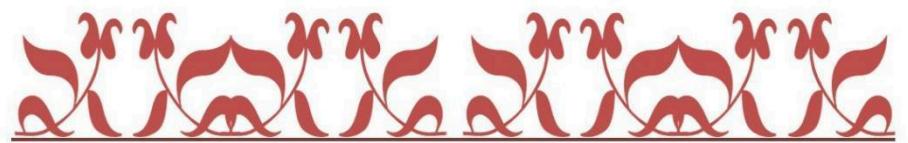




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Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



January 2026



WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

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

Cover

Again, this is one of my archive photos from back in the day, when we did the Local Landscape Character Assessment, led by Admiral Sir Brian Brown. I think it was 2011 (correct me if I'm wrong). I just liked this photo, even though I took it! We used it for the directory a few years ago.

Caroline

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

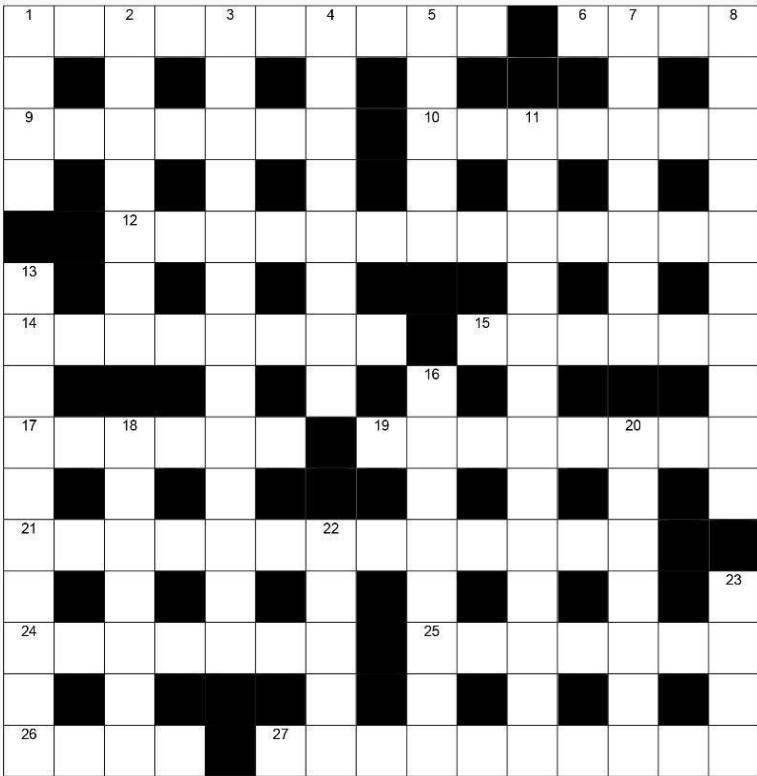
Tel: 01730 266431

Green Door Independent Vets

Unit A, Greenforde Farm, Stoner Hill Road, Froxfield GU32 1DY

Tel: 01730 642480

JANUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Suffering or death through lack of food
- 3 To fly or rise high in the air
- 3 Patella
- 3 Antiquated
- 2 The skill or sport of horse riding
- 1 Unsafe, unprotected
- 5 Modernize, revise
- 7 Arched middle portion of the human foot
- 3 Shows great delight at something
- 1 'Bond slams loom' (anag. 6,7)
- 1 Small Greek restaurant or café
- 5 Japanese art of paper-folding
- 3 The smallest inhabited Channel Island
- 7 Tenacious, resolute

Down

- 1 Japanese alcoholic drink made from fermented rice
- 2 Never looking old or appearing to grow old
- 3 Household appliance (6,7)
- 4 A form of embroidery on thick fabric, using wool
- 5 Being broadcast live on television or radio (2-3)
- 7 A small wind instrument with finger holes
- 8 Reparation
- 11 Contests to decide the ultimate winners, especially in sport
- 13 Self-appointed citizens who undertake law enforcement in their community illegally
- 16 Poisonous
- 18 Highly decorated Russian tea urn
- 20 Look for the difference between two or more things
- 22 Fearless
- 23 Raise



**Froxfield
GARDEN**

**Privett
CLUB**

Wednesday 14th January

ZOOM talk @ 7.30pm

"The Newt: a journey spanning three centuries"

...by Arthur Cole, *Head Gardener at The Newt, Somerset*

A link will be emailed nearer the time

**Non-members are very welcome £3,
for payment info please email
pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk**

www.fpgarden.club

CURTIS MUSEUM OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm 01420 82802

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

Rediscovering the Allen Gallery

Alton's Allen Gallery is an intimate setting for one of the nation's most outstanding collections of ceramics. Since autumn 2022, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Hampshire Cultural Trust has been working to rediscover the Allen Gallery for the people of Alton and the surrounding area, building partnerships with local organisations, hosting workshops, talks, films and undertaking auditing and research to tell the stories of the objects on display.

The Gallery closed at the end of 2025 for a major refurbishment and is expected to reopen in early 2027. When it returns, visitors will find revitalised galleries, a welcoming community space, and fresh ways to experience our nationally and internationally important ceramics collection.

During the closure, the community programme will continue to run from the nearby Curtis Museum.



Packing up at the Allen Gallery - several thousand items go into store until the re-opening.

Reverse Advent Calendar – thank you for your generosity

Although at the time of writing this there are still several days left on the Reverse Advent Calendar in the church for donations of food to be made for the PACT Foodbank, it is clear that, once again this year, the response from the village and from Froxfield School has been terrific. The Calendar bags in the church have been overflowing, which is very gratifying.

Already, as we write, the Christmas special foods have been delivered and distributed, and the food and toiletries for the later days of the Calendar will be held to top up the stocks of the Foodbank in the "lean" month of January. We know that a number of people in the village have made money transfers directly to the Foodbank*, and others have contributed through the scheme which Howard so generously and willingly operates at the village shop.

Our thanks to everyone for their generosity, which will have made a real difference to some of the struggling families in our part of Hampshire over Christmas and beyond – it is good that our village and school communities have responded so well to the very real need.

Elaine Knox, the chair of the Trustees of the Foodbank has written asking us to pass on her thanks:

"I would like to add my heart felt thanks on behalf of all the trustees of food bank for this year's RAC and all the very generous support we get from "up the hill" year round too. The parish is so supportive and we are very grateful."

Throughout the year we keep a box in the church for food donations to the Petersfield Foodbank, so feel free to call in to the church at any time to add to that collection. Or perhaps donate food through Howard's scheme, which also operates throughout the year. Or even consider setting up a monthly money transfer to the Foodbank* – their bank account details were given in December's Parish Magazine.

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

Winter Walk and tree-planting in Privett Saturday 10 January 2026 at 10.15 am

Just a reminder of our Winter Walk in Privett on the morning of Saturday 10 January. The plan is to gather at Privett Village Hall at 10.15 am and then set off for a walk for between an hour and a half and two hours. A lunch of bread and soup will be served at PVH after the walk (cost: £5 – cash or card). Dogs and children welcome.

As detailed in December's Parish Magazine, we will finish at Fawley Farm for the planting of a tree in memory of Bridget Kindler. Those who don't wish to come on the walk, but would like to attend the tree-planting should come to PVH at 12.15 pm. They, of course, are welcome to join the walkers for bread and soup.

To help with catering, if you intend to have lunch, could you "reserve" your place by contacting Gill Chung (tel. 07825 392171; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (tel. 828461; email: raphael.enamels@googlemail.com) in advance – and leave your own contact details with Gill or Alex in case we have to cancel the walk because of bad weather (the tree-planting, however, will go ahead unless there is snow and ice).



Curtis Museum 2026

Upcoming events for January and February include:

Curtis Craft Club, Thursday 3 January 2026: seasonal crafts at the Curtis Museum, drop in 11am - 3pm, £2 per child (run every school holiday, ask for a stamp card and get your 5th session free).

Stepping Stones Young People's Programme, Saturday 14 February - Saturday 21 March, 10.30 - 12.30. Regular free Saturday workshop supporting wellbeing for young people aged 11 - 14. Spaces need to be booked in advance. Please visit the website for details - <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum>

Sewing workshop for adults (age 16+) with local artist and maker Sachiko Mason, Saturday 21 February, 11am - 1pm. Stitch a beautiful toile de jouy style fabric bag, inspired by the Allen Gallery Collection. Book online at <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum>

Talks - Change of Venue

The Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery have a full programme of talks during 2026. Starting in February, (no talk in January), Friends talks will be held in **Room 7 of the Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton GU34 1HN**. Alton Community Centre is located on one side of the car park in Amery Street (sat nav GU34 1HN). <https://www.altoncomcen.org.uk>, telephone number 01420 85057.

The first talk takes place on Thursday 12th February, when **Tony Cross** will speak about Aspects of Alton's History. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. Donations welcome from Guests.

Trails are always on hand in the Curtis - please ask at Reception for the latest.*Just a reminder: the Petersfield Foodbank is a charity – so you can Gift Aid money donations to make them even more valuable: see their website: pactfoodbank.org.uk for details or get in touch with one of us.

New Privett Village Hall Website

Visit: www.privettvillagehall.co.uk



We're delighted to announce that Privett Village Hall now has a brand new website. It's been designed to make things easier for everyone in the community. You can now look up what's happening at the hall and even book events online if you wish.

Upcoming activities, such as a Village Walk from the hall on 10 January 2026, will be listed on the site, along with other regular gatherings, classes and social events. Everything is kept simple, with clear buttons and easy steps to follow.

Please do have a look when you have a moment. Your feedback is very welcome, especially as we continue to improve the site for all residents. If something isn't clear, or you think we should add more information, we'd love to hear from you. Please email: melanie.wright59@btinternet.com

Thank you for supporting the village hall and helping keep our community connected.

SOLUTION TO DECEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Darts, 4 Acacia, 10 Samurai, 11 Macramé, 12 Real, 13 Scrim, 14 Name, 17 Breathlessness, 19 Scrupulousness, 22 Ruby, 23 Fatal, 24 Aria, 27 Martini, 28 Rescind, 29 Artisans, 30 Anger.

Down - 1 Describe, 2 Rampage, 3 Sore, 5 Commissionaire, 6 Cock, 7 Avatars, 8 Theme, 9 Miscalculation, 15 Stout, 16 Angst, 18 Islander, 20 Cabaret, 21 Earning, 22 Rumba, 25 Pits, 26 Asia.

Drop-In 2026



The Drop In continues to go from strength to strength with different volunteers at the helm each month and we look forward to yet another successful year. I would like to publicly thank all our community volunteers – your help is much appreciated!

Please note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a change of date for the Drop In in January. The January date will now be 17th January and not 10th as previously published.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone then!

With best wishes

Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 tongventhams@gmail.com



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

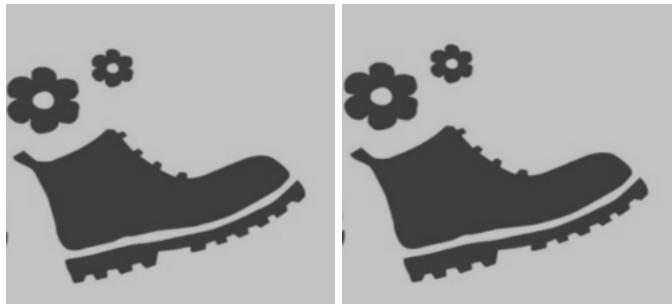
Next Drop - In Dates

January 17th 2026

February 8th 2026

March 8th 2026

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE JANUARY DROP IN



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month
High Cross Church to



The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 7th January

Wednesday 4th February

Wednesday 4th March

Contact Suzanne Tong on TongVenthams@gmail.com
or 01730 260430

for more information and travel arrangements



These Planning Applications were considered at the November Parish Council Meeting

SDNP/25/03755/LDE Spencers Cottage, Stoner Hill Road, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DY Lawful development certificate existing - swimming pool and cover (built in 1999) It was resolved to NOT OBJECT to the application

SDNP/25/03857/LIS Spencers Cottage, Stoner Hill Road, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DY Listed building consent - 1. A Wood Burning Stove in the oldest part of the house that was probably installed before the listing. 2. A Wood Burning Stove in the 1960s extension that was installed in 2015. 3. Repairs made to the North Wall in around 1986-87. 4. Cavity wall insulation in the 1960s extension installed in 2010. It was resolved to NOT OBJECT to the application

SDNP/25/03916/TCA Village Hall, Fawley Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NU Large overgrown Christmas Tree - Fell, leaning heavily concerned about safety. It was resolved to support the application

SDNP/25/03836/HOUS Privett Station, Sages Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NP Single storey rear extension, 2 storey extension to south end of property with new gable, replacing existing single storey lean-to, and replacement garage, and air source heat pumps and photovoltaics. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals

SDNP/25/03877/HOUS Green Farm House, Broad Way, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DQ Installation of solar panels (photovoltaic cells) on roof of garage. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals providing that the panels are flush fitting to the roof cladding.

SDNP/20/00468/FUL Mobile Home, Ragmore Farm, Ragmore Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DE Siting of a mobile home for use by an agricultural worker - Retrospective application. It was resolved to OBJECT to the proposals on the basis that the application fails to satisfy the requirements contained in Policy SD 32 of the SDNP Local Plan



Church News

Christmas has come and Christmas has gone! It has been good to see so many of you during December at the various services across the parish. A big thank you must go to all those who contributed to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's, High Cross. It was good to see so many people from across the community involved in the day – what a fantastic display we were able to enjoy throughout December.

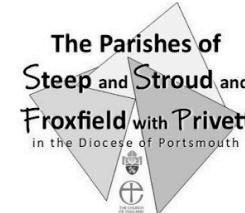
The New Year and January, the period of Epiphany, usually brings a quieter time for us all and so it is in the church. Normal services continue with 10:00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's, High Cross on the first and third Sundays of the month and 11:00 am Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Froxfield Green on the fourth.

To give you a brief update re the Evolution Project plans for High Cross – the new heating system is due to be installed any time early in the new year – we have received approval from the Diocese and are just waiting for dates from the various contractors to ensure we can have them all on site at once!

Suzanne has been incredibly busy organising various fund-raising events which so far have raised £3,000 for the project. We are very grateful to her for the time and energy she puts in to all these raising money for the project and simultaneously bringing people together to improve one of our key community buildings.

Thanks to everyone for your support whether it was to buy a pack of Christmas cards, enjoy the fascinating talk by Jenny Fanshawe from Winchester Cathedral about Louisa Pestel and our kneelers, decorate a Christmas tree, serve refreshments or run a stall at the Fayre – the list is endless – it all helps and hopefully we will eventually all be able to enjoy new facilities in the church.

Our next big fundraising event is an auction so keep us in mind and keep an eye out for suitable auction items to donate when doing your “New Year de – cluttering” and watch out for the event posters - it would be good to see you there!



**January
2026**

Benefice Worship

God's Love for us was revealed when God sent his only Son into the world so that we could have life through him

1 John 4.9

Sunday 4th January 2026

8.30am Holy Communion, **Steep**
10am TenAM, **Steep**
10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 11th January 2026

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

Sunday 18th January 2026

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

Sunday 25th January 2026

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

Sunday 1st February 2026

8.30am Holy Communion, **Steep**
10am TenAM, **Steep**
10am Parish 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**



On the evening of 7th December we held our Christmas meeting at Privett Village Hall.

Our speaker was Maggie Haynes, who is CEO of Tuppenny Barn, near Emsworth. Tuppenny Barn is a charity providing gardening knowledge and education to disadvantaged people and schoolchildren and has an extensive garden growing vegetables and flowers, an education centre and a shop where you can purchase their produce. After Maggie's talk we served mulled wine and mince pies to our members, and Elizabeth, our Chair, wished everyone a happy Christmas and a successful New Year in their garden!

As the evenings in January can be cold and wet, our meeting for next month will be via Zoom so you can all watch our talk from the comfort of your own homes!

We are very lucky to have Arthur Cole, the Head of Programmes at 'The Newt', which is a destination hotel with beautiful, historical gardens in Somerset talking to us this month and the title is 'The Newt, a journey spanning three centuries'. The owners of The Newt have sponsored the Chelsea Flower Show for a number of years. Members will receive an email with the link to Zoom. Non members, who would like view this talk should contact Pippa Chapman at pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk to receive the link for which there will be a nominal charge of £3.

Sue Kinlochan



What a delight it was to see all the glorious Christmas trees displayed in St Peter's High Cross at the beginning of Advent and a special thrill to learn that the Pre School tree was voted the best of all - and Class 1 came a close second. Well done to all the children who made the charming and creative decorations - with an extra cheer for their teachers in the Pre school and Class 1.

Further congratulations must go to both the Pre school and the main school teachers and class assistants for the truly excellent Nativity Services that took place on Thursday December 11th. Both the morning and the afternoon performances were played to a packed church - the pews full of very proud parents and grandparents. Over 200 adults attended both services!

Revd Sue Jones officiated at the morning service and the Vicar, Canon Susie Collingridge took the afternoon service. The pre-school opened the show with a very confident rendition of Silent Night - it was so impressive to see these very tiny little 2 and 3 year olds, dressed as twinkling stars, sing and twirl with such panache and obvious pleasure - no stage fright there!

There followed a moving and inspiring re-telling of the story of the birth of Jesus - all the key characters were there - brave Mary and caring Joseph with the donkey; the three wise men and horrid Herod; of course the shepherds with their sheep; the Angel Gabriel with the host of angels; the overloaded innkeepers and a menagerie of jolly animals - everyone speaking their lines clearly and the whole school joining in with joyful songs.



Although the school nativity is a mix of tear jerking and hilarious moments it is also profoundly serious in its message and the words of the songs the children sang really draw out the true message of Christmas - I quote verses from just two of the songs - with their simple but important meaning for us all:

If someone said to me, one day:

"What's so special about Christmas day?"

I hope that this is what I'd say

'It's not just snow and mistletoe, And presents round the Christmas tree.

It's more than this, it's all about God's gift for you and me.'

and:

Look in the mirror, What do you see?

You are very different from me!

Look in the mirror, I see it, too!

I am very different from you!

But if we look at Jesus, Those diff'rences disappear;

These things no longer matter

When the presence of God is here.

Inside, my heart is aching To be close to God and you.

Together as we worship,

We can make this dream come true.

Such important messages the children sang to us all.

At the afternoon service the congregation was treated to delicious refreshments provided by the parents from Friends of Froxfield School and the children's grown up guests were able to enjoy the chance to chat and mingle with one another before collecting their children at the end of school.

As well as enthusiastically supporting the children by attending the nativity services the parents of Froxfield school children are to be thanked for their very generous support for the Reverse Advent Calender - the joint collection made by the school and the parish for the Petersfield Foodbank - car bootloads of filled to bursting carrier bags have already been delivered to the Foodbank collection and sorting point in the Methodist church in Petersfield - the Food bank manager says that Froxfield School is famous with her for the generosity of giving - it makes me proud to be associated with the loving and generous community that is Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool.

Gilly Hollis Chair of Governors Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool



Mon 5th	Sat 10th	Fri 16th	22nd	29th
Refuse Bin 	Recycling & GlassCollection 	Refuse Bin 	Recycling & Glass Collection 	Refuse Bin

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated