



# Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



April 2025



## Benefice Worship

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

### Sunday 6 April: The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Steep  
10am The TenAM (less formal worship), Steep  
10am Parish Communion (said), High Cross  
*followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meetings*

### Sunday 13 April: Palm Sunday (Red)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Stroud  
10am Parish Communion with Reading of the Passion/Palms, Steep

### Thursday 17 April: Maundy Thursday (White)

6pm Holy Communion (BCP, said), Froxfield Green

### Friday 18 April: Good Friday (Red)

10am Stations of the Cross, High Cross  
2pm Hour at the Cross, Steep

### Saturday 19 April: Holy Saturday (Gold)

6pm Easter Communion (BCP, said), Stroud  
8pm Easter Fire, Privett churchyard

### Sunday 20 April: Easter Sunday (Gold)

6am Dawn Communion (said), Froxfield Green  
10am All Age Easter Communion, High Cross  
10am All Age Easter Communion, Steep

### Sunday 27 April: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (White)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Stroud  
10am Parish Communion, Steep  
11am Morning Prayer, Froxfield Green

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Steep: All Saints', GU32 2DD | Stroud Church: GU32 1AT  
High Cross: St Peter's, GU32 1EQ  
Froxfield Green: St Peter-on-the Green, GU32 1DQ  
Privett: Holy Trinity, GU34 3PE

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice

For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at

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or visit our website [www.steepfroxfeld.com](http://www.steepfroxfeld.com)

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

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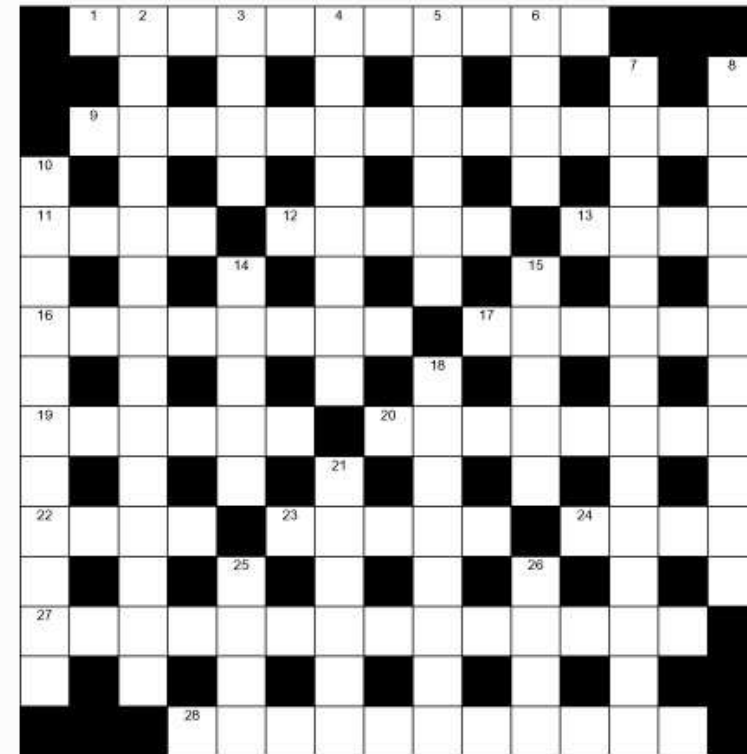
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Across

- 1 Dishonourable, infamous
- 9 People who are generous in helping those in distress (4,10)
- 11 Make music vocally
- 12 Of music, a note having the value of two crotchets
- 13 One of the bones of the forearm
- 16 Cold-shouldered
- 17 Writing instrument
- 19 Daughters of one's brother or sister or one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law
- 20 Melodies sung or played above the principal tune
- 22 Construct, assemble
- 23 Grilled bread
- 24 Eye infection
- 27 'Is gran to retire' (anag).

28 The state of lacking a goal or purpose

### Down

- 2 Innovators, pioneers (6,8)
- 3 Of betting, based on the expected probability either way
- 4 Envisaged
- 5 Sloping typeface often used for emphasis
- 6 Single entity
- 7 False perceptions
- 8 Accepted, having existed for a long time
- 10 Scientists who study the stars and planets
- 14 Frequently
- 15 Land of sand or shingle, adjoining the sea
- 18 E.g. Apple pie and trifle
- 21 Petrified remains
- 25 Fruit
- 26 Public school

## Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

### Parish Magazine

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 www.froxfield stores.com

Parish website: www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

Defibrillator access code: C0147X

### Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	May 1st
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection

## Clergy Corner



In the quest to find a mobile phone signal I changed providers (a futile exercise, it turns out!). Just after switching I started getting calls and messages from the new company, offering me an even better deal than the one I'd signed up to. A great deal. The best deal!

The callers were smooth, believable, professional. I very nearly gave them too much information, and I wasn't too far away from paying over a bit more money for extra benefits – and with it, of course, my bank information and passwords. But the callers were not real. Their intention was not what they claimed. They were not who they said they were.

There have always been people trying to trick and fool others, people manipulating others to get what they want.

We are having to learn to be cleverer at spotting deep-fakes and sophisticated false news. It's not easy when the technology is available to create such amazing graphics and convincing voices, that it is difficult to see what's real.

Knowing what is real affects our trust – can I trust the phone call or email?  
 Can I believe the advert or politician's statement?  
 What is real? What, and who, can we trust?

I wonder what his grieving friends thought when one of them, Mary, came crashing in shouting that he wasn't dead anymore? I'm imagining their response - "No-one could survive that torture, and anyway we were with him when he died. We put him in the tomb ourselves. No injured man could shift that huge stone himself. We saw it all. We thought that was unbelievable, but now this really is!"

Even the most convincing deep-fake avatar would have to leave it there, and find a new scam, because this dead-man-living wouldn't stand up in real life. Literally.

### Clergy Corner continued

But an actual person, risen from the dead? He could be there. And he was.

There he was, in a locked room, on the beach, eating breakfast, walking along the road, speaking to hundreds of people. There he was, with the marks from his death still on his body. Maybe hard to believe, but they saw that he was totally real, and it changed everything.

The events of the first Easter Sunday sent shockwaves through the universe. Nothing would ever be the same again. The whole story of life and death was turned on its head. Never more is death the final chapter, because now there's hope beyond. Love has won! Love has won, and even in our darkest days, love continues to win. And the love God poured out into the world that day becomes freely available for every human being on the earth, before and ever since. As Jesus himself had said, 'I come to bring life in all its fulness'.

The services on Good Friday bring us into the experience of Good Friday with space for our own reflection. Then Easter Sunday is a chance to celebrate the reality of Jesus of Nazareth, risen from the dead. With plenty of joy, and maybe some chocolate! Everyone is welcome along and to find out more.

**Canon Susie Collingridge**

### Solution to March Crossword Puzzle

**Across** - 1 Furtive, 5 Tuneful, 9 Moved, 10 Tampering, 11 Unmissable, 12 Hall, 14 Grandmothers, 18 Ingratiating, 21 Lute, 22 Benchmarks, 25 Detergent, 26 Satyr, 27 Enrages, 28 Honesty.

**Down** - 1 Famous, 2 Revamp, 3 Industrial, 4 Extra, 5 Time limit, 6 Need, 7 Frigates, 8 Legalese, 13 Stone Mason, 15 Noiseless, 16 Dislodge, 17 Agitator, 19 Writes, 20 Osprey, 23 Catch, 24 Brag.

### Privett Village Hall – Annual General Meeting

#### Curry and Pudding Night

Saturday 5 April at 7pm



Just a last-minute reminder that on Saturday 5 April we will be holding the Privett Village Hall Trust Annual General Meeting – full details in the March Parish Magazine.

This will be followed by the popular Curry and Pudding Night (formerly the Curry and Trifle Night – but why limit yourself? – and fear not, there will be Trifle).

The (pay) bar opens at 6.30pm. The AGM begins at 7.00pm and curry will be served as soon as the business of the AGM is concluded.

Tickets for the Curry/Pudding Night are £15 (with special terms for families and discounts for those who supply a curry or a pudding – ask Gill), and can be reserved by contacting Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (email: araphael.enamels@gmail.com).

### Cover

This month's cover photo of wild Daffodils was taken by Tidda Dobbs on a bank near High Cross. She sent us a few to choose from and I chose this one because I loved the colours. Thanks, Tidda.



**The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton**  
(01420 82802)  
[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum)

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

### **OPENING TIMES**

**Tuesday to Sunday**

**Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm**

### **Allen Gallery**

### **April events**

### **EXHIBITION**

#### **Consuo Textile Art**

**Consuo** is a group of professional Textile artists, including previous exhibitors from our popular Echoes of Iceland shows - Jennifer Jones, Tara Kennedy, Annette Mills and Delia Salter.

This group of exhibiting textile artists create 2D and 3D artworks using a variety of processes, techniques and materials, including fabric manipulation, dyeing, weaving, knitting, stitching, printing, basketry and mixed media.

Taking their name from the Latin for 'to sew together', Consuo Textile Art comprises alumni from textile courses at the University for the Creative Arts, Farnham.

**Thurs 17 April - Sunday 25 May. FREE entry**

Website link <https://www.consuoart.co.uk/>

### **TALK**

#### **Technical Aspects of the Dam Busters' Raid**

by Arthur Kears. Thursday 10th April 7.30 pm.

This talk is sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, and entry is FREE. Donation welcome.

### **The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery continued**

### **WORKSHOPS**

**Family Clay Workshop** Tuesday 8th April 11 am.

Our popular clay workshops give the whole family a chance to enjoy an hour of making, using air-dry clay. In this loosely-guided session, you will learn how to make a small pot or other creation, following a general theme.

£6 per person. Book by email at

[allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk)

**Easter Trails** include an Easter Birds Egg Hunt and a new Dodo Natural History Hunt. 1st - 29th April.

### **JANE AUSTEN 250.**

This year is the 250th Anniversary of her birth, and the Museum & Gallery will be joining other organisations in Alton - and Chawton - to celebrate. There will be Austen themed events in both venues between 20th May and 1st July. These will include a Regency Pastimes/Tea and Conversation afternoon, the latter hopefully in the Gallery garden, together with free Gallery tours. We will also have a stand in the Barn as part of Chawton House's JA250 Anniversary celebrations. (Last 2 weeks of May). Why not come and have a chat with the volunteers.

Various suitably-themed trails will be available for children in the Museum and the Gallery.

**As usual, details of these and many other events will be available on our website**



We are now getting our printing done by a new company. Bear with us during the transition, it should be smooth though. **Editors**

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## A talk by Barry Newman

### ‘Growing Vegetables in raised beds’

Non-members are very welcome

£3

[www.fpgarden.club](http://www.fpgarden.club)

Wednesday 9th April

Froxfield Village Hall 7.30pm

#### How much time does it take to be a Churchwarden?

The role is what you make it. In a healthy church, the Church Warden's role is to check that everything is covered – not *doing* everything themselves!

Are you interested in this role? We would love to hear from you - please contact Canon Susie Collingridge (Priest in Charge) [susie.collingridge@gmail.com](mailto:susie.collingridge@gmail.com) or Lindsay Clegg [lindsayclegg@btinternet.com](mailto:lindsayclegg@btinternet.com) (PCC Vice-Chairman) for a chat.

#### VACANCY: CHURCH BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

- Are you well organised and do you enjoy working with people?
- Would you like to use your skills to make a difference in the community through the local church?

Our parishes are looking for an Administrator from May to support the life of our churches in Steep and Froxfield with Privett.

- Mainly working from home, and with some in-person duties.
- Computer skills needed
- Flexible hours (approx. 40 hours per month)
- DBS checks required
- Must be in sympathy with the nature and aims of the Church of England.

***Interested? Please get in touch for a chat.***  
Canon Susie Collingridge (Priest in Charge)  
[susie.collingridge@gmail.com](mailto:susie.collingridge@gmail.com) 01730 624245



### **Volunteers make a difference to the lives of others**

- Are you looking for ways to meet new people or to feel more fulfilled?
- Is the life of the local church important to you?
- Do you have, or are you looking to develop, your leadership skills?
- Do you want to get more involved with your community?
- Are you compassionate, friendly and caring?

### **The PCC (Parochial Church Council) of Froxfield with Privett is looking for a new Churchwarden.**

A Churchwarden's job is to help make our church a place of welcome and safety. Churchwardens are vital to the health and wellbeing of our worshipping community, by helping the minister to exercise their ministry more effectively, allowing them to concentrate on their ministry rather than administrative tasks. Churchwardens are key people in offering warmth, welcome, and compassion.

### **So, what do churchwardens do?**

Churchwardens have a leadership role within the church community. They make sure that the parish functions well and that church jobs are done by someone in the church community so that the building is well maintained and services run smoothly, allowing the Priest in Charge (Vicar) to lead our vision and mission in the wider community.

### **Does the Churchwarden do this all by themselves?**

No! Churchwardens are part of a team, all helping them fulfil the role.

Basic training is provided by the diocese, and they are officers of the Bishop. Churchwardens are automatically incorporated as members of the PCC. There are normally two Churchwardens working together, and a team of able Deputy Churchwardens in support.

Doric Tong thought it would be a good idea to revisit some of Pam Goodall's history notes. We think it is a great idea as they were the most popular contribution to the magazine:

### **History Notes Revisited: September, 2012**

**125 years ago**



On 9th September 1887, Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year, the new church of St. Peter-on-the-Green was dedicated. It replaced a Norman church, a focus for those who lived at Froxfield Green and in more distant parts of the parish, including Oakshott. Pre-Reformation Wills included gifts to the church. In 1509 John Frye bequeathed '1 sheep to St. Mary of Froxfield Church and 1 to St. Christopher of Froxfield Church.' (He also bequeathed one to Holy Trinity, Privett.) Johanna Ascelat, in 1514, gave 'to the High Altar of Froxfield 6 pence.' John Aslot bequeathed 3d to the Altar and 1 sheep for the Lights of the Holy Cross and in 1524 Alice Randolfe included 2d for the Ringers.

An 1860 sepia watercolour shows the old church with a shingled roof, glazed windows, a belfry and two porches. 18<sup>th</sup> century documents mention three bells, a weather vane and a 'sundyall' on the wall. There was a 1½ acre churchyard surrounded by common-land on three sides and a meadow on the East, with the village stocks nearby. Inside there were 'painted sentences' on the walls, (probably the Ten Commandments) a 'painted ornament' over the pulpit, a musicians' gallery and, by 1788, 'painted and numbered seats.'

At a Vestry Meeting in 1860, it was agreed that a new church should be built at High Cross 'for better accommodation of the inhabitants generally,' and to take down 'part of the old church (reserving so much of it as may be sufficient for a Mortuary Chapel to the present Burial Ground) and applying the materials to the building of the new Church.'

### History Notes Revisited: September, 2012

Following the final service on 3rd March, 1861 the Norman church was dismantled, leaving just the chancel standing. The pillars and arches were used at High Cross.

By 1885 the ancient chancel, the Mortuary Chapel, had become 'much dilapidated' and William Nicholson of Basing Park generously offered to restore it at his own expense. The 1887 Parochial Magazine stated, 'On careful examination it was found it could not conveniently be adapted and it was pulled down and replaced by the present building.' Sir Arthur Blomfield was the architect and Albert Hansford, Clerk-of-Works at Basing, supervised the build. The wall memorials from the old chancel were installed and the bell, inscribed "*Thomas Lester and Thomas Pack fecit 1754,*" was hung in the bell-cote. (The lych-gate, the vestry and the stained glass were added in the early 20th century, when the church was also licensed for weddings.) The total cost was £1,250.

At the dedication service, conducted by the Venerable T. Sanctuary, Archdeacon of Dorset, 135 Froxfield householders signed an Address to William Nicholson in appreciation of his generosity. In 1955 Miss Isobel Nicholson wrote of her father, 'He hoped it would always be used as a church; Services and Sacraments having been offered for so many centuries on that hallowed spot.' Helped by a grant from English Heritage, money is now being raised for the essential repairs which will help to ensure this.

**Pam Goodall**

"The church is of flint, the natural material of the neighbourhood, with Bath stone dressings. The style is the simplest form of Early English. At the West end is a small bell-cote with a shingled spire. The floor of the church is paved with wood blocks and the sittings and other fittings are of pitch-pine. There is a small but effective reredos of mosaic, enclosed in a plain stone border. The monuments from the old chancel have been preserved and refixed in the new building." (Extract from December 1887 Parochial Magazine re Froxfield.)



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**7p.m. for 7:30p.m. start**

**Froxfield Village Hall**

**£15 pp**

**Includes Chilli ( veggie or meat) and a dessert**

**CASH BAR**

**Tables of up to 6**



Tickets from Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 or [tongventhams@gmail.com](mailto:tongventhams@gmail.com) or Froxfield stores



## Fundraising for High Cross Church The Listed Places of Worship Scheme

The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme gives grants covering the VAT on repairs of over £1,000 to listed buildings used as places of worship. This means that for the time being as a Grade 2 listed building, St Peter's High Cross, can claim the VAT back on any repairs or renovations.

Following fears that the scheme would be scrapped altogether, the Government is extending the LWP Grant Scheme until 31 March 2026, but has introduced a new cap, limiting the total amount of any individual place of worship can claim to £25,000 in the coming year. This means in order to benefit from the scheme we have to get going on our improvements to the heating and facilities quickly.

In a recent article for the Petersfield Post, Damon Hinds, East Hampshire MP, reflected on the "sacred duty to save our churches" citing amongst other local examples, Holy Trinity Privett, highlighting the costs of maintaining these historic buildings and pointing out that the cap on claims means additional fund raising is required to cover repairs and VAT liabilities.

He finishes the article:

"Whether or not you are religious, it's clear that churches play a big role in our communities. Beyond regular worship, weddings, christenings and funerals, they serve as vital hubs for social interaction and support. Over 4000 churches will open their doors this winter as part of the Warm Welcome Spaces campaign, offering shelter and companionship to those in need.

Historic churches are costly to maintain for the next generation, but they are an irreplaceable part of our cultural heritage. "

As we start a new round of fundraising events to help renovate and improve the facilities at St Peter's High Cross, I hope you will consider the value our churches add to village life both socially and in terms of the fabric of the village and support our upcoming events, the first of which is a Quiz Night on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward very much to welcoming you along.

£15 per person to include a two-course supper. Teams of 6.



On Tuesday 11 March we welcomed the award winning Garden Designer, Annie Guilfoyle to speak at Privett Village Hall on 'The Scented Garden'. The meeting was very well attended and Annie treated us to an evening of her seasonal favourites. Annie generously shared with us her vast knowledge of plants and where to site them in the garden. The range of scented plants included shrubs, bulbs, perennials, scented foliage and, of course roses.

By the time you read this report, we will have held our Spring Show on Saturday 29th March at Privett Village Hall. More on this event in next month's magazine.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th April at Froxfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Barry Newman, and he will be talking about 'Growing Vegetables in Raised Beds'. Barry is a vegetable growing expert, who we know has excellent knowledge of his subject as he's been to speak to our Club before. He is always full of tips and advice for amateur gardeners.

On Tuesday 15th April we have an afternoon outing to Arundel Castle Gardens where we have a guided tour of the Castle's world famous Tulip Festival. Tickets cost £23. Please contact Pippa Chapman on 07803 906312 or [pjmchapman@yahoo.com](mailto:pjmchapman@yahoo.com) for further details. The cutoff date to be added to the list is Monday 31 st March. Mini coach travel is available at an extra cost and entry to the Castle is not included, although access to the restaurant is obviously available.  
**Sue Kinlochan**



Starting May 1st 6.15-7.15 a weekly holistic session combining yoga, pilates, with breathing and relaxation techniques.

Designed to nourish and strengthen mind and body for overall wellbeing.

Suitable for men and women all ages.



## Your landscape. Your energy. Your conversation

Village Greening will be hosting a Future Energy Landscapes Workshop with Energise South Downs in May to explore....

### **“How might Froxfield power its community using locally generated renewable energy?”**

This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Froxfield and Privett to come together and really understand how much energy they use locally, how much carbon that produces and how as a community you might be able to lower those carbon emissions (and energy bills) by using renewable energy.

Come and join us for this interactive workshop to learn together about different renewable energy technologies and discuss how acceptable they are in the local landscape of Froxfield and Privett and what difference they can make to meet our energy needs.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at Froxfield Village Hall

More info and book your free place at <https://esd.energy/events/future-energy-landscapes/>



# Froxfield Village Hall AGM & Pop-Up Pub

Please join us for the Froxfield Village Hall

## Annual General Meeting

On

Wednesday 23rd April 7:30pm  
(Bar opens at 7:00pm 😊)

An AGM with a twist! Enjoy a relaxed evening with a Pop-Up Pub and hear about what's been happening at the Village Hall, Have your say, hear about plans for the future, and find out how to get involved!



- 🍷 FREE welcome drink on arrival
- 🗣️ Hear about our latest projects & plans
- 📄 Find out how to get involved
- 👤 Meet the committee & fellow villagers

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RSVP

Whether you're curious about what we do, keen to volunteer or fancy a drink and a chat, we'd love to see you there!

RSVP @ <https://www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk/event-details/agm>

For more information contact us at [enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk)

## Drop-In

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL



Everyone (including children and pets accompanied by a responsible adult) can be sure of a warm welcome and the company of friends and neighbours at the Drop- In! Come along and enjoy a slice of cake

and a cuppa in a warm space.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260 430 or [Tongventhams@gmail.com](mailto:Tongventhams@gmail.com)

## Drop- In Dates 2025

April 12<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> June 14<sup>th</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup>  
October 11<sup>th</sup> November 8<sup>th</sup> December 13<sup>th</sup>

## From Joanna Farrell:

I went to this exhibition at Petersfield museum recently and it was just wonderful. Roger Powell was, of course, a Froxfield man, and the work on display (his and others') is absolutely beautiful. There's a lot of interesting information too and I hope people do go and visit it. I wondered if you might be able to encourage them, perhaps, in the April magazine?

Another thing that came to my mind, just in case people are in a great hurry to visit the exhibition, is the article in Steep's March newsletter about the new technology in Steep recording average speeds on the C18. I don't know if people are aware of this as I don't think it's particularly well signed and it might just be worth raising awareness of it. (It's on page 12)

## Froxfield Fete - Sunday 29th June

### ***Volunteers Needed***

2025 Fete with your support is going to be the first of many annual fetes to come. This year in aid of Froxfield Village Hall. Future years a share of the proceeds to be split around the Parish as in the past.

Be part of the fun of the day, whether on a stall, setting up or donating items.

- Could you run or help on a stall on the day
- Be part of the lift and shift team - moving tables and chairs etc on the morning and/or after the event.
- Perhaps, you have a trailer that you could use to move tables from Privett to Froxfield and return again.
- Be part of the parking team
- Are you a crafter - would you like a stall selling your goods. Plots available for a small fee

If none of the above are for you, or you aren't available on the day...

- Could you make a cake(s) for the cake stall or refreshments
- Donate bottle(s) for the bottle stall
- Sell draw tickets in advance of the fete
- Help with publicity

Please contact Teresa - [teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com) or 07799831426

I would love to hear from you - if no reply please leave a message and I'll get back to you.

## Froxfield Village Hall Working Party Update

In the last report it was noted that the bar carpet and emergency exit to the garden were due to be replaced. Both these contracts were completed as expected with thanks to our suppliers On All Floors of Liss and Long Life Window Systems of Waterlooville. Both projects were funded from a Parish Council grant.



The volunteer maintenance team have made good progress on the "To Do" list having now completed some 50 plus tasks, both large and small, out of the 90 items on the list. A further 10 are work in progress. Many of the remaining items require professional services, for example work on the electrics, and will be organised into mini contracts to allow cost effective procurement.

Looking forward we are planning to run a working party on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 9am to 1pm to complete most of the current tasks. Thereafter we plan to run working parties quarterly, the next one being organised for 13<sup>th</sup> July, 9am to 1pm. Having run a couple of working parties in the afternoon the general consensus amongst the volunteers was that mornings were preferred.

A major item of maintenance we want to do will be decorating the main hall this summer. One or two people made contact following the report in last month's magazine volunteering their services, but given the magnitude of the task, in particular to amount of preparation work that will be required before painting, it was felt that this would be most effectively dealt with by a contractor given that the work will be time constrained to avoid disrupting hall hire too much.

Work on developing the long-term maintenance program, 2026 to 2029, is progressing well and is now being used to build a budget forecast for the hall.

### Dates for your Diary

 <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Church Quiz Night - £15pp including Chilli and desert. Cash Bar. Come for 7pm with a quiz from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Suzanne Tong (tongventhams@gmail.com or on 07528 354 847) or from Howard at Froxfield Stores.
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Working Party maintenance group 9am – 1pm. Join us for free cake and help maintain the hall. Contact Ted Stephens if you'd like to help on 01730 266529
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Froxfield Village Hall AGM and Pop-up Pub. Come from 7pm for a free welcome drink. The meeting starts at 7.30pm.
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	A regular Yoga and Pilates classes starting at 6.15pm at the Village Hall. Please contact Anne on 07884112411 if you're interested. Everyone welcome!
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	The Cricket season kicks off!
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Future Energy Landscapes Workshop at 7pm. A free workshop for the local community aimed to discover the types and scale of renewable energy that could meet the needs of the community. Run with support from East Hampshire District Council, Winchester City Council and South Downs National Park Authority.
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p

**Fourth Sunday of the Month**

**27 April, 2025**

**25 May, 2025**

**22 June, 2025**

**27 July, 2025**

**24 August, 2025**

**8.00-12noon**

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The next meeting to be organised by the parish council is the Annual Parish Meeting. Come along and hear reports on work carried out over the last 12 months by the parish, district and county councillors. Questions are welcome from all residents.

You may have noticed the newly planted on the green outside the Privett Centre replacing the sadly diseased copper beech. This disease resistant elm was kindly planted by HCC and hopefully it will live up to its name and grow into a large healthy tree for future generations to enjoy.

There has been some misunderstanding in contacting the Parish Council: most contact details have changed since the introduction of the new website making old information out of date. The Clerk's email address is [clerk@froxfordandprivett.org.uk](mailto:clerk@froxfordandprivett.org.uk), the PCs website is <https://froxfordandprivett.org.uk> and all the councillors contact details can be found on the website.

You will be aware that the parish council took over the verge cutting throughout the parish to ensure the wildflowers were allowed to bloom before the verges were cut. The cutting contract has gone out to tender starting a new 3-year cycle.

The planning applications discussed at the March meeting were:

SDNP SDNP/25/00171/CND Alexanders Farmhouse , Alexanders Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3PW Variation of condition 2 of SDNP/23/04903/HOUS to allow the substitution of approved plans 668-109-Proposed West and North Elevations and 668-110-Proposed East and South Elevations with 2401\_T\_100-Proposed Front Elevation (North), 2401\_T\_101- Proposed Rear Elevation (South), 2401-T-102-Proposed East Elevation and 2401\_T\_103-Proposed West Elevation. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals



SDNP/25/00126/HOUS Kings Cottage, King Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DS Create a seating and dining area in the garden with two new linked patios, new wooden pergola over the dining patio, two replacement garden gates and a new gravel path. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals

APP/Y95007/W/25/3359432 SDNP/24/03968/FUL Thatchers Farm, Warren Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1BJ Replacement dwelling with associated landscaping together with the consolidation of the existing scrap yard business with associated landscaping. It was resolved to submit the previous OBJECTION.

### Events At Privett Church



**Thursday 9th May, 7pm - The Tempest performed by This is My Theatre**  
**There is a Pre Theatre Supper by Sage & Season at the Privett Centre.**

Tickets for the performance can be purchased on This is My Theatre website *The Tempest* // [Ticket Link](#)

And for the Supper bookings from [sageandseason.co.uk](http://sageandseason.co.uk)

**Sunday 18th May, 6pm Choral Evensong with Portsmouth Cathedral Boys Choir**

A special event not to be missed.

*For further details about either of these events please contact Teresa on [teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com)*



## **An Update on the Future of Froxfield Village Hall**

### **The History:**

In recent years, Froxfield Village Hall has faced two significant challenges: securing new volunteers and finding funding for essential maintenance and improvements. With limited progress on recruiting volunteers and growing concerns over the necessary repairs, in 2024 the Trustees explored various options to keep the hall open and accessible to the community.

One of the options considered was the potential acquisition of the hall by Hampshire County Council (HCC). Initially, HCC declined, but further discussions in April led to an offer of capital for maintenance works benefiting the preschool. A site visit in June highlighted several maintenance issues, but no progress was made on securing funding.

Another option explored with HCC was transferring ownership while continuing to rent the hall for community use. In order to facilitate these discussions, a valuation report was completed. In recent months, we have come to understand that HCC's Strategic Development Team was in the process of preparing a proposal to HCC for further consideration, during which the Trustees were asked what price would be acceptable for the sale. However, no formal agreement, sale price, or process has been agreed upon, and discussions with HCC have not progressed beyond this point.

### **The Current Position:**

Since the discussions with HCC began and throughout the second half of 2024, the hall has experienced a significant increase in volunteers and now has five newly appointed Trustees. While we still need more help, the surge in support has alleviated the previous volunteer shortage and strengthened our ability to maintain the hall.

With the new trustees and volunteers on board, we have already tackled many of the critical maintenance tasks. While much work remains to bring the hall to its full potential, we are confident that with continued support, we can ensure its future.



A renewed focus on attracting more hirers, reassessing the financial accounts, securing grants, and hosting fundraising events will help us complete the larger projects needed for the hall's upkeep.

### **The Future:**

With the addition of new trustees and volunteers we are optimistic that the future of Froxfield Village Hall looks bright and are confident that we will be able to turn the future of the hall around. The Trustees no longer anticipate having to sell the hall in order to save it. We believe we are now in a strong enough position to be able to continue to manage it ourselves.

We are really excited about our fundraising programme for 2025, having already held some phenomenal events this year and with a full calendar of amazing events to come. Watch this space for more raving, a summer Fete, plenty more village walks, and a bang in November – yes the fireworks & bonfire will be back! Keep your eyes peeled on the Froxfield Village Hall website for events and future updates.

There's a lot going on and we're having a lot of fun doing it so if you feel like you might have some time to give, we'd love to have you on board either as a formal volunteer or as a Trustee, the more the merrier. Please contact Kate Ashfield at [kate.ashfield@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:kate.ashfield@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk) or on 07702411621 if you think you'd like to join us.

Thanks for supporting us and we hope to see you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April for our AGM & pop-up pub!

### **Booking the Village Hall for your event.**

If you're interested in booking the hall or would like more information, please get in touch with us at [enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk). You can also book the hall directly through our website [www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk).

Our friendly team is here to support you every step of the way, from booking to setup. We want to help you create an event that's memorable, fun, and stress-free



Froxfield Church of England Primary and Preschool has three key Christian values LOVE; COURAGE and RESPECT. These three underpin all that goes on in the school - from the way the children are encouraged to treat one another to the way the curriculum is taught, however these three are not the only values that the children encounter. Each half term there is another value that forms the theme for daily collective worship, and which takes place three times a week in the church, led by our clergy - Sue Jones and Susie Collingridge and by Mrs Farrow the headteacher.

This half term the theme is WISDOM. Wisdom is of course not about having knowledge in itself but about how that knowledge is used, how one makes wise choices.

It seems to me that learning to be wise is one of the greatest life skills a child can develop in the uncertain times we are living through. Children today will need to be able to navigate the mine field of social media - to be able to be critical thinkers who can question information they encounter - what are the true facts as opposed to 'fake news'. As artificial intelligence - AI - gets yet more and yet more sophisticated our children will need to be able to judge what is genuine, how best to harness its benefits for good yet be wary of the potential pitfalls it creates. They will need to be wise indeed.

I am lucky to teach a group of year 5 and 6 children after school to speak with confidence and we were asked to perform as part of the annual World Book Day poetry recital. Inspired by the theme of wisdom,

I chose the famous speech from Hamlet by Lord Polonius to his son Laertes as he prepares to return to university, for the group to speak. Polonius warns his son against being too quick to speak his thoughts, against quarrelling and especially against lending or borrowing money - all good advice of course but Polonius is often perceived to be a silly old buffer out of touch with the youth of his day - however his speech concludes with "This above all: to thine ownself be true" - this is one of Shakespeare's most famous quotations and certainly amongst his wisest. Would that the children might take those wise words forward into their future.

There are 12 governor places on the governing body of the school - recently one of our co-opted governors has retired. If you feel that you might be interested in becoming a governor of Froxfield CE Primary School please contact me - Chair of Governors - in the first instance by email [gillyhollis@me.com](mailto:gillyhollis@me.com) to find out more about what the role entails.

Being a governor is a real privilege, sometimes challenging and always interesting. There is no need to have any experience in Education - in fact we are encouraged to draw on as wide a pool of experience as possible. Currently we have a retired voice coach, a judge, a lawyer, a senior civil servant, two scientists, an accountant and a serving officer in the Royal Navy as well as a member of the clergy the staff governor and of course the head teacher.

I very much look forward to hearing from anyone interested in joining our talented team.

May I remind anyone who would like to attend the memorial service the school is holding for Lorraine Harriott that it will be in St Peter's High Cross at 11.00 on Saturday 26th April - all Mrs Harriott's past pupils, colleagues family and friends are welcome.

**Gilly Hollis**  
**Chair of Governors**