166. E-Mail: fr.peter@stmichaelstorrington.org.uk.

Web: www.stmichaelstorrington.org.uk.

‡THORNHILLHEAD CHAPEL‡

Thornhillhead Methodist Church was blessed with good weather on Easter Monday for its tractor run. Frithelstock Village Hall car park was overflowing with tractors old and new and more than 120 drivers and passengers set out on a run taking them on the highways and byways of beautiful North Devon. After a few delays the tractors eventually arrived back at the hall for a delicious meal prepared by the church ladies. The day raised £1,021.32 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Maureen Poole

The next event in the Thornhillhead Anniversary Celebrations will be a Car Treasure Hunt on Friday 9th June. Register at Thornhillhead between 6.30 and 7.30pm, £5 per car. Return to Bower Farm, Bulkworthy, for barbecue, raffle, fun and games.

On Sunday 11 June at 7.00pm there will be a Variety Concert at the Chapel. Includes Harmony 4, Poetry Readings, etc. The Concert will be followed by a delicious supper.

All are welcome to both events.



☆ BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL ☆

The ever popular Beer & Music Festival will take place on the Playing Field on the 24th June. Gates open at 6.00pm. There will be music from the Wild Strawberries, a Tug of War, BBQ, Bar, Beer, and fun for all.



☆ Frithelstock Activities ☆

Circuit Training,	Monday 6 pm	Ian 0123 421080
Pilates (Beginners)	Tues 1-10 pm & Fri 11.10 am	
Pilates (Intermediate)	Mon 10 am, Tues 6 pm, & Fri 10 am	
All Pilates Classes		Elaine 01805 623865
Rowing Club,	Fri 6.45 pm	Charlie 01805 625898
WI	1 st Weds each month 7.30pm	Maureen 01805 622834
Ikebana	Monthly	Margaret 01237 424324

Taken from the 'Activities' board outside the Village Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 4 th Jun	Morning Prayer – Parish Church	11.00am
Weds 7 th Jun	WI — Mounted Police Horses – David Guy - Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 9 th Jun	Car Treasure Hunt – Start Thornhillhead	6.30pm
Sun 11 th Jun	Morning Prayer – Parish Church	11.00am
Sun 11 Jun	Variety Concert – Thornhillhead Chapel	7.00pm
Sun 18 th Jun	Holy Communion – Parish Church	11.15am
Sun 25 th Jun	Morning Prayer – Parish Church	11.00am
Sat 24 th Jun	Beer & Music Festival – Playing Field	6.00pm
Sun 2 nd Jul	Morning Prayer – Parish Church	11.00am
Weds 5 th Jul	WI – -- Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 6 th Jul	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	8.00pm
Weds 6 th Sep	WI —- Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 7 th Sep	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	8.00pm

Useful Contacts

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