



*Froxfield and Privett Parish
Magazine*



March 2025



Benefice Worship

*The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all mankind.*

Titus 2.11

Sunday 2 March: The Sunday Next before Lent (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
6.30pm Sung Evensong with Froxfield Choir, Steep
- a Steep900 celebration

Ash Wednesday 5 March:

10am Holy Communion (said) and ashing, Steep

Sunday 9 March: 1st Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep

Sunday 16 March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Sunday 23 March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion (said), Steep
followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11am Morning Prayer, Froxfield Green

Saturday 29 March

2-4pm Mothering Sunday Messy Church,
Froxfield Village Hall

Sunday 30 March: Mothering Sunday

10am Benefice All Age Communion, Steep

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice

For further information, request our
weekly emailed news sheet at

steepfroxfeldprivett@gmail.com,

or visit our website www.steepfroxfeld.com

(Purple) March 2025

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

**Privett Village Hall – AGM and Curry and Pudding Night –
Saturday 6 April**



On Saturday 6 April the Privett Village Hall Trust holds its Annual General Meeting – followed by a Curry and Pudding Night. Here are the details of the evening:

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.

The business of the AGM includes receiving the Treasurer's Report of the financial affairs of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024; receiving the Chairman's Report; and the election of the officers and committee members of the Trust for the coming year.

All are encouraged to attend, and Privett residents and others who have attended Privett Village Hall events are entitled to vote in any election.

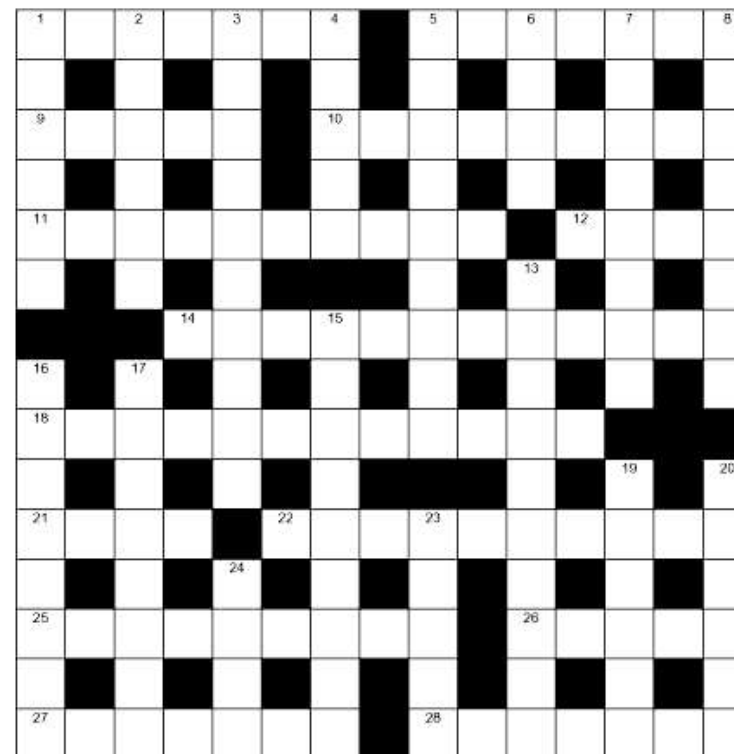
The Village Hall is lively and flourishing, thanks to the innovation and hard work of an energetic committee. We have vacancies for new committee members, and anyone who is interested in joining the committee should speak to the Chairman (Graham Flack: email: graham.flack@filmorehill.co.uk) for further information.

Entry to the AGM is, of course, free. Those who stay for the Curry and Pudding Night are asked to reserve tickets in advance to ensure numbers are catered for – this is always a popular event and we want to be certain that there is plenty for all.

Tickets 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).

Do please come - not only to support PVH, but also to feast upon the renowned curries and puddings which have been signature dishes of PVH over the years!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Clandestine, shifty
- 5 Melodic
- 9 Relocated
- 10 Interfering
- 11 So good that it shouldn't be neglected
- 12 A large room used for meetings, concerts etc.
- 14 The female parents of fathers or mothers
- 18 Sycophantic
- 21 Stringed instrument of the 16th and 17th centuries
- 22 Standards or points of reference against which things may be compared
- 25 A water-soluble cleansing agent
- 26 In Greek mythology, a lustful, drunken woodland deity
- 27 Angers
- 28 Trustworthiness, integrity

Down

- 1 Renowned
- 2 Give new and improved appearance to
- 3 'Distal ruin (anag).
- 4 Additional
- 5 A date by which a task must be completed (4,5)
- 6 Requirement
- 7 Square-rigged warships of the 18th and 19th centuries, smaller than a destroyer
- 8 The formal and technical language of lawyers
- 13 A craftsman who works with brick or stone (5,5)
- 15 Silent
- 16 Move, uproot, budge
- 17 One who encourages others to rebel
- 19 Jots down
- 20 A large fish-eating bird of prey
- 23 Capture, grasp
- 24 Boast

Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

Parish Magazine

All articles, news and for sale items: froxfield.parish@btinternet.com
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www.PrivettVillageHall.co.uk

Froxfield & Privett Garden Club: Elizabeth Houghton-Connell 01730 828889

Darts Teams: Angela Hiscock: 01730 827066

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Country & Western: Viv Barnett 01730 268306

Parish Clerk: 07396722442. clerk@froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

Froxfield Stores & Post Office: Howard & Charlotte 01730 827778
www.froxfield stores.com

Parish website: www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

Defibrillator access code: C0147X

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

6 th	13 th	20 th	Friday 27 th	April 3 rd
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling

Annual Revision of Parish Church Electoral Roll: A Reminder

This is a reminder (see my detailed note in February's Parish Magazine) that this year we have to make a complete revision of the parish church electoral roll – starting from scratch. So even if you are already on the electoral roll, this year, to remain on the roll, you must complete and return an Application Form.

I have endeavoured to contact individually most people currently on the parish church electoral roll inviting them to re-apply so that they can be included on the new electoral roll which will come into effect on 6 April at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held that day. Application Forms can be found at the back of the church at High Cross, or if you call, text or email me I can send you an Application Form for you to complete. If you have had an email from me with an attached Application Form, please complete it and return it to me without delay.

The parish church electoral roll will be updated on **21 March**, and all Application Forms must be completed and returned by **Wednesday 19 March at the latest**.

Completed Application Forms may be left in the special "post box" in the church or emailed to me or sent to me at the address below **by 19 March**.

If you have any questions, call me on 07866 506744, or email me at sadlerpatricia@hotmail.com. Thank you for your co-operation.

Pat Sadler

Hawthorn Cottage
 Church Lane
 Privett GU34 3PA

With immediate effect, we have discontinued the use of the old parish magazine email and will be using froxfield.parish@hotmail.com instead. It culminated in us not being able to send emails from it. The problem was not sorted so we have now closed the account. Consequently, we were paying for an account we that could not use. Sorry for any inconvenience.



The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton

(01420 82802)

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

OPENING TIMES Tuesday to Sunday

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

Allen Gallery

AN UPDATE FROM HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST

The proposed start of the next phase of the project, whereby the Allen Gallery will close for refurbishment, has been delayed. The Gallery will therefore remain open for the time being.

The project will showcase the ceramics collection, create a dedicated community space and make a significant contribution to the culture, economy and life of Alton. It is fully supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funders locally, including East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council. This is a temporary delay and the project will get underway later in the spring.

March events

318 Ceramics Exhibition.

A welcome return for 318 Ceramics, a community of makers who create and teach from their studio in Farnham. They will be presenting a range of new work for their 2025 show.

1st to 28th March. Free entry, works will be available to buy. Members of the group will be in the Gallery each day to answer any questions.

Spring Garden Saturdays

1st and 8th of March. Take a peaceful stroll round the lovely Gallery garden, which will be in all its Spring glory. Some of the dedicated team of Gardeners will be on hand to chat. FREE, a donation would be much appreciated.

Talk - The Work of Hart Wildlife Rescue,

by Robyn Leslie.

Thursday 13th March, 7.30 pm.

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

One of the upstairs rooms has been cleared and newly carpeted, to be used for workshops and talks when the Gallery is closed for its refit.

There is a new item on display - a crocheted Coral Reef.

The coral reef was a project by Creating Crafts and Blooms CIC, a local enterprise bringing together people who crochet and craft. Their main project (Giving the Gift of Warmth) is making "granny square" blankets which are gifted to people who may be vulnerable in the community.

The Coral Reef was displayed at Alton College for Alton Arts Festival and has been reinstalled at the Curtis Museum with help from Alton Men's Shed. It has an environmental message, showing how damage can be done to this important habitat, but also how it can be restored. It is also an amazing feat of crochet art!

<https://www.facebook.com/CreatingCraftsandBloomsCIC/>



SOLUTION TO FEBRUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across – 1 Badger, 5 Toecap, 10 Romeo, 11 Partridge, 12 Liturgy, 13 Ortolan, 14 Champions, 17 Visit, 18 Enjoy, 19 Fishplate, 21 Unchain, 23 Earache, 25 Tributary, 26 T-bone, 27 Detach, 28 Thorny.

Down - 2 Admit, 3 Geography, 4 Reply, 5 Tortoises, 6 Egret, 7 Andalusia, 8 Frolic, 9 Jennet, 15 Adjective, 16 Offenbach, 17 Vaporetto, 18 Equate, 20 Eleven, 22 Abuja, 23 Egypt, 24 Crown.

From the Local Police



Hello. My name is George and I am a PCSO based at Bordon Police Station. I work alongside my colleague Gareth who is also a PCSO and our beat covers the Froxfield area. We are part of the neighbourhood policing team made up of 2 PCSOs and 3 Police officers and a sergeant. Whilst Froxfield does not have a local policeman, our neighbourhood officers cover all of Longmoor (Bordon, Liss and Liphook) which covers Froxfield.

We have been made aware of the local priorities in Froxfield which includes speeding and parking. We would like to try and combat this by doing more patrols around the Froxfield area and showing more of a police presence.

If you would like to contact us, 101 or www.Hampshire.Police.uk

If you have any more questions please feel free to ask. Look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and kind regards,

PCSO 19807 George Goodchild
Bordon Neighbourhood Policing Team
Unit 7 Highview Business Park Bordon
George.Goodchild@hampshire.police.uk



We thought that this cartoon might make people chuckle. It did us.

Messy Church for Mothering Sunday

(on a Saturday!)

Location: [Froxfield Village Hall](#)

Date: Saturday 29th March Time: 2-4pm

Activities to include:

Card Making and Craft for loved ones

Biscuit/Cake Decorating.....with tea and cake!

ALL WELCOME

Contact:

Katherine Matcham 07595 93625





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Organised by a group of Froxfield Primary School mums, the event

aimed to raise funds for the much-needed maintenance of the Village Hall.

A lively crowd of 130 people danced the night away to the beats of DJ Locky and DJ 2Scoops, who delivered an electrifying mix of Happy House anthems and Drum ‘n’ Bass bangers.

The hall was transformed into a vibrant club-like atmosphere, with disco lights, colourful lasers, and shimmering silver tinsel curtains setting the scene. Ravers filled the dance floor, celebrating both music and community spirit. With 90s fashion at its core, revellers embraced the theme in vibrant neon outfits, with pork pie hats making a strong comeback. Neon glow sticks were on sale, adding an extra touch of nostalgia as the crowd lit up the dance floor.

The bar takings were boosted by a very kind donation of beer from “The Pub with No Name”, adding to the success of the fundraising efforts. Meanwhile, Big Joe, the friendly door supervisor, ensured a smooth entry and exit process, keeping everything running safely and seamlessly.

This event raised an astonishing £3,500 for our village hall upkeep. With increased usage and support, the Village Hall is poised to strengthen its role as a hub for local connection. Residents and visitors are encouraged to consider the venue for upcoming special events.

Keep an eye on: www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk for upcoming events, and if you have any “fun-raising” ideas, we’d love to hear from you.

For enquiries, please contact Bookings Administrator:
enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk.



“Rave & Restore” Brings the Beat to Froxfield continued

The busy bar was a clear highlight, with revellers queuing for the night’s signature raspberry rum punch cocktails. The event’s fundraising total was boosted by a generous beer donation from “The Pub with No Name”, helping to maximise the proceeds. Meanwhile, Big Joe, the friendly door supervisor, kept everything running smoothly and safely.

For those needing a break, the chill-out room provided hula hooping and “Old Farts Darts”, offering a light-hearted escape from the dance floor. The champagne raffle saw one lucky winner take home six bottles of bubbly, capping off the night with a sparkling celebration.

The Village Hall team would love to hear from anyone planning a special event—it’s a fantastic venue for parties, fundraisers, and community gatherings. You can get in touch via their website to speak with the Bookings Administrator.

With events like this, Froxfield Village Hall is set to remain a thriving hub—one dance beat (and cocktail) at a time!

Saturday 8th March 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 a long and enjoy a slice of cake and a cuppa in a warm space.

I’d like to thank all those who stepped forward to join the rota of volunteers to keep the Drop - In afloat! We have now filled all of the twelve slots this year. Where would we be without the big - hearted people in our village who give their time to help bring the community together? Thank you again to all those who agreed to help.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260 430 or Tongventhams@gmail.com

Drop- In Dates 2025

March 8 th	April 12 th	May 10 th	June 14 th
July 12 th	August 9 th	September 13 th	October 11 th
November 8 th	December 13 th		

Clergy Corner

Canon Susie Collingridge Writes With Ministry Team News:



I am delighted to introduce two new additions to our Ministry Team in our parishes (Steep and Stroud, Froxfield and Privett).

Pippa and Graham Madgwick moved into our area in the middle of 2024, since when they have been settling into their house and their new church home with us. They both bring a wealth of experience and wisdom to the Ministry Team, and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming months and years. Pippa is an ordained priest, while Graham is a Licenced Lay Minister (Reader), so it will not be long until they will be able to lead church services and preach, as well as being involved in various other different aspects of our church and community life, I’m sure.

Their arrival is very timely indeed, partly because of health challenges I have faced recently (more of which below). Also the timing coincides with the irreplaceable Revd Joanna Farrell now needing to step back for a while from the amount of ministry that she has been committed to recently, to take a little extra well-earned time and space. Although she will be doing less in terms of up-front ministry just for the moment, she and Michael remain very much part of our communities and our lives together which is great! We are beyond grateful for them both, and for all that Joanna has generously given us all in her faithful service to God and to us all up to now.

Finally on a personal note, if I may, thank you so much for everyone’s continuing kindness and support through my breast cancer treatment in recent weeks and months. It is hard to express my gratitude and the blessing that you have all been to me, alongside my wonderful family. As I write I am preparing for a short intensive course of radiotherapy. After that I sincerely hope and pray (encouraged by confident assurances from the medics!) that the worst is behind us, and that I am well set for a long and healthy life ahead. I do very much feel an overwhelming sense of thankfulness above all to God and God’s faithfulness throughout it all.

With love and best wishes, Susie
Priest in Charge, Steep and Froxfield with Privett

Revd Pippa Madgwick

Thank you for making Graham and me welcome here; we have moved to be nearer two of our three sons and their families, so are relishing seeing more of them. We came from Rutland, where I was rector for 7 years of a Benefice of 10 rural churches, each with their own listed medieval church and PCC; our ministry team included an associate priest, a curate and two Readers.

Life was full of both joys and challenges, generating enough stories to last a lifetime! How did we end up there?

After a Botany degree, marriage to Graham and a doctorate I worked at Rothamsted, the oldest agricultural research establishment in the UK near St Albans, mainly on enabling wheat to cope with climate change, in the UK and abroad. I took 3 periods of maternity leave when our sons were born and negotiated working half-time. We belonged to a small Anglican church in St Albans and led a house group; I also led a mother + toddler group and enjoyed an interfaith women's group. After almost 15 years I began to wonder very tentatively about other roles, leading to exploring ordination. I trained on the part-time Oxford and St Albans ministry course and its successors, being ordained deacon in 2007 (& priest 2008).

A curacy followed in a different church with a more liturgical tradition, juggling this with family life and continuing work in the lab. It was a satisfying mix so I stayed after the curacy ended. In 2015 the research group moved to Lancaster so I applied for voluntary redundancy and began a 2 year City and Guilds embroidery course that autumn, scouring charity shops for fabrics and threads and 'playing' for half each week. By this time our boys were through university and almost independent, the eldest was married, then Graham began working in Peterborough. I'd never planned to lead a church but an interview panel in Rutland thought this was a good idea, so to Rutland we went . . . and now we are here.

I'm enjoying seeing family and friends old and new, a few local groups, creating a garden and more. When the paperwork is completed, I hope to support the church too.

Graham Madgwick LLM

Unlike Pippa, I read Classics and Modern Languages at Magdalen College, Oxford. I also taught English as a foreign language to overseas students while in Oxford and trained to teach French at secondary level. However, after completing a course in computer programming my career direction changed and I ended up working for a London-based software house building bespoke computer systems for the Lloyds Insurance market. Later job moves took me round various IT-related jobs for banks, brokers and insurers, during which I developed skills in project and programme management, databases, enterprise architecture and consultancy. I was made redundant from my job in Peterborough and decided to take early retirement, but after a call from a previous boss I am now working 2 days a week supporting a new start-up initiative with a large multinational insurance broker.

I was involved in leading Christian Union groups at my school and at University. So when we moved to St Albans, I began to explore becoming a Lay Reader and after 3 year's training was licenced by the Bishop of St Albans as a Reader in 1990. I served at our church in St Albans for many years, leading services, preaching, running home groups, leading lent groups and teaching bible study courses. I was also involved in holiday clubs, all age worship and playing guitar in both adult and all age music groups. I also ran some Taizé style services with a small orchestra of musicians to lead the worship. When our children had grown up and left home, I moved to the Church where Pippa was an Associate Priest and continued reader ministry there. I then took a job based in Peterborough, and we decided after 9 months to move to Rutland where Pippa became the Rector of the 10 parishes of the Rutland Water Benefice, and I supported her in the Ministry Team as a Lay Reader.

I have also developed interests in various outdoor sports: cycle touring, hill walking, rock climbing and mountaineering. I am enjoying the landscape and possibilities offered by this area.

I know that everyone will join me in giving a very warm welcome to you both. Susie



Froxfield Village Hall Update. March Newsletter

Exciting Updates to the Froxfield Village Hall Council of Management

We are delighted to introduce some new faces who have recently joined the Village Hall Committee, bringing fresh energy and expertise to help support and develop this vital community space.

We're pleased to welcome Ian Shaw as our new Website and IT Trustee. Ian will be managing our online presence, ensuring the community stays informed. Thank you for joining us Ian! A big thank you also to our new volunteers: Libba Morrison, who will be helping coordinate fundraising and events, Anna Boardman as Deputy Treasurer, and Katherine Matcham as Minute Secretary. Your support is greatly appreciated! Additionally, Kate Ashfield has stepped in as Interim Chair and Jody Ashfield as Interim Treasurer until the upcoming AGM in April.

Our Village Hall thrives thanks to the dedication of volunteers and trustees, and we're always looking for more people to get involved. Whether you can spare a little time to help with events, fundraising, admin, or maintenance, or if you're interested in becoming a trustee, we'd love to hear from you! It's a great way to support the community, meet new people, and make a real difference.

For more details, contact Kate Ashfield
Kate.ashfield@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk or on 07702 411621.

Booking the Village Hall for your event.

If you're looking for a venue to host your next event, Froxfield Village Hall might be just what you need. Whether it's a small gathering, a birthday party, or a community event, our hall offers a practical and comfortable space for various occasions.

Why Choose Froxfield Village Hall?

- **Flexible Space** – Suitable for both smaller and larger gatherings with different sized spaces to suit your event.
- **Convenient Location** – Located in the heart of the village with parking available.
- **Reasonable Rates** – We offer competitive pricing to help keep your event within budget.

If you're interested in booking the hall or would like more information, please get in touch with us at enquiries@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.

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Working Party Update – 9th February 2025

Our recent afternoon working party was a big success—thank you to everyone who pitched in! We ticked off several tasks on the “To Do” list, including replacing window latches, painting the porch, most of the kitchen and bar, and making a start on repairing the hall blinds.

We've also upgraded the flooring in front of the bar, replacing the carpet with easy-to-clean vinyl for a smarter, more practical finish. The main hall's emergency exit to the garden has also been replaced. As these were larger tasks, they were completed by contractors with grant funding from the Parish Council—a huge thank you for their support in helping us improve the hall!

Looking ahead, we've got two more maintenance sessions planned:

Sunday 9th March, 1–5pm Sunday 13th April, 9am–1pm

These should help us clear the backlog of small jobs best suited for volunteers. Thereafter the plan is to organise quarterly working parties. We still have more work to do, including some significant projects. Some tasks, like repainting the main hall, can be handled by volunteers, while others will require contractors.

Thanks to the fantastic "Rave and Restore" fundraising event, we now have the funds to repaint the hall! We're aiming to complete this during the school summer holidays and would love to hear from volunteers who can spare a day or two to help. It's a straightforward job—just a lot of walls to cover!

If you're willing to lend a hand, please email Ted Stephens at ted.stephens@froxfordvillagehall.co.uk with your availability. Every bit of help makes a difference!

The long-term maintenance plan for the hall is now under development with projects and renewals scheduled for 2026 through to 2029. With this in place we will have a much better understanding of future costs and where fund raising and grant support will be required. Thanks again to everyone who helps make this possible—we couldn't do it without you!

Froxfield Village Hall Dates for your Diary

March	
Saturday 8th	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Sunday 9th	Working Party maintenance group 1-5pm. Join us for free cake and help maintain the hall. Contact Ted Stephens if you'd like to help on 01730 266529
Friday 21st	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
Saturday 22nd	Spring Walk 10am – 2pm from Froxfield Village Hall. Step into spring and join us for a scenic countryside walk in support of the Village Hall! Enjoy fresh air, beautiful views, and great company as we set off from the hall on a gentle circular route, returning for well-earned refreshments.
Saturday 29th	Mothering Sunday Messy Church. 2-4pm. Join us for a fun, family-friendly Messy Church to celebrate Mothering Sunday! Enjoy crafts, songs, and activities.
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Froxfield Village Hall AGM & Pop-Up Pub

Please join us for the Froxfield Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

On

Wednesday 23rd April 7.30pm

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

SCAN TO



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



Parish Council News

These planning applications were discussed at the February Meeting

SDNP/24/05281/TCA The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3PE Western Red Cedar (T1)- Fell Western Red Cedar (T2)-Fell, Western Red Cedar (T3)- Fell, Western Red Cedar (T4)-Fell, Western Red Cedar (T5)-Fell, Western Red Cedar (T6)-Fell, Western Red Cedar (T7)-Fell It was resolved to RAISE NO OBJECTION

SDNP/24/05297/FUL Parkwood Arts, Bordean Lane, Bordean, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DJ Change of use of the building from commercial use (Class E) to a non-residential education and training centre (Class F1). It was resolved to SUPPORT the application

SDNP/25/00257/TCA Farnfield Farm, Merepond Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3PF T1 - Beech - heavy crown reduction 3m + thinning of crown 25%. Remove crossing branches. Appears to be infected as fungus at base of tree T2 - Tulip - remove right hand limb (going towards property) T3 - Yew - reduce crown by 25% as it's growing towards power lines Fell It was resolved to RAISE NO OBJECTION

It is a bit late or maybe early in the year to remind you that if you are thinking of having a firework display at home, please remember that many animals find the bangs frightening. It would be very thoughtful of you to put a note through your neighbours' doors to warn them, in advance, so they can bring animals in from the fields and shut them in for the evening. The law says you must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am except for Bonfire night, when the cut off is midnight and New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year when the cut off is 1am. An information leaflet can be found on the parish council website www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

The installation of the new playground equipment is due to start on Monday 10th March. The playground will be closed for the works, which is expected to take a week or maybe a little more.

Cover

This month's cover picture is of some Crocuses in Tidda Dobbs' garden. More cheerful than the weather we have been getting. Thanks Tidda.

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St Peter's, High Cross

Preserving our church for the future and how you can help.



High Cross church is an important part of our community; it is a Grade 2 listed building which is now more than 160 years old. For many generations it has hosted both religious events -baptisms, weddings and funerals, and community events, such as concerts, flower shows, exhibitions, school assemblies, Christmas and Craft fairs, harvest teas and village meetings.

However High Cross is facing some major challenges to its future. The first of these is the heating system. Five years ago, a routine architect's inspection of the church found that the heating system, installed in the 1980's, is causing great damage to its fabric. More recently we discovered that the parts needed to maintain the boiler in good working order, are becoming more difficult to source along with engineers who have knowledge to service it.

Refreshments are part of the welcome that the church wishes to extend to visitors. For many years those who come to services have enjoyed gathering for refreshments afterwards. For some this is one of the very few social contact times they have in a week. It is an opportunity to share news and give support.

Our congregation is ageing. Some in our community have mobility needs, others continence needs, and some have disability needs. The provision of refreshments and comfort facilities presents a challenge in a building with no running water. All the water has to be brought in by hand in various containers, which are heavy and cumbersome, and then the crockery used has to be taken home for washing up afterwards. A single, rather distant electrical plug provides the only power point to support these occasions.

Our church is used three times a week by the school for collective worship, for Harvest Festival, at Christmas to celebrate the Nativity, and in the summer term to celebrate the achievements of pupils. With no

onsite facilities the school has to ensure there are sufficient staff in church should a child need to return to the school.

We are determined to create a church which is an asset in the community and which welcomes all, and to realise our ambition we have decided to build a toilet and servery area in the church.

Our beautiful old church will not be damaged by these changes, rather we aim to enhance the building to ensure its future and preserve it as an asset in the community for generations to come. Having a toilet and modest servery in situ will benefit all who come to the church whether for regular worship, school activities or special services to celebrate life events.

These changes will cost money, however, the PCC which is legally responsible for the upkeep of its churches does not receive any contribution from central church funds. Fundraising undertaken in 2019 has enabled us to develop our plans. The current estimate of costs to carry out both phases of the work is in the region of £230,000. Last year, the church was fortunate to receive a legacy to be spent specifically on High Cross for present and future generations. Mindful of its responsibilities to secure the future for the church, the PCC has decided that the legacy is to be split between the modifications needed, future repair work that may arise, and future running costs of the church.

Therefore, £80,000 of the legacy will be allocated to the project with the rest of the money raised through grant applications and fundraising activities. Please keep an eye out for the fundraising events being organised by the PCC and support us where and when you can.

Churches are regarded by many to be part of our national heritage. They enhance the setting of, and are considered to be a key component of, an English village. Even if you are not a churchgoer, if you live or work in our parish, there surely cannot be many days when you pass the church and do not think how lucky we are to have this beautiful building in our village serving our community.

If you would like to help with any of our fundraising events, please contact: Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 or tongventhams@gmail.com

Tuesday 11th March

Privett Village Hall

7.30pm

A talk by Annie Guilfoyle

‘THE SCENTED GARDEN’

**Non-members are very
welcome £3**

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On Tuesday 11th February we had our first garden visit of the year to Mark Porter's stunning Winter Garden at Itchen Abbas. The weather was kind to us and Mark gave us a very friendly and informative tour around his garden pointing out snowdrops and aconites, which are slowly naturalising in his lawn, his mini vineyard and the lovely early flowering scented shrubs which are so good for bees and other pollinating insects. The garden has been very cleverly designed to show off all the features in the Winter season. We were then invited into Mark's house for a chat and delicious tea and cake.

On the evening of Wednesday 12th February we held a meeting at Froxfield Village Hall when our speaker was Martin Duncan, who has been the Head Gardener at Arundel Castle for the last fifteen years. The subject of his talk was 'Spring Bulbs at Arundel Castle' which was very timely as we have a visit to the Castle garden arranged for Tuesday 15th April for a guided tour to see the world famous Tulip Festival.

(Please contact Pippa Chapman on 07803 906312 or pjchapman@yahoo.co.uk if you would like further information.)

Our next meeting will take place at Privett Village Hall on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm

when our speaker will be Annie Guilfoyle. Annie is a highly respected and knowledgeable

garden designer and speaker, and we are very lucky that she has agreed to come and speak to us on 'Scented Plants'. We look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

Sue Kinlochan



SPRING SHOW

Saturday 29th March 2025

Privett Village Hall

Teas, Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and
Produce stall
Raffle

Show opens
Prizegiving

2 pm
3.30pm

Entries to be in by
March

5pm on Thursday 27th

Contact the Show Secretary - Christine Stephens by
email fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com

High Cross Church



**We are looking for volunteers to help us on
Saturday 8th March**

9a.m – 11.30 a.m

**You don't have to be a church member to
keep our beautiful church looking great
and many hands make light work. Even if
you can only spare half an hour we would
welcome your help with:**

**sweeping, hoovering, cleaning windows, knocking down
cobwebs ,polishing wood, polishing brass, washing
floors.**

Refreshments at the Drop - In afterwards!



Let's make our church sparkle this Spring!

Contact: Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 or tongventhams@gmail.com

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

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Walking

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

5th February
5th March
2nd April

Contact Suzanne Tong on TongVenthams@gmail.com or 01730 260430 for more information and travel arrangements



The first half of this Spring term has been very busy and full of variety for the children and their teachers at Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool.

As well as working hard at all their academic subjects Froxfield children always give a wonderful showing at all the sporting events in which they participate across the county. For a small school with just over 100 pupils Froxfield always shines. Already this term there have been successes in Cross Country and indoor athletics.

In Cross-Country six children represented Froxfield at the East Hampshire cross-country 2km qualifier run at Perins School. Although there were approximately 40 children in each category, two Froxfield boys came first and ninth in the Year 5/6 boys' category - both qualifying to represent East Hampshire at the County event at Down Grange in Basingstoke in March. Well done indeed to these young lads.

The small school athletics competition was held at Perins just before the half term break. Again the 12 children - six girls and six boys who represented Froxfield - did very well, pushing themselves against the other three schools that also attended the event.

The event was held inside Perrin's sports hall where there was a series of events including track and field. I'm told it was great fun and all the children had an enjoyable time.

With immediate effect, we have discontinued the use of the old parish magazine email and will be using froxfield.pariah@hotmail.com instead. It culminated in us not being able to send emails from it. The problem was not sorted so we have now closed the account. Consequently, we were paying for an account we that could not use. Sorry for any inconvenience.

History is taught throughout the school and Class 1 have been learning about three Great British Queens - Elisabeth 1, Victoria and Elisabeth 11. As the finale to their Royal Queens project, Class 1 put on a fantastic Royal Tea for their parents and carers. They welcomed each and every one of them and told them about all the Queens they had been learning about in their current topic. Everyone enjoyed a delicious royal tea that the children had made including scones and sandwiches. To finish the afternoon off in loyal fashion everyone then stood to sing the National Anthem.

I am pleased to say that the preschool continues to go from strength to strength and the children there have also had a busy half term including exploring lots of very different job roles. They had a lovely few weeks being doctors and the patients,, hairdressers and the clients, and then moved on to exploring the roles of palaeontologists and finally people who work in the emergency services - what a huge range!

If you read last month's 'Tribute to Lorraine Harriott' you will know that the school staff were greatly saddened by the death of their recently retired colleague. Mrs Farrow, Mrs Burchett and I represented the school at the funeral on February 11 in West Meon church - it was a wonderful service and there was a huge congregation gathered in St John's to see dear Lorraine laid to rest in the beautiful setting of its rural churchyard. However because the funeral took place during the school term, there were a number of people who might have wished to attend but were unable to, including most of the staff of Froxfield school. Therefore, there is to be a memorial service for Lorraine on Saturday 26th April at 11am in St Peter's High Cross Church. Revd John Owen has kindly agreed to lead the service and it is hoped that everyone who knew Lorraine - Mrs Harriott - will feel able to attend - her past pupils and colleagues as well Lorraine's family and friends. We are hoping that it will be an opportunity for sharing precious memories - an occasion honouring a much-loved teacher, colleague and friend - a very special woman.

Gillian Hollis

Chair of Governors Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool