

FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Welcome to the September edition

Greetings! We trust that your summer has been a smasher, certainly, there's been enough good weather to make watering the pots a fairly regular feature surely? As you'll see we've got a bumper crop of fabulous photos from this year's fete, clearly many of you are 'Instagram ready', maybe we should expand our use of social media platforms, become influencers, digital marketers and make millions selling 'merch' – hey we've got some village tea towels leftover – can that work?

2024 Village Fete - what a scorcher!

Sunday 1st September saw the coming together of months of planning, coordination and ultimately, sheer hard work, to make the much-anticipated village fete a happy reality. This year saw many new volunteers offer valuable help in a huge range of roles, from gazebo erection, bunting duty, cleaning and sweeping to setting up the welly boot pitch to Olympic marking standards. Huge thanks to all who got involved, especially the very willing and hugely capable youngsters who stepped up this year and were a complete delight to work alongside.



New for 2024 – a potential Olympic event in the making?

Among the fete committee's ideas this year were innovations of a Game Zone area which included the eternally popular 'splat the rat', 'horseshoe toss' and the 'hold it steady' electrical buzzer test. But by far the runaway success was the 'loo roll lob' which attracted a queue of competitive children and adults alike. The adult winner achieved 9.4m and the children did super-well with deadly accuracy at 8.9m in both age categories – parents, you might need to hide your loo rolls from now on...



Splat the rat
top-teamwork



Apparently, it helps if you
stare at it...



Sam digs deep for
potential Tombola glory



Reg wins Baileys big on
the raffle



Solid position, balance and... and yet the style award
poise...



Apparently, it helps if you
stare at it... goes to this little lady



It's not just veg, it's
Parmoor veg.



Sun-ripened heritage
tomatoes, food as art.

Electronic copies of the newsletter are now available via the Frieth Village Society website: www.fvs.org.uk
We welcome all your feedback, thoughts and ideas for future issues.

Please send all messages to our **NEW** email address: newsletter@fvs.org.uk

More Fete-tastic Photos

Hungry? – we've got food for all



Kitchen crew readies for the rush



Penny gets winsome selling cakes



Tracey tries to figure out how the new dishwasher works



Dog photo booth by Stacey Ivy



Carlos, Joy and Tom K's distant cousin



Can't stand the heat? – these two can



Another happy winner



Nope, we don't know either



Meanwhile, back on the school field, the competition got even hotter

Welly wanging – timeless appeal for all ages

This year marked the 49th year that the welly event has been happening in Frieth. As always, the title of champion in each age category was hotly contested, with one young man driving 5 hours back from Devon, getting stuck in traffic and calling ahead to make sure we didn't close the event before he arrived. Skidding in with just minutes to spare, Bertie Macleod sauntered up, made a throw that Geoff Capes would have been proud of, and secured the title for the third year running, congratulations Bertie. In a perfect eccentric tradition, the fete committee has recorded scores reaching back to 1975, which makes next year the 50th anniversary – get practising people.





Community Matters

General Meeting to discuss Frieth School's expansion plans

Thursday 3rd October, 7.30 pm, Village Hall – ALL WELCOME!

FVS will host a meeting to discuss the school's expansion plans with the Head Teacher, Martin Gosling and the Head of Governors. They will be invited to explain the need for expansion and their plans to manage the implications of higher numbers, in particular, the increase in traffic associated with drop-off and pick-up. A Q&A session will follow, which David House, FVS Chair, will manage. To help us prepare for the meeting, it would be appreciated if you could submit questions beforehand to info@fvs.org.uk

The Village Hall has a limited capacity of 100 people, so this is a ticket-only meeting. If you would like to attend, please register by following the link below. It is free to register, and tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. If you arrive on the night without a ticket, entry will only be allowed until the hall has reached its capacity, so please register to guarantee your place! <https://fienta.com/fvs-meeting-school-plans>

Frieth Speedwatch



Improving road safety in Frieth

Many residents are concerned about road safety in the village, particularly on Frieth Hill, where traffic volume has increased in recent years and there are few pavement areas. Consequently, it is vital that road users remain within the speed limit to reduce the risk of collisions and injuries.

“Speeding is everyone's concern: Speed kills, end of story. Speeding is antisocial, and collisions caused by driving too fast for the circumstances are wholly avoidable,” Community Speedwatch website

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where members of local communities work with their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their speeding. **Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live.**



Of all the potential speed-reducing options we could adopt in Frieth, we believe CSW, which is proven to work, best suits our environment, so FVS has established a CSW group. We now seek volunteers who are willing to undertake 20 to 30 minutes of online training and then participate in roadside recording sessions. There's no fixed schedule; we can operate Speedwatch at dates and times that suit our volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering or would like to find out a bit more about how CSW works, please email our coordinators via speedwatch@fvs.org.uk

As part of this initiative, Community Speedwatch 30mph signs have been erected at the top and bottom of Frieth Hill (see yellow sign in photo left). Once sufficient volunteers are trained, surveillance will start with the aim of improving road safety in the village.

Heartfelt Thanks

I wish to thank my dear friends and neighbours from our village who have been so kind and caring to me since my darling husband, David, died last year. It has helped me so much, thank you. With love from Jean Denham



Dates for your diary



Frieth Church will be hosting all the following services:

Sunday 15th September, Communion, 9 am

Sunday 22nd September, Communion and Dedication of Banner, 9 am

Sunday 29th September, Book of Common Prayer, 8 am

Sunday 6th October, Group Service, 10 am

Sunday 13th October, Harvest Festival and Wild Church, 3pm

Frieth Hilly – 5K and 10K races

Sunday 13th October starts and finishes at Frieth School. Challenging, mixed terrain races along winding woodland paths and country roads with stunning views; suitable for all ages. Medals for all finishers and prizes for the fast ones! Online entries close at 10 pm on 10th October, but you can enter on the day if you get there early. Please arrive between 8.30 – 9 am to register and collect your number. The races start promptly at 10 am. More information via www.friethhilly.co.uk



Greener Frieth – please note the change of date

This is now confirmed for Thursday, November 7th, starting at 7 pm in the school hall. As always, regulars and new members are very welcome.

Frieth Natural History Society

Friday 20th September, 10 am, Autumn Walk at Aston Rowant.

Thursday 24th October, 7.30 pm, Frieth Village Hall, Talk 'Queen of the Woods' by John Tyler

Monday 4th November, 10.30 am, Fungus Foray near Frieth, led by Richard Fortey.

All are welcome, but non-members pay a small fee. For full details and to book your place, please contact Andy on 01494 881586 or Mary on 01494 881501 or email FNHS2023@gmail.com

**FRIETH
NATURAL
HISTORY
Society**



Hambleden Cinema Club: Returns in October with TWO events – all welcome

Tues. 8th Oct - Six Inches of Soil: Special one-off documentary event. The inspiring story of young British farmers standing up against the industrial food system. With panel discussion afterwards. Doors and bar open at 6:30 pm programme starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £8 each, available from Hambleden Village Store or the website: <https://hambledencinema.co.uk>

Sat. 19th October Emily: A compelling story of Emily Bronte's struggle to become a writer

Doors and bar open at 7:00 pm programme starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are £8 each, available from Hambleden Village Store or the website: <https://hambledencinema.co.uk>

Parmoor Afternoon Tea Club: Tuesday Afternoons, 2 pm at St Katharine's, Parmoor

All are welcome for a chat over a cuppa and to play board games if you wish. If you need help to get there, transport is available.

Contact Judy on 01494 882227 or email ajh.claypit1@btinternet.com



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Bad Joke Corner

Q: What happened to the illegally parked frog?



A: It got toad away...