



From the Fawley Farm Horse & Dog Show:
'Proudly Striding Out' **Sharon T Photography**

Sharon says 'This handsome Dalmatian was easily spotted strutting his stuff.'

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Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



August 2025



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Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th	Sep 4 th
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection
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Benefice Worship
August 2025

Sunday 3rd August: Trinity 7 (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) Steep
10am TenAM Picnic & Prayers in Steep
(Churchyard)
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Sunday 10th August: Trinity 8 (Green)

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

Sunday 17th August: Trinity 9 (Green)

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

Sunday 24th August: Trinity 10 (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) Stroud
10am All Age Celebration Service Steep
Hands around the Church

Sunday 31st August: Trinity 11 (Green)

10am Benefice Communion, Steep

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and Earth .
(Psalms 124:8)



SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 16th August 2025

Froxfield Village Hall

Teas, Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and Produce stall

Show opens 2.15 pm

Prizegiving 3.45 pm

Entries to be in by 5pm on Thursday 14th August

Contact the Show Secretary - Christine Stephens on 01730 266529 or by email: fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com

FVH SUMMER WALK

a chance to walk off the
Summer indulgences

MONDAY 25th AUGUST, 2025

raising funds for Froxfield Village Hall

A WALK AROUND OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE REACHING

THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE PARISH

Approx: Smiles via roads & footpaths

10.30am - Meet at Froxfield Village Hall

£10 to include a Picnic lunch



**Please book your tickets via Froxfield Village Hall website or email
for catering purposes**

Dogs Welcome on leads

For any further details please contact teresa.brown@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk

St Peter High Cross

SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENTS



**An English Village Afternoon
1:30p.m. Sunday 24th August**

High Cross, Froxfield

**Bar Cream Teas Cricket match Children's
Games Hymns and Pimm's**



More Information: Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 or

tongventhams@gmail.com

Do you have a favourite hymn you would like to share with others?

At the end of our celebration of An English Village Afternoon we will be holding a service of favourite hymns with a glass or two of Pimm's. We would love people to contribute to the service by telling us about their favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn you would like to share in the service, please contact any of the churchwardens or the ministry team and let us know!

Suzanne Tong 01730 260 430
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Froxfield Village Hall Dates for your Diary

August	
Saturday 2nd	Come and enjoy the Cricket from 1pm onwards
Thursday 7th	PC Meeting from 7.30pm, all welcome.
Saturday 9th	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Saturday 9th	Come and enjoy the Cricket from 1pm onwards.
Saturday 16th	Summer Show! Froxfield and Privett Garden club showcase a summer show of beautiful flowers and produce.
Saturday 16th	Come and enjoy the Cricket from 1pm onwards.
Saturday 23rd	Come and enjoy the Cricket from 1pm onwards.
Sunday 24th	An English Summer Afternoon from 2pm onwards. Join us for a quintessentially English afternoon of cricket, Pimm's, and strawberries and cream. A relaxed summer fundraiser not to be missed!
Monday 25th	Summer Walk in aid of the Village Hall. Meet at 10.30am at the hall and enjoy a 5m walk with neighbours. £10 a ticket to include lunch. Please book via the website or Teresa.brown@froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk .
Saturday 30th	Come and enjoy the Cricket from 1pm onwards.
September	
Tuesday 2nd	PCC Meeting
Saturday 6th	Ibiza Night – the Rave is back but with a summer twist! Tickets to be released soon.
Saturday 13th	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Friday 19th	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

And don't forget the Fireworks and Bonfire will be back with a bang on Sunday 2 November. If you would like to join the bonfire committee please get in touch with Jody on 07843 668 151 or at jody.ashfield@froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk.

Froxfield Choir

invites you to sing

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We've just sung Brahms' German Requiem
and we'll be performing

Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man on November 8th, 2025
and Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert at
The Petersfield Musical Festival on March 14th, 2026

For more information see our website

www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk

or come along to Froxfield Village Hall any Thursday at 19:45

St Peter High Cross SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Bank Holiday Fun!
Sunday 24th August

You will be pleased to hear we are making progress with our plans for improving facilities at High Cross. The most urgent of these is the replacement of the heating system which we are keen to complete before the winter. The longer we leave it, the more the costs are rising; and so, we are stepping up our efforts to raise funds to ensure the works go ahead as soon as possible.

"An English Village Afternoon".

It's hard to imagine more English summer sounds than the peal of church bells; leather on willow, and Skylarks and Swallows wheeling overhead?

On Sunday 24th August you can hear all of these as our very own village cricket teams play a special match at High Cross introducing some new players to the team and showcasing their crickering prowess!

No English summer afternoon is complete without a cream tea so these will be available all afternoon from the village hall along with Ploughman's Lunches, Pimm's, local beers, cider and soft drinks.

There will be a display of information about our projects in the church along with some stunning flower decorations and at the end of the day we will be gathering for a special service of traditional Hymns and Pimm's! Please do come along share a glass of Pimms and sing your favourite hymns!

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

Clergy Corner



A handsome man sits on a beach, with his smiling baby daughter on his lap. The sun is shining, and all is well. During my holiday travels this summer I had the chance to revisit where my family lived when I was tiny. We left before my 2nd birthday, so memories are not strong, but have been kept alive by family photos and one or two cine films. During our trip I kept looking at the beaches to see if they matched that special photo of my late dad and me. Of course it wasn't that simple, and we were probably miles out, but it gave me great pleasure.

Looking back on happy times can feel very comforting, can't it? While reflecting on difficult moments can be quite traumatic if they cause painful, unresolved memories to surface.

It's so important to learn the lessons of history, too, isn't it? I wonder how many of the dire troubles of our times would be improved we took that seriously. Poet Steve Turner famously wrote "History repeats itself. It has to, no one listens!"

Yet Jesus once said... "Anyone who starts to plough and then keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God."

I'm no farmer (sadly), but I do know that if you want to keep going in a straight line, you need to look ahead, not behind. As soon as you turn to look back, your path starts to veer off. No wonder it's an age-old pastime for people to compete to show the straightest furrows in a field, especially with vintage tractors or teams of horses. (I guess there might not be the same appeal when your route is mapped by GPS!)

It's the same for tightrope walkers – don't look down! Instead you must keep your eye on the end point to keep yourself steady, even on the wobbliest rope in a gusty wind.

Parish Council News



At the July Meeting this planning application was discussed.

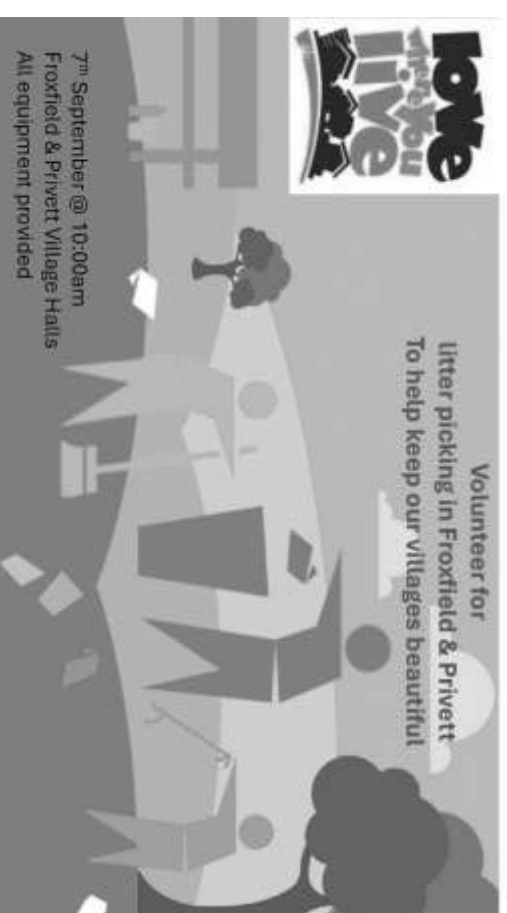
SDNP/25/01933/HOUS Trumbles, 6 Honeycritch Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1BE Construction of Garage, following removal of treehouse. It was resolved to OBJECT to the application due to concern over the close proximity of the prospective garage to an oak tree which councillors acknowledged was a good specimen with a good shape.

These planning applications have been recently received.

SDNP/25/02500/TCA Green Farm House, Broad Way, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DQ Proposal: Tree works to fell or coppice to ground level, a self-seeded tree identified as a horse chestnut.

SDNP/25/02241/HOUS Oaklands Blackmore Lane Froxfield Petersfield Hampshire GU32 1ED An array of 20 no. Ground Located Solar Photo Voltaic Panels

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 4th September at 7.30 at Froxfield Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.





**HAMPSHIRE
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The Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery, Alton
(01420 82802)

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum
www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

**Opening Times Tuesday to Saturday Curtis 10.00am – 4.30pm,
Allen 10.30am – 4.00pm** [Please note the Gallery and Museum will be
closed on Sundays until further notice]

Allen Gallery

Ancient Woodland: A Celebration of Place

Local artists Mary Waltham and Jackie Amies respond to the ancient
woodlands of East Hampshire. 19th July - 20 September.

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

TALK sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery
How the Victorians Died, by Mike Grey. 11th September, at 7.30,
FREE, donations welcome.

Curtis Museum

Dotty the Dodo's Summer Fact Hunt - a free Family Trail running till 31st
August. Find some Cool Facts about our wildlife.

Time Detective Agency Summer Family Fun

Join us for a summer full of time travel adventures as we visit a different
era each week! With free family trails, crafts and challenges - become a
Time Detective at the Curtis Museum.

Time Travel Schedule Free Event

Week 1 - The Iron Age Tuesday 22 July - Sunday 27th July

Week 2 - Roman Britain Tuesday 29 July - Sunday 3 August

Week 3 - Saxons & Vikings Tuesday 5 August - Sunday 10 August

Week 4 - The Tudors Tuesday 12 August - Sunday 17 August

Week 5 - The Victorians Tuesday 19 August - Sunday 24 August

Week 6 - Time Travel Mayhem! Tuesday 26 August - Sunday 31 August
Earn stamps each week to complete your Time Detective training.

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Clergy Corner continued

Maybe the point is that we mustn't spend the time we have now living in
the past. Regrets can rob us of today's joys, and bitterness can eat us
up. Annie Lamott wrote that holding onto unforgiveness against
someone is like drinking rat poison, and waiting for the rat to die.

There's so much in this life to be thankful for.

Even in our darkest moments there are positives to hold onto.

There's so much hope for the future and so many good things to look
forward to.

A quick extra personal note if I may: Thank you so much to the
numerous people who have been so very kind following my breast
cancer diagnosis at the end of last year. I am delighted to say that all
the main treatment was completed quickly and successfully, with very
few side effects, and now just some straightforward hormone therapy for
the next few years.

Talk about thankful, I'm so very grateful to God, for the NHS, and for
everyone's wonderful love and kindness. You are all very special
people!

With love and blessings, from Susie

**Canon Susie Collingridge, Priest-in-Charge of Steep and Froxfield
with Privett**

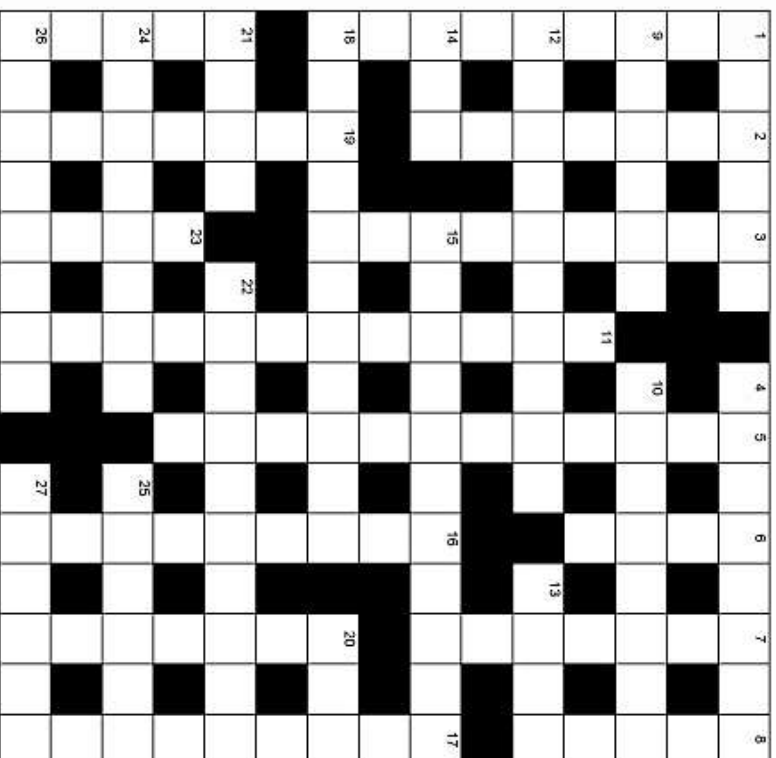
Solution to July Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Thrift, 4 Avengers, 9 Insane, 10 Scornful, 12 Brain drain, 13
Enid, 14 Cos, 15 Instability, 18 Superficial, 20 His, 21 Sure, 22
Barnstaple, 24 Academic, 25 Harold, 26 Hassocks, 27 Celery.

Down - 1 Tailbacks, 2 Rascals, 3 Financier, 5 Vaccinations, 6 Norm, 7
Effendi, 8 Salad, 11 Cressida Dick, 16 Ill at ease, 17 Yesterday, 19
Perhaps, 20 Hip bone, 21 Stash, 23 Zero.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 The quality of being careful and not wasteful with money or other resources
- 4 Those who inflict retribution for wrongs done
- 9 Mentally ill
- 10 Expressing extreme contempt
- 12 Emigration of highly qualified people from a country (5,5)
- 13 Prolific children's authoress - - - - Blyton
- 14 A variety of lettuce
- 15 Tendency to unpredictable or erratic behaviour
- 18 Lacking in depth or substance
- 20 Belonging to him
- 21 Certain
- 22 Town in Devon
- 24 Relating to education and scholarship
- 25 English king killed at the battle of Hastings
- 26 Church kneelers
- 27 Vegetable often eaten raw or cooked

Down

- 1 Long queues of traffic, caused by obstructions
- 2 Rogues
- 3 'Can in fire' (anag).
- 5 Inoculations
- 6 Usual, standard
- 7 A title of respect in the Ottoman Empire
- 8 A cold dish of mixed vegetables, often seasoned
- 11 The first female Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (8,4)
- 16 Uncomfortable or embarrassed (3,2,4)
- 17 The day before today
- 19 Maybe
- 20 Part of the human skeleton (3,4)
- 21 Secrete
- 23 Nought

Drop-In



Saturday 9th August 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.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260 430 or

Tongventhams@gmail.com

Future Drop-In Dates 2025

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

Cover

The cover photo and the Dalmation on the back are courtesy of Sharon Thayer. She said 'This adorable Cocker Spaniel thought the rosette was good enough to eat.'

Credit: **Sharon T Photography.**



On the day of the Show Froxfield Village Hall will be open at 8am and the staging of entries must be completed by 10.15am. Please contact our Show Secretary, Christine Stephens on 01730 266529 or email her at fgardenclubshow@gmail.com if you have any queries.

We are very much looking forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Show and, if you have not entered before – take a look at the schedule and have a go! It's a wonderful community event and great fun! Come along, enjoy all the exhibits of flowers, fruit, vegetables and cookery and enjoy tea and delicious cakes too!

Our next meeting and AGM is on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at Privett Village Hall at 7.30pm and our speaker will be Marina Christopher. There will be more information in next month's Parish Magazine.

Elizabeth Houghton-Connell Chair



We have decided to discontinue the e-version, as the June one was missed and only one person appeared to notice.

If people are not downloading it, it is a waste of our time creating it. We will still be sending the print version to the various parish outlets and the few people who requested we sent it to them. People would still be able to download the print version but would have to print it off for it to flow, as it is in a different format. If people want to have a proper bound copy, they can pay the yearly subscription come January (it will be advertised for a few months beforehand in the magazine). We are both very busy and if people are not looking at it, we will not be doing it.



Just for information, we have been informed that as of the 21st July, there is a hosepipe ban in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.



Froxfield Village Hall Update

Sun. Stalls & Smiles at Froxfield Village Fete

What a fantastic day we had for the Froxfield Village Fete on 29 June! After a break, it was wonderful to see the event return with such spirit and enthusiasm — and I'm delighted to share that we raised around £3,000 for the Village Hall.

The weather certainly played its part – it was a gloriously hot day, with blue skies and sunshine from start to finish. So hot, in fact, that the lemonade stall completely sold out, and the bar was in constant demand! Thank you to everyone who kept us cool and refreshed throughout the afternoon.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way: from bottles for the bottle raffle, to books, cakes, plants, and raffle prizes; to all the Friends of Froxfield School (FOFS), stall holders, and behind-the-scenes organisers who gave their time and energy so generously. And, of course, thank you to everyone who came along and supported the day – it was your presence that made it so special.

A very special mention must go to Teresa Brown, who quietly masterminded the entire event with incredible dedication, calm efficiency, and great success. Without her, none of this would have happened — thank you Teresa!

It was truly lovely to see the village come together, and we're already looking forward to doing it all again next year. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

EGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Froxfield Village Hall Committee. We successfully reviewed and approved the accounts, and it was great to have a relaxed and sociable drink together afterwards. Your continued support and involvement are much appreciated.

Froxfield Village Hall continued

Maintenance Update

Thank you to everyone who joined the Working Party on Sunday, 13th July. It was a productive session with lots achieved: garage doors painted, window boxes tidied (looking glorious!), flower beds weeded, and gutters repaired. Indoors, we cleaned some main hall windows, completed the boiler cage, and carried out toilet maintenance – all essential to keeping the hall in good condition.

By the time you read this, our summer maintenance week should be complete. Contractors will have redecorated the main hall, Jubilee Room, and toilet corridor, giving the hall a welcome refresh. We're also tackling other key improvements including radiator replacements, boiler servicing, electrical work, and fire system inspections. The summer break is always a crucial time for upgrades.

Looking ahead, we're addressing drainage issues at the back of the hall. This area often floods in winter, leaving paths muddy and unsafe. Plans are underway to improve drainage and regrade the paths to make the area more usable year-round.

Our next Working Party will be on **Sunday, 12th October, 9:00–13:00** – all volunteers very welcome!

Balcony Room Project

The Balcony Room remains available for hire, although the balcony is currently closed due to an unsafe handrail. While the room itself is usable, it does need decorating and a new carpet.

There are no immediate plans to repair the balcony, as the future use of the Balcony Room is under review. The hall committee hopes to see it more widely used and is seeking input from local clubs, groups, and potential users on how best to make the space more usable.

If you have suggestions or would like to be involved, please contact **Ted Stephens** at ted.stephens@froxfeldvillagehall.co.uk to engage in establishing the requirements and perhaps join the balcony project team.



August brings our lovely annual Summer Show, which opens at 2.15pm on Saturday 16 August at Froxfield Village Hall. Copies of the Show Schedule are available from Froxfield Stores and Budgens at West Meon Hut. Please return entries either to Froxfield Stores or a member of the committee, **not to Budgens**. If Budgens run out, please try Froxfield Stores or alternatively email fpgardencub@gmail.com to request a copy.

Entries may be submitted by all residents of Froxfield and Privett and by members of the club whose 2024/2025 subscriptions was paid by 31 July 2025. All horticultural exhibits must be bone fide produce of the exhibitor, grown by them for a period of at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the Show. This does not apply to the Flower Arrangement classes.

This year we have included **3 decorated biscuits** in the children's classes. **Please encourage your children and grandchildren to enter this.** Unlike the other children's classes there will not be an entry organised by one of the schools, so it is down to our children/grandchildren to see what they can make. Choose their favourite biscuit (shop bought or homemade) and encourage them to decorate it.

Again, we will be serving our delicious tea and cakes, there will be a Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and Produce Stall and of course a Raffle with profits going to the Garden Club. Donations of any suitable items will be greatly appreciated. Prize giving will be at 3.45pm.

Anyone wishing to exhibit must submit their entry form and fee to the Show Secretary (Christine Stephens), a Committee Member or to Froxfield Stores by 5pm on Thursday 14 August.



Our evening visit to the Allotment at The Harrow Pub at Sheet by kind permission of Tony Clear was a huge success. We were blessed with a glorious summer's evening and Tony generously put on two tours as the event was so popular. Members enjoyed a relaxing drink at The Harrow pre and/or post tour and we were very pleased to be able to make a £272 donation to The Rosemary Foundation.

Our plant stall at the Froxfield Fete raised a very pleasing £197 for the Village Hall fund. Thank you for your support and generosity in buying and also for donating plants for us to sell.

Our OPEN GARDEN this year will be on SATURDAY 26 JULY from 2-5pm at Coles, Basing Dean by kind permission of Mike and Shuna Mackillop-Hall. Access is located via the back gate at what3words //shrmp.rigs.twilight and entry is £5. No dogs permitted. Many of you may have visited Coles in springtime when the Azaleas and Rhododendrons are at their best. However, this is an opportunity to see the garden in all its summer splendour.

Mike Mackillop-Hall will be taking a guided group tour of the garden at 3pm or alternatively you are welcome to wander through the paths at your own pace. We respectfully remind you that there are woodland paths and steps throughout the garden and therefore please wear appropriate footwear.

Our usual delicious teas and homemade cakes will be served as well as Pimms. We will also have our ever-popular plant stall so come along, stock up on plant goodies, relax and enjoy a stunning garden.

Donations of plants, cut flowers, vegetables, fruit, garden paraphernalia and cakes would be gratefully received on the day. If you need help with transporting any plants before the day please let us know at [fpgardencub@gmail.com](mailto:fpgardenclub@gmail.com) and we will be delighted to assist if we can.

Froxfield Village Hall continued

Booking the Village Hall

If you're interested in booking the hall or would like more information, please get in touch with us at enquiries@froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk. You can also book the hall directly through our website www.froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk.

And don't forget the Fireworks and Bonfire will be back with a bang on Sunday 2 November. If you would like to join the bonfire committee please get in touch with Jody on 07843 668 151 or at jody.ashfield@froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk.

Privett Family Barbeque – Sunday 31 August



The Privett Family Barbeque at Privett Village Hall will be held on Sunday 31 August, from 1.00pm – a little later in the summer this year. This is always a popular family event, with an opportunity to swap summer holiday experiences whilst enjoying good food and drink, and good company, too, all making for a relaxed and easy lunch.

All the BBQ favourites, supplied by the excellent Smiths butchers in West Meon, will be grilled by our expert Privett chefs, and served with a range of relishes and delicious salads. For pudding there will be strawberries/fruit salad and cream. Local beer, Pimms, wine and soft drinks will be available at the pay bar.

We are holding ticket prices for the tenth year at £10 (£6 for children 6 – 14, and under 6 come for free) – a great bargain, and tickets are now available from Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) and Alex Raphael (tel. 828461; email: araphael.enamels@googlemail.com). Please buy or book your tickets in good time so that we know how many to cater for.



The Summer term has drawn to a close and with it another academic year comes to an end in Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool. The end of the school year marks an important milestone in their lives for the year 6 children who will now move on to the next stage in their education in secondary school. This big step was fully celebrated both in school and in Portsmouth Cathedral where Froxfield's year 6 joined with other year 6 children from the CE schools across the Diocese in a morning of craft followed by a special service of celebration led by Bishop Jonathan.

Froxfield school enjoys a celebration so we also hold our own annual Year 6 Leavers 'Service in the St Peter's High Cross church on the last Thursday afternoon of the school year. This end of year service was both emotional and uplifting. It was a pleasure to hear the Year Six pupils reflect on their time at Froxfield and share their memories with their families as well as the whole school. Their heartfelt words, confidence and gratitude were deeply moving. Mrs Farrow, the staff and we governors are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the fine young people they have become. As they move on to new schools and new adventures, we wish them all the very best.

The school's leavers' service is also an opportunity to award the annual past chairs of governors' - the Meredith and the Usmar - prizes for outstanding contribution to school life. This year the Usmar Key Stage Two prize was awarded to Lawrie Cole and the Meredith prize for a child in Key Stage One was awarded to Ralph Cousen. Congratulations to both boys on receiving these impressive awards.

One of the highlights of the summer term, without doubt, was the school production. The children's performance of Gold - an excellent interpretation of the morality tale of King Midas - was a resounding success and brought smiles to so many faces.

From the creative script to the stunning costumes, impressive acting and, of course, the outstanding singing - every part of the show was a testament to the children's talent and the staff's commitment. Congratulations especially must go to Mrs Burchett for directing such a vibrant and enjoyable production. It was heart-warming to see the pride on the children's faces as they took their bow in front of their rightly proud friends and families.

Performing in a school play is of course great fun but it also provides so many important learning experiences for all the participants - from improved teamwork to the development of greater self confidence to enhanced communication skills - both verbal and non verbal, along with creativity, empathy and a deeper understanding of human emotions.

As well as proud friends and families the children of the preschool were also in the audience - and many of these tiny folk will be making their own big step as they reach the end of their time in the preschool and look forward to starting in Reception in the main school in September. It occurs to me that time will continue to fly and in 7 short years they too will be looking back on the years they will have spent as part of the continuum of children lucky enough to attend Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool. All the governors and I wish Mrs Farrow, her staff and all the children a restful and happy summer break.

Gilly Hollis: Chair of Governors