



# **Freystrop**


## **Community Christmas Letter**

### **2017**


The Community Councillors & County Councillor Michael John  
wish you the compliments of the season.







## Community Council Chairman's Review



I am pleased to report on very interesting and rewarding year for the Community Council and Village Hall & Playing Field Committee.

Firstly we have appointed a new clerk, Mr Clive Griffith. Clive is a former police officer and is very experienced in community council matters having previously been clerk to Herbrandston CC and also currently clerk to Tiers Cross CC. Clive takes over from Mrs Kasha Roach who had served the community well for nearly 30 years.


The community council along with Johnston CC have been the recipients of a substantial Community Benefit donation from the Pope Hill Solar Park development which straddled the boundaries of both communities. Part of the funds will be used to carry out some much needed external work on the village hall, of which the Community Council are trustees. The hall is being extremely well used and we thank all the organisers of activities and functions for their continued patronage.

The playing field continues to be used for occasional football matches and their organisers keep the pitch in good condition. The sewer pipeline from Johnston to Hook has been laid across the lower half of the field. The work took longer than expected and there is still some reinstatement to be carried out and compensation claims to be finalised.

The county council have started to review the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the community council will take an active role in the review to identify additional facilities, services and development sites for our area; matters which the original LDP failed to address.

The community council remain concerned about the number of retrospective planning applications being submitted and considers this situation may worsen now that the County Council have started charging for pre-application consultations.

The Welsh Government have commenced a review of Community Councils responsibilities which may ultimately result in amalgamation of community councils into larger groupings/areas. The community council is an active member of One Voice Wales which has a membership of over 500 of the 700 plus community councils in Wales and is an excellent lobbying organisation in such matters.





The community council normally meets on the second Monday of the month (except during August & December) in the village hall at 7.30pm. Residents are welcome to attend and can raise issues of concern at the start of the meeting.

May I finish by wishing you and particularly new residents who have come to live in the village in the last year a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

David Thomas  
Chairman, Freystrop Community Council

## **Special Community Meeting**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - 7:30pm**

**To be held to discuss the future of the Village Hall.**

**Please make every effort to attend.**

### **Charity begins @ Home in Freystrop**

A Village Fun Day organised by Samantha Brick and Deborah John was held on the Playing Field in June and raised £4,500 for the Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Many thanks to all those involved with the organisation and also to everyone who came along and supported the event.



### **New Year's Eve Party**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 @ Freystrop Village Hall**

For more info, please contact Cllr Dawn Harries on 01437 890291





## Village Hall Activities

**Monday:** Community Council Meetings 7:30pm, 2nd Monday of the Month except August & December. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

**Monday Evening:** Boxercise class.

**Tuesday Morning:** Yoga **Tuesday Afternoon:** Craft

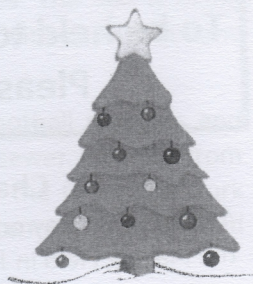
**Tuesday Evening:** Short Mat Bowls

**Wednesday:** WI, 2nd Wednesday of month only

**Thursday Evening:** Line Dancing.

**Sunday Evening:** Short Mat Bowls – Practice Session

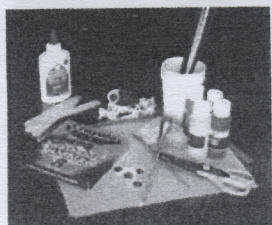
Please see the articles & adverts in the newsletter for contact names, telephone numbers & times.



## The Village Hall is available for hire!

For long term bookings please contact: Mr David Thomas - Tel: 01437 890297

For individual bookings please contact: Mrs Esme Utting - Tel: 01437 890682



### Craft Afternoon

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2pm-4pm  
and enjoy a varied selection of craft.

Come along for a chat and cup of tea or coffee.

Contact Esme Utting Tel: 01437 890682



## Yoga Class - Tuesdays 10am – Midday

Yoga classes will continue in the New Year on Tuesday mornings. Why not come and join us and try some of the gentle exercises to help us all get over the festive season. For more information, contact Lin on 01437 929313.



## Freystrop Short Mat Bowls



It was a difficult start to the short mat season for Freystrop. Four of our long standing members made the difficult choice to leave the club in order to focus on long mat and outdoor bowls. The club has been very lucky and have welcomed six very enthusiastic new members who have moved from outdoor bowls wanting take on the challenge of the short mat game.

Freystrop are currently lying 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 1. The club is taking the opportunity to play in friendly matches to give our new bowlers valuable experience. Most of our members have entered the County competitions for even more of a challenge. We're looking forward to January 2018 for the start of the second half of the season and to the league cup games.

Mike Harries (Freystrop) and Mark Thorpe (Meads) recently won the Pembrokeshire Red Card Pairs competition and now go forward to the National Championships to be held in Llandrindod Well in February 2018. We wish them the best of luck!

Freystrop Short Mat Bowls club would love to have members of the local community come and be a part of the club. All are welcome to come and see what bowls is all about. For further information about the club or if you want to come and give it a try, please call **Margaret Lewis - Tel: 01437 763301**

## Line Dancing

In the Village Hall Thursday Evening 7-9pm, Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
For further information, **contact Jeff & Carol Tel: 01347 779109**







## Little Nash Farm Christmas Recipe Zingy Apple & Ginger Chutney

### **Ingredients:**

1lb cooking apples  
6oz onions  
2oz root ginger  
2oz sultanas  
½.oz garlic cloves  
1tsp salt  
2oz dark muscovado sugar  
¼.oz of pickling spice & ¾. Cider vinegar (or ready spiced vinegar).

### **Method:**

Peel, core and chop apples. Peel and finely chop onion and garlic. Peel and grate the ginger. Put all ingredients in a large open pan along with salt and sultanas.

If using un-spiced vinegar, tie the spices in a piece of muslin to be removed later.

Bring the pan slowly to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer gently until all the ingredients are pulpy and soft, stir occasionally. Add the sugar and continue to cook gently until no free liquid remains, stirring frequently to prevent the mixture sticking to the pan and burning.

Pot into clean warm jars and cover.

This chutney will keep for several months or can be eaten fresh. Makes an ideal addition to hampers. Also a good way to use up a stored apples and is delicious with cold meats.

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## Peep into Freystrop' Past



The following information is taken from Mrs Beryl Davies book "Freystrop Folk" Copies of the book are still available. Contact Mrs Davies Tel: 01437 890309.

As this newsletter is being edited we look forward to 2018 and a more peaceful year after the unrest we have seen this year around the world.

Obviously the news of a royal engagement and wedding next year will be the talking point for several months to come.

However a hundred years ago the world was embroiled in a war so November 2018 will be a special anniversary.

*Freystrop was fortunate unlike the cities in not having lost too many people in the wars. James Cousins of Clareston died of his injuries and William and Frederick Bevan of Troopers Inn in the first war.*

*Harold Palmer was killed in World War 2. He was a member of a well know Freystrop family and left a young widow Queenie, nee John of Rosemarket. Leonard Bowen and Kenneth Roberts were taken prisoners but returned safely at the end of the war.*

*Mrs Shirley Payne and Brian James father also died in the war when his ship went down and all on board were lost.*



*Among those who came home safely were Glyn and Clifford James, Victor Palmer, Ivor Thomas, Ivor Jenkins, Ronnie Ponder, Ernie Yeo, Vera Cousins and her husband Bill Cureton."*

Bombardier James Cousins  
No 41925 Royal Field Artillery No 41925  
Aged 27 years, Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> 1918  
Buried in Freystrop Cemetery.



### **Freystrop Women's Institute 2017**

In January 2017 we continued rehearsing for "Anything Goes" to be performed in April at the Torch Theatre. We had started in September meeting once a week in the Village Hall - quite a commitment.

Jen Poole wrote and produced the Ugly Bug Ball, the beautiful scenery was made and painted by Alyson Newis-Edwards which produced loud "wows" from the audience who enjoyed our efforts and laughed in the right places.

We have had some thought provoking speakers during the year, ranging from wood carving, Hook & Llangwm's Flemish history, upgrading of Scolton Estate, a taster session of yoga and an inspiring talk on overcoming a horrendous stammer from an early age to become a confident articulate speaker.

Our trips out were again organised by Enid Rees and much appreciated. The one to the Tenby RLNI was very high tech, the lifeboat was much bigger than expected rather like Doctor Who's Tardis. Our second trip included husbands and friends was to an Eco Farm, a real eye opener.

Both visits ended with a delicious meal at local venues. We also visited the Royal Mint where some of our members "punched" their own new £1 coin (for a small fee-the Mint makes money in more than one way!)

Beryl Davies won the competition in the Spring Group meeting with her amusing limerick and Jen Poole won the Autumn Group meeting with her beautifully made 1920's headdress, so Freystrop and District W.I. is well and



truly engraved on the winners' cup. Daphne Morgan had a photograph accepted in the competition for the 2018 calendar.

As our WI won last year's car treasure hunt, we had the dubious pleasure of organising the 2017 hunt. We counted them all out of Freystrop Playing field car park and counted them in to the Hook Social Club, thankfully the numbers tallied.

We are a friendly group of ladies and we will provide a warm welcome to new members who would like to join us. We meet the second Wednesday of every month, except August, at 7pm in Freystrop Village Hall Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2018.

Roz Redding

On behalf of Freystrop & District WI



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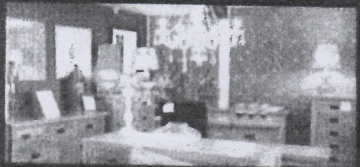
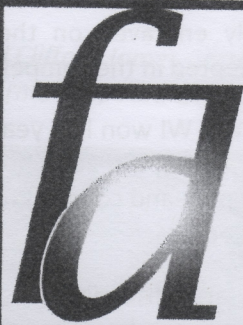
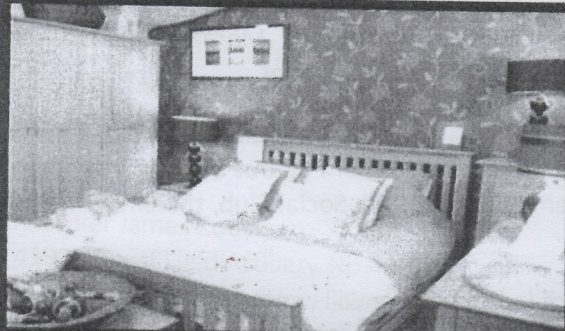
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Mathom House, Moorland Rd,

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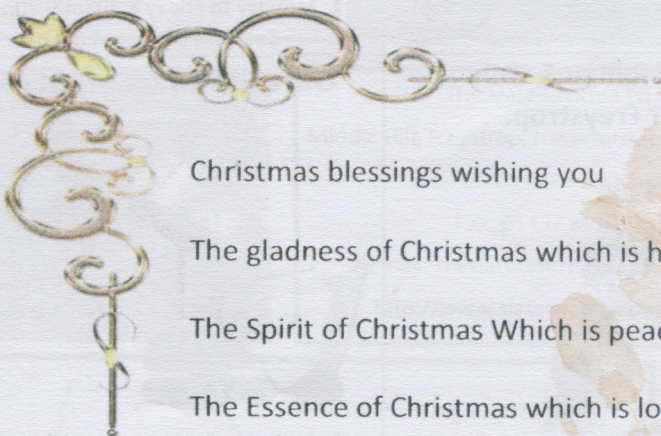
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**Bethel Congregational Chapel, Middle Hill**  
17<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service - 2:30pm  
Christmas Eve Midnight Service - 11:45pm



Christmas blessings wishing you

The gladness of Christmas which is hope,

The Spirit of Christmas Which is peace,

The Essence of Christmas which is love.