



# September 2017

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

Welcome to the September edition of the Prior. Ours is an active village. We have reports on the Scrumpy Stroll, the Village Event, a Tea Party and a variety of activities in the two churches. There is news of a new author in the parish and a car crash near Pencleave. To come we have the Vintage Tea, Harvest Festivals, and Remembrance.

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 November 2017.**

## Historical Note WW1 Frithelstock

Mr and Mrs J. Bale, Frithelstock, have received information that their son, Charles Bale, was wounded in the fighting in Palestine on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and is in hospital. The nature of the wound is not stated.

Mr and Mrs Wickett, of Cloister Hall, Frithelstock, have received a letter from their son, Sergt. Wickett, of the Royal North Devon Hussars. He is suffering from enteric fever, and is in an Alexandria Hospital.

*Western Times, 1917, Dec 21, p 8, col 4*



## Frithelstock 50 Club

June winners: 1. Mr & Mrs Steggles; 2. Margaret Hutchings; 3. Glen Davey  
July winners: 1. Kerry Little; 2. Mr & Mrs Steggles; 3. Michael Palmer

## ★ VINTAGE TEA ON THE PLAYING FIELD ★

A themed Vintage Tea is to be held on the Frithelstock Playing Field on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 2pm, with complementary stalls, games and music, organised by the Playing Field Committee of Frithelstock Parish Council.

Events on the day will include a Charity Draw, Ferret Racing, Pony Rides and Games, a produce stall, cake stall etc. Adults £5 per head, children under 12 £2.50, under 5's free.

Donations of raffle prizes please to Julian Carrington, Durrant Cottage. Telephone 622521.



## ★ SCRUMPY STROLL 2017★

Nearly a hundred adults and children participated in this year's Annual Scrumpy Stroll starting at Frithelstock Village Hall on the afternoon of Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Stops for rest and a cider refreshment were made at Hillview; in Smythacott back lane; and in the field in the woods at Knaworthy, before a modest uphill climb to the finish at Cholash. A tractor and trailer ride allowed non-walkers to participate and it was also used to ferry the walkers back to the village hall at the end for a barbecue. Children's games were also held in the hall rather than en-route, as the weather forecast had threatened torrential rain late in the afternoon, but fortunately this failed to materialise and a light shower did nothing to dampen enthusiasm for seeing the different parts of the parish. The event also raised in excess of £230 for the village hall funds. Many thanks go to the organisers and all the helpers.

*Maureen Poole*



## ★ FRITHELSTOCK WI ★

Frithelstock WI is going from strength to strength. A lively group meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month. The first part of the meeting is the 'business' part. As well as details of WI organisation, information on courses and competitions covering a wide range of subjects is available. This year a keen group has been to various quizzes, a sporting party have experimented with croquet, and various crafts have been on offer.

The speakers for the June meeting were David Guy and Jeff Herrington who spoke about life as mounted policemen and their activities in the charity World Horse Welfare. This was a most interesting and enjoyable talk and was enthusiastically welcomed.

In July Brian Butler gave an interesting talk about the beneficial effects of Factory Farming. This was a divisive topic, but he gave the members a great deal to think about.

For this August's Summer Outing 10 members of the WI had a most enjoyable afternoon visiting Tapely Park, wandering around the delightful gardens and finishing with a cream tea.



## ☆ SUMMER EVENT 2017☆

More than 140 locals and visitors of all ages gathered at the playing field to enjoy the summer event. The annual tug of war competition took place. The winners were Hutchings Contractors – Mitchell Bright, Edward Brown, Dragos, Martin Beer, Will Prouse, Stephan, Ian Evans, and Derek Hutchings. Thanks to Pat Mitchell for officiating and providing the rope.

The Wild Strawberries provided the music for the evening of dancing; the barbecue and bar were kept busy. Approximately £1,200 was raised for the upkeep of the Village Hall. The entertainment committee would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and resources to provide the facilities and equipment on the playing field. Thanks also to all who worked so hard on the night to enable people to enjoy themselves.

*Maureen Poole*



### **FRITHELSTOCK VILLAGE HALL**

**An ideal venue for a birthday, anniversary, or wedding party.**

**Can accommodate 80 for seated dining**

**Or 150 for buffet style**

**Linen table-clothes & chair covers available for hire**

**Licensed bar by arrangement**

**Well equipped kitchen**

**Hire fee £6 per hour for Frithelstock residents  
and £7.50 per hour for non-Frithelstock residents**

**For more details and to book contact**

**Jean Short on 01805 623359**

**Further details and booking form can be found at [www.frithelstock.com](http://www.frithelstock.com)**

**Caretaker Maureen Poole 01805 622834**



### **MASSAGE THERAPY TREATMENTS BY BRENDA WARD**

I have worked in the Therapy Industry now for over 17 years. I am fully qualified as a Therapist and Personal Trainer, and I have travelled the world with my work. I not only offer relaxation treatments, but I am also a sports Therapist and can help with injuries, muscular problems and advice on stretching techniques and Back Care..

1 x 60 minute Therapeutic/Sports or Relaxation Massage for introductory offer of £25

1 x 30 minute Massage for introductory offer of £18

1 x 50 minute Indian Head Massage for introductory offer of £22

1 x 30 minute Indian Head Massage for introductory offer of £16

1 x 60 minute Reflexology Treatment for introductory offer of £22

Taster Reflexology of 30 minutes for introductory offer of £16

1 x 30 minute Foot Massage for introductory offer of £16

If you would like to book a session, please contact Brenda on 07910412559

## ✠ THORNHILLHEAD CHAPEL ✠

The members and friends of Thornhillhead Methodist Church would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the events held for our anniversary weekend. Twenty four cars set out on the treasure hunt on Friday June 9, all making it back to Bower Farm, Bulkworthy, to enjoy a delicious barbecue, raffle and various stalls. On Sunday June 11, the church was full to bursting for a variety concert with Harmony 4, Leighanne Jones, Kathryn and Rhiannon Mitchell singing, Spencer Quance Playing the piano and Rose Wooldridge reading her poetry. The evening was rounded off with a delicious supper. The whole weekend raised £961.20 for church funds.

*Maureen Poole*

Thornhillhead Methodist Church would also like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, at Frithelstock Village Hall. The event was held to raise funds to help support those affected by the Grenfell Tower Fire. The tables were heaving & the hall was full of people and we managed to raise £647.00. A fantastic result from a very enjoyable morning.

The following letter has been received by the organisers:

To Eileen and Thornhillhead Methodist Church and friends, I would like to thank you for your support which is very much appreciated. Thank you so much. Love and best wishes, Angie Mays, The Grenfell Tower Holiday Appeal.

*Eileen Brown*



### **A New Author in our Parish**

We have a new author in our Parish. Jennifer Wilkin Shaw's *a Testament of Grief* has just been published – it's on Amazon and available in all bookshops. Her task has taken some 10 years and has already attracted local publicity.

*'Jennifer, a young widow, cooks dinner in the kitchen of her Devon cottage, unaware of the breaking news. A few miles away a 14-year-old schoolgirl has fallen into a swollen, icy river on Dartmoor during a training walk for the Ten Tors Challenge.*

*The girl is airlifted to hospital in a critical condition, but she doesn't regain consciousness. Her name is Charlotte Shaw. She is Jennifer's only child.*

*Now the hell begins. And in this moving, vividly written memoir Jennifer tells you exactly what it's like. She leaves nothing out!*

The book has only been out for a few weeks and already Jennifer has been featured in the North Devon Journal and the Gazette – both publishing almost full page reviews. Jenny made her debut appearance at the recent book fair at Rosemoor. Sales quickly ran into double figures – and Jenny will also be signing copies at the Appledore Book Fair on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Order your copy from Walter Henry, Waterstones or [Jenifer.wilkinshaw@talktalk.net](mailto:Jenifer.wilkinshaw@talktalk.net)  
Published by Simon Bluestock Publishing, ISBN 978-0-9955949-0-6. Price £9.95.



## Tricky Bends in the Parish

Six years ago, this coming December (I think), during our miserable winter there were several ‘accidents’ on the blind corner in Frithelstock Stone – at the junction of Hele Lane when there was ice and snow on the roads. That initiated the Speedwatch checks that have taken place ever since. But that corner is not the only tricky one in our parish.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, a Mitsubishi Overlander entered Frithelstock travelling towards Frithelstock Stone. The right-hand bend approaching Pencleave Farm is deceptive. Unfortunately the driver misjudged the corner, hit the nearside wall and ricocheted across the road and into the stone wall – see images. This was not a speeding issue. It pays to simply remain focussed when driving. It could have been much worse. No one was driving towards the Mitsubishi at the time and no one was injured - though the driver’s pride may have been hurt! Both car and wall suffered major damage.



The approach – car glanced off the nearside wall, right and below telegraph pole



Damage was extensive!



### **PAINTING AND DRAWING LESSONS BY PROFESSIONAL FINE ARTIST, BRENDA WARD**

I am a professional artist, specializing in Portraiture. I do, however also paint landscapes and seascapes, or whatever the client wishes. I have recently moved to Frithelstockstone from Liverpool, as I love Devon, and I love the light down here, which is great for an Artist.

If you would like to learn how to paint, learn how to use oil paints properly, or simply learn how to draw, please contact Brenda on 07910412559

Introductory offer of 1 x 60 minutes for £20

# ✠ ST MARY & ST GREGORY CHURCH ✠

## FRITHELSTOCK

On Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> we ran a stall in aid of our church at the Great Torrington Church Fair. After an overcast and drizzly morning the sun emerged just in time for opening ceremony and blazed down until just after the event closed, whereupon it poured with rain. Our Scarf and Bag stall was very popular and we raised £98. The following weekend on the 9<sup>th</sup> July we ran a very successful Vicar's Tea Party at Stone Farm, by kind invitation of Harry and Helene Chapman.. Again the weather was kind to us and the sun shone on the beautiful garden. A host of friends came to drink tea and sample the sandwiches and cakes on offer. Music was provided by Malcolm Woodcock on his keyboard. There was a no charge but donations to the Church on the day came to £294.36. Thank you to everyone who attended these events and gave so generously.

Looking further ahead our Harvest will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at 2.30 pm, with a cup of tea and refreshments afterwards.

Remembrance will be 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.30pm with wreath laying after the service at the War Memorial.

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).



## ☆ 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**

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Holy Communion – Parish Church	11.00am
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Vintage Tea – Frithelstock Playing Field	2.00pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	WI –Chiropractor – Christopher John -- Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	8.00pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Holy Communion – Parish Church	11.00am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Holy Communion – Parish Church	11.00am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Morning Prayer – Parish Church	11.00am
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival – Parish Church	2.30pm
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WI – Making a Gift Bag £1 – Wendy Porter -- Village Hall	7.30pm
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	WI – Royal Icing – Annali Talbot -- Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Sunday -                      2.30pm Church for 3.00 pm War Memorial	
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	8.00pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WI – Wines & Cheeses – Alexa Bennett -- Village Hall	7.30pm

## **Useful Contacts**

**\*\*\*Village Hall:** Adrian Green **623115**

**\*\*\*Skittles:** Michael Short **623359**

**\*\*\*Newsletter:** Judith Seaman **622561**

**\*\*\*Entertainment:** Marcelle Paton-Smith **623310**

**\*\*\*Parish Council:** Mike Stokes **622066**

**\*\*\* Village Hall Bookings:** Jean Short **623359**

**\*\*\*W.I.** Maureen Poole **622834**

**\*\*\*50 Club:** Jenny Hearn **622144**

**\*\*\*Playing Field:** Terry Warrington **625235** **\*\*\*Newspaper Correspondent:** Maureen Poole **622834**

**\*\*\*Parish Church:** Fr Peter Bevan **622166**

**\*\*\*Rowing Club:** Di Beer **622592**