



# December 2017

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Village Website — [www.frithelstock.com](http://www.frithelstock.com)

Welcome to the December edition of the Prior. Christmas is nearly upon us, the village tree will be going up at Stone Corner, the Carol Service will held in the parish church and Santa will no doubt have a few local names on his list when he passes by. Happy Christmas to all our readers!

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 February 2018.**

## Historical Note WW1 Frithelstock

Captain John White Cater, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, who died in a hospital in Germany of wounds received in action on May 3, was educated at Harrow. He served in South Africa with the Ceylon Mounted Infantry, and at the outbreak of war enlisted in the North Devon Yeomanry, later receiving his commission in the Middlesex Regt. He was the sixth son of the late Mr and Mrs C. A. Cater, of Corran, Harrow. *Before the war Captain Cater lived at Drummetts Mill, Frithelstock.*

*Western Times, 1917, Aug 25, p 3, col 4*



## Frithelstock 50 Club

August winners: 1. Gale Riddell; 2. Kate Short; 3. Rose Hunkin

September winners: 1. Lesley & Greg Ball; 2. Michael Short; 3. Maggie Jackson

October winners: 1. Margaret Ashton; 2. Sue Rudman; 3. Marcelle Paton-Smith

November winners: 1. Mary Pearce; 2. Judith Brock; 3. Judith Seaman

## ☆ FRITHELSTOCK WI ☆



Frithelstock WI is a lively group meeting in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30. Why not go along as a visitor to see if WI is for you?

In the September meeting the speaker was Christopher John, a chiropractor in Holsworthy and Barnstaple. He gave a most interesting talk on the human body and how it works, which left a few of us keen to get our aches straightened out.

In October we had a more practical speaker, Wendy Port, who taught us all to make gift bags – very useful with Christmas almost on us!

Then in November Anneli Talbot-Imber gave a demonstration on the use of Royal Icing, perhaps she will have inspired some of us to try our skill on a Christmas cake.

Beside the speakers the WI has restarted a Walking Group so anyone who wishes to get out and about in the area will be able to join with a readymade group of friends.



## ☆ FRITHELSTOCK AUTUMN QUIZ ☆

Eleven teams competed at Frithelstock Village Hall on Friday October 6, answering nine rounds of questions, ranging from the recognition of landmark buildings around the world to deciphering infamous assassins from a jumble of names. There were also rounds requiring knowledge of the years in which significant events occurred, identifying a series of celebrity faces which had been morphed together and the stalwart favourites of music and sports.

Several teams were in the running for the first position until the last round – Last Chance Saloon – which gave the option of trying an answer but with the penalty of losing all points for the round if any wrong answer was given. Only one team risked all 10 questions and with a broad range of knowledge – from the name of the oldest MP to Mr Darcy's first name – secured bonus points with 10 correct answers and surged ahead to win.

The winning team was Sally and David Milsom, Cilla and Paul Bangay, and Kay and Eddie Heath with 102 points.

Nearly £400 was raised for village hall funds and a charity raffle raised £60 for North Devon Animal Ambulance.

*Maureen Poole*



## ☆ ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ☆

Once again remembrance has reached us and almost gone, but what a year for Frithelstock. With just a few words from myself, this year we laid five wreaths on the memorial. I have never seen this many before, and for this I thank all the organizations who donated for a wreath.

Once more Lena trudged the village with her Poppy box and collected the sum of £239.63, which with a church collection of £189.00 and donations of £88.50 for the wreaths, made a grand total of £517.13 and with this result I was over the moon. Also the number of people who turned out for the service and the wreath laying ceremony was good.

However, on the down side I was disgusted with the condition of the area surrounding the war memorial and the steps, in which I involved the British Legion to obtain grants. I have made my feelings on this known to the parish council.

Once again very many thanks go to everyone for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Sydney F. C. Adams  
Chairman Torrington Royal British Legion



## ☆ VINTAGE TEA ON THE PLAYING FIELD ☆

Due to extremely bad weather the vintage tea was held in Frithelstock Village Hall instead of the playing field. The weather did not put people off, the hall was packed and everyone had a wonderful tea which was made all the better by using the vintage china provided by Lorraine Brown.

Maria Poole organised pony rides which were held on the field next to the hall to an enthusiastic response from a number of youngsters. The sum of £565 was raised for the playing field. Many thanks go to all those who came along and helped to make it a success.

*Maureen Poole*



## ☆ FRITHELSTOCK PLAYING FIELD ☆ TRAMPOLINE

The Frithelstock Community Playground Trampoline is a project by the parish council in Frithelstock, with funding from the Council in Torrington. The funding will be used to install new trampoline equipment on a playing field, creating new opportunities for active outdoor play.



## ‡ ST MARY & ST GREGORY CHURCH ‡ FRITHELSTOCK

Gt Torrington visitors. In September we welcomed the congregation from Great Torrington Church, who came to us or Little Torrington while St Michael's Church was out of action for the removal of asbestos. It was lovely to see so many people in our church, and to hear the difference the extra voices made to the hymns. Thank you all and we would be happy to welcome you on any future visit.

Harvest Festival Service took place at Frithelstock Parish Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Rev Peter Bevan led the service assisted by the Rev Tracy Doyle, lessons were read by Judith Seaman and Harry Chapman. Organist was Gwen Barrow. Our thanks go to those who decorated the church, gave refreshments and produce to sell.

*Maureen Poole*

Coffee Morning. A most successful Coffee Morning was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Plenty of people joined us in the Village Hall to drink coffee, chat with friends and buy from the various stalls. At the end of the morning we had raised £400 for the Church Funds. Our thanks go to all who helped on the day, who ran the stalls, and especially those who came to support us.

Our Carol & Christingle Service will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all 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 the vicar - Fr Peter Bevan: The Vicarage, Calf Street, Torrington, EX38 8EA. Tel. 01805 622166. E-Mail: [fr.peter@stmichaelstorrington.org.uk](mailto:fr.peter@stmichaelstorrington.org.uk). Web: [www.stmichaelstorrington.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelstorrington.org.uk).



## ☆ REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ☆

Our Remembrance Service was held at Frithelstock Parish Church and led by the Rev Peter Bevan. The organist was Gwen Barrow and the reading was by Judith Seaman. At the War Memorial wreaths were laid by Sidney Adams, church warden and Chairman of Torrington Branch Royal British Legion; Mike Stokes for the, parish council; Michael Short for the Frithelstock Skittles Club; Maureen Poole for Frithelstock WI; and Terry Warrington for the Frithelstock Bell Ringers. Crosses were planted for the fallen of the parish by Sidney Adams and Judith Seaman. The Last Post was played by Nick Megson, bandmaster of the Torrington Silver Band. The collection from the service was donated to the Royal British Legion

*Maureen Poole*



## ☆ SKITTLES CLUB ☆

The Skittle's Club has held its annual pairs competition. The winners were Jenny Hearn and Mackie Poole who beat Maureen Poole and Michael Short in the final.

*Maureen Poole*



## ☆ LADIES MORNING COFFEE GROUP ☆

The Ladies Coffee Morning Group meet once a month and over the past 18 months have raised £345. This will be given to Frithelstock Church and a donation to Thornhillhead Methodist Chapel.

*Maureen Poole*



## ☆ 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 <sup>st</sup> 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**

Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WI – Wines & Cheeses – Alexa Bennett – Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol & Christingle Service – Village Church	2.30pm
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fun Night – Village Hall	tba
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	WI – Living Abroad – J Brydges with Soup & Desert – Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	8.00pm
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WI – Dorset Buttons – Sandy Bridge – Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	8.00pm
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	WI – Sugarcraft demonstration – Liz Wedgewood – Village Hall	7.30pm

## **Useful Contacts**

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