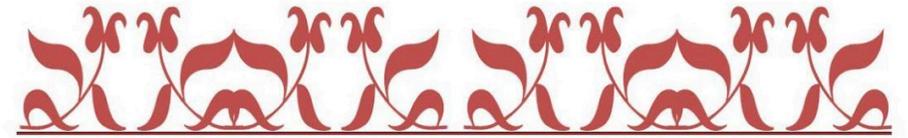


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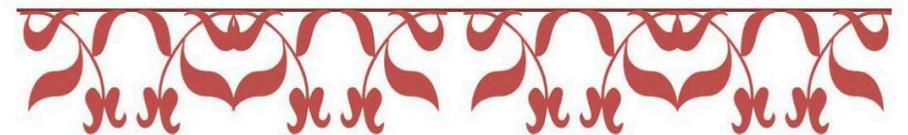
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PETERSFIELD MUSICAL FESTIVAL
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1901-2026

Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert

Froxfield Choir
 Brass Breakout Jazz Orchestra

Gloria Miller, Vocalist
 Michael Servant, Conductor
 Jan Zawada, Musical Director BBJO



Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm

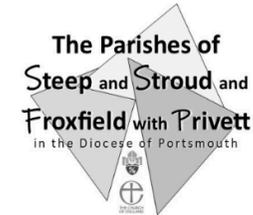
Tickets: £18, £22; U19 £5

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MARCH



2026

Benefice Worship

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Daniel 9.9

Sunday 1st March 2026

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

Sunday 8th March 2026

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

Mothering Sunday 15th March 2026

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), **Steep**
 10am All Age Communion, **Steep**

Sunday 22nd March 2026

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

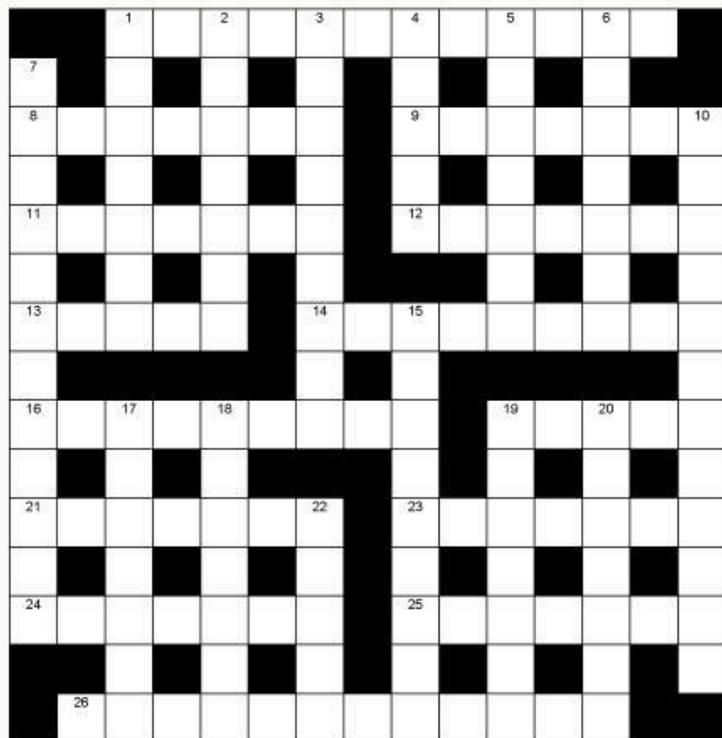
Palm Sunday 29th March 2026

10am 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**

CROSSWORD MARCH PUZZLE



Across

- 1 'Pity shirt sac.' (anag).
- 8 Non-professional
- 9 A region of Central Italy, with Florence as its capital
- 11 To move something by rolling it
- 12 Circular identifying symbol painted on military aircraft
- 13 Made less painful; alleviated
- 14 Nocturnal mammal of Central and South America
- 16 Opposite of southerly
- 19 Reluctant, unwilling
- 21 Of a similar nature or character; ones family
- 23 Space for ones lower limbs when seated
- 24 Brief and usually light falls of rain or snow
- 25 The power rating of an electrical appliance
- 26 Scientific study and recording of vibrations caused by earthquakes

Down

- 1 Edible seeds that grow in pods, often roasted and salted, as snacks
- 2 Ceded
- 3 From the mane or tail of a horse, used as padding for furniture
- 4 The table in a Christian church where bread and wine are consecrated for Communion
- 5 Saved
- 6 Outrage
- 7 Venomous reptiles from the US and Mexico that produce a noise by shaking their tails
- 10 A bird, widespread in the UK till the 1960s
- 15 The ship in which the Pilgrim Fathers travelled from England to America in 1620
- 17 Arthur ----- (1894-1967), children's author
- 18 Toughens
- 19 Become illuminated, ignite a cigarette (5-2)
- 20 Something that deviates from normal or expected
- 22 A party at which people dance to pop music

Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

Parish Magazine

All articles, news and for sale items: froxfield.parish@btinternet.com
 Phone: Evenings & weekends: 827476 Editors: Caroline & Steve Dillon

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 www.PrivettVillageHall.co.uk

Froxfield & Privett Garden Club: Elizabeth Houghton-Connell 01730 828889

Darts Teams: Angela Hiscock: 01730 827066

Cricket Club: Kevin Hiscock: 01730 827066

Froxfield Choir: Sue Clegg 01730 827505

Ladies Friendship Group: Ursela Legg 01730 828324

Froxfield Ringers: Teresa Brown: 828003 or 07799 831426

Country & Western: Viv Barnett 01730 268306

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Froxfield Stores & Post Office: Howard & Charlotte 01730 827778
 www.froxfield stores.com

Parish website: www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

Defibrillator access code: C0147X

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

5th	12th	19th	26th	April 2nd
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection



The litter in the parish is quite awful again so this year the Parish Council will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and welcome all parishioners to get involved either by getting out and picking up litter near where you live during the period or joining with others on Saturday 21st March at 10.30 at Froxfield Village Hall or Sunday 22nd meeting at Privett Village Hall at 10.30. Litter Pickers will be provided.

Please let the Clerk know at clerk@froxfielddandprivett.org.uk if you; (1) hope to join us, (2) have any suggestions on particular areas that need attention, (3) have already litter picked any areas before this date or (4) would like to borrow a litter picker to go out on your own.

We are very much hoping that Sophia Belfelice, our local WPCSO, will be able to join us at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 2nd April to meet as many parishioners as possible and to say a few words of introduction. The meeting starts at 7.30pm at Froxfield Village Hall. Please check the agenda nearer the time for confirmation of her visit.

Following on from the work carried out last year National Highways will be returning for a 2-night survey in the form of a laser scan of the A272 Railway Bridge at the end of Stocks Lane, Privett. The A272 will not be closed but there will be lights controlling the tunnel with single file traffic. The date hasn't been fixed yet, but we will spread the word when we know. Hopefully this will be before the start this time.

One planning application was discussed at the January meeting SDNP/25/04936/HOUS 1 Trooper Bottom, Fennec Cottage, Old Litten Lane, Froxfield, GU32 1BH Proposed side rear extension following the removal of the existing linked side garage and rear conservatory, with new entrance and porch. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application.



We have had a slow start to the year since Christmas but trade is now slowly picking up but as always, we appreciate the support of everyone in the Parish and beyond, whether that is just once a month for a drink or once a week. During March the following events are taking place and hopefully the weather will start to improve'

Friday 6th March – Men's 6 Nations Ireland v Wales 20.10pm

Saturday 7th March – Men's 6 Nations Scotland v France 14.10pm & Italy v England 16.40pm

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm – ADC Vault Darts (Pre Registration required via our Facebook social media page)

Wednesday 11th March – Sunset Dubs Car Meet for all things VW from 6pm

Thursday 12th March – Trooper Classics Car Meet – Whether that is a classic or prestige car or even a motorbike why not come along from 6.30pm and meet like-minded enthusiasts

Saturday 14th March – Men's 6 Nations Ireland v Scotland 14.10pm, Wales v Italy 16.40pm & France v England 20.10pm

Sunday 15th March – Mother's Day Lunch please check our website or social media pages for our Mother's Day Menu for this year and tables can be booked by going to our website www.trooperinn.com

Thursday 26th March – Monthly Charity Quiz quiz starts at 7.30pm and is ?2 per person to enter with a max of 6 people in a team.

We also have some other events in the pipeline along with Live music from some of our favourite bands. More information next month.



CHURCH NEWS.

It's happening! The new heating system is being installed this month and will be up and running in time for the Benefice Palm Sunday service at St Peter's, High Cross on Sunday 29 March. We'll also be toasty warm for all the Easter Services.

For safety reasons St Peter's High Cross will remain closed from 27 February when the organ will be covered for dust protection before the old system is removed starting the week of the 2nd. The main contractors start on the 9th of March. We hope all work will be finished by 20th.

The services for March will be as follows:

1 March – 10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's, Froxfield Green

8 March – No services in High Cross or Froxfield Green

15 March – 10.00 am Benefice Communion at All Saints, Steep (Mothering Sunday)

22 March – 11.00 am Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Froxfield Green

29 March – 10.00 am Benefice Communion at St Peter's, High Cross (Palm Sunday)

The old boiler has limped on since the end of October. We apologise for the slightly sometimes very chilly services – we have all shown great resilience! Hopefully this will soon become a distant memory and we can all enjoy the new heating system.

Fund raising continues in earnest so we can continue to progress the plans for renovations to provide a loo and servery in the church. Details of these events can be found elsewhere – we continue to be very appreciative of any help and support you can give.

Lent is well under way. What have you given up this year? Perhaps you have decided to do something positive instead? Not too late to start now, Don't worry we can soon look forward to Easter and chocolate.

Lindsay Clegg Churchwarden.



Froxfield Village Hall Update

As the rain continues and the days still feel a little grey, we've got plenty of exciting news to brighten things up at Froxfield Village Hall!



Maintenance update

Our January working party was a productive start to the year, with eight volunteers completing a wide range of jobs.

Minor paint touch-ups were needed in the Main Hall, while both halls remain in good decorative order. Routine maintenance included adjusting door locks and blinds, repairing a toilet door lock, and giving the kitchen a thorough clean, including washing all crockery. The inside windows have also been cleaned, with the outside planned for April. We will be replenishing cutlery shortly.

Over the coming months, the external doors to the oil store and bar store will be replaced, as both are now in poor condition. We are also progressing plans to address drainage at the rear of the Hall, improvements to the heating system and work to the Main Hall floor, and are actively seeking grants and donations to support this work.

Our next working party will take place on Sunday 12th April (the week after Easter), focusing on outdoor jobs such as car park repairs, external cleaning and drainage. New volunteers are always very welcome.

Froxfield Village Hall continued

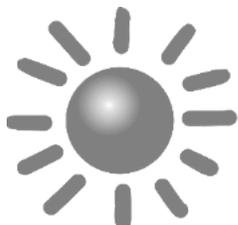
The Rave Returns on Saturday 15th March...and tickets are selling fast!



After last year's sell-out success, we're doing it all again but remember, numbers are limited, so don't miss out. Think happy house tunes, Tequila Rose, refreshing cocktails and home and in bed by midnight. What better way to bring some bright cheer to these gloomy, rainy days? Grab your tickets now via the Froxfield Village Hall website

before they're gone!

Summer & Beyond – Exciting Plans Ahead



After a well-earned pause following a fantastic 2025, planning is now gathering momentum for a busy and exciting year ahead. Some future events to look out for are below with more details to follow:

- Annual AGM and Pop-up pub
- Summer Fête – A wonderful day of fundraising, community spirit and friendly competitions (and perhaps a few scenic walks to enjoy our beautiful surroundings).
- Fireworks 2026 – Bigger sparks, brighter skies, and another spectacular evening for all ages.
- Christmas Fayre – Early conversations are already underway to create an even more magical, festive and community-filled celebration this year.

There's so much to look forward to!



At our recent meeting at Froxfield Village Hall, Steve Oakes gave us an excellent talk about "Birds in your garden".

The meeting was very well attended, even though it was a horrible rainy night! Steve has been connected with the RSPB for many years and is an expert in his field and we all picked up useful knowledge about our usual garden birds, and he had plenty of photographs of birds that are more unusual, and perhaps ones we would not recognise.

He gave us some tips on how to care for birds in our garden eg who would know that you should clean out and refresh the water in our birdbaths every day?

We have two major events coming up in March. On Wednesday 18th March Rosy Hardy is coming to talk to us on "Using herbaceous perennials in mixed borders" at Froxfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. Rosy is a very famous plant expert and multi RHS Chelsea Gold Medal winner and we are very lucky to have her speaking to us again.

On Saturday 28th March we have our wonderful Spring Show which is always such a lovely event at Privett Village Hall with the beautiful displays of daffodils and spring flowers. Please put the date in your diary and perhaps think about putting an entry (or two!) in the Show? We have classes for spring flowers, flower arranging, photography, cookery and even eggs, which is very topical with Easter around the corner.

The local schools will be entering the children's classes and any child from Froxfield and Privett, who may not attend one of the schools in the Parish, is encouraged to enter. We also have a new Novice flower arranging class this Spring which is open to anyone who has not previously won first prize in a flower arranging class at one of our Shows. Show Schedules are available at Froxfield Stores, Budgens at the Meon Hut or any committee member. Why not give it a go?

We look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Show at 2pm on Saturday 28th March at Privett Village Hall. We will have a Plant Stall and delicious tea and cake for sale.

Sue Kinlochan



Privett Village Hall
YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS
YOU !

Privett Village Hall has a special place at the heart of our community in this village.

Please take a moment to look at our website, which local resident , Mark Wright , has recently done some great upgrading for us , at www.privettvillagehall.co.uk

We run 8-10 events per year, all of which are well attended. Many of you will already have your own favorite , maybe the Summer BBQ; or the "Summer Bash", with live music ; the Harvest Supper; Quiz Nights; Film Nights, Wine Tastings, Christmas Wreath Making .

We hire the hall out to a Montessori School, other local activity groups, and at very reasonable rates, for local residents to hold their special birthday, or wedding. We have in the last few years worked with the church, to hold big events for the community, in the Churchyard and inside the church, for instance the Queens Platinum Jubilee, and Coronation of King Charles III

The organisation is done by a committee of volunteers, who all donate their time and energy for the benefit of the community. Without their work, this well-loved " heart of the community " would be unable to stage events, and provide the opportunities for locals, families and friends, to enjoy time together .

We have been blessed with several long standing committee members, who have been doing this for many years, and one or two of them have decided that the time is now right to step back a bit .

Being a committee member means giving up about two hours, every six to eight weeks, to attend our meetings, and then helping out in preparing, running, and clearing up after, our events. Meetings are usually 5 :30 pm to 7 pm, in the village hall.



Calling New Trustees – Could It Be You?

We're proud of everything achieved in 2025. We've made fantastic progress and there's real momentum building, but we'd love to welcome

some new faces.

We're looking for fresh ideas, new energy and a variety of skills to help continue to shape the future of Froxfield Village Hall. Whether you have experience in admin, events, fundraising, marketing, finance, or simply a passion for the village, we'd love to hear from you.

Being a Trustee is a rewarding way to give back and help ensure the Hall continues to thrive for generations to come. If you're curious or would like an informal chat, please get in touch with Kate Ashfield at kate.ashfield@froxfeldvillagehall.co.uk or on 07702 411621.

Booking the Village Hall

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

SOLUTION TO FEBRUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Unrequited, 6 Wave, 9 Libya, 10 Saturated, 12 Lorelei, 13 Denar, 15 Daimler, 16 Emotive, 18 Ignites, 20 Harrier, 21 Altar, 23 Pork pie, 25 Ancillary, 26 Evade. 27 Acts, 28 Compositor.

Down - 1 Ugly, 2 Rebellion, 3 Quadrilateral, 4 Insular, 5 Entwine, 7 Acton, 8 Elderberry, 11 Radiographers, 14 Addis Ababa, 17 Itinerant, 19 Soprano, 20 Hurry up, 22 Tacit, 24 Deer.



Dates for your Diary



Privett Village Hall
continued

March	
Thurs 5th	PC Meeting from 7.30pm, all welcome.
Sat 7th	Froxfield Charity Social Dance & taster – in aid of Adfam. A friendly evening of Lindy Hop and swing dancing; perfect for newer dancers who've just finished their 6-count and 8-count courses! With 30 minute taster class designed for new dancers at 19:30.
Sat 14th	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Sat 14th	The Rave Returns! A night of Happy House, Cocktails and all round fun. Tickets available from Froxfield Village Hall website.
Wed 18th	Using herbaceous perennials in mixed borders' - a talk by Rosy Hardy. 7.30pm. See Garden Club Website for more info
Fri 20th	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
Sat 21st	Charity Auction in aid of PCC. Tickets available from Froxfield Stores or Suzanne Tong and includes a yummy 2 course dinner.

Cover

This month's cover is a photo taken by Tidda Dobbs, which she didn't remember taking, but I kept it in my archive . She told me it was a winter-flowering Iris.

There are currently 10 of us doing this, and we could do with two or three new people to step forward, or to hear from people who used to be committee members, and now have more time on their hands to share. Interest from one or two younger villagers would be most welcome !

It is often great fun, and it is certainly worthwhile !
Without volunteers, there wouldn't be a village hall to go to, soYour Village Needs You !

If you are interested in discussing with me the possibility of you joining us, please get in touch with me, at roberthollis650@icloud.com. You could also call or text me on 07368 515108

If you don't see yourself as a committee member, but would be willing to support us in other ways, for example doing some of the painting, garden clearing, and minor maintenance jobs, or helping out at our events from time to time, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Many thanks.

Rob Hollis. Privett village hall committee.

Great British Spring Clean
Friday 13th March – Sunday 29th March 2026

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Each year, more than 400,000 volunteers clear litter from our streets, parks and beaches.



AGM and Curry and Pudding Night –

Saturday 18 April

On Saturday 18 April the Privett Village Hall Trust holds its Annual General Meeting – followed by a Curry and Pudding Night. Here are the details of the evening:

The (pay) bar opens at 6.30pm. The AGM begins at 7.00pm and curry will be served as soon as the business of the AGM is concluded.

The business of the AGM includes receiving the Treasurer's Report of the financial affairs of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025; receiving the Chairman's Report; and the election of the officers and committee members of the Trust for the coming year.

All are encouraged to attend, and Privett residents and others who have attended Privett Village Hall events are entitled to vote in any election.

The Village Hall is lively and flourishing, thanks to the innovation and hard work of an energetic committee. We have vacancies for new committee members, and anyone who is interested in joining the committee should speak to the Chairman (Rob Hollis: email: roberthollis650@icloud.com) for further information.

Entry to the AGM is, of course, free. Those who stay for the Curry and Pudding Night are asked to buy or reserve tickets in advance to ensure numbers are catered for – this is always a popular event and we want to be certain that there is plenty for all.

Tickets are £15 (with special terms for families and discounts for those who supply a curry or a pudding – ask Gill Chung).

You can reserve your place and pay for your tickets in advance in one of the following ways: *By going to the (new) PVH website at: privettvillagehall.co.uk and click on Events, where you can buy your tickets; or by contacting Gill Chung (tel. 07825 392171; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (tel. 01730 828461; email: araphael.enamels@googlemail.com).*

Do please come - not only to support PVH, but also to feast upon the renowned curries and puddings which have been signature dishes of PVH over the years!

St. Peter's Church, High Cross, Froxfield

Raising Funds for a toilet and servery area in the church



AUCTION OF GOODS AND PROMISES.



FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 21st MARCH 2026

Two Course Supper 7p.m. - Doors open at 6p.m.

Veggie Option available CASH BAR

Tickets £15

Viewing 2pm - 4:30pm Teas Coffees Cakes.

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

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

(01730 is the telephone exchange unless otherwise stated)

Priest-in-Charge & Area Dean (Petersfield), Vicar of Steep and Froxfield :

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(624245); susan.jones1410@gmail.com

Reader (PtO): Mrs Caroline Hilton (263460)

Lay Pastoral Assistant: Lindsay Clegg (827505)

Churchwarden:

Lindsay Clegg (827505)

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LLM Graham Madgwick Tel: 07946 197038,
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Benefice Administrator:

Helen Muir-Davies
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Gift Aid (GA) and Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) Officers: Ian Hughes (n.ianhughes@btinternet.com/828344) **(GA)**; and Christine Stephens (Christine@tcfk-stephens.co.uk) **(PGS)**

Social media:

Website: <https://steepfroxford.com>

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

Curtis Museum continued

Visitors (not only the younger ones) are often interested in the Museum's extensive collection of local flora and fauna. They will now be able to identify the creatures on display more easily. A small team of volunteers and staff have prepared illustrated guides for each case These "keys" hang beside the cases.

Although some items are obviously old, taxidermy having largely gone out of fashion, appropriate labelling/identification was long overdue. We are grateful to various specialists in their field and assistance from Alton Natural History Society.

(PS it's a long-eared owl, and the stoat is larger than the weasel and has a black tail tip. Come and see.) The Friends' talk for March will be given by Tim Craven , local representative of BAFM the British Association of Friends of Museums. It is entitled

Capture the Castle- The Story of Castles through Artist' Eyes.Room 7 of the Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton GU34 1HN. Doors open 7pm for 7.30. FREE, donations welcomed.



With grateful thanks to Steve Sargent for digging me out of a hole the other day. We were away in Derby with Steve's work, and my new version of Word had unhelpfully saved the draft under a file extension that would not open on Steve (Dillon's) Chromebook. I emailed it to Steve Sargent, who converted it into a format that could be opened. I couldn't open it as I cannot get to grips with Chromebooks, but Steve (who knows what he is doing) did so and compiled the final version, which was despatched to the printers. So it is thanks to Steves Squared that you had a magazine, albeit a few days late as we had been away.

CURTIS MUSEUM



OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 10am–4.30pm

01420 82802

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

CURTIS MUSEUM 2026-March

Object of the Month: While the Allen Gallery is closed for refurbishment, the Curtis Museum will showcase each month a highlight from the ceramics collection in the Hampshire Cultural Trust stores. Throughout March, the Museum will display a coronation mug designed by Dame Laura Knight. The artist also painted key scenes recording moments from early 20th century life, such as women workers during WW2. In celebration of International Women's Day (Sunday 8th March), there will be a trail through the Museum Women in Art & History-find the hidden heroines of Alton and Hampshire's history and discover their connections with the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery collections. This trail will be running throughout March, Women's History Month. Natural History in the Curtis Museum.

Do you know the difference between a stoat and a weasel? Which owl is this?



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Annual revision of parish church electoral roll



Each year the parish church updates its electoral roll – this is the list of church members who are entitled to vote at the church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the appointment of churchwardens and members of the parochial church council. (This is quite separate from the electoral roll used for parish council elections, which is maintained by East Hampshire District Council.)

This year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 3 May.

The parish church electoral roll will be updated in early April, and anyone not presently on the roll has **until 13 April** to apply to be placed on the roll. A formal Notice of Revision will be displayed on the church notice board in the lych-gate at High Cross from 13 March, together with a note on the data protection policy which applies to the electoral roll.

If you have, in the last year, begun to worship at the parish church you can apply to be placed on the electoral roll. An application form must be completed, and forms are available at the back of the church at High Cross. Completed forms must be returned to me by **13 April**: they may be left in the box provided in the church, posted or delivered to me at the address below, or scanned and emailed to me.

Current church members who are already on the electoral roll need take no action.

A formal Notice with full details of the revision of the electoral roll will be displayed on the High Cross church notice board in the lych-gate from 15 April.

If you have any questions, call me on 07866 506744 or email me at sadlerpatricia@hotmail.com.

Pat Sadler
Hawthorn Cottage
Church Lane
Privett
GU34 3PA

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Wednesday 18th March

Froxfield Village Hall

7.30pm

A talk by Rosy Hardy

'Using Herbaceous Perennials in Mixed Borders'

Non-members are very welcome £ 3

www.fpgarden.club



SPRING SHOW

Saturday 28th March 2026

Privett Village Hall

Teas, Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and Produce stall

Raffle

Show opens 2 pm

Prizegiving 3.30pm

Entries to be in by 5pm on Thursday 26th March

**Contact the Show Secretary - Christine Stephens
by email fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com**

Petersfield Voluntary Care Group (PVCG)



PVCG, a charitable organisation based in Petersfield serving the residents of Petersfield, Froxfield and surrounding villages, relies on volunteer drivers to take people who are unable to drive themselves to non-emergency medical related appointments. This includes Surgeries, Hospitals, Dentists, Opticians and Audiologists in Petersfield and can include Portsmouth, Winchester, Southampton, Chichester and Guildford. We need to recruit more Froxfield drivers to achieve this for Froxfield.

Drivers use their own cars, determine their own availability and receive reimbursement of mileage expenses. Drivers can do as many or as few drives as they wish. If you are a Froxfield resident you can opt to take only Froxfield residents or help out driving people from Petersfield as well. All our drivers find this a very rewarding contribution to the community.

If you are local to Froxfield or Privett and are interested in volunteering as a driver, we would love to hear from you. Please call Winton House Centre on 01730 266046 between 10.00am and 3.30pm or call me on 07879 640459 for further details and application forms.

Martin Knapp Vice Chair PVCG/Froxfield Coordinator

The Drop-In Report



The Drop In continues to go from strength to strength with last month's Drop- In being particularly well supported. Around 30 – 40 residents (some with their dogs) enjoyed a catch up over pancakes or a slice of fruit cake or lemon drizzle cake.

Also present in February was our Community Support Officer, Sophie, who listened to the concerns of residents and East Hants Councillor for Froxfield and Privett, Nick Drew who had his ear bent about the state of the roads and the number of dangerous potholes in the villages.

Why not make a point of popping along in March? The Drop In runs from 10:30 - 12:00 noon in the main hall at Froxfield Village Hall. There is no charge for refreshments – just put in the pot what you can afford. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Peter's Church, High Cross, Froxfield

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Auction of Goods and Promises

21st March 2026

Froxfield Village Hall



A HUGE thank you to all those who have donated all the wonderful Goods and Promises for our upcoming auction in the village hall on 21st March. The list of offerings is quite varied and I'm pretty sure you will see there is something for everyone!

At the time of writing the list can be found in this magazine, at the village stores and on the table in the church porch. We are expecting more items to appear so please pop into the village hall on the day and take a look AND place your bid!

Thank you also to those who have bought tickets for the evening event. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, then hurry up and do so!

Tickets are £15 for a two-course homemade supper of Cottage Pie with Trifle or Choc Ice for dessert. Dietary requirements can be accommodated – you only have to ask! Tickets are available to buy from Froxfield Stores or myself(see below for details)

St. Peter's Church, High Cross, Froxfield continued

Auction of Goods and Promises

The timetable for the event is as follows:

2pm – 4:30 pm	Viewing Refreshments Teas, Coffees, Cakes
6pm	Doors and Cash Bar Open
7pm	Supper & Auction begins

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



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 4th March

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

for more information and travel arrangements.



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



Already the Spring term has seen a number of significant events and opportunities taking place in and out of school. It's great to know that Year 6 children have attended bikeability training. I'm sure many of us remember taking a bicycle proficiency test and the feeling of growing independence it gave us - well done to all the children who participated.

I have previously written about Chris Pike - a parent at the school and a local wood sculptor and artist - who designed and installed the beautiful spiritual garden that has enhanced the school playground - a perfect place to take a moment to be quiet for children and staff alike. I was delighted to see the beautiful wooden arch that Chris has designed, created and recently added to the spiritual garden - the space feels complete and very special.

Chris continues to contribute to the life of the school in a variety of ways - he is passionate about protecting the environment - as is the school and after securing a re-nature grant from the Southdown's National Park for our school site, the children have been busy with Chris over the last half term, making and decorating nest boxes. Chris carefully selected local Douglas fir to make the bird boxes. As he explained to the children, this timber was grown on the Cowdray estate in West Sussex so it has very low mileage! The nesting boxes will be installed around the school site before the bird nesting season gets underway. This project offers an engaging learning opportunity for the children while actively supporting the wildlife and biodiversity of the school grounds.



The school that has also chosen Chris to design and construct the exciting new Performing Arts Studio the school is planning as a lasting legacy of the school's 150th anniversary this year. As with all that Chris designs, the new studio will feature many natural and recycled materials, carefully selected for their sustainability, durability and local sourcing, ensuring a minimal environmental footprint and longevity.

UK research shows that early access to high-quality arts education has a lasting impact well beyond childhood. Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation demonstrates that participation in the arts supports children's confidence, engagement with learning, and wider educational outcomes, while data from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport shows that childhood exposure to arts and culture is a strong predictor of continued participation in the arts in adult life.

Appreciation of art and music in Froxfield school begins in the Preschool and this half term the children have really enjoyed listening to and exploring African drumming. They used chairs, the floor and their bodies to drum and then they enjoyed moving their bodies to the music of the drums.

The school has always sought to facilitate the children's education in the arts and music as broadly as possible, and the school is grateful to the generosity of Bedales where Froxfield children are invited to participate in a number of artistic endeavours.



Recently Key Stage 2 children (years 3,4,5 and 6) went to Bedales to watch 'Seussical' the musical - featuring Dr Seuss characters like the Cat in the Hat. In addition to this, a group of violinists from Key Stage 2 attended a music day at Bedales Prep, where they spent the day working as part of a small schools' orchestra and another group experienced an art day taught by Bedales specialist art teachers. As always, the school is very grateful to Bedales for sharing their specialist staff and resources.

A number of Froxfield children will be joining together with children from across the area to sing in the Petersfield Music Festival on March 16 and 18 - its a wonderful opportunity for all the children involved to enjoy the thrill of singing in a large choir and of course they have the pleasure of watching older children play in the jazz and the classical orchestras. Be sure to book your ticket for this popular event.

Gilly Hollis

Great British Spring Clean

Friday 13th March – Sunday 29th March 2026

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Each year, more than 400,000 volunteers clear litter from our streets, parks and beaches.