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STEEP FLOWER SHOW 2025

Lucy McIlwraith & Maike Heining

The end of the summer in Steep is marked by the village flower show – now over one hundred years old and still a popular community event. This year, not even a burst water main could dampen the mood. Thanks to Bedales' water tank, the show could go on!

We had more entrants than ever this year and were delighted that so many entered multiple classes – that's the way to win! The diversity of entries in all the classes was outstanding and we are proud that we have so many elements in our show: traditional fruit and vegetable classes alongside bakery, crafts, poetry, photography and children's classes. It was especially wonderful to see how many children entered, perhaps due to Ellie Thackrey's innovative separate children's schedule that was distributed to local schools. We're hoping to build on this next year and welcome even more younger entrants. The guest of honour was Katy Watson, who is a garden designer, gardening mentor, writer, and the new country garden expert on [Alan Titchmarsh's Gardening Club, season 2, 2025](#). Her gardening blog can be found on <https://www.katyinthegarden.com/> and she is also on Instagram. She lives locally and was bowled over by the show. She gave a touching and heartfelt speech, awarding the 'Best in Show' prize to a garden in a seed-tray which clearly benefitted from its

young gardener's green fingers.

We put on the flower show primarily as a community event for the village but, due to the generosity of those who donate their time, cakes and willingness to wash up, we usually make enough money to give some to local good causes. For example, we gave Steep School a chicken run a couple of years ago and this year helped them to refurbish the garden there. We've given money for plants at the Steep war memorial garden and have helped the Adhurst allotments in Sheet with buying equipment after a break-in. If you know of a local club, society or group that would benefit from some of the money we raise, we would be delighted to hear about it.

You can help bring the spring plant sale and the show to the village next year by volunteering. We always need help, whether just a couple of hours or in bigger roles on the committee, so please let us know through our email: steepfowershow@gmail.com or you can get in touch with someone on the committee in person. (Lucy McIlwraith, Maike Heining, David Anson, Ailsa McNaughton, Steve Amos, Andrew Plaistow, Matt Meyer, Mike Robinson and Ellie Thackrey) Thank you to everyone who helped in the show this year – it was brilliant! Next year we'd love to run more outside games if we have enough volunteers and if anyone fancies taking on the bottle stall and raffle, you could bring them back to the show and make a lot of people very happy!

Cover Picture and Above Left : Happiness is the Steep Flower Show

Well done to everyone who competed in this year's show – you are all winners and we loved seeing what you had grown and made. Start planning for next year and look out for our competition schedule which will be out in the early spring, printed in the centre pages of this newsletter.

Lots of people asked for the recipe for the orange and almond cake which also happens to be dairy- and gluten-free

Orange and Almond Cake

2 oranges
225 caster sugar
1 tbsp honey
6 eggs, separated
300g ground almonds

For the syrup and topping:

4 more oranges
2 lemons
6 cardamon pods
Star anise
3 tbsp sugar
Flaked almonds

1: Boil 2 oranges for an hour to an hour and a half in a pan of water. Grease and line a 23cm / 9in cake tin.

2: Heat the oven to 170C. Drain, then pulp the oranges with a stick blender.

3: Mix together the egg yolks, sugar and honey. Fold in the ground almonds and orange pulp.

4: Whisk the egg white and fold them into the mixture. Pour into the cake tin and bake for an hour.

5: While the cake is baking, make the syrup: peel the upper layer of the oranges, remove any pith and chop it into fine strips. Boil them in water for a few minutes until softened. Put

them on a cooling rack to dry out and sprinkle them with sugar. Put the juice of the oranges and lemons in a pan with the star anise, cardamon pods and sugar and boil for until it is reduced to a syrup. Toast the flaked almonds lightly.

5: When you take the cake out of the oven, leave it in the tin. Leave it to cool for a few minutes, then poke it full of holes with a skewer or toothpick and then pour over the syrup through a sieve. Sprinkle over the toasted almonds and orange peel.

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DIARY DATES

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting:

Monday 6th October 7.30pm

Steep Village Hall. All welcome.

Contact: Sam Marchant

(clerk@steep-pc.gov.uk)

<https://www.steep-pc.gov.uk/>

STEEP CHURCH 900th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 11th October

COMMEMORATIVE WALK

Saturday 1st November

SAFARI SUPPER

Details on Page 10



STEEP FILM SOCIETY

Steep Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm start.

3rd October BLACK BAG

17th October MR. BURTON

31st October THE HERETIC

Details on Page 14

<https://steepfilmsociety.org.uk/>

STEEP BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Sundays 26th October and 2nd November from 10:00 to 12:00. BONFIRE BUILDING

Wednesday 5th November at Steep Common STEEP BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS Details on Page 8

STEEP REMEMBERS

Saturday 8th November at Steep Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Community supper event to celebrate and commemorate the extraordinary feats of Steep residents. More details next month and online at

<https://steepvillagehall.org.uk/>

Tickets £10 from

manager@steepvillagehall.org.uk

STROUD PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm

Stroud Village Hall. All welcome.

Contact: Sam Marchant

(clerk@stroud-pc.gov.uk)

<https://www.stroud-pc.gov.uk/>

STROUD EVENING W.I.

All meetings take place at **Stroud Village Hall**, on a Tuesday, starting at **7.30pm.**

14th October Armchair Aerobics with Leslie Poulter

<https://hampshire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/stroud-evening>. X @WiStroud

STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Friday 3 October 7pm to 10.30pm at **Stroud Village Hall** A Harvest Hoe-down

Sunday 30th November ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 5th December at 7pm CHRISTMAS QUIZ

www.stroudvillagehall.org

STEEP WELCOME CLUB

Thursday 9th October If you'd like to bring "An article with special memories", Barbara Homer will lead a memory-sharing session at 2.30pm in Steep Village Hall.

Thursday 23rd October Film - "Mrs Harris goes to Paris". Steep Village Hall at 2pm. (Note earlier start time)

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STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

*Sam Marchant
Clerk, Steep Parish Council*

The Parish Council met on 17th September at Steep Village Hall. At the start of the meeting, councillors acknowledged the resignations of Freya Simpson and Paul Garstin. The Council thanked them for their time and contributions to the running of the Parish.

We are also delighted to welcome Cllr Andrew Inkley, who was co-opted at the beginning of the meeting. Andy brings new skills, enthusiasm and fresh perspective to the Council, and we look forward to working alongside him.

Cllr Charlotte Duthie has stepped up as Vice Chair, while Cllr Alison Driver continues as Chair of Planning. Responsibilities across footpaths, roads, and the War Memorial have been refreshed, ensuring local priorities remain well supported.

Updates were shared on traffic concerns in both Church Road and Steep Marsh. The 20mph scheme for Church Road is nearing completion and further ideas are being explored to help address heavy vehicle use in Steep Marsh. Engagement with residents and landowners will be key to finding practical solutions.

Works have now begun at the land neighbouring the Village Hall on Church Road, and residents are reminded that if they have any issues relating to the site, they should speak directly to the site manager, Doug Logan: 07799 364735 or

doug@dwelprojects.co.uk

. These details are available on their noticeboard outside the development.

The Council also confirmed arrangements for this year's Remembrance Service, which will take place as usual on 11th November. Please join us at the Village Hall after the event for tea and coffee.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall – all residents are warmly invited.

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL



Steep Parish Council Vacancy For a Parish Councillor

There is a Councillor vacancy for Steep Council which will be filled by co-option.

Applications should be sent in writing to the Clerk at the address below or by e-mail.

Dated: Wednesday 6th August 2025

Sam Marchant, Parish Clerk

Address:

Steep Parish Council
Steep Village Hall
28 Church Road
Steep. GU32 2DN

clerk@steep-pc.gov.uk

STEEP BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS.



The annual **Steep Bonfire and Fireworks** will take place on Wednesday 5th November at Steep Common. Gates open at 18:30 with the bonfire being lit at 19:15 and Fireworks at 19:45.

Parking will be available at Bedales School Main Car Park from 18:30. Please do not try to park before this time.

The **Bonfire Building** will take place at Steep Common on Sundays 26th October and 2nd November from 10:00 to 12:00. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed. Please bring gloves and a sturdy set of boots. Refreshments will be provided.

Steep Bonfire is again working with Friends Of Steep School to build, host and run the event. FOSS will be providing Food and Drink, feeding the village and raising money for the school.

Ticketing is Online. Please use the QR Code below to book your tickets. Tickets will be available at the gate on the night, but these may be restricted. We are limited in numbers for the event. Please try and book online to avoid disappointment.

<https://steepvillage.com/events/steep-bonfire-fireworks-nov-5/>



WARM SPACE

The Toasty Team

Is returning to the Village Hall, weekly, from Tuesday 4th November until the end of March.

Come for a cosy chat (not a heated debate) between 2.30 and 4.30 pm. We will be serving hot drinks and heart-warming cake. Temperatures may be raised with competitive games such as Scrabble or bring a homely hobby to work on.

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STROUD VILLAGE HALL

*Katy Lace
Hall Manager*

Autumn has most definitely arrived and with it a whole host of jobs to do in the Community Garden! Volunteer gardeners Glen and Dave have been hard at work weeding the areas around the gas tanks and have planted lots of seeds to replace the summer's wildflowers. Mowing continues for the moment and the volunteers will be busy pruning the trees and hedges over the next month. The plan is still to plant some fruit trees this autumn and create our own mini-orchard. Please let us know if you have any experience with fruit trees or recommendations. All advice or offers of help gratefully received!

Thinking ahead to spring, last year's community bulb planting event in October was a great success. Do get in touch if you'd be interested in doing the same again this year. If we get enough interest, then we can look at organising a similar event. We are also still looking for volunteers to tend the raised fruit and vegetable beds. Children are very welcome to get involved (with parental supervision of course!) and can have their say on what they would like to see planted. I'm sure they will have some strong opinions!

The annual Christmas Fair will be taking place at the village hall on Sunday 30th November. This promises to be a real family event with stalls selling handmade gifts, crafts and activities for the children, and a festive cafe. Father Christmas will also be

making a special guest appearance this year! Further details and information on how to buy a ticket for your child to meet Father Christmas is available at

<https://stroudvillagehall.org/events/>

The seasonal festivities will continue with a **Christmas Quiz on Friday 5th December at 7pm** at the Village Hall. The evening will include food, a cash bar and much festive merriment so round up your teams now! More details can be found on the website too.



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STEEP 900 EVENTS



900 CELEBRATION WALK

Philip Mileham

We are looking forward to welcoming walkers for this commemorative and celebratory event. Walkers should plan to meet from 09.45, departing All Saints' Steep promptly at 10am. If not able or feeling up to joining the walk, please do meet the walkers at East Meon from noon and enjoy the fellowship of the occasion. All are welcome!

Please note that sections of the cross country route may be muddy and therefore appropriate footwear and clothing is recommended. Walkers should also bring their own refreshments and rations required to sustain the 6 mile journey. Currently only Ye Olde George Inn (Tel: 01730 823481) is open in East Meon. If planning to lunch there, individual bookings must be made, otherwise bring a picnic.

To assist coordination, please let me know if you are planning to either join the walk, or meet at East Meon, in order to get an idea of numbers. Return lifts might then be possible to arrange and, of course, walking back to Steep remains an option! (pccmileham@icloud.com / 07766 307465)

SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 1st November

After the success of past safari suppers, we thought it would be a lovely end to our '900 year' to hold this community event again. Everyone is welcome to join in, the more the merrier! The format is the first course is at a house hosting 4 -6 people who then move on to a different house for the main course followed by puddings and tea or coffee for everyone in the village hall.

If you would like to participate please let either Selina Garstin or Bubbles Silk know and whether you are prepared to host one of the courses. Those who aren't hosting are asked to make a pudding.

Please do join in this village event. Selina Garstin 07880 727244 or selina@garstinfamily.co.uk

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Celebration Walk to Mother Church of All Saints' East Meon

10am Saturday 11th October

Meet at All Saints' Steep at 9.45am to enjoy the 6 mile walk, or if unable to walk but wish to partake in the occasion, meet at East Meon Church from Noon



To assist co-ordination, please let Philip know if planning to join:

pcemileham@icloud.com/ 07766 307465

A PIECE OF STEEP SCHOOL HISTORY

Rollo Wicksteed

Hunt carefully among the creepers on the walls of Steep School playground and you'll find a modest little plaque that reads:

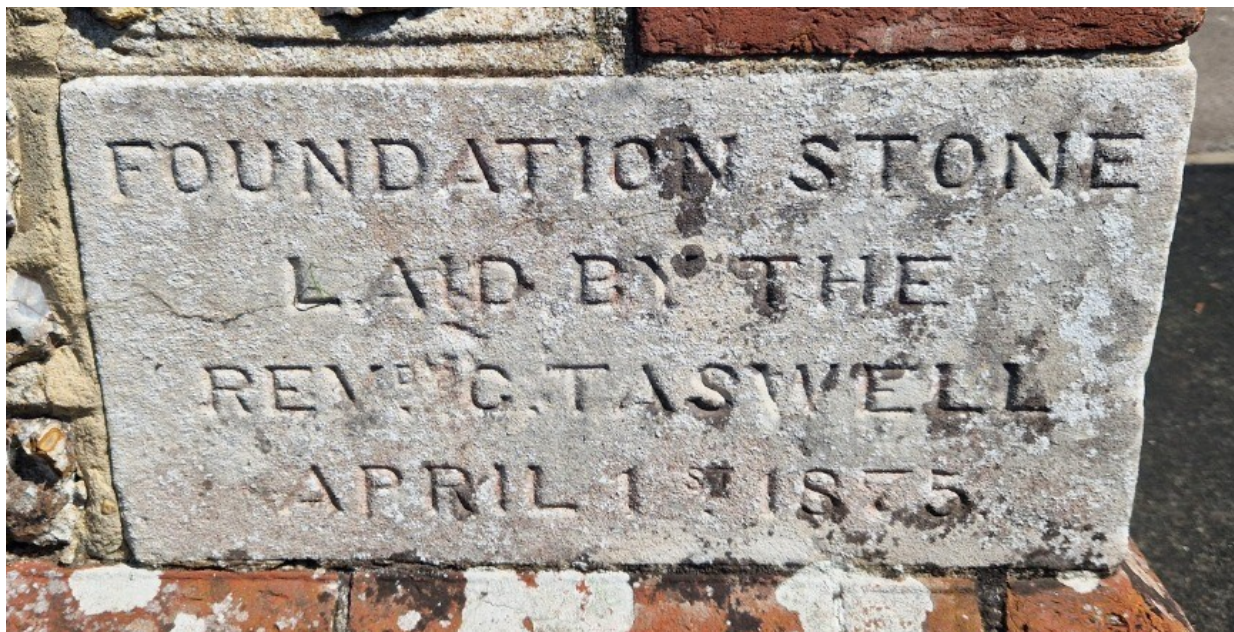
"Foundation Stone laid by the Rev. G. Taswell, April 1st 1875."

Who Rev. G. Taswell was, and why he chose to lay the foundation stone on April Fools' Day, we may never know but 1875 was 150 years ago, and the school has been celebrating its anniversary with much enthusiasm.

children had come to expect.

Since then, a number of enthusiastic and energetic Headteachers have initiated dramatic changes. These include a new classroom, a fully equipped assembly hall, and a more than doubling of both pupil and staff numbers. To visit the school today is a revelation, as many villagers discovered during the recent open day celebrating 150 years.

Two Heads deserve special mention for their part in bringing the school into the 21st century. Helen Wilson worked tirelessly to secure the school hall, and Lou Romans, who joined in 2005 with special responsibility for the infant classes, retired this



There are many people in the village old enough to remember the school's 100th birthday in 1975, and if they visit today, they marvel at the changes they see. In those days, there were fewer than 50 children on roll, only two full-time teachers, and a classroom that had to be cleared daily for school lunches. It was a happy school, but it was beginning to lack the facilities that parents and their

summer after 20 years of service, 15 of those as Headteacher, with over 100 children now on roll.

If the Rev. G. Taswell were to visit the school today, he would surely be proud to see the fruits of his labour in laying that foundation stone on April Fools' Day 150 years ago. The Governors are currently in the process of appointing a new Headteacher, who will inherit a flourishing and happy family school.

THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

David Dobson

As the newsletter is a historical record of what goes on in Steep and Stroud I think the particularly busy August Bank Holiday weekend this year deserves special mention. It was a weekend of glorious weather – a bit too glorious for our dry gardens some might say – and that was the backdrop for a range of events and activities. At Bedales we had the traditional **Steep Flower Show** – as good as ever with its wide range of entries, great music and bustling tea tent – plus of course lots of people for this great village community event. Others will wish to say more no doubt, but once again I was amazed by the organisation and by the huge number of helpers.

Meanwhile, down the hill by the Harrow a **cricket match** was in full swing.

Sunday was **Hands Around the Church** day, another brilliant community event, and a truly historic one at that, with over two hundred villagers present to hold hands and form a chain round the church to celebrate its 900th anniversary, all photographed from a drone above. Once that was over we all retired to the rear of the churchyard where refreshments aplenty were laid out and so it went on... Anne Grove had baked a huge cake decorated with Rollo Wicksteed's Steep 900 logo, and I must say it tasted as good as it looked.

The event was organised by the

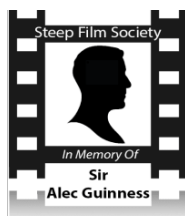
charity the Friends of Steep Church, supported financially by our parish and district councillors. Marshalling over two hundred people was some challenge, ("a bit like herding cats" I heard someone mutter), but Trevor Hines and Jonathan Lubran, in overall charge, kept benign control, and thanks to the organisation and a great bunch of helpers it all came off brilliantly.

As a postscript, as we left in the early afternoon I said to Susie our vicar, who had already earlier taken Holy Communion at Stroud followed by morning service at All Saints', "now we can all flop"; but there was no flopping for her; she was straight off to the **Froxfield cricket afternoon** followed by officiating at a **Hymns and Pimms service** in St Peter's church.

There were other events going on round about of course, and in Petersfield Town Hall the **Petersfield Arts and Crafts Society** held its annual exhibition, while throughout the county we had **Hampshire Open Studios** – and we had one Open Studio on our own doorstep, held over the weekend in **Stroud Village hall**. This for me was the perfect setting for an imaginative exhibition of crafts, produced by a collaboration of local artists – paintings and drawings, textiles, decorative glass, jewellery, basket work, wall hangings – all beautifully displayed. As with the other village events, a lot of hard work had gone into this exhibition, which had as a super plus at the end - a cup of tea!

STEEP FILM SOCIETY

Steep Film Society is a charity which shows films every fortnight at Steep Village Hall.



Members pay £6 per showing, guests are welcome but pay a bit more. For free membership go to steepfilmsociety.org.uk or contact Robin Hollington at robin.hollington@steepfilmsociety.org.uk.

Book preferably online or by email or phone to Robin or (01730 774869). Please check online that your membership is in date.

3rd Oct—Black Bag is a 2025 American spy thriller film directed by Steven Soderbergh and written by David Koepp. It stars Cate Blanchett, Michael Fassbender, Marisa Abela, Tom Burke, Naomie Harris, Regé-Jean Page, and Pierce Brosnan. In the film, British intelligence officer George Woodhouse (Fassbender) is assigned to investigate a list of suspected traitors, one of whom is his wife, Kathryn (Blanchett).

17th Oct—Mr. Burton is a 2025 biopic starring Harry Lawtey as young Richard Burton and Toby Jones as his influential teacher, Philip Burton. The film tells the true story of how the boy from the Welsh mining town of Port Talbot was discovered and nurtured by his teacher, Philip Burton. The film explores the challenges Burton faced and the unique mentorship that helped launch his career as a legendary actor.

31st Oct—Heretic is a 2024 psychological horror film, written and directed by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods, starring Hugh Grant as Mr. Reed, who traps two young Mormon missionaries (played by Sophie Thatcher and Chloe East) in his home for a deadly game of cat-and-mouse. The film centres on a dialogue-driven conflict where the missionaries must rely on their faith to escape, as the charismatic but sinister Mr. Reed challenges their beliefs.

BEDALES LIVE EVENTS

The Autumn/Winter 2025 events season at Bedales is now open for bookings for September through to December. This programme brings an inspiring variety of performances, talks, music, comedy, and other events for you to enjoy.

You can view or [download](#) a copy of the brochure, browse events and book tickets at <https://www.bedales.org.uk/events/aw25>

Bedales Annual Theatre Ticket

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REVIEW OF FROXFIELD CHOIR'S SUMMER CONCERT

David Dobson

To me the Privett summer concert is the high point of the choir year. This year we sang Brahms' German Requiem, in stark contrast to Duke Ellington in 2024. The Brahms was demanding as the choir are on their feet for almost the entire performance; there is no let up. And by golly it is high, especially for the sopranos and tenors.

But it was a great challenge, and a great sense of achievement at the end, and I hope the audience enjoyed it as much as we in the choir did.

Our marathon took up the entire second half of the concert, and for the first half we sat and listened as our friends the West Forest Sinfonia played some newly composed pieces by our own Mike Orchard. Mike has composed several short works for the choir - carols, songs and anthems- and they are all very tuneful and enjoyable to perform. The same can be said for his new orchestral pieces; we loved them.

News of our upcoming concerts

As for what's next, we'll be singing **The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace** by Karl Jenkins at St Peter's, High Cross, on Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm. Tickets are available via Ticketsource or through members of the choir.

Next spring we will be singing Duke Ellington again at the Petersfield Musical Festival, and before that there's the annual carol service at Privett on Saturday 20th December. I do hope we'll see you at one of our concerts, and of course we always welcome new members. I can assure you that we are a friendly and sociable bunch, and

our conductor Michael Servant brings lots of humour to rehearsals. Come along this month and give it a go! For more information go to our website www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk or contact the choir secretary Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com



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AUTUMN DELIGHT

Elizabeth Housden

Pears are delicious now. Have a go with this recipe.

200g butter
300g golden caster sugar
4 large eggs
75g plain flour
50g cocoa powder
410g pears
100g plain dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids)
25g flaked almonds (optional)
cream or ice cream, to serve

1. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Lightly grease a roughly 20 x 30cm shallow ovenproof dish. Put the butter in a large saucepan and place over a low heat until just melted. Remove the butter from the heat and stir in the sugar until well combined.

2. Whisk the eggs together in a large bowl. Gradually add the eggs to the butter and sugar, beating well with a wooden spoon in between each

addition. Sift the flour and cocoa powder on top of the egg mixture, then beat hard with a wooden spoon until thoroughly combined.

3. Pour into the prepared tin or dish and nestle the pears into the chocolate batter. Put the chocolate on a board and cut into chunky pieces roughly 1.5cm with a large knife. Scatter the chocolate pieces over the batter and sprinkle with almonds, if you like. Can be frozen at this stage.

4. Bake in the centre of the oven for 30 mins or until the mixture is crusty on the surface and lightly cooked inside. Do not allow to overcook, as the cake will become spongy rather than gooey in the centre. Serve warm with cream or ice cream

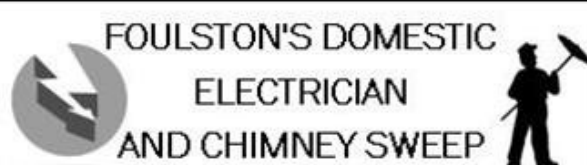
TO FREEZE if required. Wrap the cooled, unbaked pudding tightly in foil, label and freeze for up to 1 month. To serve, unwrap the pudding and bake from frozen as above in step 4 for 50 mins.

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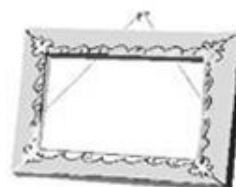
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CHURCH NEWS

Amanda Greenlee

Steep 900

Our celebration of the founding of All Saints' Church is nearing the end of the year. The Friends of Steep Church had an ambitious plan to take aerial photographs of the church with parishioners and friends holding hands to encircle the church. The Sunday of the August bank holiday turned out fair and the registered participants arrived to be marshalled into groups and receive their instructions. People happily held hands with strangers as we were manoeuvred around the church. Photographs were taken including some with Susie in front of the north door. We admired Anne Groves' marvellous cake with its golden cockerel and enjoyed wine and lunch. It was wonderful to gather in such numbers, over two hundred people took part and we have enjoyed seeing our church from a new angle.

The Steep Lecture, though an annual lecture was also this year part of our celebration. Bishop Jonathan, who preached at our patronal festival to start our year returned to give his first lecture. Refreshments were served in the evening sunshine outside and then everyone took their places inside. The Bishop told us that church attendance figures in the Diocese were slowly creeping up and how young people were searching for something more than the material world. He spoke movingly of asylum seekers so anxious outside their Southsea hotel and stressed that Portsmouth is a city that welcomes

the stranger. A question from George Tullis about bishops sitting in the House of Lords revealed that Jonathan had just received his invitation to be one of the twenty four Bishops in our Parliament.

Services

We have had two All Age services, one on the 24th that included a baptism. Graham Madgwick, our reader preached using a long mountaineering rope. This was carried to the back of the church by young helpers and then we spread it round the congregation. We must trust in God just as climbers have to trust each other on the rope. Susie baptised Iona Philips, great granddaughter of Andrew Routh and the baptismal party then took part in the Hands around the Church after the service. Graham also gave the talk at our regular All Age service on the 7th September. Pippa led us in an interactive bible reading when we had to choose good above evil. Graham amazed us with his skills at cutting a sheet of paper so a volunteer could step through the paper. The children made fortune tellers out of paper and Balthazar Thackrey read out prayers he had written. It was wonderful to involve everyone in the service. Sue led the Parish Communion service on 14th September with Susie preaching on how much rejoicing there is in heaven over the sinner who repents. She painted a wonderful picture of people in heaven wearing party hats! The service was followed by the AGM of the Friends of Steep

Church when Susie was able to thank them for the support they give.

2025 Rides and Strides

Although Saturday 13th September began wet the rainclouds had departed by 10am and most of the participants managed to take part without being rained upon. Steep had 26 visitors, with more walkers this year than riders. One party ate their sandwiches sitting on the new bench in the churchyard admiring the view whilst others were happy to sit inside and have a biscuit. We were able to point out that Steep was celebrating 900 years and pointed to Norman pillars and the medieval font but one or two visitors commented on the modern craftsmanship on display too.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism:

24 August—Iona Martha Rose Phillips

Marriage:

5 September—Dan Mansfield and Laura Kiddle

Funeral:

29 August - Brian Sarel Keys
(Thanksgiving service)

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***If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit
 also direct our course.*** *Galatians 5.25*

Sunday 5th October: Trinity 16

8.30am Holy communion (BCP, said) **Steep**
 10am TenAM, Steep
 (informal worship for all ages)
 10am Harvest Festival, High Cross

Sunday 12th October: Trinity 17

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

Sunday 19th October: Trinity 18

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

Saturday 25th October : Steep

4pm Service of Rembering and Thanksgiving

*Remembering loved ones who have sadly died, and
 giving thanks for their love. All welcome*

Sunday 26th October: Trinity 19

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

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice.
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**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**

Parish Communion Services are in modern language (Common Worship)
Early Sunday Services (8.30am) are said, in traditional language, from the Book of Common Prayer
Silent Prayer, All Saints', Steep: 6.30-7pm every Thursday
The TenAM (all age less formal worship): 10am on the first Sunday of the month
Choir Practice: 6pm on Fridays before 10am Parish Communion
Sunday School: Second Sunday of the month during 10am Parish Communion excluding school holidays

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