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Froxfield and Privett Parish

Magazine



November 2025



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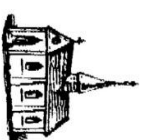
Parish website: www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

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Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

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Church News



October and autumn is the season of Harvest festivals. St Peter's High Cross was beautifully decorated for the well-attended service on 5 October. Many thanks to all who contributed – their displays were also appreciated when the school held their festival on the 14th.

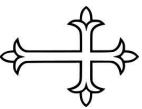
The Harvest supper was also a great occasion. 35+ of us were treated to a delicious two course supper kindly served by Lucy and Oliver Heaton and their friend Oscar. It was a very happy occasion and provided the opportunity to sit and chat to friends and neighbours. An enormous thanks to Suzanne for organising this so efficiently. Hopefully a goodly sum was raised towards the heating system.

On the rare occasion that Susie has a weekend off we are fortunate to have Rev Adrian Harbidge to step in. Such was the case on Sunday 19 October. We thoroughly enjoy welcoming him to High Cross and enjoy his incitive sermons as well as his dry sense of humour! Amongst many other posts, Adrian was Archdeacon in the Diocese of Winchester before his final living as Rector of Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough (in Guildford Diocese). He retired at the end of 2016.

Remembrance is rapidly approaching. The annual service is held at St Peter's Froxfield Green, 10.45 am with the Act of Remembrance taking place in front of the war memorial on the green. There is also a more personal service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at All Saints, Steep at 4.00 pm on Saturday 25 October.

Returning to heating – we have very little until the new system can be installed. The big question is when? We have applied for a faculty, the church equivalent of planning permission, and hopefully by the time you read this it will have been granted. We do know it will be. Once we have the permission, we can place the order for a new electricity supply and order the heating chandeliers. In the meantime, sorry, we will just have to wrap up warmly and hope it is in for Christmas.

Lindsay Clegg **Churchwarden.**



Margaret Hall 1923 – 2025

Margaret Hall, of Coles, Privett, who died in October at the age of 102 possibly ranks as the oldest person to live in the parish. Margaret was a recent resident: her son Mike and his wife Shuna purchased Coles, with its renowned 26 acre garden, in 2014, and Margaret came to live in a cottage in the grounds in 2020. She had the good fortune to die quietly in her own home.

Until very recently Margaret enjoyed taking part in village life – she worshipped in the parish church, celebrated both the Platinum Jubilee and the Coronation in Privett Churchyard (she lived under five monarchs, and was older than the late Queen), and in July this year welcomed those visiting the garden at Coles for The Garden Club's Open Garden afternoon. She was blessed with good physical health and a razor-sharp mind, and as one of her regular visitors rightly said, after a visit to Margaret you always left more invigorated than when you arrived.

It could be fascinating speaking to someone who had lived, as an adult, in times which to most of us were "history", and who had such good recollection: at VE Day 80th anniversary she reminisced about VE Day itself – that morning she was taking a Finals exam at college in Southampton when the Principal of the college burst into the exam room to give the good news of the end of the war in Europe. Margaret and all the other students just threw down their pens and rushed out of the room there and then, into the street with the other college students marching into the centre of the town singing songs in the highest state of excitement. She passed the exam!

Margaret had a full and fascinating life, with a large family and spending time living abroad. She could chat happily about current politics, the adventures of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, life as a Westerner in Japan, or which players were progressing through the Wimbledon fortnight. She had a strong Christian faith, a genuine interest in the lives of others, and she loved life to the end.



Wednesday 12th November

Froxfield Village Hall

7.30pm

**Talk by Roger Hiron,
*The Plant Doctor***

**'The Winter Garden & putting the
garden to bed'**

Non-members are very welcome £3

www.fpgarden.club



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

The Allen Gallery in Church Street, Alton was successful in receiving funding from multiple sources, including the National Lottery Heritage Fund, East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council for a redevelopment. The redevelopment project started in May 2025 and the project team at Hampshire Cultural Trust are now planning for the scheduled capital works to begin in early 2026.

This ambitious project will transform the Allen Gallery into a more welcoming, accessible and inspiring space for everyone, with new displays, a dedicated community area, and a programme of ceramics-inspired creative workshops and activities for all ages.

*The schedule of capital works being undertaken will mean a **period of closure** for this work to be carried out which will be as follows:*

- **End of December 2025: The Allen Gallery closes to the public**
- **Throughout 2026: work is carried out at the venue**
- **Early 2027: The gallery will reopen to the public.**

*During the closed period there will be a range of community programmes and creative activities, much of which will take place at the **Curtis Museum** and other local venues. These will include family workshops, volunteering opportunities, and special events designed to bring people together and celebrate Alton's heritage.*

To find out more about this programme and to keep up to date with the project please visit [Allen Gallery | Hampshire Cultural Trust](#).

A Message from the PCC of Froxfield with Privett

We are very excited to report that Rev Susie is to be officially installed as our vicar!

Many of you will know Rev Susie and may well be thinking "but surely, she **ALREADY** IS our vicar! but actually, her official title is "Priest – in - Charge".

Earlier this year the Bishop of Portsmouth, asked the P.C.C.s of Steep and Froxfield with Privett, how they would feel should Susie become our vicar and (unsurprisingly!) we all said, "We should like that very much!"

So, we would like to extend a very warm invite to everyone in the parish to Susie's Installation Service at All Saints Church Steep on 11th November 2025 at 6p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you there to celebrate this momentous occasion!



Walking Wednesdays

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 5th November

Wednesday 3rd December

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

The Parish and Village School “Reverse Advent Calendar” this

December continued

From the end of November, the 21 large bags will be set out at the back of the church (the church is open every day from 8.30am to 5pm), and you can bring your gifts whenever it suits you. In December’s Parish Magazine we will list the days of the month and the gifts for each day, but there is no rule about this – come when you can and all the bags will remain available throughout the month. Please note that the bags will be emptied very regularly to reduce the risk of theft.

Some may prefer to make a cash donation to the work of the PACT Foodbank, and in December’s Parish Magazine we will give details of how you can do that by cheque or online – cash donations enable the Foodbank to give out vouchers to be spent in the market on fresh fruit and vegetables.

The PACT Foodbank has been really grateful in past years for all the donations received from our Reverse Advent Calendar. We are sure that they will be just as grateful this year, and in advance we thank you for your thoughtfulness, care and generosity.

Rob Hollis – for the Parish Church, Edward Sadler – School Governor

SOLUTION TO OCTOBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Thread, 5 Truthful, 9 Clavichord, 10 Burn, 11 Flash mob, 12 Retain, 13 Dior, 15 Economic, 18 Slapdash, 19 Tint, 21 Aghast, 23 Overcoat, 25 Scut, 26 Reinstated, 27 Blackleg, 28 Reside.

Down - 2 Halal, 3 Eavesdrop, 4 Decamp, 5 Troubleshooting, 6 Underdog, 7 Habit, 8 Ukrainian, 14 Illogical, 16 Opticians, 17 Pastoral, 20 Censor, 22 Antic, 24 Amend

The Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery: Volunteer opportunities

Now the nights are drawing in and outdoor pursuits don’t seem quite so attractive as they did during the long, hot summer, why not become a volunteer at the Curtis Museum? It’s indoors, you meet some really nice people, and you can learn a bit of local history at the same time. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the ongoing Allen Gallery Project (see above). Training will be given for helping to pack, move and catalogue the collection. And eventually to re-site the artefacts once the Gallery is up and running in its new form. Once a week, once a month or just occasionally, - we would love to hear from you.

For more details, please contact manager Ian Grierson on 01420 82802 or ian.grierson@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or drop in and have a chat with the volunteers on duty.

Talk sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, **Mediaeval Women**, by Caroline Stapleton, 13th November, 7.30pm, Allen Gallery. FREE: donations welcome.

CURTIS MUSEUM

Saxons v 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.

4th November - 29th November 10am - 4.30pm.

Mediaeval Christmas

We’re travelling back in time this Christmas, to mediaeval Alton. From the Saxons to the Normans, discover the origins of many of the traditions we still do today. Join us for a free activity trail, make and take crafts, and a communal Christmas decoration.

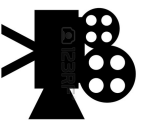
2nd December-3rd January, 10am - 4.30pm.

Christmas Craft Club

17th and 31st December, 11am -3pm (drop in). Festive make and take crafts £2 per child, 5th craft free.

Keep an eye on the Curtis and Allen websites for up to date info on our activities.

Film Night Plus at Privett – Saturday 22 November



Our next Film Night at Privett Village Hall takes place on the evening of **Saturday 22 November**, beginning promptly at **7.00 pm**.

The film we are showing is *Mr Burton* (Cert. 12A): it's 1942 and Richard Jenkins (Harry Lawley) is at school in Port Talbot, caught between the pressures of an alcoholic father, a devastating war, and his own ambitions. A new opportunity beckons when Richard's natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher, Philip Burton (Toby Jones). The young man thrives under Philip's strict tutelage and the guidance of a kindly landlady, Ma Smith (Lesley Manville). But as the acting world comes within Richard's reach, the burden of his past risks holding him back forever. It's a gripping account of the back story of Richard Burton, one of the UK's greatest actors in the second half of the twentieth century.

If you want to see the trailer for the film, go to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K80NXtZQ8I>

In its review of the film *The Times* said this: *"The performances from the two leads are impressive, with Lawley deftly charting Richard's progress from squeaky adolescent to adored stage smoothie, complete with trademark pout and mellifluous baritone. Jones finds wrenching sadness in the role of a teacher who once dreamt of writing for the stage and sees in Richard a conduit for his own unfulfilled life."*

Supper will be served before the film – Shepherd's Pie and, of course, a choc ice. There will be a pay bar serving bottled beer, wine and soft drinks.

Ticket prices for the evening are held at £12, and you are encouraged to book them well in advance so that we can cater for the demand. Tickets are available from Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (tel. 828461; email: araphael.enamels@googlemail.com).

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The Parish and Village School "Reverse Advent Calendar" this December



Once again, in the run up to Christmas, the parish and the village school are setting up in the church a Reverse Advent Calendar in order to provide festive food and also essentials for the PACT Foodbank in Petersfield.

We have had recent news from the Foodbank - the demands made on the Foodbank are increasing, but so far this year donations have kept up with demands, but the Foodbank relies on a boost in donations at Christmas time, when household budgets in some families are especially under pressure.

The Foodbank ask people who use it to be referred through organisations which can check that the person is receiving all the government benefits to which they may be entitled.

Many of you will know how it works: in a reverse of the usual idea of an Advent Calendar (opening a "window" in the calendar for each day of December and taking a gift) you bring a gift and put it in the calendar for that day. The "calendar" in this instance is a display in the church of carrier bags, each marked with a day of the month and the particular gift for that day – boxes of mince pies; chocolate; tins of soup; Christmas puddings; nuts; toothpaste; shampoo; stollen and other goodies for Christmas plus essentials for everyday life and staple items to help stock up the Foodbank for the "leaner" months of January and February.

This December we will be opening up once more the Reverse Advent Calendar, again as a joint endeavour by Froxfield School and the parish, and all are encouraged and truly welcomed to make donations to the Calendar. Children from Froxfield School will be learning about the Foodbank and how it operates, and the nature and extent of its work in our area

The Parishes of
Steep and Stroud and
Froxfield with Privett
in the Diocese of Portsmouth

November
2025

Benefice Worship

The Righteous will be remembered for ever; the memory of the righteous is a blessing.

Psalms 112.6; Proverbs 10. 7

Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Sunday, Steep

10am Benefice Communion Finale of Steep 900 celebrations with Ven. Kathryn Percival

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), **Stroud**
 10.45am Service of Remembrance, **Steep**
 10.45am Service of Remembrance, **Froxfield Green**

Tuesday 11th November Licensing Service

6pm Installation of Canon Dr Susie Collingridge as vicar, **Steep**

Sunday 16th November

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

Sunday 23rd November

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

Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent (P)

10.00am Advent Benefice Communion, **High Cross**

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice.

For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at steepfroxfieldprivett@gmail.com.

or visit our website www.steepfroxfield.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

Poppy Collection



POPPY COLLECTION IN FROXFIELD AND PRIVETT – 2025
 Poppy collection in Froxfield and Privett started on 21 October, using the "hub system" that has been in place these last few years. These hubs are at:

Froxfield Drive – Kate Adams hosts the hub.

Froxfield Green – Jane de Halpert hosts the hub.

Froxfield Stores, Dellfield, High Cross

Fawley Farm Feeds, Fawley Farm

The Old Dairy Tea Room, Fawley Farm

The Trooper and White Horse/No Name – as before.

Froxfield School – restricted to supporting staff and students, as before.

High Cross and Froxfield Green churches – will have poppy boxes available in November services.

Thus we have about 7 static hubs within easy reach of residents for all to contribute to the Poppy Collection.

The Annual Remembrance service will be at Froxfield Green on Sunday 9 November. Poppies will be available until 11 November.

Many thanks for your support. **Jeremy de Halpert and Michael Farrell**

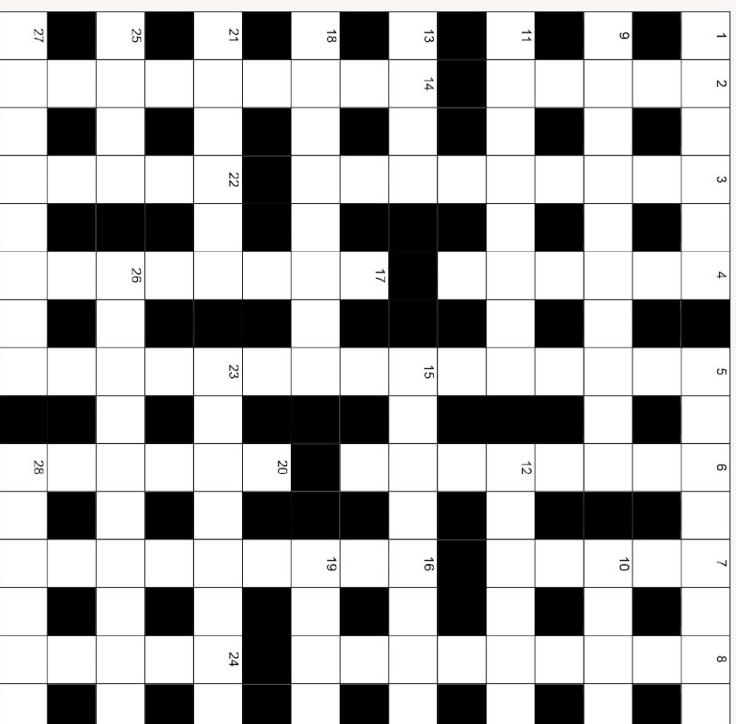
Froxfield Choir



A reminder that Froxfield Choir's performance of The Armed Man is at St Peter's, High Cross at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th November. Tickets £18 (£12 students) from TicketSource or on the door.

We are also delighted to confirm that we'll be singing carols around the firepit at The Pub with No Name for around half an hour from 8pm on Thursday 18th December and would love to see you there! Just two days later we'll be singing again at the annual Privett carol service - Saturday 20th December at 6.30pm. Join us there for the perfect start to the Christmas celebrations.

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 'Spot 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



Christmas Wreath Making with Libba Morrison

Saturday 29 November 2025

Froxfield Village Hall (aka King George V Memorial Hall)
Froxfield GU32 1EQ

Session 1: 11am-1pm Session 2: 4pm-6pm £25pp

Tickets in advance via: www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk

Refreshments available

All proceeds in aid of Village Hall maintenance

Christmas Wreaths and Table Decorations at Privett



Once again at Privett Village Hall we are holding this seasonal & popular event, a morning where you can make your Christmas wreath or table decoration with assistance from those who know how to do it! It will be held on Saturday 13 December, from 9.30 am.

Wreath holders and greenery will be provided, but if you want to include any special decorations (such as candles or baubles) bring them along. If your garden has interesting foliage, bring that, too, to share with the group. And don't forget to bring your secateurs.

The cost is £20, and coffee, a light lunch and mulled wine are included. Let Teresa Brown know in advance if you are coming (tel. 828003; email: teresa.brown2011@gmail.com). So that the right wreath holders can be ordered, let Teresa know if you would like moss and wire; oasis and a wreath ring; ivy or willow; or anything else you have in mind to form the basis of your wreath.



We held our AGM and first meeting of the new season at Privett Village Hall on Tuesday 7 October 2025. The Garden Club business of the AGM was swiftly concluded giving us plenty of time to enjoy our speaker for the evening, Marina Christopher. Marina, once again shared her expertise as a plants woman and biologist and spoke to us about 'Thugs and wimps in the naturalistic garden'. Marina gave us an excellent live presentation and also brought some lovely plants and sundries for sale.

A polite reminder that subscriptions for 2025-2026 are now due @ £10 for the current year. Membership includes seven meetings with excellent speakers & two Shows per year. We also hold an annual Open Garden and organise two visits to gardens of interest (cost of visits as advertised). Non-members are very welcome at any event @ £3 per meeting.

Autumn brings us a timely reminder that our Spring Show takes place on Saturday 28 March 2026 and gives you the opportunity to enter five miniature daffodils in a 15cm (6 inch) pot. We recommend planting several pots at weekly or fortnightly intervals to increase your chances of having one of them in flower for the show. Also, advance notice that the Photography classes for the Spring Show are 1) 'Misty Morning' and 2) 'Climbing and Twining'. Get snapping and capture some interesting images! At our recent committee meeting we decided to broaden the cookery class for Sloe Gin to include any Fruit Liqueur. So please look out for other fruits (in addition to sloes) that you can turn into a liqueur over the next few months.

Our next meeting is at Froxfield Village hall on Wednesday 12 November @ 7.30pm – talk by Roger Hiron, The Plant Doctor who will be speaking about 'The winter garden & putting the garden to bed'.

Elizabeth Houghton-Connell **Chair**

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Church Kneelers at St Peter's High Cross **(Tales Of a Fundraiser!)**

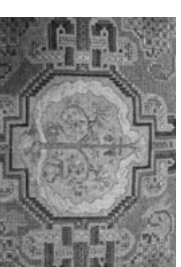
Once upon a time a member of the PCC set out to seek ways to raise funds for a new heating system and discovered so much more when she asked Phil Chung from Privett if he would help her to produce some notelets....

Phil duly popped along to the church to look for inspiration and was struck by the beauty of the kneelers displayed on the pews and, subsequently, these became the subject of the notelets but along the way Phil's interest in the kneelers raised questions about the history of the kneelers: who had made them and when; why did they make them; how had they decided on the colours and the themes? And why were there 20 kneelers in the north aisle all roughly the same when the others were so diverse?

Come along on November 15th and discover the history of our kneelers and learn from a member of Winchester Cathedral's curators' team about an extraordinary Victorian woman called Louisa Frances Pesel (1870-1947) who became the inspiration for a book called "A Single Thread" by Tracy Chevalier.

Saturday 15th November
Froxfield Village Hall 6:00p.m. - 8 p.m.

Talk Tickets £8 (includes a glass of wine and homemade nibbles)



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

Notelets with envelopes featuring our kneelers are available to buy from me £8 for a pack of 6. (a great gift and useful to have in the drawer!)
Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 tongventhams@gmail.com



If you would like a printed copy of the magazine in 2026, please return the enclosed form to the village shop, by 14th December 2025 at the very latest



You are invited to the institution Canon Dr.
Susie Collingridge as Vicar of the Parishes
of Steep and Froxfield with Privett

On

Tuesday 11th November 2025

at 6p.m.

at

All Saints Church, Church Road, Steep

Everybody is welcome to this joyous parish occasion

*Please
Join us!*



**Froxfield Village Christmas Fair
and
Christmas Tree Festival**

Froxfield Village Hall, High Cross

Sunday 30th November 2025

1:30 – 4:30 p.m

Gift Stalls Lucky Dip
Local Produce Indoor Games
Crafts Raffle Treasure Hunt
Santa Surprise!

Bar – Mulled wine – Mince Pies – Seasonal Foods
and much more
Finishing with
Candle Lit Carols in the Church

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

(01730 is the telephone exchange unless otherwise stated)

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Churchwarden:

Lindsay Clegg (827505)

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Helen Muir-Davies

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/steepfroxfordandprivettchurches>

Cover

This month's cover is courtesy of Steve Sargent, who took this photo of fungi in Ashford Hangers. Thank you, Steve.

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St Peters High Cross Autumn Fundraiser

Saturday 15th November

Froxfield Village Hall 6:00p.m. - 8 p.m.



A talk by Curators from Winchester Cathedral about Louisa Pesel, educator and embroidered and the inspiration for Tracy Chevalier's book "A Single Thread"

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



Saturday 8th November 2025

L10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

FROXFIED 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

Next Drop - In Dates



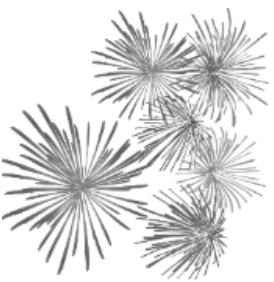
Come along to a Christmas themed Drop - In!
December 13th

New Year 2026 Dates: January 10th, February 8th

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Froxfield Village Hall Update

Froxfield Fireworks – A Huge Thank You!



By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Froxfield Fireworks will have lit up the sky once again, and what a fantastic evening it was!

A **huge thank you** to everyone who made it possible - all the wonderful volunteers who gave their time to help with everything from stewarding, building the bonfire, providing soup, serving sausage rolls and mulled wine, baking brownies, to tidying up afterwards and so much more. Your support and enthusiasm truly made the night special.

The hard work and commitment from all our amazing volunteers helped restore a tradition that brings our community together in such a joyful way. Special thanks also to Cllr Nick Drew for his grant which helped make the evening possible.

We're so proud to have seen the village come together, to celebrate and support one another. Events like this remind us of what makes Froxfield such a special place to live and we are thrilled to have been able to bring it back.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets and joined in the fun. Here's to many more Froxfield Fireworks nights to come!



Christmas is Coming to Froxfield Village Hall



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and there's plenty happening at the Village Hall to get everyone in the festive spirit!

Froxfield Christmas Fayre



Step into the festive spirit and join us for a heart-warming community celebration! The Christmas Fayre brings together the Church, School and Village Hall for a joyful afternoon of crafts, mulled wine, Christmas tree festival, tasty treats and seasonal cheer. Rumour has it Father Christmas may make an appearance too. All proceeds will go to supporting these three key parts of our community.



Date: Sunday 30th November 2-4.30pm.



Venue: Froxfield Village Hall & St Peter's Church, High Cross



Free entry — donations warmly welcomed!



Browse local crafts, gifts and festive stalls



Enjoy tea, cakes, and mulled wine



Christmas crafts



Raffle, games and plenty of fun for all ages



Christmas Tree festival



Christmas Carols in the Church - all welcome to join this festive gathering at 4pm

Come along, bring your friends and family, and celebrate the season together in true Froxfield spirit!

Froxfield Village Hall Dates for your Diary

November	
Sunday 2 Nov	The Fireworks are back! Please visit Froxfield Village Hall Website for tickets. Gates open at 5pm. Bonfire, Fireworks, food, bar and more!
Saturday 8 Nov	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Saturday 15 Nov	PCC Evening Talk and Supper. Please contact Suzanne Tong for more info.
Friday 21 Nov	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p
Saturday 29 Nov	Wreath Making workshop with Libba Morrison - see above for more info.
Sunday 30 Nov	Christmas Fayre – see above for more info.
December	
Saturday 13 Dec	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Friday 19 Dec	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



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

Booking the Village Hall

How to help our shop and post office



‘Use it or lose it’ is a sensible way to think about a village shop, but there are some ways of ‘using it’ that are of more help to the business than others.

Small rural shops and post offices like ours are facing an uncertain future, and there is now talk of the government replacing their small subsidies with other models of funding. Now is therefore a great time to consider how else we might use our village shop besides buying groceries and using the post office.

1. *Pay for posting parcels at the Post Office.* What I didn't know before talking to Howard recently was that when you pay for postage online, the local post office loses out. It costs a little more to pay for parcels at the counter, but a small cost difference to us as customers makes a big difference to the business.
2. *Use the shop as a delivery point for Amazon parcels.* Did you know that our local shop is an Amazon Hub? This means that Howard can look after your parcel for you until you are ready to collect it (for which the shop gets a small fee). And it could save you money! If you are not on Amazon Prime, for example, Premium delivery to a Hub can be up to £2 cheaper than home delivery.
3. *Buy something, while you're there!* Ok, this one is obvious, but I thought that having three tips made this piece seem a bit more substantial!

I found these things out when taking a small parcel to Howard that I had processed at home and discovered that not taking it to him in the first place meant that the shop got less money. I then thought that there might be others out there who would like this information. I hope it's helpful. Thanks for reading.

David Kinder (Kinderd@btinternet.com)



A letter of complaint has been sent to Highways and Russell Oppenheimer regarding lack of forward planning for the A272 six-week road closure, poor and ill-thought-out signage and badly positioned signs were a few of the complaints.

All members agreed that businesses erecting oversized advertising boards would be asked to remove the signs voluntarily otherwise the PC would involve the planning department. It was stressed that the parish councillors are keen to support new businesses, but it was felt that this was necessary step to curb the plethora of roadside signs.

Cllr Drew expressed his disappointment that more residents hadn't come to help at the well-advertised litter picking session. Only Cllr Drew, who filled 2 bin bags, and 2 members of the parish council turned up. Cllr Drew would report back to MacDonalds and the BP Garage asking them to clear the roads in Froxfield or provide funding towards the next litter picking session.

The Parish Council will sponsor a new resident's information card containing helpful information on the parish clubs, societies and other useful addresses.

Planning Application
SDNP/25/03396/HOUS Week Green Cottage, Cockshot Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1BB Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, new porch to front, dormers to front elevation following demolition of existing conservatory. It was resolved to approve the application.



On Saturday 11th October the PCC held a **candle lit Harvest supper** in Froxfield Village Hall to help raise funds for the new heating system at St Peter's High Cross.

A waiter service homemade two course hot meal of Froxfield - baked sourdough bread and butter, with coq au vin, chestnuts in red wine and French beans and Apple Almond Desert with cream was beautifully served by Lucy, Oli and Oscar and followed by coffee tea and chocolates.

A good time was had by all and the event raised £350. Thank you to those who supported the event through buying tickets, attending the event and providing food and candelabras. Suzanne Tong



**A community volunteering opportunity, on your doorstep !
Could YOU help?**

The Drop In, where everyone including children and pets can be sure of a warm welcome, the company of friends and a slice of cake and a cuppa in a warm space, is runs from 10:30 - 12:00 noon once a month in the main hall at Froxfield Village Hall. It's been almost a year since the Drop In adopted a new system of being run by a rota of very willing volunteers. Those who volunteered for this is a **once-a-year commitment** have said they've found it a rewarding and joyful task. Thank you to all those who have offered to help in 2026 so far. There are still quite a few slots available on the rota for 2026. If you think you would like to help, please contact me.
Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 or tongventhams@gmail.com

Thank you all those who signed up for the rota in 2025

Useful Local Numbers



Petersfield Hospital (8am-8pm)
Swan St, Petersfield GU32 3LB Tel: 023 8231 9000

Doctors Surgeries

The Swan Surgery, Swan Street, Petersfield, GU32 3AB
Tel: 01730 264 546 / 01730 264 011
The Grange Surgery, The Causeway, Petersfield GU31 4JR
Tel: 01730 267722

Library

Petersfield Library, 27 The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HH
Tel: 0300 555 1387

Leisure Centre

Taro Leisure Centre, Penns, Place, Petersfield GU31 4EX
Tel: 01730 263 996

Festival Hall

Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4EA Tel: 01730 264182

East Hampshire District Council

Penns Place, Petersfield, GU31 4EX Tel: 01730 266551

Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE)

Customer services Tel: 0345 070 7373

Southern Water

Customer services (emergencies) Tel: 0330 303 0368

Vets

Archway Vets, 36a Dragon Street, Petersfield, GU31 4JJ
Tel: 01730 262101
St Peter's Vets, 18 St Peter's Road, Petersfield, GU31 4AA
Tel: 01730 266431
Green Door Independent Vets
Unit A, Greenforde Farm, Stoner Hill Road, Froxfield GU32 1DY
Tel: 01730 642480



Christmas is Coming to Froxfield Village Hall

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and there's plenty happening at the Village Hall to get everyone in the festive spirit!



Festive Wreath-Making Workshop **at Froxfield Village Hall!**

Join us for a cosy, creative session filled with festive cheer! Learn how to craft your very own beautiful willow Christmas wreath using fresh, seasonal foliage and decorative touches.

Date: Saturday 29 November. 2 sessions are being held: 11am & 4pm.
Tickets: £25 per person and available from Froxfield Village Hall website.

Advance booking essential



As half term approaches everyone at Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool can reflect on a very successful start to this academic year.

We governors had our first meeting of the year, and I am delighted to report that we elected Graham Madgwick as a new co-opted governor. Graham and his wife, Revd Pippa Madgwick, moved to Steep last year and have become regular members of the congregations at both High Cross and Steep. Graham was initially a teacher of English and French at the start of his working life and following a career change he trained as a computer programmer and has worked in a range of companies building bespoke computer systems for the Lloyds Insurance market. Graham was also a scout leader and really enjoys outdoor pursuits including cycle touring, hill walking, rock climbing and mountaineering. As you can see he has a lot to offer the school.

Just before the end of this half term Class two led the school Harvest Festival in St Peter's High Cross. Edward Sadler, our Foundation Governor, reported that, "The harvest themes of bountiful provision, thanksgiving and stewardship were very clearly delivered by Class 2, who were confident, fluent and well-rehearsed, and they held our interest by approaching the themes in a variety of ways. The songs, whether sung by Class 2 alone, or by the whole school, were beautifully sung, and with gusto, and they were joined by the parents at the end of the service with a "congregational" song and the prayers."

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My husband Rob is the parish Petersfield Food Bank rep, so he and I were delighted to collect the wonderfully generous gifts of tinned and packet food that the children and their parents had brought to the harvest service – we filled eight carrier bags to the brim and the volunteers at the food bank were very grateful.

Early in October four children represented Froxfield School in a Year 6 quiz competition at Churcher's College against other local small schools. The quiz ran on a general knowledge "pub quiz" style format. There was a picture round, 3 or 4 rounds of general knowledge questions and a music round. The Froxfield team did brilliantly and enjoyed the afternoon, coming in the top third of all schools taking part. Well done to the Year 6 children involved.

Further congratulations are due to the six children from Years 3-6 who represented Froxfield at the Portsdown Hill cross country running series, they all showed grit and determination throughout the race - especially on the hill part of the course.

Froxfield School's children always do themselves proud in cross country competitions, I am sure that the practice in long distant running all children throughout the school get in regularly running what the school calls 'the Golden Mile' (4 laps of the field) is paying off

Please let anyone you know with small children who will be starting school next September that the school's Open Morning will be on Saturday November 8th between 10.30 and 12.00. Mrs Farrow, the staff and the Governors are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and children to visit our school and the pre-school.

There is no need to pre-book a place, any queries please contact: adminoffice@froxfeld.hants.sch.uk

Gilly Hollis Chair of Governors Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool

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