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The Fabulous Fug Band

A chance for everyone to look around our lovely school

Bouncy Castle

Face Painting



Dog Show
Raffle

SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026

11.00 - 16.00
Froxfield Village Hall, Field & School, High Cross,
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Games, Tombolas, Refreshments and lots more...



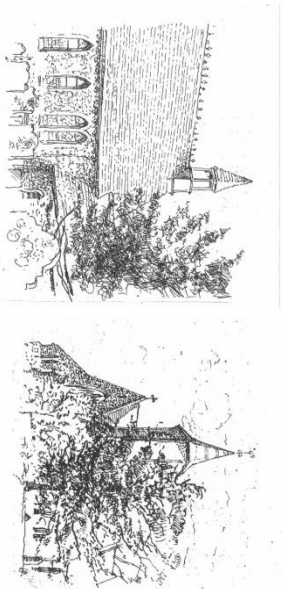
Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



May 2026



WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...



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Photos from Garden Club Spring Show



SOLUTION TO APRIL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Psychiatrist, 8 Amateur, 9 Tuscan, 11 Trundle, 12 Roundel, 13 Eased, 14 Armadillo, 16 Northerly, 19 Loath, 21 Kindred, 23 Legroom, 24 Showers, 25 Wattage, 26 Seismography.

Down - 1 Peanuts, 2 Yielded, 3 Horsehair, 4 Altar, 5 Rescued, 6 Scandal, 7 Rattlesnakes, 10 Yellowhammer, 15 Mayflower, 17 Ransome, 18 Hardens, 19 Light-up, 20 Anomaly, 22 Disco.

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

Thursday 7th	Thursday 14th	Thursday 21st	Thursday 28th	June Thursday 4th
Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin

This wonderful cartoon is by Nick Newman (son of Daphne Newman of Honeycritch Lane), who, amongst other things draws for the Sunday Times and Private Eye



"I won't believe it's spring until I see Christmas decorations in the shops."

Cover
This month's cover picture was taken by Tidda Dobbs in March, of a very early (Keen?) bluebell. The vignette was badly created by me, hence the little bits around the picture as I am still trying to get to grips with the latest version of Photoshop, having happily had one of the oldest for years!
Caroline



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month
High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett
 Wednesday 13th May* (please note change of date)
 Wednesday 3rd June
 Wednesday 1st July

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

Yoga

Now that Winter seems to be behind us why not come and join our friendly session of yoga and pilates with relaxation to finish. We really welcome newcomers of all ages and abilities.

Designed to improve strength , flexibility and overall well being for men and women.

Every Thursday evening 6-7 pm at Froxfield village hall at Highcross. See you there.

For more information call Ann on 07884 112411



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CURTIS MUSEUM

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm 01420 82802

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

CURTIS MUSEUM 2026 May events.

Object of the Month: - a beautiful punch bowl by studio potter Edgar Campden (1930-1998) of Aldermaston Pottery.

This monthly showcase continues throughout the year until the Allen Gallery reopens in 2027, presenting highlights from the Hampshire Cultural Trust's extensive ceramics collection in storage in Chilcomb, Winchester.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: For the May half term there will be a range of drop-in crafts and colouring activities, including Thursday Craft Club, (drop in) plus a family museum trail and our seasonal Dodo Natural History trail.

Tuesday 25 May - Make & Take clay session 11 - 12, please pre-book online.

With support from the Museums Association Wellbeing Fund, Hampshire Cultural Trust is delighted to be delivering a programme of **creative workshops** to benefit young people across the county through 2026 and 2027. Sessions will be held during term times over 5 weeks on a Saturday morning; they are free but must be booked in advance, please visit <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum-events> for more details.

May Talk - Thursday 14th May.

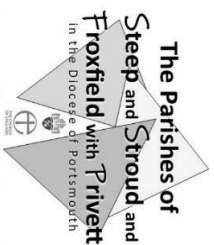
Nik Knight - Hampshire Bats Group - will speak on "**Bats: Superheroes of the Night.**"

The talk will be preceded by the AGM of the Friends of the Museum - this never takes very long!

To be held in Room 7 of the Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton GU34 1HN. Doors open 7pm for 7.30. FREE, donations welcomed.

MAY

2026



Benefice Worship

Sunday 3rd May Easter 5 (White)

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

10am The TenAM, **Steep**

10am Shortened Parish Communion & APCM,

High Cross

Sunday 10th May Easter 6 (White)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

THURSDAY 14th May- Ascension Day

8.00am Ascension Day Prayers, **Privett**

7.15pm Ascension Day Communion, **Steep**

Sunday 17th May Easter 7 (White)

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

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 24th May Pentecost (Red)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

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

Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday (Gold)

10am Benefice Service, **Holy Trinity, Privett**

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice.

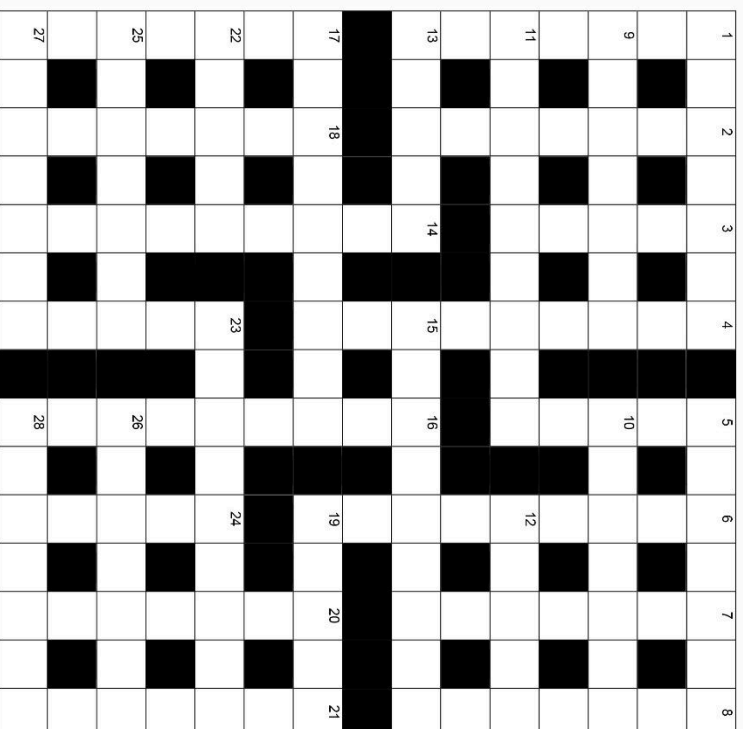
For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at

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or visit our website www.steepfroxford.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 PUZZLE



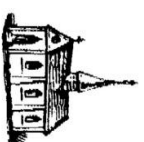
Across

- 1 Winnings, bonuses
- 5 Scallywags, scamps
- 9 A period devoted to a particular activity
- 10 Make insane
- 11 Relating to very small children; childish
- 12 Melody
- 13 City in India
- 15 Existing only in the mind
- 17 Roundabouts; merry-go-rounds
- 19 Former English silver coin worth four old pence
- 22 A thorny bush or shrub
- 23 'I end war on' (anag).
- 25 Necessary, requisite
- 26 Can be dissolved
- 27 British ocean liner that sunk on her maiden voyage in 1912, after striking an iceberg
- 28 Those who derive pleasure from inflicting pain and suffering on others

Down

- 1 Revoke, repeal
- 2 Having or expressing desire for something
- 3 Rule
- 4 Compassionate, thoughtful
- 5 Crest, promontory
- 6 Stealing fruit from an orchard or garden
- 7 Memory loss
- 8 Cursory, incomplete
- 14 An analgesic and anti-inflammatory drug
- 16 Pyromaniacs
- 17 A storage cupboard; team of senior ministers in Government
- 18 Clothing
- 20 An old-fashioned form of public transport or a collection of books, previously published separately
- 21 Aims
- 23 A flowering shrub
- 24 Lubricated

Church News



The glorious displays of daffodils, tulips and spring blossom which filled both our churches for Easter nearly two weeks ago are now past their best - to walk into the church on Easter Sunday and to be greeted by such a display of colour after six weeks of bareness is truly uplifting. At St Peter's, High Cross, the large wooden cross, currently standing at the foot of the chancel step, was festooned with daffodils during the service and the sight of this is very poignant. Many thanks to all who contributed to the displays.

The other enormous blessing for the Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services was the newly installed heating system. Not only does it look in keeping with the overall internal architecture of St Peter's, but it is undoubtedly a huge success and we've received hosts of favourable comments.

We start May with the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting which will be held after a short 10.00 am communion service on Sunday 3rd May. We would be so pleased if you were able to come along. It is your chance to vote for the next Churchwardens or even stand as a candidate. There are also vacancies on the PCC (Parochial Church Council) which unusually meets six times a year.

Ascension Day falls this year on Thursday 14th May. As has become the custom we will meet in Holy Trinity Privett at 8.00 am for a short reflective service to mark this significant event.

We will be back in Holy Trinity at 10.00 am on Sunday 31 May for a Benefice Communion Service to mark Holy Trinity Sunday. It is one of the very few Sundays when we are permitted to hold a service in this beautiful building – a special occasion to which you would be very welcome.

The last date to mention is the Licensing of the Rev Sue Jones as Associate Vicar by Bishop Jonathan at All Saint's Steep on Wednesday 3 June at 6pm. Sue has served as Curate, working across both our benefice and the Hawkeye benefice.

FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL, FRIENDS OF FROXFIELD SCHOOL & PCC

Summer Fete

FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL & FIELD

DOG SHOW!
BAR & BBQ
ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES
CRAFTS & STALLS

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE
1.30PM - 4PM

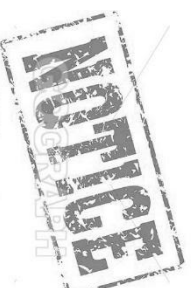
FREE ENTRY

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Froxfield Choir



Froxfield Choir's annual summer concert in Privett church is always the highlight of our choral year. Holy Trinity is a joy to perform in, and it is almost always packed to capacity for our June concert. The churchyard provides a beautiful setting on a summer evening as friends gather to have drinks during the interval. Renowned for its 160-foot spire, the Victorian Gothic Revival landmark is now maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust and, as well as occasional services, provides the perfect concert venue. This year's concert is on Saturday 20 June at 7.30pm. The programme includes Bach's Magnificat in D and Te Deum by Marc-Antoine Charpentier. Tickets are available from One Tree Books, Petersfield, and from Ticketsource. £20 adult/£15 students. We hope to see you there!



FROXFIELD FETE - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- setting up and packing up
- car parking stewards
- manning stalls
- baking cakes

Please email teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com with any offers of help.



THE TROOPER INN
HOTEL & BAR

We have had a much improved April but trade for us and all other pubs is still slow, we however do have the benefit of the hotel as well which is now starting to get very busy with bookings for the summer. But in order for us to keep the lights on and the doors open we really appreciate everyone's support within the village if you visit us especially for the events we have going on.

Since January we have been raising money for the Oaks playscheme at our monthly quiz night. And I am glad to say that we have raised £130 for them. Our Charity for the next 3 months of April/May/June is FofS to help them with their current fundraising for the decoration and furnishing of the Arts and Music Studio. Please join us on the last Thursday of each month for our quiz nights. We begin the quiz at 7.30pm and it is £2 per player to enter and a maximum of 6 people to a team and **100%** of the entry money is given to the charities we donate too.

Since the last Magazine we have begun serving Full English Breakfasts every Fri/Sat/Sun Mornings from 7am please do come along and join us for breakfast (we can even do takeaway for those on their way to work), and from 9am on the same mornings we are serving Coffee & Cake too.

We have got lots planned for May and Early June as always please see the dates below

Sat 2nd May – Trevor John Band 9pm

Wed 13th May – Sunset Dubs – VW Car meet from 6pm

Thurs 14th May – Trooper Classics – All things classic and prestige car from 6.30pm

Thurs 28th May – Quiz Night from 7.30pm **£2 per person**

Sat 6th June – Live Music with Honeypark – Britpop covers band 9pm

Froxfield Village Hall Update

Working Party Update



FROXFIELD
VILLAGE HALL

The Spring Working Party took place on 12th April and was well supported, with nine volunteers giving their time to help. A significant achievement of the day was the much-needed repair work to the car park, which has made a real difference to both its appearance and usability. We also cleaned and repaired windows, touched up minor paintwork damage, and tended to the window boxes and gardens.

Special thanks go to the Garden Club members for their continued care and maintenance of the planting throughout the year, it is very much appreciated and helps keep the village looking its best.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 13th April. Kate Ashfield, Chair, reported positive progress over the past year, noting improvements in stability, financial security, maintenance, fundraising efforts, hall facilities and overall usage.

Thanks were given to all members of the Committee of Management for their continued work. In particular, we thank Viv Barnett, who has stepped down from the committee, for her contribution during her time on the committee.

Following the meeting, Kate has taken on the role of Secretary, and Ted Stephens has become Chair.

Looking ahead, significant planned works includes replacement of the boiler (subject to grant funding), maintenance of the main hall floor, and gradual upgrades to cutlery, crockery and glassware for hirers.



An Invitation From Your Church Community

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED SOME CHANGES IN YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH!

We Invite you to come along to the APCM at High Cross Church at 10 a.m. on May 3rd enjoy some light refreshments and find out what is happening in your churches in Froxfield and Privett.
EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME

Did you know that your church is largely run by volunteers. Here are some of the jobs our volunteers do:

- Overseeing the maintenance of the buildings organising repairs and improvements
- Helping to keep the churchyard tidy
- Ensuring the building is safe
- Being part of the cleaning team
- Cleaning the brass
- Being a member of the team which provides refreshments at services
- Being a member of the flower team and decorating the church with flowers at services and special festivals
- Looking after the church finances
- Turning on the heating for services
- Locking and unlocking the church
- Keeping the clock wound
- Organising collections and taking food donations to the Foodbank
- Organising rotas to ensure services are run smoothly
- Being member of the sidesman's rota and handing out and collecting in books at the start/ end of services
- Being a member of the Church PCC



Wow! What a great night- what a great community!

A massive thank you to everyone who made the fabulous result of £6,500 possible at the church auction event in the village hall March.

Whether you donated one of the 79 items to be auctioned (there was such a lovely variety items to suit all pockets and tastes!) or cooked a dish for the evening event; made a cake or gave a donation towards the running costs; came along to the afternoon preview or bought a ticket for the supper.

A good time was had by all, and we couldn't be more pleased with the result!

**Don't forget that for a limited time period Julian Bond has very generously offered to donate 25% of any artwork purchased from him to our church fundraising campaign for a loo and servery area.
Please contact me for more information.**

With very many heartfelt thanks

Suzanne Tong

tongventhams@gmail.com 01730 260430

Drop-In



FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Everyone (including children and pets accompanied by a responsible adult) can be sure of a warm welcome and the company of friends and neighbours at the Drop- In! Come a long and enjoy a slice of cake and a cuppa in a warm space.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260 430 or Tongventhams@gmail.com

Next Drop - In Dates:

May 9th 2026

June 13th 2026

July 11th 2026



Our Spring Show was a stunning success with an amazing array of entries the 'standouts', as always, being the daffodils. The sea of yellow that greeted visitors was a real reminder that Spring had arrived and sunnier days lay ahead. The judges commented on the high standards of the entries with many new participants winning prizes. The coffee and walnut cake and tea bread classes were very hotly contested and the flower arranging classes provided a fantastic backdrop to the show. Our Show Secretary, Christine Stephens, not only put on a very well organised and supported show but also won the overall prize for horticultural entries!

Our April talk was held on Wednesday 15th April at Privett Village Hall when our speaker for the evening was Gillian Taylor, who is always highly entertaining and knowledgeable, as proved on this occasion! Her talk was entitled 'More colour, less work', a subject which brings joy to gardeners' ears! Gillian had lots of lovely photos and she had also cut seasonal flowers from her garden to circulate amongst the audience to illustrate some of the points from her talk. The meeting was very well attended, with quite a few new members, and all in all was a very entertaining evening.

Our next big event is our Open Garden which will be held at Paloma House in Froxfield on Sunday 14th June between 2 - 5pm. This is a stunning garden and we will be serving homemade teas and Pimms, and there will be a Plant Stall. Do come and join us to look around a beautiful English country garden!

Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

Parish Magazine

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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

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www.froxfield stores.com

Parish website: www.froxfieldandprivett.org.uk

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We have an afternoon visit to The Manor House, Upton Grey on Wednesday 24th June at 2pm at a cost of £12 to include tea and cake. This historic garden was designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1908 and current owners, John and Rosalind Wallinger, have renovated the derelict house and garden over the last 40 years. At the time of writing there were a few spaces left for this visit.

Please contact Pippa Chapman on either 07803 906312 or pimchapman@yahoo.co.uk

On Wednesday 8th July at 6.30 we have our evening visit to Hambledon House in Hambledon. The cost is £15 on booking, but it is at the moment fully subscribed. Pippa (contact details above) is holding a reserve list for this event.

Sue Kinloch

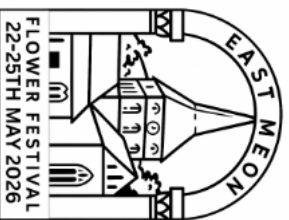
East Meon Flower Festival returns to All Saints' Church, 22-25 May 2026

Following the success of previous years, All Saints' Church, East Meon, is delighted to announce the return of its much-loved Flower Festival, taking place from Friday 22 May to Monday 25 May 2026.

For four days, the beautiful Grade I listed church will be dressed to the nines with stunning floral displays, transforming this historic 11th-century building into a celebration of creativity, nature and community. For all up-to-date news and timings please follow us on [@eastmeonflowerfest](https://www.instagram.com/eastmeonflowerfest) Instagram page and look out for our posters!

Tickets are available via *ticketsource*: FESTIVAL TICKETS:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eastmeonflowerfestival2026>



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

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The Swan Surgery, Swan Street, Petersfield, GU32 3AB
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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

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Archway Vets, 36a Dragon Street, Petersfield, GU31 4JJ
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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



In last month's magazine I was able to announce the exciting news that Froxfield school turns 150 years old this July.

In preparation for the various celebratory events that we have planned I have been delving into the school's past as well as looking to the the future.

There is an enormous amount of history behind our 150-year-old school, which was originally opened on July 3, 1876.

At the beginning, there were just two classrooms, which at times accommodated more than 100 pupils aged from four up to school leaving age - then 14 years. The large schoolroom, now class 1, was often used by the community after school hours for lectures, concerts and drama - and at one time for a suffragette meeting.

The first entry in the School Log Book reads,

"This school was opened for the first time on Monday, 3rd July 1876 under the charge of Henry Edmund Close, certificated master of the second class, assisted by Fanny Jarman, ex-PT instructor and teacher of infants and teacher of needlework. 70 children were admitted, including 27 infants."

The school, built with an adjoining house, had one large room at the side with two entrance lobbies either side, one for boys and the other girls. There was a smaller room for infants at the rear.

I was talking to Mrs Ingham Thomas, in her reception and year one classroom, (which was the original main classroom) the other day and we were wondering how on earth the two teachers managed to control, let alone teach, over a hundred children in such confined spaces.

Unlike today when the school children come from the surrounding villages and from as far afield as Petersfield, in the past the school was filled by children from Froxfield itself - though as Froxfield is a spread out village children would arrive on foot often having walked for miles! I remember meeting Gladys Cummings who was a pupil at Froxfield in the 1930s - she told me how she would walk miles every day - from her home to school, then home again for lunch, back to school and home again.

The late Kathleen Compton (nee Neller) remembered "All the children went to Froxfield School. A Mr. Robinson was the Head Teacher and his daughter Doris taught the infants. At five years of age it seemed a long way from Warren Corner to High Cross but we found short cuts and, on the whole, were none the worse for it. There was a glass partition to divide the large classroom at the front and there was a big fire with a fireguard round it. This often had pupils' wet clothes hanging on it to dry. No cars for the journey then!"

How very different from the experience of today's youngsters.

Looking to the future the school is planning to build a Performing Arts Studio - this will allow for future generations of children the space in which to explore music, drama and dance and develop nascent talents - and as in the past, the studio can be used by the wider community for similar pursuits.

As part of our fundraising appeal we will be holding a number of exciting community events for which I hope you will **save the date** and buy tickets when they come on sale for:

Happy's Circus: George V memorial Field on June 16th at 6pm

Froxfield School's 150th anniversary Concert in Privett Church on July 4th at 7.30pm

Froxfield School Fair George V Memorial Field Sunday July 12th

I look forward to all the fun these events will bring.

Gillian Hollis, Chair of Governors