

Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



March 2024



Benefice Worship

Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past: do not let our enemies triumph over us.

Psalm 25.1,6

Sunday 3 March: The 3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Saturday 9 March:

2-4pm Mothering Sunday Messy Church, Froxfield Village Hall (opposite High Cross Church)

Sunday 10 March: Mothering Sunday (Purple)

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

Sunday 17 March: The 5th Sunday of Lent (Purple)

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

Sunday 24 March: Palm Sunday (Red)

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

Thursday 28 March: Maundy Thursday (White)

6pm Holy Communion (BCP said), Froxfield Green

Friday 29 March: Good Friday (Red)

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

Saturday 30 March: Easter Eve (Gold or White)

6pm Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
6.30pm Easter Fire, Privett Churchyard

Sunday 31 March: Easter Sunday (Gold or White)

6am Dawn Communion, Froxfield Green
10am All Age Easter Parish Communion, Steep
10am All Age Easter Parish Communion, High Cross

Sunday 7 April: The 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

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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 steepfroxfeldprivett@gmail.com, or visit our website www.steepfroxfeld.com

Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

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Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th	April 4 th
Recycling	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling

Annual Revision of Parish Church Electoral Roll

Each year the parish church updates its electoral roll – this is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the appointment of churchwardens and members of the parochial church council. (This is quite separate from the electoral roll used for parish council elections, which is maintained by East Hampshire District Council.) This year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 21 April.

The parish church electoral roll will be updated in early April, and anyone not presently on the roll has **until 4 April** to apply to be placed on the roll. A formal Notice of Revision is displayed on the church notice board in the lych-gate at High Cross, together with a note on the data protection policy which applies to the electoral roll.

If you have, in the last year, begun to worship at the parish church you can apply to be placed on the electoral roll. An application form must be completed, and forms are available at the back of the church at High Cross. Completed forms must be returned to me by 4 April: they may be left in the box provided in the church, posted or delivered to me at the address below, or scanned and emailed to me.

Current church members who are already on the electoral roll need take no action.

A formal Notice with full details of the revision of the electoral roll will be displayed on the High Cross church notice board in the lych-gate from 5 April.

If you have any questions, call me on 07866 506744 or email me at sadlerpatricia@hotmail.com.

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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

EXHIBITIONS

The work of **Camilla Hanney**, our Artist in Residence, continues until 4th March.

Later in March we welcome **318 Ceramics**, a local pottery group based in Farnham.

"318 Ceramics is a community of artists and students working side-by-side in a friendly environment that encourages and inspires artistic growth, with a focus on providing practical skills."
9th March - 26th March. FREE

TALKS

Margaret Macfarlane's Legacy - The Allen Gallery collection of Ceramics.

a talk by **Jackie Breakspear**.

Thursday 14th March at 7.30. FREE

George Wither, Bentworth poet - a loveable idiot?

A talk by **Barrie Lees**.

Thursday 11th April at 7.30. FREE

ACTIVITIES

STEPPING STONES - our major new programme. Supported by The Murray Parish Trust, these weekly pottery workshops are intended to promote positive mental health and provide regular, long-term opportunities for young people in Hampshire to use creativity to build their emotional resilience. The high-quality workshops are delivered by professional artist Jill Maguire.

The Curtis Museum continued

The first is on Saturday 16th March, 10.30 - 12.30, and they continue for 10 weeks until 1st June. (No sessions on 30/03 or 6/04).

For more details and booking, please see www.hampshireculture.org.uk/stepping-stones.

EASTER for children and families

Make and Take on 2nd and 6th April - please pre-book with the Gallery.
Easter Trail round the Gallery and garden from 26th March to 19th April. (There will be a trail round the Museum also.)

For further information of any of our events please email allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or see the website

CURTIS MUSEUM

THE FUTURE OF THE MUSEUM

! Many of you will have heard about the financial constraints affecting the County Council - a shortfall of £132 million. Hampshire Cultural Trust, which operates the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, is severely affected. The Gallery is safe, thanks to the ambitious new project **Rediscovering the Allen Gallery**. This plan is looking to receive further funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and has already had financial support confirmed by East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council. The Museum, alas, is under threat of closure in **2026**.

We who are involved - management, volunteers and visitors - are hoping the Museum can be saved. It is an important repository for the area's history - from ancient fossils, Anglo-Saxon treasures, Civil War artifacts - to Jane Austen and the Brewing industry. In the meantime, come and look at your town's heritage, while it is still free and accessible.

You can register comments to HCC on their webpage by **31st March** at www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation.

The Museum collection also represents a slice of East Hampshire history - you may want to contact the District Council. www.easthants.gov.uk/contact-us.

Privett Village Spring Walk – Saturday 16 March



The Privett Village Hall committee is organising a Spring Village Walk on **Saturday 16 March** setting out from Privett Village Hall at **9.45 am**. Village walks have proved popular over the past

few years, and after a rather grey and wet winter, a good walk as Spring begins to unfurl and show us its promise should provide a tonic of expectation.

The walk will take a little over 2.5 hours, and will be a circular ramble, mostly on “hard surfaces” (so walking boots rather than wellington boots). Dogs under control (and even children) will be welcomed.

We shall return to PVH, where home-made soup and bread and cheese will be served. If you feel that you are not up to the walk, do please join up with the walkers back at PVH at about 12.30pm for soup and a chat.

There will be a charge of £6 per head to cover the cost of the food. Payment can be made on the day, but if you plan to come, please let Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) know in advance so that we can cater for everyone. If you give Gill your contact details we can get in touch with you if we have to cancel or change the time of the walk because of dire weather – but we are hoping for a morning of Spring sunshine and warmth!

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And a further date for your diaries: on **Saturday 20 April** Privett Village Hall will hold its Annual General Meeting followed by a Curry Night, beginning at 7.00pm. Full details in April's Parish Magazine.

Online magazine

We asked where the magazine could be found on the church website and a couple of people told us this: You will now find it on the church website steepfroxfield.com - please click 'More' on the first menu and 'Parish magazines' on the second menu at the bottom of the list. Simple!



Your Village Needs You! Petersfield Voluntary Care Group (PVCG)

PVCG is a charitable organisation based in Petersfield which relies on volunteer drivers to take people who are unable to drive themselves to non-emergency medical related appointments. This includes appointments with Surgeries, Hospitals, Dentists, Opticians, Audiologists, Podiatrists etc in Petersfield

and within the area of Portsmouth, Winchester, Basingstoke, Chichester, Guildford & Southampton.

It is a service which is much appreciated but if we are to continue to provide it we need more drivers.

Drivers use their own cars, determine their own availability and receive reimbursement of mileage expenses. You can do as many or as few drives as you wish. If you are a Froxfield/Privett resident you can opt to take only local residents or help out driving people from Petersfield as well. If you are local to Froxfield or the surrounding areas and might be interested in volunteering as a driver, we would love to hear from you. Please call me on 07879 640459.

Martin Knapp Vice Chairman, PVCG/Froxfield Coordinator

Church News Extra

Special services this coming month are the Family-Oriented “**Messy Church**” on SATURDAY 09 March, 2-4 PM, in Froxfield Village Hall, the day before Mothering Sunday- Details from the Parish website, or Rev Joanna Farrell .

On **Good Friday, 29th March, at 10 :00 am**, there will be a Service in High Cross church, with the traditional ceremony of walking the **Stations of the Cross**.

At Holy Trinity , PRIVETT, on Saturday 30th March, there will be the wonderful service of **Easter Fire** - when we light a bonfire and herald the dawning of the light of Easter and Holy Week. Bonfire and service at 6:30 pm.

As Spring approaches, I will be relaunching the team of local volunteers to help trim and mow the grass in the churchyard, with a big “ clean up day “ in the next few weeks, followed by regular monthly trims.

I would welcome any willing helpers- roberthollis650@icloud.com, or 07368 515108. **Rob Hollis, Churchwarden**

Church News: The Churchwarden’s Month



There are almost 16,000 Church of England church buildings in England, spread across about 13,000 Parishes.

Our Parish, Froxfield with Privett, is in the Deanery of Petersfield, and in the wider Diocese off Portsmouth.

In our parish we have 3 churches to look after: St Peter’s High Cross; St Peter’s Froxfield Green; and Holy Trinity, Privett

Like any other Victorian buildings, they need constant maintenance and repair to still be around in another 150 years !

Each Parish is supposed to have at least one, and hopefully two, Churchwardens, elected by the Parochial Church Council, PCC, for one year, on the occasion of the annual meeting. The role is to maintain the buildings, keep churchyards usable, look after the records and the few valuable goods held by the church. and support the Clergy in getting the churches ready for all services, and open to all visitors each day, 365 days per year.

One of the main tasks is to support the Priest in Charge and other Clergy, by doing much of the administration required in the Parish and by Diocese, to free them up to concentrate on Ministry.

The Office of Churchwarden has been around a long time- at least since the 14th Century

There are somewhere between 13,000, to 26,000 Churchwardens across the country.

The job is voluntary, and unpaid, and can occasionally be challenging , but also wonderfully rewarding as it brings opportunities to meet , and help, people from our community, and the many visitors to our churches.

One of the great privileges is to be on hand to support local families as they reach the big milestones in life, very often celebrated in , or marked solemnly in, Church:- Marriages; Christenings; Baptism; and Funerals. March is a busy month in the church calendar, as we enter the period of Lent, heralding Easter.

Rob Hollis, Churchwarden



Our February meeting was held at Privett Village Hall and our speaker was Andrew Halstead, former Senior Entomologist for the RHS. Andrew's talk was on 'Encouraging Wildlife into our Gardens'. The hall was packed with members who had turned out on a very dark and murky evening to be treated to Andrew's words of wisdom. He shared useful tips such as providing a log pile in the shade to encourage fungi and bugs and another in full sun to provide a home for solitary bees and wasps.

Andrew pleaded the case for a more relaxed approach to lawn keeping – extending a 'No Mow May' well into June and July, giving the clover and any bulbs planted time to flower and restore bulb growth. Andrew reminded us to do a bit of good housekeeping, clearing out Nest boxes before the new nesting season begins so that we make sure the new chicks are not burdened with fleas and other pests. He spoke with passion about the importance to wildlife of providing a pond in a garden, however small it might be. In return we may be treated to the appearance of Frogspawn on the surface in shallow water or Toad spawn appearing as long strings of jelly under the water surface together with all sorts of other aquatic life beneficial to our gardens.

Andrew ended his talk on the need to raise awareness of the devastating effect that Asian Hornets will have on our native bee population if they are successful in gaining a hold in the UK. He reminded the meeting that if an Asian Hornet is sighted then it is important to report the sighting (preferably having taken a photograph) on the **Asian Hornet Watch App** which can be easily downloaded onto a smart phone or send a photo to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk giving as much detail of the location as possible. Further information is available about Asian Hornets at www.ceh.ac.uk and we would strongly urge you to find out more about this invasive species.

Garden Club continued

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at Froxfield Village Hall at 7.30pm and will be a talk by Nick Gilbert of Gilbert's Nursery on 'Gilberts Dahlia Year'. Nick will be bringing some of his wonderful Dahlia tubers, which will be available to purchase at the meeting.

The Spring Show will take place on Saturday 23 March at Privett Village Hall at 2pm. This is always such a delightful show filling the hall with the scent of daffodil and narcissi. Entries for the Show are open to all residents of Froxfield and Privett and to non-residents who are members of the Garden Club. If you have not entered before why not give it a go. Take a look at our show schedule (copies available at Froxfield Stores) and see what you might like to enter whether it is flowers or cookery or flower arranging.

We will be serving afternoon tea with delicious homemade cakes and there will be a raffle. We will also have our usual Plant & Produce Stall. If you have split some of your perennials and they are going spare, we would be delighted to have them for our Plant Stall. Any plants or seedlings, which are surplus to requirement, or any garden paraphernalia or Garden Produce (jams, chutneys etc) would be gratefully received. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Show.

Elizabeth Houghton-Connell

Solution To February Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Father, 5 Aardvark, 9 Non-starter, 10 Gold, 11 Inner ear, 12 Finite, 13 Kiwi, 15 Preserve, 18 All's well, 19 Bask, 21 Agadir, 23 Galloway, 25 Abba, 26 Despondent, 27 Relapses, 28 Egress.

Down - 2 Adorn, 3 Hysterics, 4 Reaper, 5 Anthropologists, 6 Rarefied, 7 Vegan, 8 Relatives, 14 Illegible, 16 Embroider, 17 Hebrides, 20 Alcove, 22 Diana, 24 Aunts.

Messy Church for Mothering Sunday (on a Saturday!)

Location: Froxfield Village Hall

Date: Saturday 9th March Time: 2-4pm

Activities to include:

Card Making and Craft for loved ones

Biscuit/Cake Decorating

Lavender Bag Making and Decorating

.....with tea and cake!

ALL WELCOME

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Katherine Matcham 07595 936250



The Future of Our Hall



At our first public meeting on 27 January, our Chair of Trustees, Robert Shepherd, shared an update on the status and future of Froxfield Village Hall. The hall is loss-making, under-used and lacking sufficient volunteers. The hall is an important asset for this community

but has been taken for granted and there is insufficient awareness of how it runs and how it's funded.

A key message was that with the right number of people involved, an engaged committee and sufficient volunteers to help out with the odd event, volunteering would not be a burden and could even be fun!

The Future of Our Hall continued

The committee only meets 4 times a year and organises 3 or 4 pop-up events plus the Bonfire & Fireworks event in a year, so it really wouldn't be difficult or time-consuming with enough people involved. Hopefully we'll also find support to put on a summer event in the future.

In order to determine the right way forward, the Trustees have prepared a questionnaire which will shortly be delivered to every household in the Parish. This will be used to develop a plan for the future of the hall, based on what members of this community want and expect from the hall, as well as how many are willing to help out, either through event support or a committee role. The Trustees will then present the results and a plan, or options, at the AGM on April 24th, which is open to the public to attend.

SPREAD THE WORD! PLEASE TAKE PART AND ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBOURS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Live Music Night a great success

Our live music night, which followed the public meeting, was a wonderful evening of fun. Huge thanks to everyone who attended and especially to all the volunteers, including Kate Allen for providing the food, Vickie Christie for the delicious bread and helping in the kitchen with Michele Kurland, Susan Finn for helping in the bar and Jenna Samengo-Turner for everything she does!

The Band With No Name, led by Mike Orchard, was fantastic and even had people of all ages dancing and having a great time, which was a wonderful sight. It was a great example of what the hall can be for the community.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 9th March **Drop-In** 10.30am - 12 noon. Tea/coffee and cake (donations to the PCC who fund the event, incl hall hire)

Friday 15th March **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 each

Friday 22nd March **Quiz Night Pop-Up** (in aid of Village Hall) Free entry if you want to come along for a drink, licensed bar, pre-pay tickets for quiz and food - available on our website <https://www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk/>

Saturday 13th April **Drop-In** 10.30am - 12 noon. Tea/coffee and cake (donations to the PCC who fund the event, incl hall hire)

Wednesday 24th April **Village Hall AGM** expected to open at 6.30 and commence at 7pm (TBC)



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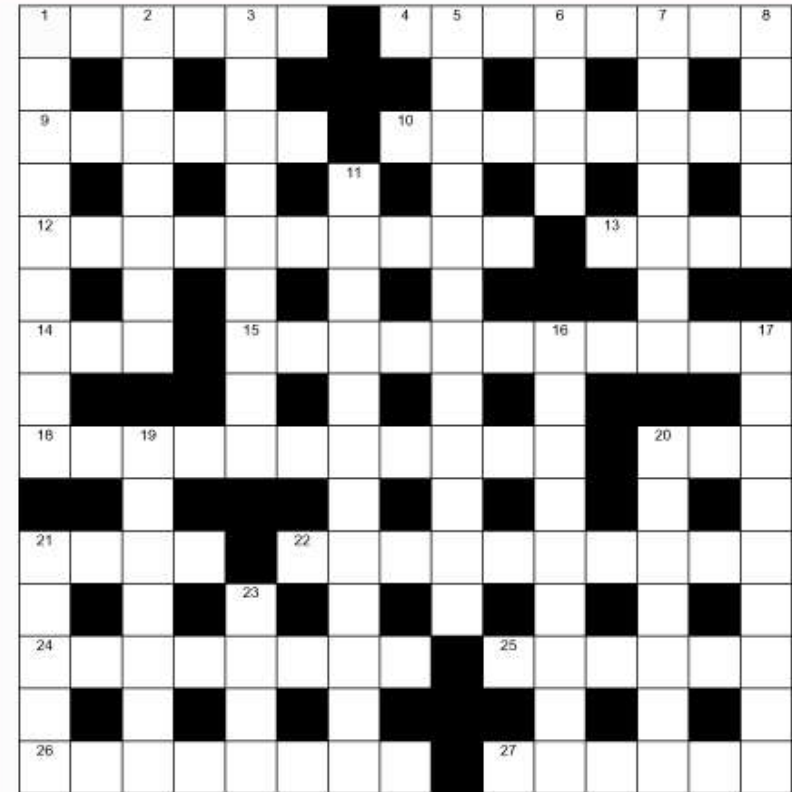
Thanks

Cover

Again, thank you to Tidda Dobbs for our cover shot. Tidda says 'These are Jacob sheep grazing the wildflower meadow at Happersnapper, part of Ashford Hangers National Nature Reserve'.

If anyone has any good flora or fauna photos of the parish that they think might be suitable as a cover, please do send them to us. We do attempt to make them seasonal and they would be most welcome.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 S. American grass
- 4 One who doubts the existence of God
- 9 Pertain
- 10 Be at odds with; clash
- 12 'Scoops bark' (anag).
- 13 Defame; drawl
- 14 Beverage
- 15 A widely used embroidery technique (5,6)
- 18 Writes decoratively
- 20 Ventilate; tune
- 21 Cleanse with liquid, especially water
- 22 Of a soft substance, e.g. butter easily applied to bread
- 24 Itinerants, vagrants
- 25 End
- 26 Main roads
- 27 A small hound formerly used for hunting hares

Down

- 1 Of an organism, living and feeding off another organism
- 2 A disease caused by mosquito bites
- 3 The first course of formal Italian meals
- 5 A percussion instrument similar to a xylophone
- 6 King of Mercia (757 – 796 AD)
- 7 One of three children born at the same birth
- 8 Provide food and drinks for a social event
- 11 Mislaid personal items stored for retrieval (4,8)
- 16 Try out a motor vehicle, with a view to buying it (4,5)
- 17 A band of iron, secured to the hoof of a horse, to protect it from hard surfaces
- 19 Enduring
- 20 Strolling
- 21 The measurement of something from side to side
- 23 A dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in a closed pan or dish

Froxfield Choir News

Concert at St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster on Saturday 9th March

Reminder.



The first concert in 2024 for Froxfield Choir is away from home, at the church of St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster BN17 7QH on Saturday 9th March. Michael Servant is organist at St Mary Magdalene and we're looking forward to revealing to Lyminster locals his skills and enthusiasm as a choral conductor!

We very much hope that some of our loyal local supporters will follow us to West Sussex. It's a beautiful programme which we feel sure will reward the journey. Matthew Cooke will be accompanying us on the organ for Pergolesi's Stabat Mater as well as works by Gabriel Fauré and Bob Chilcott. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets at £10 are available from One Tree Books, Petersfield, or via members of the choir.

We continue to encourage singers to join our amateur choir. We sing a mixed repertoire of secular and non-secular music, both old and new. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at Froxfield Village Hall between 7.45-9.30pm and newcomers are welcome to come along any week for a taster session. Please contact Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com who can provide you with more details.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @Froxfield Choir and on our website www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk



On Monday morning the 29th of January I was just about to use my phone to pay for my car parking in Petersfield when I noticed I had had an email from Mrs farrow - on reading it my heart rate shot up as I was being informed that the school was to have a one day Ofsted Inspection the following day. Many of you will have seen in the news the controversy that Ofsted Inspections have caused and the pressure that they create for teachers and school staff.

I can fully sympathise with that feeling of pressure and assure you that the news that Monday morning of Froxfield school's inspection certainly got my heart racing! Not only do the teachers have their work inspected - we governors are put under the spotlight as well, and although we knew that an inspection was due, it is nonetheless a shock when the news comes.

Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool has a very strong and committed board of governors and of the 10 governors I was able to rally 6 to attend the following afternoon's meeting with the inspector. All the other 4 work full time and it simply wasn't possible for them to leave their jobs at such short notice, but another 2 were able to attend the feedback later at the end of the inspection day - bearing in mind that all governors are volunteers it was a remarkable and impressive showing by Froxfield school's governing team, and I think the inspectors were also impressed.

The inspection was what is called an Ungraded one, which Ofsted can do for schools that are currently graded as good. They make this decision based on their internal risk assessment of the school and the visit does not provide new graded judgements.

Froxfield School continued

As I write we are yet to receive a letter from Ofsted giving feedback on 'What the school does well and what it needs to do to get better.' It is very difficult to share everything that makes Froxfield School so special in one day, but Mrs Farrow and her staff worked hard to ensure inspectors got as much information as possible. The verbal feedback we all received at the end of the day was very positive - rightly so - and we were able to breathe a welcome sigh of relief when at last the inspectors left.

Just before The half term break Class 1 led Collective Worship in the church for the whole school with the topic being Truthfulness. Each half term there is a new theme for Collective Worship that the whole school explores - children have collective worship daily and three times a week the whole school goes into the church for a service, the other two days they worship in their classrooms. At the end of each half term there is a class led service which family and friends can attend. I always try to make sure I can go to these special services as it's always such a joy to join with the children in their worship and it's wonderful to see the children being so confident standing, speaking and singing in an almost full church. I am always very proud of them and the teachers who work so hard to facilitate these young folk. This half term the Collective Worship theme is Perseverance - understanding the importance of perseverance is a crucial life lesson that will I'm sure stand the children in good stead for the rest of their lives.

Gilly Hollis ; Chair of Governors

. Drop In



The next Drop In will be held on Saturday 9th March from 10.30 to 12 noon at Froxfield Village Hall. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. All are welcome! Children 16 and under to be accompanied by an adult please. Any queries to Susanna on 07743 690331



Wednesday 20th March

**Froxfield Village Hall
7.30pm**

**A talk by Nick Gilbert of
Gilbert's Nursery, Romsey**

“Gilberts Dahlia Year”

Non-members are very welcome £3

www.fpgarden.club

Parish Council News



Planning Applications

SDNP/24/00094/TCA East Broom, Hemplands Lane, Privett T1 (pussy willow) – Fell. It was resolved to approve this application.

SDNP/23/05297/FUL Pumping Station and Sewage Works, Dellfield Replacement of existing sewage treatment plant with a new packaged sewage treatment plant in new location. An upgrade to the existing sewage pumping station. Both items to include all associated drainage and electrical connections. A new bore hole will be created alongside the two pre-existing to receive the discharged treated effluent. The new STP will be located in a car parking area (ownership of Abri Group Ltd), segregated by a newly constructed brick walled compound. Additional vehicular access will be created to the car park, which includes alterations to car park boundary walls and the adjacent pavement, which includes the installation of drop kerbs and tactile slabs from pedestrian crossing purposes. A transport / parking survey has been undertaken and the relevant findings are attached alongside this application. All redundant apparatus will be environmentally cleaned, decommissioned, demolished and waste removed from site to relevant legal disposal sites.

Cllr Skinner was concerned about the reduction in parking spaces as at present there isn't enough spaces for all the cars owned by residents of the estate. At times it would be impossible for a fire engine to gain access. Further comments were made that there has been no consultation with residents and there is a lack of information, past and present, regarding the parking spaces. It was resolved to OBJECT due to lack of information.

Parish Council News

SDNP/24/00042/HOUS 2 Barnet Side Cottage, Petersfield Road, Froxfield. First-floor extensions on side elevations with interior alterations. The Councillors sympathise with the owners, but the application is at odds with SD31 as it exceeds the 30% rule. It was resolved to OBJECT to the application.

Mr and Mrs King attended the meeting to keep open discussions about the terrible state of Wheeler's Lane. Mud has accumulated in the dip to the height of 8" which at times has frozen. The signs at both ends of the road are illegible (this complaint has been passed to Highways many times over a period of several years), drivers are following inaccurate satnav directions and consequently getting stuck. Mr and Mrs King have had to rescue various drivers who have been in that position. The latest driver would have been stranded overnight in freezing conditions if not rescued. On this occasion it wasn't possible for the driver to get out of the driver's door as it was up against the bank.

Russell Oppenheimer contacted Highways who then closed Wheeler's Lane and Ridgetop Lane, for re-assessment after the car had been removed. He would chase up Highways but warned that the lane could be declassified. Mr Wheeler added that the real problem is lack of maintenance to clear the dirt and remove the bricks that prevent the water and sludge accessing the grips to the field. The item will be added to the next agenda.

The Parish Council have agreed to buy an auto speed watch camera, funded by EHDC. A new street pole will be purchased, this will be funded by Cllr Drew. This will be located on High Cross Lane between the shop and the turning to Dean's Dell.

Cllr Oppenheimer's full report is available on the parish council's website.

Parish Council News

He commented that regrettably it was necessary to close the Ashford Hangers' contour path (Middle Path) as it has become incredibly dangerous due to fallen trees and surface damage mostly due to the wet weather. HCC have opened a future services consultation about possible service changes which are needed to bridge HCC's budget gap. Russell urges all residents to complete the consultation as the result could affect Petersfield Tip, Petersfield Library, passenger transport, rural countryside parking and Highways maintenance including winter services among other services. Here is a link to the consultation which ends on 31st March 2024. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at Froxfield VH at 7.30pm, all residents are welcome.



Picture by Rob Hollis who says 'Eric the Church repair man checking gutters and roof'.



SPRING SHOW

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Privett Village Hall

Teas, Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and
Produce stall

Raffle

Show opens 2 pm

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Entries to be in by 5pm on Thursday 21st
March

Contact the Show Secretary –
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