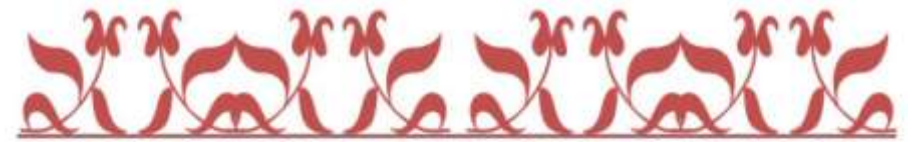




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Community Updates

We recently held a successful Beat surgery at the Liss Triangle, Liss, where I had the opportunity to meet local residents and discuss issues and I am in the process of organising one for Froxfield, so please watch this space. We are aware of recent concerns regarding speeding vehicles around Froxfield and are addressing this.

Crime prevention

Although it is tempting in this hot weather, please remember to lock your doors and windows, even when you're at home; a few simple steps can make a big difference.

How to Get in Touch

If you have a non-urgent concern, please report issues by calling 101 and myself and team will see it, but for all emergencies, always dial 999.

Thank you for your continued support in making our community a safe and pleasant place to live. I look forward to seeing you around.

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Froxfield Choir



Froxfield Choir start singing again on Thursday 4th September at 7:45pm in Froxfield Village Hall. We are always delighted to welcome new members - particularly in the tenor and bass sections! Do come along to a practice any Thursday to give it a go.

Our first concert of the new singing year is 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins, which we will perform at St Peter's High Cross on Saturday 8th November, appropriately close to Remembrance Day. It's a rousing sing and always popular with audiences. It featured on BBC R4's Soul Music on 9th November 2024 and is well worth listening back to on BBC Sounds to hear the reflections of the composer and others.

Privett Carols will be at 6:30pm on Saturday 20th December.

Froxfield Choir News

Church News



September is always a poignant month – a feeling of summer drawing to a close. However, it is also a time for beginnings as the new year for schools, colleges, unis, evening classes etc. return. Not for the church. We remain in the long period of Trinity as the weeks tick by towards Advent. Despite it being the recognised holiday season the services during August have been well supported and provided an opportunity to catch up with friends during a period when it feels as if everyone and everything is 'on holiday'! We are grateful to the wonderful flower ladies who keep the church 'welcoming' as they work their magic with seasonal flowers.

By the time this magazine drops in to your inbox or through your letter box the English Village Afternoon will have taken place with Hymns and Pimms to end. We are all hoping it was well attended and a goodly sum raised for the improved facilities at St Peter's, High Cross.

We also have had the pleasure of welcoming Father Peter and Catholic communicants to St Peter's on The Green for their annual outreach Vigil Mass. This service was very well attended and thanks to Jeremy and Jane for organising the canapes and wine at the end.

Next up on the calendar will be the Harvest celebrations when the church will again be decorated in time for the Froxfield School service on and then our own on Sunday 6 October, 10.00 am All Age Communion. It would be lovely to see the church full for this wonderful celebration of what has, and still is, an unbelievably abundant year for all fruit, veg, flowers. For the farmers – harvest has never ended so early!

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin

Froxfield Village Hall Update

Redecorated and Ready to go!



It's been all hands on deck this summer! Over the past month, the Main Hall, Jubilee Room and Hallway have all had a fresh coat of paint, giving the place a bright new feel. We've also upgraded some of the lighting and electrics, along with a round of general maintenance to keep everything in top shape. The hall is looking and feeling a lot fresher so a huge thanks to Ted Stephens and everyone who has helped bring it up to scratch. We know there is still plenty to do but it's great to see the hall starting to look more welcoming for everyone who uses it.

Our next Working Party is on Sunday 12th October, 9:00–13:00 – and we'd love some extra pairs of hands. If you can spare a couple of hours, come along and join in!

As mentioned in our last issue, we're gathering ideas for the Balcony Room Project. If you'd like to have your say or join the project team, please drop a line to Ted Stephens at ted.stephens@froxfeldvillagehall.co.uk.

Bonfire & Fireworks Night

Get ready – the Fireworks are back with a bang! **Join us on Sunday 2nd November** for a spectacular evening of sparks, flames and fun.

Fancy helping out? Contact Jody Ashfield at jody.ashfield@froxfeldvillagehall.co.uk.

Tickets will be released soon via the Village Hall Website – so watch this space!

Ibiza Night!

By the time you read this, we'll have danced the night away at our latest Ibiza Night – a rave packed with island beats, cocktails and plenty of dancing!

We'll share all the highlights (and photos!) in the October newsletter.

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery continued

CURTIS MUSEUM

Anglo-Saxon Living History for Alton Heritage Day

We'll be joined by some Anglo-Saxon re-enactors on Alton's first Heritage Day. Come and learn about life in the Saxon period. Saturday 13th September, 11am - 3pm. FREE, donations welcome. **Saxons vs Vikings** - Follow our activity trail with two routes, Saxons or Vikings? Choose a side and join its boot camp on this fun family trail. **Make a Shield** to blend in with your chosen team. Only £2 per shield with craft materials provided. 2nd Sep - 24th Oct, 10am - 4.30pm.

Dotty the Dodo's Autumn Fact Hunt - a free Family Trail. Dotty has hidden some more facts from the natural world around the Museum. Can you find them all and earn your Dotty the Dodo sticker? 2nd September - 29th November.



As your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide a brief update on what's happening in our area.

My name is Sofia Belfelice (60148) and I am newly posted to your area, I have always lived in the countryside and I understand the joys and challenges of rural life. I am a keen horse rider; I have kept many pets over the years, including cats, dogs and ferrets, and after a busy day of policing, I enjoy a walk in nature to relax and unwind.

My Role as Your PCSO

My primary role is to be a visible and accessible presence on the streets. I'm here to build relationships with residents, businesses, and community groups, to gather local intelligence, and to help solve local problems.

You'll often see me out on patrol, so please don't hesitate to stop me for a chat. I'm here to listen to your concerns, offer advice, and provide reassurance. Whether it's about parking issues, anti-social behaviour, or a simple question about crime prevention, I'm here to help.



The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery continued

Celebrating the Season with Ceramics

Join Creative Designer & Author Becki Clark for a day embracing seasonal creative mindfulness with ceramics. Becki will introduce air dry clay and how to use seasonal inspiration to craft your own clay nature pressing & jewellery dish perfect for gifting to friends or family in the festive season. After lunch, you'll have a chance to explore combining marbling with ceramics, embracing the mindfulness of creating marbled patterns before crafting your own marbled ceramic coasters. Finally, Becki will demonstrate how to decorate ceramics with paint working in a folk art style to decorate your own ceramic piece to take home. The session is designed for complete beginners and you'll enjoy a day embracing seasonal inspiration to get creative in a like-minded group.

Date: Friday 26 September Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm Age: 18+

Celebratory Collage

Michele is an illustrator with a background in education and community projects, specialising in creating collages using recycled materials to create a narrative. She depicts everyday images with quirky twists, which hopefully stimulate viewers to question or imagine....or simply smile. Over the course of the workshops you will explore how collaging can be used to process and record memorable moments in time to support wellbeing, from simple gestures to more significant events. The aim is to share how this illustrative technique can take away the 'intimidation' of a blank page but present a creative challenge through its use of limited materials within a structured and supported framework. You will also learn about artists who work in this medium, as well as the benefits of being a 'maker'. Open to all levels of artistic ability, each unit will focus on a different method to record a personal narrative, in a supportive and non-threatening way, using easily resourced materials.

Date: Tuesday 30 September Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm Age: 18+

TALK sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery *How the Victorians Died.* by Mike Grey. 11 September, 7.30.

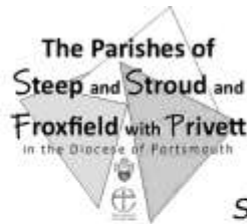
Froxfield Village Hall Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2 Sept	PCC Meeting
Thursday 4 Sept	PC Meeting from 7.30pm, all welcome.
Saturday 6 Sept	Ibiza Night – the Rave is back but with a summer twist! Tickets available via the Village Hall Website.
Saturday 13 Sept	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Friday 19 Sept	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
Thursday 2 Oct	PC Meeting from 7.30pm, all welcome.
Saturday 11 Oct	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Friday 17 Oct	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

Booking the Village Hall

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Benefice Worship

September (Green)

In everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petitions with thanksgiving.

Phillipians 4.6

Sunday 7th September: Trinity 12

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) **Steep**

10am TenAM, **Steep**

(informal worship for all ages)

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 14th September: Trinity 13

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) **Stroud**

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

Sunday 21st September: Trinity 14

8.30am Holy communion (BCP, said) **Steep**

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 28th September: Trinity 15

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) **Stroud**

10am Harvest Festival, **Steep**

11am Morning Prayer, (BCP) **Froxfield Green**

Sunday 5th October : Trinity 16

8.30am Holy communion (BCP, said) **Steep**

10am **Harvest Festival, High Cross**

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**

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



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 Saturday

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

ALLEN GALLERY

SUMMER EXHIBITION:

Ancient Woodland: A celebration of place.

A major exhibition of works by local artists **Mary Waltham** and **Jacqueline Amies**. (Continues until 20 September).

Inspired by and rooted in the ancient woodlands of our locality, the exhibition invites visitors to the Allen Gallery to be curious about these rare and special areas to which we are fortunate enough to have access.

According to the Woodland Trust "*Ancient woods are our richest and most complex terrestrial habitat in the UK and they are home to more threatened species than any other. Centuries of undisturbed soils and accumulated decaying wood have created the perfect place for communities of fungi and invertebrates and specialist species of insects, birds and mammals.*" (Woodland Trust 2024)

Workshops & Events: A programme of activities, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, accompanies the exhibition, exploring some of the themes presented. There will be opportunities to learn more about some of the stories behind the Allen Gallery's permanent collections and some surprising connections with rural woodland sites and raw materials. The artists will be holding an "In Conversation" session on Saturday 13th September, 2-4pm.

Further details on the Gallery website
www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

Adult Well-being Workshops.

FREE but booking essential



This year our Open Gardens was held at Coles, Basing Dean, Privett on the afternoon of Saturday 26 July.

The event was very well attended; the rain showers held off and we enjoyed glorious sunshine. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon in the exquisite garden at Coles. Our thanks go to Shuna and Mike MacKillop-Hall. It was lovely to see Coles in its summer glory in contrast to the well renowned stunning spring and autumn colour. Mike gave a very interesting tour sharing his passion for the many mature and semi mature trees throughout the garden. The cutting garden and the Pollinator Patch were stunning – an absolute riot of colour and insects. Shuna and Mike have developed the garden over the years and the flowerbeds sit comfortably in the parkland landscape.

Refreshments were served on the lawns where visitors could relax and enjoy the stunning garden. Both the Pimms tent and the Tea tent were as popular as ever with a fantastic selection of delicious cakes to choose from. Bargains were to be had at the well stocked Plant and Produce Stall, which proved popular. The profit for the event was very pleasing and will be shared between the Garden Club and The National Garden Scheme. The Committee, once again, are to be congratulated on the excellent organisation and running of the day.

On Saturday 16 August we held our Summer Show at Froxfield Village Hall. The entrants came up trumps yet again and the judges were very impressed with the high standard of the entries despite it having been a difficult year with high temperatures and no rainfall. Visitors enjoyed the afternoon perusing the flowers and produce on display and sampling our delicious tea and cake and snatching a bargain at the Plant and Produce Stall.

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



St Peter's Church High Cross invite you to a village

Harvest Supper



A fun family harvest celebration with delicious food – everyone welcome

Froxfield Village Hall

Saturday 11th October

6:30p.m.

Two Course Supper (Veggie option available)

Entry by pre- booked ticket

£10 Adult £5 Child £25 family of 4

from Froxfield Stores or Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 tongventhams@gmail.com

VJ 80 celebrated in Privett Churchyard

On what was one of the loveliest summer evenings this year, over sixty people gathered in Privett Churchyard to mark and celebrate VJ 80 on Friday 15 August, in an act of remembrance and thanksgiving.

After the televised solemn national service and ceremonies earlier in the day marking the surrender by Japan and the final end to the Second World War, the evening in Privett was informal and congenial, but charged with emotion and poignancy as some of those present gave accounts of the experiences of family members who had endured the war in the Far East, mostly in unbearable conditions.

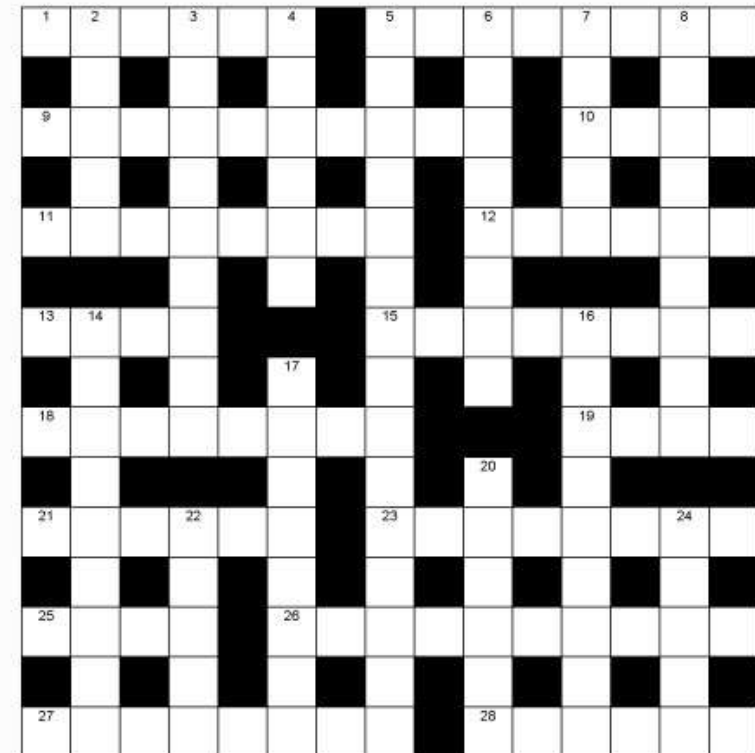
The evening began – of course - with a picnic, with the opportunity to have a very tasty burger and slaw provided by Amanda Wyatt at the Privett Centre.

Then began the more serious part of the gathering. First to speak was Gill Martin, who as a young girl lived in Singapore. Her father had the foresight to arrange the evacuation of Gill, her mother and siblings before the Japanese invasion. Gill told us how he had remained behind, was captured by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore, and remained a Prisoner of War in Chiangi Jail until the end of the war, with commandant responsibilities for his section of the prison. She told us how fearful the prisoners were when they heard of the Japanese surrender, in case their guards shot them in some sort of reprisal.

Pat Sadler then spoke about her uncle, Norman Massey, a young soldier captured in the fall of Singapore, sent as a POW to work on the "Death" Burma-Siam Railway, then sent by ship to Japan (all the prisoners were locked in the hold of the ship) and the ship was torpedoed by a US submarine (which thought it was a Japanese merchant ship carrying war supplies). He survived that and was set to work as slave labour in a factory a few miles outside Nagasaki, where in August 1945 he witnessed the atom bomb dropped on that city.

Others who spoke included Ann Daniels, remembering her Uncle Alf, who fought in the Far East and Rob Baldock, who spoke of his grandfather William who died fighting in the Far East – and Rob reminded us of modern Japan, now a trusted ally in international and defence matters.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 A long thin strand of cotton or other fibre used in sewing or weaving
 5 Honest
 9 An early keyboard instrument
 10 Ignite
 11 A group of people, dancers or musicians, who gather spontaneously in a public place to perform briefly for the onlookers, then disperse (5,3)
 12 Keep
 13 French fashion designer (1905-1957), Christian - - -
 15 Relating to financial or practical necessity
 18 Slipshod, done in a haphazard manner
 19 Slight colour
 21 Filled with horror or shock
 23 Outdoor garment
 25 Rabbit's tail
 26 Restored to a former situation
 27 A strike breaker

Down

- 2 Meat from an animal slaughtered according to Islamic law
 3 Secretly listen to another's conversation
 4 Depart suddenly or secretly
 5 'Shot in globe tour' (anag).
 6 A loser or predicted loser in a struggle or contest
 7 One's usual way of behaving
 8 Native of an East Slavic and ethnic group of Eastern Europe
 14 Lacking sense or sound reasoning
 16 Specialists who provide lenses to correct visual defects
 17 Rural
 20 An official who examines books, films etc. to remove offensive material prior to publication
 22 Prank, stunt
 24 Alter, revise

VJ DAY COMMEMORATION by David Dobson

The fifteenth of August 2025 was the 80th anniversary of the war against Japan and the end of the Second World War. Commemorations were held throughout the land, and the one for our benefice was held on that day in the tranquil setting of Privett churchyard on a perfect summer's evening.

There were about seventy of us there, and the event took the form of a summer's evening picnic, followed by tributes and family memories of those final days of the war. As the sun went down a beacon was lit, and it crackled away as the stories unfolded. Some had been prepared beforehand, and Edward Sadler, who guided the proceedings then invited anyone else who might wish to contribute. To me it was a masterstroke, for that led to half a dozen people in the audience coming forward to recall their own personal family stories and it was all most moving.

The final account came from Sue Jones, our curate, dressed in her church robes and proudly wearing her father's medals as she talked about his service in a minesweeper, right in the front line off the coast of Japan on the last day. She ended her talk with a prayer and that brought proceedings to a close as the twilight deepened. We all then slipped quietly away into the night after what had been a well organised, highly appropriate and hugely enjoyable occasion.

Sue Clegg kindly sent this in from David Dobson 'A piece written by David Dobson reflecting on the evening we spent at Privett to commemorate VJ Day.'



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**

VJ 80 celebrated in Privett Churchyard continued

Catherine Smith spoke about her Uncle John who flew Spitfires in the Burma campaign, and she also mentioned the father of Liz Cawston (Liz lived for many years in Privett) – he was actually present at the signing of the Act of Surrender by the Japanese on 15 August 1945.

Finally, the Revd Sue Jones spoke of her father's service as a very young Royal Navy officer, and in particular his time in the fleet off the coast of Japan preparing for the invasion planned if the atomic bombs had not forced the surrender by Japan – he told Sue in later life that the casualties anticipated in such an invasion would have been such that he was unlikely to have survived, so he – and therefore Sue – owed their lives to those bombs. Sue's father was then engaged in bringing back home survivors from the POW camps in Burma, remembering throughout his life their terrible state and those who died on the journey home.

Sue then brought things to a close with a prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving.

The beacon in the Churchyard was lit as a symbol of light and hope, and as dusk fell people were content to sit round the fire pit enjoying the warm evening and the peace and tranquillity of the beautiful Churchyard with its views across the South Downs, reflecting on what they had heard, and the courage and fortitude, as well as the sorrows, apparent from those wartime experiences.

SOLUTION TO AUGUST 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, 1 Cressida Dick, 16 Ill at ease, 17 Yesterday, 19 Perhaps, 20 Hip bone, 21 Stash, 23 Zero.

Reported Dog Fouling On & Around The Boundaries of High Cross Playing Field.

Stepping in a dog's mess can ruin your day. As well as being unhygienic and repulsive, it's also a public health and safety risk - and if you don't clean up your dog's waste you could face a fine. Here's a guide to everything you need to know about dog fouling and UK law.

Where is it required by law to clean up dog mess?

Dog fouling in public is covered in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act of 2014 for England and Wales - and areas protected by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) will be decided by your local council. Places covered by the Public Space Protection Order usually include:

- **Parks, playing fields, and playgrounds**
- Town centres, shopping centres and car parks
- Footpaths, pavements and roads

What is the fine for not cleaning up dog mess?

If you don't clean up after your dog in a public place in England and Wales, you could receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of up to £100 on the spot, with amounts determined by your local council.

- You can be fined up to £100 fixed penalty notice (FPN) in England and Wales, escalating to £1,000 if unpaid. In Scotland, FPN is £80, rising to £100 if unpaid within 28 days.
- Dog excrement can cause toxocariasis, leading to serious health issues like breathing problems, seizures, and blindness, especially in children.
- Report repeated fouling or non-compliance to your local council, providing details of the incident and for issues on private property, councils can investigate but aren't required to clean it up.



The old railway line between Hemplands Lane and the bridge adjoining Sages Lane was filled in and planted with trees many years ago and is now regularly used for walking. This is a private path and access is permitted by us. To confirm this status, the path will be closed for one day on 10th September 2025. Any queries please call the Estate Office on 01730 828233.

CALLING ALL WALKERS AND CYCLISTS



Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Ride + Stride for Churches 13th September 2025

Experience a day of exceptional opportunity, discovering the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, seeing beautiful countryside, getting some exercise travelling between the churches and having fun with friends and family. Ride and Stride is a chance for you, your family, and friends to visit churches, chat with church representatives and learn more about the history and heritage of the churches plus, you can be sure the sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Journey between as many churches as you wish on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus, or classic car, exploring and enjoying the Hampshire countryside. There are over 400 churches due to be open so you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome.

In 2024 the Ride and Stride event in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight raised over £50,000 of sponsorship money, including Gift Aid. This sponsorship money helps to fund repairs to the historic fabric and features of churches as well as urgent repairs such as retaining walls in graveyards, leaky roofs, and the installation of facilities to make Hampshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses of all denominations fit to serve local communities for future generations.

If you can't take part for whatever reason, why not consider sponsoring someone? I will be taking part along with Ian Hughes and others, but I am also looking for volunteers to "man" one of the three participating churches in our parish. If you think you can help by sitting in the church for an hour (or two!) to greet any visitors that may be taking part, please get in touch.

With grateful thanks Suzanne Tong: For more information please contact: tongventhams@gmail.com or 01730 260430

St Peter High Cross Autumn Fundraising Events

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone along to our autumn events.

Saturday 13th September

The annual Hampshire and The Islands Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride.

If you have never taken part in this event why not give it a go? Half of any monies raised go to a church nominated by participants. I can guarantee you won't be disappointed particularly if you are interested in old buildings and history devise your own route and visit some truly wonderful churches. For more details of how to take part or sponsorship of those doing so from our villages contact: Suzanne Tong: tongventhams@gmail.com 01730260430 or Ian Hughes n.ianhughes@btinternet.com 01730828344



Saturday 11th October

Harvest Supper

6:30p.m. All welcome

The famous Harvest Supper is back! You are warmly invited to share a delicious home cooked two course Harvest Supper with us at Froxfield Village Hall.

Tickets £10 a head for adults £5 for children £25 family of 4 from Suzanne Tong (see below)

Saturday 15th November

Early Evening Talk with Supper

5:00p.m.

We invite you and your family to join us to learn about an exciting project to introduce beavers to the Meon Valley. Includes informative visual displays. Tickets £10 a head for adults £5 for children £25 family of 4 from Suzanne Tong (see below)

More information and tickets for events from Suzanne Tong tongventhams@gmail.com 01730260430

Privett Harvest Supper – Saturday 27 September



Celebrate the end of summer, and welcome autumn's mellow season, at the Privett Harvest Supper, at **Privett Village Hall** on **Saturday 27 September** at **7.00 pm**. This is a traditional way for a village community to mark the completion of the

harvest, and you can be assured of excellent harvest supper fare, with wine and locally brewed English ale to drink from the pay bar.

This is always a popular event, with friends meeting up after the summer, and as space is limited you will be well advised to reserve your tickets well in advance; and this will also help us to know how many to cater for.

Astonishingly, prices remain as they have been since 2017: tickets are £10 per head (with special terms for families – ask Gill), and can be booked with Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or with Alex Raphael (tel. 828461; email: araphael.enamels@goolemail.com).



And a **reminder** for your diaries: our next **Film Night Plus** will be the evening of **Saturday 22 November**, when we will be showing the recently released film **Mr Burton** which tells of the relationship between the young Richard Burton and the schoolteacher who was his mentor and from whom he took his stage name. As usual, we will be serving supper before the film. Full details in October's Parish Magazine.



We would like to thank Steve Sargent for kindly having delivered the magazines for us last month, because we were on holiday. **Steve & Caroline Dillon**

Cover

This month's cover is courtesy of Mike Broughton. He says it is 'A cairn on the bridleway between Honeycritch Lane and Warren Lane in Froxfield'. Thanks Mike. I suspect the farmer would be very happy if all the large flints were collected from the field!



I have often reflected on the privilege it is to be a governor at Foxfield CE Primary and Preschool and as Chair I am proud to have such a dedicated and talented team of governors all of whom volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the ongoing high standard of education and opportunities on offer at this wonderful small school in its lovely rural setting.

Writing in the middle of August with almost 3 weeks left of the school summer holidays means that I have no school news to report so I thought it might be of interest to readers if I tell you a bit about my talented team of governors

Of course the headteacher sits on the governing body and she is joined by an elected staff governor. There are four categories of non-teaching governors for a church school –

- Foundation Governor who, following a nomination by the Parish Church, is appointed by the diocese to ensure that the School maintains its special Christian ethos.
- A local authority governor appointed by the LA,
- Two parent governors elected by the parent body
- Co-opted governors – people with particular skills that the board has identified.

Froxfield School has two foundation governors – Revd Sue Jones as a priest is the ex officio governor (church schools always have a member of the ministry team from the parish on their governing board). As well as being our local priest, Sue has a wide experience to bring to the team – she began her career in the city later moving into teaching where she became the Headmistress first of Tormead Girls' School in Guildford and later of Withington Girls' School in Manchester before realising her call to the priesthood. Edward Sadler, who is also Vice-chair of Governors, is a Foundation Governor and Chair of the Curriculum & Learning Committee. Edward brings great wisdom to the team with his experience as a retired lawyer and judge.

David Handley is a Co-opted Governor. His career in the British Foreign Service and then working for a major UK industrial company means he brings to the board his experience in Finance, HR and Strategy at a senior level in both organisations. I am delighted that he Chairs our Resources Committee as well as sitting on the Curriculum and Learning Committee with a special focus on Literacy. David also volunteers with British Red Cross Refugee Services.

Captain Ben Vickery is a serving Royal Navy Officer, Ben oversees Safeguarding throughout the school – a vital role requiring him to be on top of the latest information from the DfE and all the changes in legislation. Ben says it is a genuine privilege to get a deeper understanding of the school, the superb teaching staff and of course the incredible “resilient learner” children.

Susanna Shepherd is another Co-opted Governor, having recently moved to Froxfield and wanting to be more involved in the community Susanna answered an advert in this magazine for the role. Susanna brings her legal experience as a qualified solicitor and sits on the Curriculum and Learning committee with responsibility for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) provision within the school. Her contribution and leadership in this ever more important aspect of education continues to be invaluable.

Keith Durward, a recently retired senior executive from KPMG has joined us as a co-opted governor – his experience and understanding of financial matters and auditing make him aptly suited for his role on the resources committee with a special focus on health and safety within the building.

Our two parent governors are Grace Pike and Francis Buner.

Grace is a research and development scientist and used to thinking outside the box, whilst working within tight regulatory requirements, she enjoys using her analytical skills to help support the team at Froxfield and she too sits on the Resources committee.

Francis is a senior conservation Scientist, a team and project leader in wild life conservation. His understanding of data and how to interpret it is a great asset to the Curriculum and Learning committee.

I am the Local authority governor and with my background in training in effective communication, coaching and leadership I hope that I am able to use my experience to lead this powerful team however as David Handley rightly said “The contribution we Governors can make is dwarfed by that of the staff and is to provide the framework within which the School and the children can continue to flourish.”

Gilly Hollis: Chair of Governors