

North Frodingham
Village Voice
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2015

100th ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH FRODINGHAM SCHOOL
2015

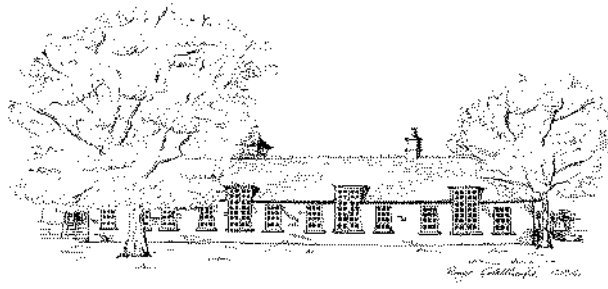


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The second half term has been very eventful here at North Frodingham Primary school as we prepared to celebrate 100 years of our school. The children began by making bunting, with each child making a pendant with Mrs Brown. These now adorn our hall and the children are delighted to point out which one is theirs. Our Hall has also been made complete with the most beautiful mosaic, designed and made by the children with the most tremendous support from Mr and Mrs Gault-Wear. It really is fantastic. Each child decorated their own commemorative mug with the help of Mrs Walker and this has made a really individual keepsake. We then worked with Mrs Harris from the History society checking our facts and researching our history. Mrs Greaves came to talk to the children in the Lower Juniors about what life was like in the village. Each child in school also visited Hornsea Museum to find out more about life 100 years ago and the staff from Hornsea Museum led an assembly in school where we all realised that we would not have liked to have been in 'Miss Grimm's' class! Using our research from the logbooks, we replicated the walk that the children made 100 years ago walking from the site of the old school to our present site. A big thank you to Mr Rudd for sharing his garden with us and telling us more about the old school site. We also held a special Church service at St.Elgin's to celebrate the life of our school, a big thank you to Rev James and Mrs Hebden for their help with this. The finale to our celebrations was our 'Party in the Park' which took place at the end of June. It was super to see so many current families as well as pupils from the past. The school was open for tours, there was an exhibition of children's work and History Society photos displayed as well as bouncy castle, balloon release and stocks to name but a few of the events. So many local businesses supported us with raffle prizes and we are very grateful. We ended by singing Happy Birthday to our fantastic school with the most impressive cake made by Mrs Walker. We were able to share the blowing out of the candles with our two eldest pupils as well as two of the earliest pupils, Mrs Duggelby and Mr Webster. We really appreciated them joining us. As the end of term is now approaching I know that we fulfilled our aim to ensure that the centenary was meaningful for our children and thank you to all who supported us. Here's to seeing our school go from strength to strength.

M J K Bell

Party in the Park!

On Friday 26th June, we had a party in the park. It started at 5:30pm and finished at 7:30. It was awesome! There was a bouncy castle, it was so much fun.

There were a lot of things to do, when you did archery, you had to concentrate, especially when you wanted to hit the target.

Mr Crabtree had a go in the stocks. When you threw sponges the person in the stocks got wet. Near the end, we released balloons. Some of the balloons went in the trees, but we managed to get them down, not all of them went so far.

After that, Mrs Bell announced the winners of the raffle and all of the games.

There was a game in the Hall where there were pictures of our teachers as babies, and you had to guess which teacher it was.

On the Monday, Scarlett got chosen to blow out the candles, but she had help from Mrs Bell.

Then we ate the cake.

It was a wonderful occasion.

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The May walk was a very colourful affair with a whole host of Spring flowers. We met at Pockley with its picturesque thatched cottages and headed south to enter woodland with orchids at the margins, crossing the River Riccal to climb up a bank swathed in bluebells. Continuing along the bank top for a while, we then dropped down into the dale where the scout camp is. The cold start to the season meant there were still masses of primroses and violets and, while the bluebells were impressive, they were not yet at their best. Up past Hasty Bank Farm, the wood on the opposite side was one mass of wild garlic making a very pleasant return to Pockley.



A scented walk at Pockley



Everyone's favourite (thanks to Barbara for photo)

Far from flaming June, a good turn out on a blustery, drizzly day set off from Buckton to head for the coastal path along the cliff tops to Bempton. Field margins were a blaze of colour, full of insects to sustain migrant birds making their first land-fall. The nesting seabirds were truly spectacular, notably the gannets and puffins (aaaaah!) The short walk allowed plenty of time to admire all these wonderful birds before a brisk walk, to warm up, back to Buckton.

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Diary for Village Voice

Meeting in the Village Hall

Social Centre Committee First Monday each month 7.00pm - new members urgently needed and welcomed
Jellytots meet Wednesday mornings **during term time** 9.30 – 11.30am
Lisa-Marie Dance Academy meets Wednesday afternoons from 4.00 pm
Yorkshire Countrywomen 7.15 pm Wednesdays, 12th August and 9th September
Frodingham Drum Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm **during term time.**
Frodingham Parish Council next meeting Monday 14th September at 7.30pm – all welcome
Frodingham History Group will meet 17th September at 7.30pm
Mature Mayhem for seniors meets Friday afternoons 2-4pm
Paperback Swapshop 1st Sunday in the month from 10.00 am-12.00 pm
Youth Club alternate Friday evenings **in term time**
Frodingham Museum Open Sunday afternoons 2-4 pm from 12th July until 27th September

North Frodingham Y.C.A. **(Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association)**

Meetings of the Y.C.A. are held in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7.15pm.
Annual membership £12 plus £1 per meeting which includes tea/coffee and biscuits, visitors £1.
In June we visited the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf in Bielby, we had a tour of the premises followed by a talk about the work of the charity. It was an enjoyable afternoon which ended with tea and cake.

Future Meetings .

12th Aug. *A Representative from* The Jacobs Well Appeal. comp: A baby's knitted vest (pattern supplied).
9th Sept. Miss G. Rowe - Life on a Market. comp: A tea towel.

YCA - McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Once again we are holding a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Friday 25th September at 10am. There will be the usual cake/bring & buy stall, raffle & tombola. Why not come along and enjoy a drink and a chat, everyone is welcome.

Editorial

Your Village Needs You:

- **To help with the Social Centre Committee**
- **To support and patronise our Advertisers**
- **To provide pictures & articles for Village Voice**
- **To be involved in Village events**
- **To help with V V editing**

So it is all change in Frodingham Parish Council; we have a new chairman – Brian Rookes with four of our previous council retiring. **We owe a huge 'thank you' to them : Shirley Hebden (10years), Phil Medley (20), Kathryn Kell (24), Don Watson (45 !!!)**

I remind you again that I am in my 4th year of editing Village Voice, and don't plan to go into a 5th year. You will realise that apart from this little bit of wittering I don't actually write anything – the rest is supplied . Why not give it a go ???!! At this time no one has come forward to support, so after the next issue Village Voice will no longer come out. Will you miss it ? If so please think whether you could help in some way to keep it. It is certainly less difficult to keep it going than to start up again after a break.

Once more I have to plead with the disgusting dog owners who won't collect up their dog sh** to think of others, particularly the children of the village. We regularly get reports of dog mess in North Townside Road close to the school. Please collect and take home or put into a public waste bin. Also it isn't useful to put into a polythene bag and throw into a ditch – it wont rot !!!

Many residents consider this to be so important that I have been asked again to feature the issue – two centre & colour pages !!!

In addition, N Frod is a country village and our surrounding fields contain livestock. So please don't go in among the animals or leave your dogs to run loose – cattle can be dangerous to you and your dog can be dangerous to sheep. I

report this because there has been an incidence recently.

I have also had a call about dogs running loose on Foston Lane. Please, we all love dogs but they must be under control and not a nuisance to other villagers. Many of the concerns come from dog owners

Again, we must thank the volunteers that have distributed Village Voice. There are nearly 350 residences in the village and outlying farms and their help is very important.

We would like to feature all our local businesses in these pages. Financially we are dependent on our costs being covered by the adverts. So please try to support these local businesses when it is appropriate. Also we try to cover all aspects of village life and believe that the Church, School, PO, & pub are fundamental to providing this identity.

In recent editions I have been banging on about retaining the features that make Frodingham a village as distinct from just another dormitory rural area. I believe that it requires **all** its residents to contribute. There are a few worthies that are currently holding the village together, but as you can see its very fragile. We have had heart felt pleas from our Social Centre Committee for more help.

Many organisations struggle in this day and age; "were too busy". However if everyone did a LITTLE bit and the roles & responsibilities were shared then nobody would be too burdened.

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History Group Report

Nothing to report

Frodingham Local History Museum

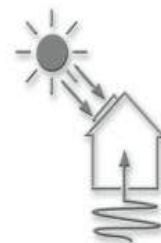
This year we are taking as our theme '100 years of childhood', and intend to try and show how much a child's life has changed over that period. As we get older we all have a tendency to compare life today with how we knew it years ago. Everything has changed; education, work, and pastimes and perhaps above all childhood. Gone are the days when youngsters could roam the fields, swim in the beck and fish in Old Howe – what do they do nowadays? Come and visit one Sunday afternoon and compare your life experience with what we have researched.

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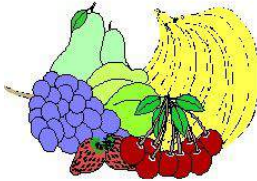


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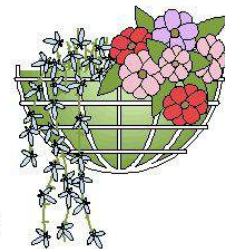


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Social Centre Report

The Security project has been completed and the balance of money received. We now move on to finalising the arrangements for the Village Summer Fair, co-ordinating some evening talks for the Autumn and carrying out some maintenance work in the Village Hall. The recreation and play grounds are looking very smart, with the grass, weeds and (hopefully) Mr Mole being kept well under control. Two problems have emerged; the first and most worrying is that dogs appear to be getting into the playground and – dare I say it? – depositing their waste! Obviously this is of great concern as children can very easily contract serious diseases from dog faeces. Please, if the gates are propped open, close them, do not take your pet into the fenced off area, and if you absolutely must – and your dog s***s – CLEAR IT UP.


The other problem - which has only recently occurred – is the fly tipping of waste plastic behind the ‘kicking wall’. Take it to the Drifffield or Carnaby tip, or break it up and put it in your non-recycling bin, don’t leave it for this ageing committee to deal with.

Finally, just a reminder, the Committee is getting older and is still very short of members, please consider whether you could give just a couple of hours a month to help keep this vital community asset functioning



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As the warmer weather appears to have finally arrived with us, people are opening windows and doors to let the fresh air pervade their homes. However, due to windows and doors being left insecure through the daytime/into the evenings, not only is the fresh air pervading homes, but so are the burglars. Humberside Police are receiving lots of reports of walk-in burglaries, which when investigated have been caused by insecure doors (including patio doors) and windows.

Thieves posing as police officers have defrauded victims of thousands of pounds after a spate of bogus telephone calls. More than 130, mainly elderly, people have reported such calls since March. A 76 year old woman reported she had had £13,500.00 stolen and a 76 year old man has transferred £4,000.00 to the scammers.

A genuine Police Officer will never ask you to transfer money.

The calls have been mostly around Hull and East Yorkshire but some were made to people in North Lincolnshire. One couple who received such a call stated that the police officer claims her husband's bank card had been used in an attempt to buy a laptop computer and three had been arrested. The lady said the caller was so plausible, giving them his police number, a crime reference number and asked them to ring the bank. The couple rang but put the phone down when "customer services" could not say which bank had been used.

The fraudsters are using unregistered, pre-paid phones that are hard to trace.

During the call the thieves claim recipients have been a victim of fraud and ask them to contact their bank giving them a number to ring. Targets are asked for card details and personal data or to transfer money to a supposed police bank account.

Police officers do not use holding accounts and bank details should never be given out over the phone.

It has become noticeable the number of vehicles which are parking on pavements in the village. Whilst people sometimes do this to ensure their vehicles are not damaged by passing vehicular traffic

(especially at the present time when building work is underway in some areas of the village thereby increasing the amount of parked vehicular traffic), it clearly states in the Highway Code you should not park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams and pushchairs. How would you feel if your child had to walk in the road because a thoughtless car driver had parked their vehicle on the pavement and your child had to step into the road to get past the obstacle, resulting in them being injured by a passing vehicle?

It has also been brought to our attention that persons are parking close to junctions in the Main Street. The Highway Code clearly identifies the locations you should NOT park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrian or other road users:-

Near a school entrance

Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services

At or near a bus stop

Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, exception in an authorised parking space

Opposite another parked vehicle

Where the kerb has been lowered to assist persons in wheelchairs

In front of an entrance to a property

On a bend

Please think of the impact your action may have on other people

Pippa WILSON
Special Inspector Communities
Drifffield PS

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What would you change / omit ?

What would you like included that is not there already ?

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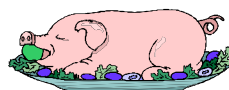
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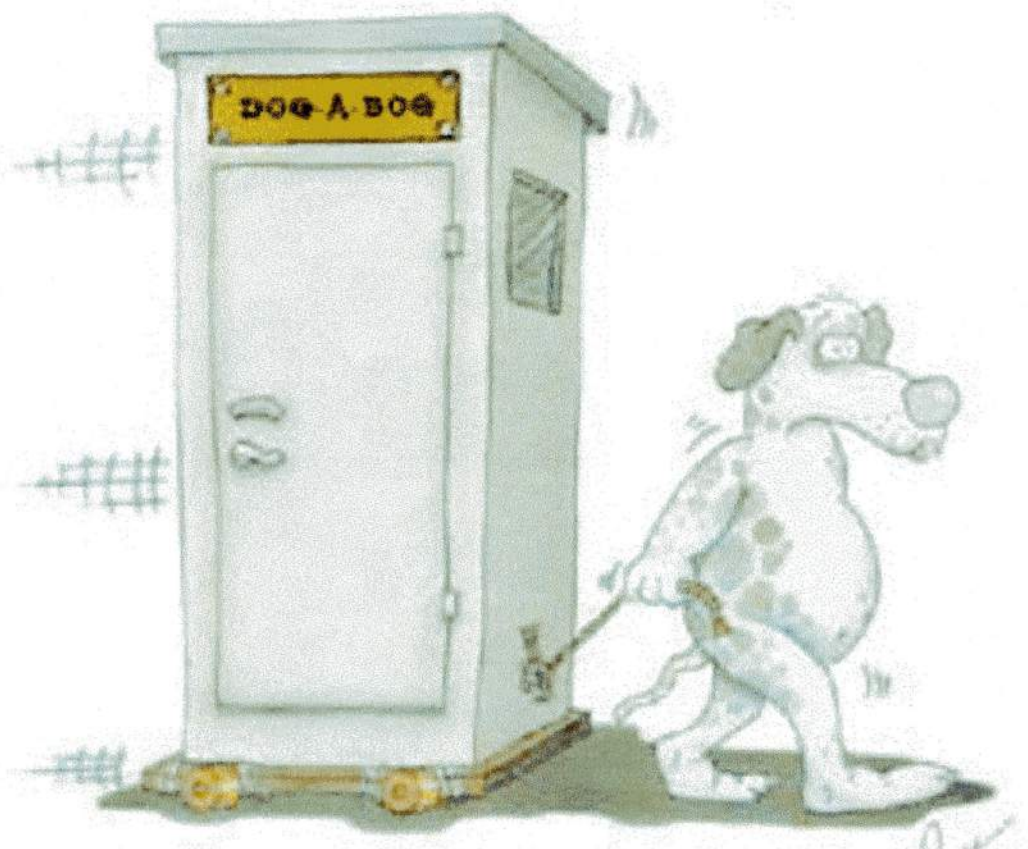


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From County Councillors

Lissett Wind Farm Grants

In April the wind farm panel met to consider this year's list of applications for grant funding of local projects and this year we have again been able to help a number of organisations with funds for local projects.

The process has worked well to date and All 21 parishes in the East Wold and Coastal Ward(E.W.C.)are eligible to apply for grants and we do all we can to encourage people to put forward ideas, especially if they are of benefit for a wider number of people living in the area. One such application was approved this year for an amount of money to be held by the Wind Farm Panel for use by communities in E.W.C. for home security schemes.

The panel had been particularly impressed by a small application from Brandesburton Neighbourhood Watch in 2014 and could see the potential benefit a larger project could offer residents. The police have been very supportive of the scheme and have offered to refer cases where they believe the money could be used to provide some home security in areas where they think there is a need. If there are residents in your neighbourhood who you believe could benefit from some basic home security then please get in touch with us, the parish council or police mention the Lissett Wind Farm scheme and ask for an assessment.

Gembling School

For anyone passing Gembling School it will have been very evident from the number of cars parked outside that something is happening in the building. You will remember that the school closed a couple of years ago and remained

empty for some months, however the school is currently being used on a temporary basis as accommodation to for pupils from Kingsmill School whilst their school undergoes some alterations & refurbishment. The programme of work at is in 2 phases and currently indicates that the works will be ready in October 2016 with the gradual transfer of pupils from Gembling School back to their newly refurbished school in Driffield.

Cllr Jane Evison & Cllr Jonathan Owen



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**ALL MEETINGS ARE ON THE THIRD MONDAY of March; June; September and December
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September 21st December 21st

Please try to attend

Fraudsters are targeting classified advertisement websites like AutoTrader to advertise vehicles for sale. Buyers are then contacting these 'sellers' to find out more about the vehicles and are being told to pay for them via 'Apple Pay'. In this case the fraudsters are not using the genuine Apple Pay service and potential victims pay money directly to bank accounts in control of the fraudsters. Individuals receive emails claiming to be from Apple Pay with a web link to a cloned website with false terms and conditions of the 'escrow' service. Any money remitted to the fraudsters is then unrecoverable and the vehicles are not delivered.

Protect yourself:

- Meet the seller 'face to face' and view the vehicle before parting with any money.
- **Be cautious of web links in an email.** They may not direct you to the genuine website.
- Report scam advertisements to the classified advertisement websites.
- If the vehicle is below market value, consider whether this is an opportunity too good to be true!

Please be reminded that garden furniture is vulnerable to theft

When going online be very cautious about opening links that are from an unknown source; many scams are achieved in this way.

There is a bogus site claiming to be NS&I offering the chance to invest in Pensioner bonds. Care !!

Your search engine can direct you to a fake site. Care !!

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A Funny A Day Keeps A Frown At Bay :)

Parish Council Report

We had four members of the Parish Council resign their seats at the last election. So far we have managed to co-opt two new members and they have been officially welcomed to the group. We still need to find two more residents willing to support the village by becoming a Parish Councillor. If you could be one of them, please let the Parish Clerk know, 01262 488 912.

I mentioned last issue that the Parish Council intends to concentrate on the Cemetery for a while. The grass cutting and weed control well in hand and the Cemetery and church yard look all the better for it. The storage facilities have been upgraded and security much improved. Before making good the fences and hedges, painting the gates etcetera – it was decided that we call in the Tree Surgeons to conduct a thorough investigation of their status.

Bad news I am afraid, the copper beech trees at the gate are infected with *Ganoderma* fungus. One has extensive decay at the base; it must be cut down. The other is less extensively decayed, and with prudent management and monitoring should last a few more years. If you are one of those who carved their initials into the trunk of the trees – now might be a good time to say your fond farewell to the memory!

Other matters still in hand include the possible purchase of a cardiac defibrillator; dealing with any planning applications that arise and generally spotting and reporting any potential highway and other problems. The Council has discussed the problem of maintenance of Rights of Way and understands that whilst we do not have many designated footpaths those that run through private land should be kept free from obstruction by the owner of the land.

Mature Mayhem Group

‘Mature Mayhem’ a stupid name I know but it sums up the attitude of the senior residents who gather together for exercise, games and chatter each Friday afternoon. Our expertise in playing table tennis or volleyball now added to our range of active pursuits can certainly create scenes of mayhem. When the weather gets a bit warmer, we will be trying to master the rules of croquet, and perhaps creating mayhem outdoors as well!

We do have a wide range of less energetic games, including boccia, (a form of indoor bowls,) curling and ten pin bowling, all designed to be played without breaking the windows!

Of course we have playing cards, dominoes and Connect Four for the less active. We have

a full size Junga Tower on order if movement is a problem, and it wouldn't be a relaxing afternoon without a cup of tea, a biscuit and a good natter with friends.

If this sounds good to you, come along and meet some of your neighbours.

We meet Friday afternoons 2–4pm, for an entrance fee of £1

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Rev. James Grainger-Smith tel.01262 488042

Churchwardens

Mrs Kathryn Kell tel.01262 488647

Mrs Ann Briggs tel.01262 488420

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2nd Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9.30am Family Service

More info. about St Elgin's can be found at

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www.achurchnearyou.com/north-frodingham-st-elgin

It's not too late for you to commemorate a loved one or special event ie. wedding, baptism, by buying a pane in the East Window for only £2. For more information contact Shirley Hebden on 01262 488284.

Notes

We held a successful Garden Fete at The Old Vicarage in June despite the windy weather, and we are very grateful to Professor Ann Mortimer for allowing us to use her lovely gardens.

At the time of writing this there is scaffolding up at the west side of the tower, hopefully by the time you read this the tower repairs have been completed and we can now concentrate on the repairs to the East and West windows, which is our next major project. We continue to raise money for this work to be done.

Diary Dates

Thurs. 13th Aug. Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Angela Wilkinson, 52, Main Street at 10am.

Thurs. 10th Sept. Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Ann Briggs, 98, Main Street at 10am.

Thurs. 24th Sept. Quiz to be held in the Village Hall. 7.30 for 8pm start, £2.50 each to include supper, no more than 6 members per team. There are prizes for the winning team and spot prizes.

Future Quiz Dates 3rd December, 21st January, 17th March.

From the Registers:- Baptisms

Sun. 24th May. Freddie Robert Coutts-Lawson, son of Karl and Sharon.

Sun. 28th June. Aaron Storry, son of Mark and Sarah.

We welcome them both into the family of the Church.

Sophies Piece

The exams are finally over!! My last exam was the fourth of June, and to think that I have no more for a while is an absolutely exhilarating thought, bring on the summer! The think I'm most looking forward to is not having to wake up at 6:30 five times a week, that is simply not fun, I can manage 7:30, but 6:30 is pushing it though. But I must not complain, I'm sure that many people wake up even earlier than I do. I'm not sure what I will be doing this summer, hopefully be able to go away for a night or two with that special person, walks in the moors on sunny weekends, and hopefully, just hopefully towards the end of it I might be able to drive (theory test on Friday 3rd July) I'd love to pass first time, but the way my exams went last year may suggest that it might take another attempt to do so. But I will pass one day... hopefully.

The weather we have had has certainly been topsy turvy, one day it is hot, the next day is even hotter, we are in England! This isn't meant to happen is it? We may be in for a warm summer, I need some sun on my legs, they're as white as milk bottles right now!

Anyway, I'd better just keep it short and sweet, I hope everyone has a lovely summer, if anything good goes on in the village I'm sure Mr. Bannister would love to hear about it and potentially put in the VV. It's always cool having something youve written being read by the whole village!

Ta ta for now Soph x

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To mum,
The war is very difficult out in France.
I am struggling and I don't really like it but I know I am doing
the right thing.
Guns go off every second of the night like elephants going
backward and forwards on the battle fields (the islands of no
man). I am really dirty I haven't had a bath in weeks (I don't
like it!!) .
The trenches are crumbling down. Fred got buried alive last
week (don't worry we got him out).
Love from your loving son,
Philip xx

Lilli

Dear beloved family,
How are the silky black cats doing?
Are you all safe and alright?
I really hope to see you all soon, my friend is still alive
thankfully.
Even though he nearly died, he's still alive!
I wish I could come and help with the muddy farm, there isn't a
lot of wonderful animals over here.
The only things I have for company are you and my brave
friends.
All night, horrible bombs go off here,
I haven't slept in ages and most of the time the army
commanders are shouting.
I won't forget you.
Don't worry about me.
Your loving son.
Bob.

Amy

THE DIARY OF WILL JAMES SMITH

June 25th 1914 - Bloomin heck, I've only got
three days until it's too late to sign up, to
join the World War 1 army. I've left it too
long. Mother told me not to sign up because
she is afraid I will get injured and wounded
in some way, but I think it is the right
thing to do, to save my country, and other
countries that are supporting us. I know that
if we work as a team we can get through this
war.

June 28th 1914 - Signed up yesterday - mother
isn't happy.

Tomorrow we are being transferred to France
to start training for the upcoming war. We
have to be at the canal for 5:00am (which I
am not looking forward to!)

Mother is preparing an appetising feast
before I leave, also, she is praying that

everything will be ok and that I will be
swell when I come back.

July 11th 1914 - Many apologies, I haven't
informed you of what has been happening, I
have been too busy training. I think I'm
getting quite good at aiming on the rifle
range. I am also learning about physical
fitness. I almost got sent out of training
because I called a rifle a gun - people here
are so strict! I haven't got too long until I
travel to the real, misty battle field, where
no man's land is.

July 28th 1914 - Our first battle is almost
here, I really hope I survive. This might be
the last time I write to you but I might make
it - I don't know.

August 23rd 1914 - Our first battle is over,
except, I'm not at the battle field anymore
I'm lying in a hospital bed, in a great deal
of pain. I went over the top of the trench,
and got caught in machine gun fire. It's a
throbbing pain. I can't stand it, but
hopefully I will be back in the war in no
time - you're probably wondering why I want
to go back to the war as I just got shot, but
I do. It's my duty.

I want to save my family, I want to save the
country, I want to make a difference.

August 25th 1914-Going back to war today the
nurses have been wonderful. I am a little bit
anxious of going back to the front but at
least I won't be lying in a hospital bed
feeling useless anymore. I only liked two
things about the hospital, the food, because
at the war we get bread, bully beef and a bit
more, but not a great deal, the other thing
is Nurse Rosie - she is quite exquisite!

If I survive the war, as soon as I leave, I
am going to ask her to marry me - or at least
see me again.

December 25th 1919 - This is the last time I
will be writing to you, I am going to pass
this diary on to my new born son, so that
when he grows up, he will understand what we
soldiers of World War 1, went through.

Farewell

Will James Smith.

Written by Izzy and Emily

