

*School days, school days,
Dear old, golden rule days,
Reading, writing and arithmetic,
Taught to the tune of the hickory stick!*

Reading was taught nearly every day, with a pupil invited to stand and read part of a story or poem. 'Do not swing back in your chair, as you might fall.' But several did!

Writing had to be straight up and down, not with a slant, so religiously copying the Teacher's written words on the blackboard was the only way to get it right. 'Remember! The pen is for use on the paper. Do not draw on the walls, your desk, or yourself!' Multiplication Tables were learnt by rote and were so loud that it was likely that both classes learnt at the same time. The dividing screen was definitely not sound-proof!

Sewing was thought necessary for the girls. June Roper made a needle-case and mini- sampler in needlework, but as she was left-handed she had to be taught by her Mother. Mrs Jones couldn't manage it. Geography and History were popular with



Vic Pullman and John Loving, especially the subject of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. The Vicar (Mr Wheeler) visited the school once a week to instruct the children in Religious Studies. He was also a keen Chess player and as an extra lesson he taught some of the boys, including Vic, on the art of the game after school. Some days the children were taken on outings, which were usually to Poole Park, near the Shopping Centre which had a boating lake.

The Nature table was of great interest, especially in the early summer when Tadpoles in jars were prominent. 'Don't touch the caterpillars, they are poisonous.' Also popular was the growing of Mustard and Cress, either on blotting paper or damp flannel. Nature walks were taken if the weather was fine. Sometimes they went to Mrs Wharton's wood (now Harry's Wood), and sometimes up Tibbs Lane towards Tibbs Hollow.

Another popular lesson was country dancing. This was thought very important by the staff as the schoolchildren attended an annual Folk Dancing competition held at Bovington Camp in June. Uniforms for the dancers had to be worn. Skirts and blouses for the girls and shirts and short trousers for the boys, all matching. Mothers and ladies of the village got together and spent many an afternoon sewing the required outfits.

Every Christmas the Nativity play was a tradition but, during the preparation the pupils got so excited that they were cheeky and naughty, causing a lot of stress to Mrs Jones. The majority took the part of Angels and, (amongst all I talked to) only June Roper played Mary. I've no idea who played Joseph.

P E was held in the playground, the only kit being a pair of plimsolls, usually bought at Woolworths. The girls had to tuck their dresses inside their navy knickers and the boys had to roll up their shirt sleeves, or strip down to their vests.

*Today at school I cut my knee.
The Dinner lady looked after me.
She washed away the blood and dirt
And put a plaster where it hurt.*

Dorothy Mabel Pullman was the dinner lady and everybody loved her. She was so kind and didn't make you eat the food if you weren't hungry. You should be hungry if all you've had all morning was a small bottle of milk! The milk came from Dorchester and was kept in a crate by the gate until needed. This was fine in the winter, but in the summer it stood in the sun for a while and by the time it was drunk, tasted pretty disgusting (not my words). The dinners were made in Charminster and Cerne Abbas Schools and were brought in hot aluminium canisters in a white van driven by Mr Warren. Poor chap, he had to

wait for three hours until the canisters were ready to be returned but luckily all the washing of the plates had been done by Mrs Pullman. Quite a task!

There was one main course and one pudding with no choice but to eat it or leave it! Occasionally the food was good like Cheese Pie, but not often. Lumps in the custard, the gravy and mashed potato. Stews and mince of little flavour served with peas, (bullets), with swede, carrots and boiled cabbage. The worst recollection was spam served with mash and beetroot, with the beetroot juice poured over as if it was a sauce or gravy. In summer you might get a salad with meat in the form of a caterpillar, often still alive. Endless milk puddings, semolina, sago, tapioca, rice and macaroni. If you were lucky you would get a spoonful of jam to stir into the pudding or perhaps a spoonful of stewed prunes. A Healthy Body makes a Healthy Mind. Harry Sergeant, (who lived two doors down from the School) had a pig who earned his keep by eating all the left over scraps from the school dinners.

*You never knew when it was Nit Nurse time.
All standing in the hall in a big long line.
It was so embarrassing when the teacher
would come,
Here take this home, it's a letter for your mum.*

Nitty Nora, the bug explorer, visited the school at least once a year. Sometimes it was just to check for head-lice, but occasionally she would also jab you with the latest inoculation. You never knew what delights you were going to receive when you lined up. It would have been helpful had the pupils been told!

Mr McCavity, Mr Pullman and Mr D Kay were all school dentists but the one that most often came to Frampton School was Mr Pretty. He brought with him a drill driven through a series of pulleys, with a foot pedal. This was all set up in the small classroom. Extractions and fillings then took place accompanied by an overpowering smell of antiseptic. The worst thing, though, was having to sit biting on cotton wool plugs, until the bleeding stopped. Later on, a mobile Dental Unit came to the School which was more convenient for all concerned.

*Now looking back, such a long time it seems,
Sometimes I wonder was it all in my dreams,
But then I remember all the things that I did,
Could only be done when I was a kid.*

King George VI died on 6th February 1952. The schoolchildren of Frampton were told in assembly of his death and also that Elizabeth II was now the Queen and would be crowned on 2nd June 1953. There was great excitement in the village at that time and only two houses in the village had TV sets. One was Mr King who owned the Vicarage, and the second belonged to Mr and Mrs Ballinger of the Reading Room. Mr King allowed many villagers to watch the Coronation on his TV. Later, a Coronation party was organised and held on ground opposite to the Millennium Green. It was a great celebration, very similar to a summer fete.

'Scrumpling' was popular in the summer and old Mrs West, who lived in the house next to the School, had several apple trees in her garden. Young Vic and his friends, amongst others, climbed her wall and took the apples they could reach. Mrs West obviously was not happy about this mischievous act. Her remedy was to get someone to help her pick the apples and then put a load in a box by her gate with a note inviting anyone to help themselves. The boys were very pleased, but it wasn't quite the same as 'Scrumpling'!

Many of the young people in the village went to Church on Sunday, and Sunday School in the afternoon. The Church Choir had several young people amongst their number and they had to wear surplices for the service. The young boys of about 7 or 8 years old were very keen on making paper aeroplanes out of the hymn sheets and had a jolly time laughing and making loud noises! Sometimes it got too much for the Vicar and he would interrupt his Sermons to give the miscreants a good telling off!

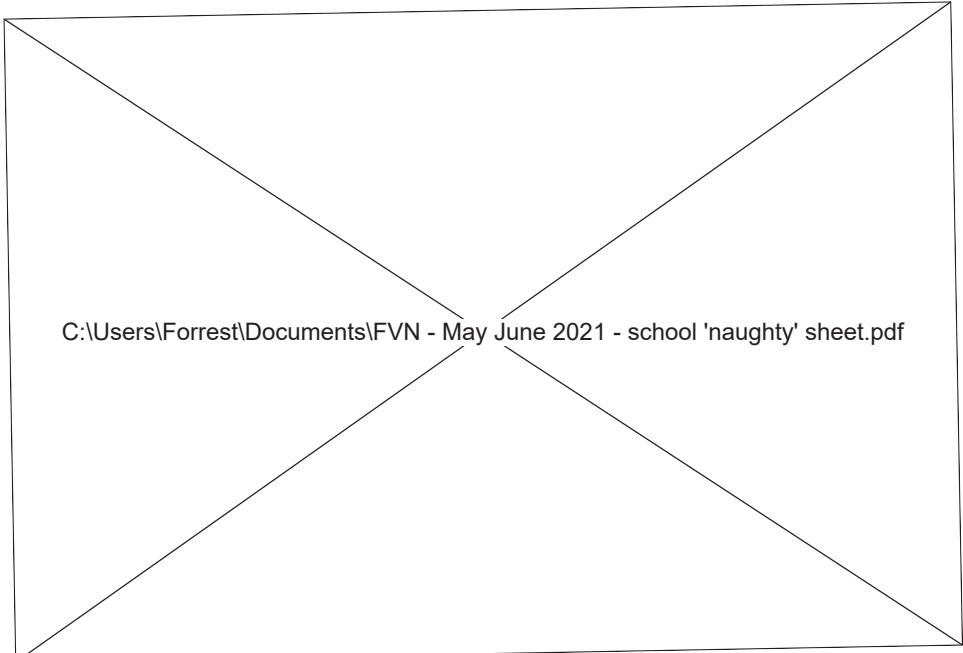
*Ah, notices were taken down
And scorebooks stored away,
And seniors grow tomorrow
From the juniors of today*

On the outskirts of many English towns adjacent to the Green Belt and Farm Land, you will find small Village Communities like Frampton. Many have been established for centuries, often with key features such as a Church, School and a Public House. In many villages nowadays the shop, pub and Post Office have already closed, making the School and Church likely to bring the Community together. We, in Frampton, are very fortunate in having a large Village Hall and many groups of people that organise events and keep the village spirit alive. Frampton School could well have reached a low number of

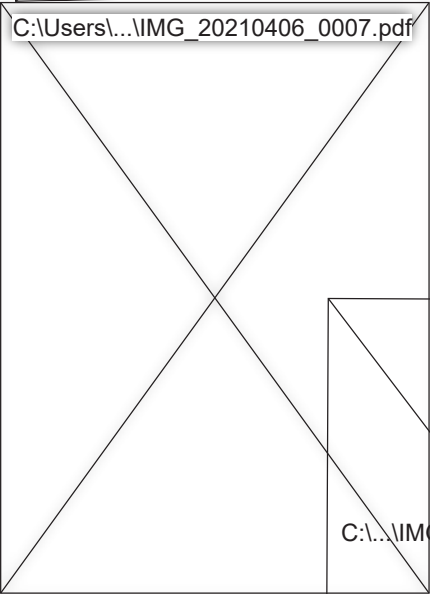
pupils by 1972, making it uneconomical to continue. Therefore, sending the remaining pupils in the village to Maiden Newton School was considered the best option.

The last day of School and the Church Service had an air of sadness about it, but the memories of its activities live on, as do the memories of the children who attended Frampton Village School all those years ago.

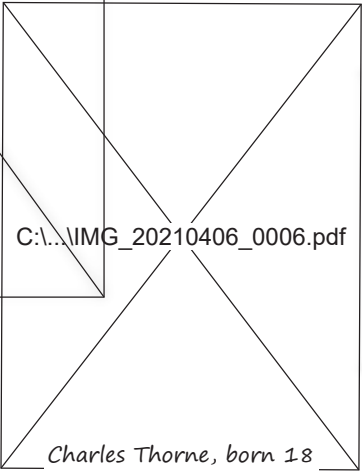
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Extract from the
'punishment book'.
December 1951
reads 'Trespassing
on Mr Vellacolt's
garden and pulling
up and eating his
carrots.'



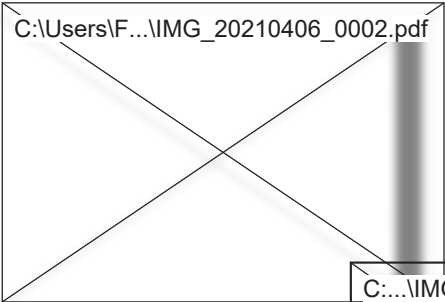
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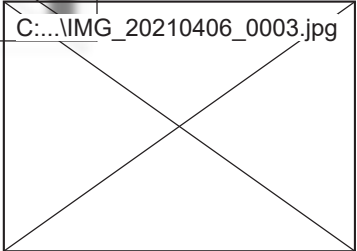
Charles Thorne, born 18
July 1917

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School photo,
1963



School football
team, 1928



School photo,
1965

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Any comments about the FVN?

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Wendy Frampton still does her sewing alterations and repairs. If you require help and advice with these please ring Wendy on 01300 320775.

Paws and Claws



Name: Pickles, 18 years old

Breed: Mix-Up. Heinz 57

Owner: Wendy Frampton

Pet Love: Sleeping

Pet Hate: Rain! Doesn't like other cats in his garden. Fussy with food!

Owners tip: Always give them plenty of love and affection

This cat comes to our house most nights. Does anyone know who he/she belongs to?
If yes, please contact me at kathy_therecluse@hotmail.com.

Thank you.



BOFFINS' BREAK

- 1) In which Canadian province is the town of Frampton?
a) Quebec b) Alberta c) British Columbia
- 2) What breed of dog is currently the most popular in the UK?
a) French Bulldog b) Labrador c) Jack Russell
- 3) Which noblewoman referred to her 'salad days, when I was green in judgement, cold in blood' ... ?
a) Lady Augusta Bracknell b) Queen Elizabeth 1st c) Cleopatra
- 4) How old was Mozart when he wrote his first piece of music?
a) 5 b) 10 c) 12
- 5) What Italian entree translates literally as 'Cooking Pot'?
a) Calzones b) Tagliatelle c) Lasagna
- 6) Which English city was once known as Duroliponte?
a) Oxford b) Winchester c) Cambridge
- 7) What is the name of the 'Beatles' first album?
a) Rubber Soul b) Please, Please me c) The White Album
- 8) Which Dame in the world of entertainment and arts is known for her love of Gladioli?
a) Dame Edna Everage b) Dame Maggie Smith c) Dame Vera Lynn
- 9) From which country does Spinach originate?
a) Norway b) Italy c) Iran
- 10) What tree is plywood mostly made from?
a) Sycamore b) Pine c) Birch



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We hope that the Government's easing of lockdown rules during April has worked so that in May we will be able to see some significant differences in lifestyle and a growing use of our facilities. If so, then from 17 May we hope more activities can begin. Then, again, hopefully, on 21 June a full range of activities will be permitted, including dancing, and social contact rules will be removed.

If you have forthcoming celebrations which require use of the hall do please give Jackie a call on 01300 320251 or 07551 337 375 or email fvhletting@outlook.com. I am sure she will be pleased to hear from you and will give you any guidance you may need.

It was more than two years ago that the river bank at the back of the village hall and car park received a haircut, so on 3 April a socially distanced group of FVH Trustee volunteers moved in. Those who were shielding or experiencing medical problems could not join us but a group of 6, armed with saws, chainsaws, machetes, giant secateurs and 2 pairs of waders set to work. This began at 10 am and by about 1 pm an enormous heap of whips, cuttings, and roots stood over 6 ft high on the large flatbed trailer. Around about 11.30 am a saviour appeared in

the form of Jackie with coffee, tea, chocolate biscuits and custard creams. We all wanted to hug her but instead, socially distanced, we sat and enjoyed the break.

Following production of our draft plans for the final part of our Village Hall Development, a total price for the new work has been investigated. This has been calculated as if the work is to be put in the hands of one developer to be handed over as a "turnkey" product. From our point of view, it was important to know this high-end figure so that we have a benchmark for the submission of grant applications. The figure calculated is £132,000 +VAT.

However, as we did when planning and building the extension to the kitchen and main hall, we shall look to all those who helped us to achieve that development with tremendous savings to the calculated overall cost.

So, we look forward to a total ending of restrictions in June so long as the population continue to keep the risks in mind. Until then, do your best to keep safe.

Colin Pook

(Answers: 1a 2b 3c 4a 5c 6c 7b 8a 9c 10c)



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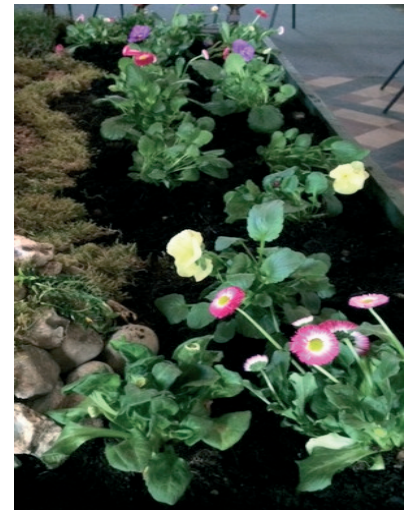
After much thought and discussion,
we have decided that we will not be
re-opening as a Restaurant after this lockdown ends in May.
We will continue with our Food Collection Service for the
foreseeable future, and we are working on other plans for later in the year.
Thank you for all your support.
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A Celebration of Easter at St Mary's Church, Frampton

Easter Saturday was a lovely sunny day, when 12 children gathered outside the church to help plant up a miniature Easter garden. The three crosses were already there, together with a path leading to the cave. As the children gathered round ready to plant the pansies and daisies, the Rev Pene Kennedy, our Vicar, explained the meaning of Easter and the three crosses and the cave where Christ's body was taken. The enthusiastic group soon got to work planting and the little garden came to life. Their reward was an Easter Egg hunt round the churchyard, with just enough eggs for everyone!



The garden was then moved into the church in readiness for the Service on Easter Sunday, where it remained to be viewed when the church was open on the following Wednesday and Sunday. Grateful thanks to all those who contributed to a lovely afternoon, in particular to Vic Pullman.



FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WE NEED IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Some people think that climate change is confusing and is a problem for the future, not now. They find it difficult to see how it relates to them personally or realise that such a big problem really can be affected by individual actions.

The Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Act 2006 gave parish and town councils specific powers in relation to local energy saving measures, which will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

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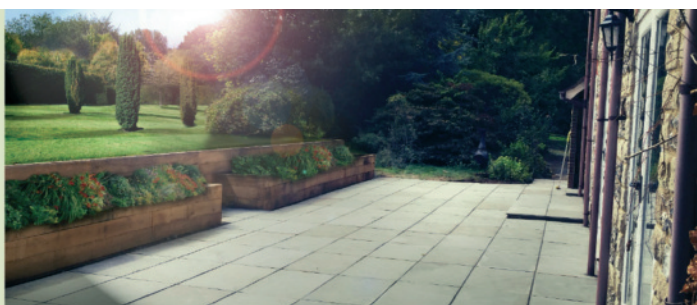
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Frampton Parish Council

Your Parish Council continues to implement the day to day work administrating and maintaining the key areas under its responsibility, despite the pandemic restrictions.

The Playpark, allotments, cemetery, village green and Tibbs Hollow have all had essential maintenance work carried out. Cutting back vegetation growth took place in March and new fencing and gates were erected in the playground.

We hope to hold our final 'zoom' public meeting and AGM on **Monday 3 May** and, subject to government restrictions, we will hold the Parish Council and Village meeting in the Village Hall at 7 pm on **Monday 21 June**.

As we go to press, the surface dressing of Church Lane and Southover Lane is about to take place with minimal disruption to residents - hopefully.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Simon Vines who has moved from Frampton with his family. He served as Chair and Vice Chair of Frampton Parish Council for many years. We wish them much happiness in their new home in Charminster. *Andrew Thomson, Chair, FPC*



Mixed-media artists Rita Brown at venue 86 and Jane Burden at venue 90 warmly invite you to visit to their well-ventilated studios from 22nd May - 6th June.

Please see www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk for visitor information and to download the DAW app.

Look out for the yellow signs and enjoy a socially-distanced chat with your local artists!

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Wonderful Ethiopia, and a meeting with Lucy by David Tharby

FVN's Armchair Travellers' Club

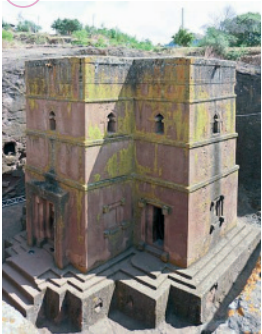
I had long been interested, having seen maps of, and read about, this vast and mysterious country once referred to as Abyssinia, for that is what it was called until 1931. It then encompassed present day Eritrea, Tigray as well as Ethiopia. Landlocked, with limited communications, subject to famines and poverty, but remarkably able to produce a series of world beating long distance athletes, it did not disappoint.

With a population of over 110 million (the second most populous in Africa), six official languages, ten ethnic groupings and eight recognised religions it is indeed a fascinating place to visit, which I was fortunate to do for two weeks before moving on to neighbouring Djibouti.

Astride the northern extremity of The Great Rift Valley and adjoining the Nubian and Somali tectonic plates, there is no shortage of seismic and geological activity leading to spectacular scenery, outcrops and landscapes.

The capital, Addis Ababa, is vast and sprawling at almost 8,000 feet above sea level and undergoing a huge investment with a light rail system, a new railway to the main port of Djibouti, an embryo ring-road and motorway network and expanded airport. All largely bankrolled by the Chinese, who are firmly entrenched with eyes on the mineral wealth and the strategic location.

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One of the many highlights was an expedition to see the collection of eleven 7th to 12th century churches at Lalibela, built by the Ethiopian Orthodox and Coptic Church as a 'New Jerusalem' to try and stem the spread westwards of the Muslims. Carved from the

solid lava rock and sitting below the surface accessible by steep stairs and ladders, legend has it they were built by Angels. Suffice to say they are miraculous to see and well preserved by the arid environment and the love and care of the respective congregations.



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In 1931 a brutal and bloody invasion by the Italians under Mussolini and his generals sent the Emperor Hailie Selassie into exile and left the population to a period of terrible suffering, massacres and mass executions until the Allies drove out the invaders and restored the Emperor in 1941.

However, Mussolini had demanded a grand palace and that monument was finished just in time for the returning Hailie Selassie to use, and his ancestral Imperial throne is on display. Now part of the Addis Ababa university campus, the building is the national museum and contains a fabulous collection of priceless historical, archaeological and religious items showcasing the long and complex nature of the country. As well as some upsetting images of the way these devout people were treated during the ten year Axis repression.

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Among these is 'Lucy', at the time the oldest hominid remains, discovered in the Afar Depression before the Mary Leakey expedition found older fossils in the Olduvai Gorge, further south in the Rift Valley. Civilisations evolved three to four million years ago along the Valley and the frequent floods and volcanic eruptions ensured the evidence of

our ancestors survived, either in river mud or ash deposits.

About 50% of Lucy's fragmentary skeleton was assembled showing she walked upright, 3 ft 7 inches tall, she was land, as opposed to tree dwelling, had a chimpanzee size brain but with bone structures of human characteristics and teeth adapted for meat as well as vegetarian diet. Her original fossil is laid out for display and a plaster replica exhibited to show her appearance. Thought to have been about 12 years old at death, it was quite moving to be so close to someone so old and primeval yet the same age as my grandchildren.

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