



# March 2018

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

Welcome to the March edition of the Prior. Spring is just around the corner, snowdrops and daffodils are coming out in the lanes, primroses are blooming, birds are staking territories, and the forecasters predict an arctic week to remind us that winter isn't over yet! At least it isn't raining....

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 May 2018.**

## ☆ Historical Note WW1 ☆ Frithelstock

Mr Charles Short, of Stone Cottage, Frithelstock, has heard officially that his son, Pte Ernest Short, who has been missing for some months past, was killed on 18 May 1917. The young man was only 19 years of age, and joined up in September 1916.

*Bideford & North Devon Gazette, 1918, Mar 12, p 4, col 4.*



## Frithelstock 50 Club

December winners: 1. Harry Chapman; 2. Mary Goaman; 3. Charles Moore  
January winners: 1. Michael Palmer; 2. Glen Davey; 3. Josie Pomeroy  
February winners: 1. Judith Seaman; 2. Kate Short; 3. Terry Warrington

## ☆ XMAS FUN NIGHT ☆

It was standing room only at Frithelstock Village Hall on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>, for a well-attended, annual pre-Christmas Fun Night. It was an opportunity for parishioners to socialise, swap Christmas Cards and enjoy some entertainment. The evening, ably compered by Melanie Goldman, started with the singing of Christmas carols and then a number of local acts performed on the stage. Amber Handley performed three songs, also playing the piano for the first number, City of Stars from LaLaLand. She was followed by Frithelstock WI who performed Swan Lake's The Cygnet Dance. Taking part as amusing dancing swans were Ruth Ward, Barbara Hill, Sue Rudman and Maureen Poole. Playing the kazoos to the music of Swan Lake were Jenny Hearn, Gill D'Maurney-Gibbons, Marcelle Paton-Smith and Rose Bond, conducted by Ruth Blake. Lucy Hearn then gave us a lovely unaccompanied rendition of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. The final act was the Frithelstock All Blacks who followed a very seasonal tongue-in-cheek Haka with a medley of other comic numbers. Taking part were Steve Beer, Kieran Bake, Roger Hunkin, Steve Hunkin, Chris Poole and Kev Beer.

A bring-and-share buffet supper followed, with the bar being open to enliven the festive spirit. A presentation of £150, raised by the evening's raffle, was made to Mary Goaman, representing Frithelstock Poor Lands Charity. Prizes were also awarded to Lucy Steggles and Maureen Poole for the best Christmas-themed outfits. The evening concluded with games for the many children attending, organised by Steve Beer, Steve Hunkin and Mackie Poole.

Many thanks go to Mark Goldman for the sound and lighting, and to those who helped behind the bar and to everyone who came along, to a very enjoyable evening.

*Adrian Green*



## ☆ 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 December meeting the speakers were Lucy Courier and Emma Durant who work in Waitrose in Holsworthy. They gave an interesting talk on cheese and wine and provided different cheeses and wines to try.

In January the speaker was Institute member Jenny Brydges talking about her two years in Hong Kong with her husband and family. The evening ended in traditional January style with home-made soups and deserts.

Then in February Sandy Bridge gave a very interesting talk about Dorset Buttons, their history and background and then produced the materials to give members a chance to try making their very own Dorset Buttons. As part of the evening Maureen Poole was presented with an engraved glass paperweight to mark her 50 years as a member of the Institute.

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.

*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](mailto:terry@tkplay.co.uk) or telephone him on 01805 625235.

*Julian Carrington*



## ‡ ST MARY & ST GREGORY CHURCH ‡

### FRITHELSTOCK

Gwen Barrow, who has celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Sidney Adams and the Rev Peter Bevan. The Rev Peter Bevan Presented her with a large number of gift tokens from all at the church. Gwen has been an organist at Frithelstock Church for 46 years and is one of our most faithful members.

Carol Service. Bells greeted a large congregation for a Carol Service with Christingles. Lessons were read by Linda Reed, Charles Moore, Judith Seaman, Ann Bevan and Rev Peter Bevan. A poem was read by children Juliette and Charlotte Reed, Amy Rudman, Alice Hunkin and Lucy Steggles. Presents were given to the children thanks to a generous donation by a Lay Reader, Gwyn Thatcher. Mulled wine and mince pies were served after the service.

Mothering Sunday will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome to the service and there will be flowers for the children to bring for blessing.

Our first fund-raising event this year is a Lent Lunch on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please join us in the Village Hall for soup, cheese and biscuits with tea or coffee. 12.00 – 2.00pm.

Easter Sunday is on 1<sup>st</sup> April. You are all welcome to come to our service on this very special day in the church year. It will begin at 11.15 and refreshments will be served.

The Church AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

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).



## ☆ POOR LANDS CHARITY ☆

At the Annual Meeting, chairman Gale Riddell stepped down. Maureen Poole was elected chairman and Mary Goaman was re-elected secretary/Treasurer. After a discussion by the trustees, gifts at Christmas will be given to those in poor health or who have lost a loved one in 2017.

*Maureen Poole*

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## ☆ SKITTLES CLUB ☆

The Skittle's Club has held its annual Christmas competition. The winners were: Ladies; 1 Maureen Poole, 2 Jean Short, 3 Nicky Sanders. Men; 1 Mackie Poole, 2 Arthur Poole, 3 Brian Hill.

After Christmas the Club held its annual inter-team knockout competition at the village hall. Five teams took part, four men's teams and one ladies team. Rats Rabble were the winners – the team were Ryan Daniel, Ben Weeks, Charles Andrews, Tom Hancock, Shaun Dallon and Charles Watkins. Highest individual scorer for the ladies was Janet Worth and Mackie Poole had the highest score for the men. Each were presented with the annual cups.

*Maureen Poole*

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## ☆ VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE ☆

### Volunteers needed

The existing Playing Field Committee, having managed the Playing Field site and equipment wonderfully and for so long, has now decided it is time to step down.

We are therefore seeking new volunteers to help maintain this valuable space.

Responsibilities include:

Deciding on opening hours

Ensuring the correct level of insurance is in place

Liaising with the grass cutting contractor

Arranging the annual equipment inspection

Working with the Entertainments and Village Hall committees to organise events.

If you would be willing to help, please contact either Mike Baker on 07977513583 , or by email: [mikebaker14@hotmail.com](mailto:mikebaker14@hotmail.com) or Lizzy Hunkin on 07816825396 or by email: [westashfarm@icloud.com](mailto:westashfarm@icloud.com).

*Maureen Poole*

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## ☆ THANK YOU ☆

Gwen Barrow would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and telephone calls she received on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and especially to all those who contributed to the wonderful gift tokens she received from the church.

## ☆ 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

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Thur<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar | Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall                              | 8.00pm                  |
| Weds<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Mar | WI – Sugarcraft demonstration – Liz Wedgewood -- Village Hall      | 7.30pm                  |
| Sun<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Mothering Sunday – service and blessing of flowers – Parish Church | 11.00am                 |
| Sat<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Lent Lunch – Soup, cheese & biscuits                               | Village Hall<br>12.00pm |
| Weds<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Apr | WI – Stapleton Farm Yogurts – Peter Duncan -- Village Hall         | 7.30pm                  |
| Thur<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> May | Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall                              | 8.00pm                  |
| Weds<br>7 <sup>th</sup> May | WI – North Devon Hospice - Clare Sherwood -- Village Hall          | 7.30pm                  |

### Useful Contacts

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| ***Village Hall: Adrian Green <b>623115</b>      | ***Skittles: Michael Short <b>623359</b>                |
| ***Newsletter: Judith Seaman <b>622561</b>       | ***Entertainment: Marcelle Paton-Smith <b>623310</b>    |
| ***Parish Council: Mike Stokes <b>622066</b>     | *** Village Hall Bookings: Jean Short <b>623359</b>     |
| ***W.I. Maureen Poole <b>622834</b>              | ***50 Club: Jenny Hearn <b>622144</b>                   |
| ***Playing Field: Terry Warrington <b>625235</b> | ***Newspaper Correspondent: Maureen Poole <b>622834</b> |
| ***Parish Church: Fr Peter Bevan <b>622166</b>   | ***Rowing Club: Di Beer <b>622592</b>                   |