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**ANNIVERSARY**  
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**SCHOOL**

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**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**SUMMER FAIR**

Entertainment from:  
**The Fabulous Fug Band**

A chance for everyone to look around our lovely school

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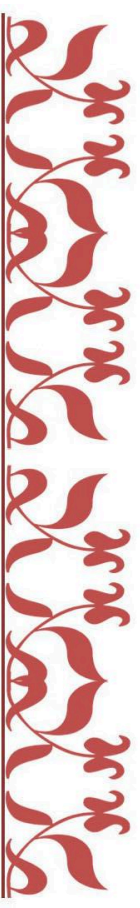
**Raffle**

**Hog Roast & Bar**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

**11.00 - 16.00**

**Froxfield Village Hall, Field & School, High Cross,**  
**GU32 1EG**  
 Games, Tombolas, Refreshments and lots more...



*Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine*



*June 2026*





**FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL, FRIENDS OF FROXFIELD SCHOOL & PCC**

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**FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL & FIELD**

**DOG SHOW!**

BAR & BBQ  
ENTERTAINMENT  
CRAFTS & STALLS  
GAMES  
COMPETITIONS

**SUNDAY 28TH JUNE**

**1.30PM - 4PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

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**JUNE**

**2026**

### **Benefice Worship**

#### **Wednesday 3rd June**

**7pm** Licensing of Sue Jones as associate Vicar, **Steep**

#### **Sunday 7th June Trinity 1 (Green)**

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

**10am** The TenAM, Pet Service **Steep**

**10am** Parish Communion, **High Cross**

#### **Sunday 14th June Trinity 2 (Green)**

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

**10am** Parish Communion, **Steep**

#### **Sunday 21st June Trinity 3 (Green)**

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

**10am** Parish Communion, **High Cross**

#### **6.30pm Annual Steep Lecture, Steep**

refreshments from 6.00pm

*Guest speaker* **Carole Souter CBE**

#### **Sunday 28th June Trinity 4 (Green)**

**10am** Patronal Festival, Benefice Communion, **High Cross**

#### **Sunday 5th July Trinity 5 (Green)**

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

**10am** The TenAM, **Steep**

*followed by Parish Picnic Brunch & games*

**10am** Parish Communion, **High Cross**

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

For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at

[steepfroxfordprivett@gmail.com](mailto:steepfroxfordprivett@gmail.com).

or visit our website [www.steepfroxford.com](http://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**

The two photos on page 1 were from the School's 150th anniversary church service on 28 April - one of the Bishop of Portsmouth talking to some of the younger children before the service, and one of the reception after the service. Thanks again to Edward Sadler for sending the to us. He says,

Sadly there is no photo of the splendid procession from the School into the church before the service, which included both the Bishop and the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, nor a photo of the packed church.'

#### Cover

This month's cover is a rather nice picture of the celebrations for Froxfield Village School, well it was, until I tried to be clever with it! Unfortunately, I still haven't mastered the latest version of Photoshop yet, so the vignette is a bit sketchy.

#### SOLUTION TO MAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Across** - 1 Rewards, 5 Rascals, 9 Session, 10 Derange, 11 Infatille, 12 Music, 13 Delhi, 15 Imaginary, 17 Carousels, 19 Groat, 22 Briar, 23 Landowner, 25 Needful, 26 Soluble, 27 Titanic, 28 Sadists.

**Down** - 1 Rescind, 2 Wishful, 3 Reign, 4 Sensitive, 5 Ridge, 6 Scrumping, 7 Amnesia, 8 Sketchy, 14 Ibuprofen, 16 Arsonists, 17 Cabinet, 18 Raiment, 20 Omnibus, 21 Targets, 23 Lilac, 24 Oiled.



There are a number of articles relating to the 150th Anniversary of the school in this month's magazine. We feel this is entirely appropriate given such a significant anniversary. Congratulations to all of the current Governors and staff involved in keeping the school going, you should all be very proud. Hopefully a few ex pupils will be reminded of their time there as well.

### Service of Thanksgiving for 150 Years of Froxfield CE Primary School

How do you celebrate a 150<sup>th</sup> birthday? Ask the children of our church Primary School and Pre-School, and they will tell you: a birthday cake, of course; a Bishop to lead a Service of Thanksgiving (and to cut the cake); you ask the King to send his representative in the County, the Lord-Lieutenant; you have the church bells rung and the organ playing as you process into the church; and you invite all your family and friends.

This was how the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Froxfield School was celebrated on the afternoon of Tuesday 28 April at St Peter's High Cross in a magnificent Service of Thanksgiving, celebrating the past, giving thanks for the present, and praying for the future. It was a truly special and memorable day.

The Bishop of Portsmouth (The Rt. Rev. Dr Jonathan Frost) and the Lord-Lieutenant (Nigel Atkinson Esq) met the children in the School playground before the Service, and then joined the Vicar and the whole School – children, staff, Headteacher, Governors – in a procession across the road into the Church where about 160 adults – parents, grandparents, and parishioners - were waiting in the church filled with Spring flowers.



Our Winter/Spring talks season has been completed, and we are now looking forward to our Summer Programme of visits. Of course, one of our major events of the year is our **Open Garden that will be held at Paloma House, King Lane, Froxfield, GU32 1DW**. This is a beautiful garden in a beautiful setting, which has been interestingly restored by the current owners. We are very lucky to have this local Froxfield garden open for our members and residents of Froxfield and Privett to visit on **Sunday 14th June between 2 and 5pm**. The event will be sign posted and the entrance for the afternoon will be via the back gate in King Lane, (opposite Soal Pond Cottage. Location on the App what3words is: hence.lost.ponies.). We will have tea and homemade cakes, a Pimms stall and plants for sale. Do come along and join us for this lovely village event!

**As mentioned last month, we have two outings scheduled for June and July, the first**  
**visiting a Gertrude Jekyll garden in Upton Grey on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th June and the other to Hambleton House in Hambleton on the evening of Wednesday 8th July**. At the time of writing both of these outings are fully subscribed but Pippa, our Events Secretary is holding a cancellation list. She can be contacted on either 07803 906312 or [pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk)

**Don't forget to put the date of our Summer Show in your diary! It will be held at Froxfield**  
**Village Hall at 2pm on Saturday 15th August** and as usual the hall will be full of all the Summer flowers, fruit and vegetables which are in season in August. **A reminder that the photographic class titles are 'Garden Art' and 'Fruit and Vegetables'.** Sue Kinloch

## **Service of Thanksgiving for 150 Years of Froxfield CE Primary School**

The Service was led by the Bishop, with Year 6 children leading the prayers, giving a Bible reading, and lighting candles to mark “150 Years of Learning and Light”. Mrs Hollis, Chair of Governors, remembered the School's story, telling us about its foundation 150 years ago, and what life was like for pupils in those days, with pupils from the age of 5 to 14 all taught in one room!

The Bishop then spoke to the congregation – he told the children about a TV advert when he was a child advertising a children's breakfast cereal called “Ready-Brek” (in those days, he said, with milk it tasted like wet pieces of cardboard!); fortified with a bowl of Ready-Brek the children in the advert went off to school on a winter's morning literally glowing inside as they trudged through the snow. He said he could see the children from the School before him glowing with their happy and proud faces as the present generation of a 150-year long line of children of the village school which had been a place where children have grown in knowledge, friendship and faith over those years, beaming with the Light of Christ in their hope and their learning.

There was hearty singing of hymns and songs by the packed church, with the children turning to face the rest of the congregation for the singing of the last song, “Celebrate” – sung enthusiastically with actions!

After the service everyone went to a marquee in the churchyard for tea in the sunshine – and yes, the Bishop did cut the splendid birthday cake!

**Edward Sadler: School Foundation Governor**

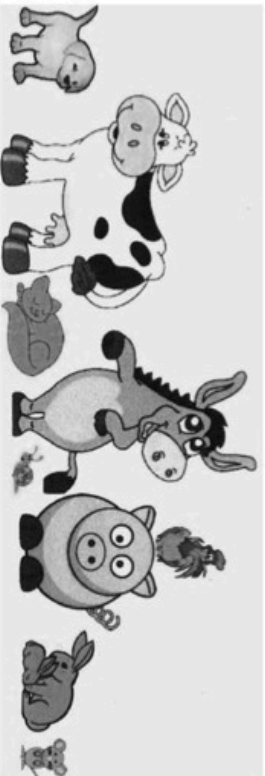
## **Celebrating 150 years of Froxfield School & its links to Love's Charity**

Froxfield school at High Cross turns 150 years old in July! Many events have been planned to celebrate this monumental milestone, including a whole school trip to visit the original school at Froxfield Green -the house named Love's Charity- as well as visiting Robert Love's tombstone, the old shop and post office and reading room. The children will be walking to Froxfield Green from High Cross, a distance which many school children in those days would have made daily on foot (and from further afield)

# Pet Service

All Saints' Church, Steep

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10 am



*Bring your pets,  
large and small,  
feathered and furry,  
to celebrate your special friends.*



Refreshments

## Froxfield School and its links to Love's Charity continued

The first school in Froxfield (a charity school) was made possible by a gentleman named Robert Love who lived at Basing Park, Privett. On his death in 1722 he left £1000 for the founding of a school. His wishes were carried out by his nephew 12 years later who erected a red brick school building (now known as Love's Charity) at Froxfield Green at a cost of £200.

A school master and five trustees were appointed and the charity school opened on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1734. A further £300 was added to the Charity in 1768 when Francis Beckford, the husband of Robert Love's great-niece died. She had inherited Basing Park, and her husband took a great interest in the school when he became a trustee after their marriage.

The school was established originally to educate the "poorest boys in the parish" and vacancies were announced at church services at Froxfield Green. Girls filled the places when there were not enough boys. The children were given clothes, hats and shoes as well as paper and pens. They were taught reading, writing, and accounts.

The boys supported by the Charity were called "Charity scholars". In addition to the Charity Scholars the school trustees allowed private pupils to attend and in 1780 accommodated some boarders.

In 1848 the school returned to being a day school only. Under the new School master, the number of charity scholars increased to 30. Six girl scholars were present at the school and were recorded to have lodged with Mrs Dennis, the school master's wife.

Most of the original documents relating to this school still exist and are held in safekeeping in Hampshire Records Office. They give a fascinating glimpse of life and education in the 18th century in Froxfield revealing for example that school played another role in the history of Froxfield when in 1850 the School Master also took on the role of Post-Master at Froxfield Green. The succeeding School Master also held the position.

## COLDHAYES OPEN GARDEN

**SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2-5 pm**

'What is Paradise but a Garden?'  
Afternoon Tea - Stalls - Family Fun  
Explore and Enjoy  
Adults £5 - under 18 free

In aid of All Saints' Church Funds  
**Steep Marsh GU33 6LL**

### THE STEEP LECTURE

**SUNDAY 21st JUNE 6.30pm** Refreshments 6pm.

'Caring for Heritage: Creating the Future'

This year our guest is Carole Souter CBE.

She is the current interim Chair of Historic Royal Palaces and former Master of St. Cross, Oxford.

These annual lectures, from distinguished speakers, are always topical and provide much food for thought.

**All Saint's Church, 77 Church Rd, Steep, Peterfield GU32 2DF**

Tickets - no charge - judy.thompson@me.com

## Privett Family Barbeque – Sunday 26 July



This is by way of advance notice to let everyone know that once again we will be holding our popular Family BBQ at Privett Village Hall at lunchtime on Sunday 26 July – the best way to kick off the summer holidays.

Full details will be available in the July Parish Magazine, but you can be assured that it will be the usual full BBQ experience – delicious beefburgers, lamb steaks, chicken drumsticks, and sausages, followed by strawberries and cream. There will be a pay bar for beer, Pimms, wine and soft drinks.

Tickets are £15 (£7 for children 6 – 14, and under 6 come for free) and are now available and can be purchased by going to the (new) PVH website at: [privettvillagehall.co.uk](http://privettvillagehall.co.uk) and clicking on Events.

See the July Parish Magazine for more information about the event, and other ways to buy or reserve your tickets.



Thanks to everyone at Church and School for giving us such an enjoyable and sunny afternoon for Froxfield School's 150th anniversary celebration. It must have been a lot of hard work for everyone. It was well worth the effort. Thank you.

Remembering all past Governors, Staff and Pupils.

**Grace Holloway, Former Chair of Governors.**

## Froxfield School and its links to Love's Charity continued

In 1837 a school for girls and infants, which subsequently became the Parish Reading Room, was established opposite the charity school in a building (now a private residence) known as Pound House.

In 1875 the charity was taken over by the Charity Commissioners, who drew up a scheme providing for a new school. A governing body was appointed, consisting of the vicar, the owner of Bassing Park and three representatives to be elected at a public vestry meeting.

In 1876 the trustees of the charity decided to build a new school at High Cross opposite the recently built church of St Peter. The school and attached School House (now a private residence) were constructed on a site given by J. Sylvester of the Slade and W.A Thorpe of Bydean Farm. The architect for the building was Sir Arthur Bloomfield, president of the Architect's Association, and designer of, among other buildings, the Royal School of Music, Privett church and the church of St Peter on the Green.

The expenses for the work, amounting to £1,336 plus £75 for furnishing, were met partly by voluntary subscription from local landowners, partly by the original Love's Charity endowment and partly by the balance from the parish rate. The old charity school at Froxfield Green was valued at £300 and bought by William Nicholson of Basing Park; one of the trustees. This money helped to off-set some of the costs of the new school.

The new school was opened on July the 3rd, 1876 under the headship of Henry Edmunds Close. All the children of the parish were invited to attend the new school with the first intake numbering 70. The building consisted of two rooms: one 40 x 20 feet, the other 20 x18 feet.

Despite great changes in the passing of the centuries the original charity still exists as 'School including Gifts of Love and Beckford'. Known locally as 'Love's Charity', the interest on the original endowment given by Robert Love (who is buried in the churchyard at Froxfield Green) is still used to benefit the education of children resident in Froxfield and Privett.

## Froxfield School and its links to Love's Charity continued

In recent years the charity has funded residential and educational visits, IT equipment, the school library, Forest School sessions as well as supporting a talented gymnast. If you think you might know any child who would benefit from Love's Charity support, the trustees are open to applications. Please get in touch with Alice Dickens [alicedickens@btinternet.com](mailto:alicedickens@btinternet.com) /07958 918616

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Privett Church**  
**Saturday 4th July 2026 7.30pm**

*Celebrating the last 150 years  
through words and music*

**Featuring**  
Amanda Cook *Classical Guitar*  
Frederike Sadler *Cello*  
Matthew Sadler *Trumpet*  
Nick Gleed *Organ*  
Kate Phillips *Actress*  
Tom Lydon *Baritone*  
Joint Choir Froxfield & Free Radicals

Adults £20 Children £5 under 16

[ticketsource.com/froxfield-school-150](https://ticketsource.com/froxfield-school-150)  
Pre-performance picnics available from  
[sageandseason.co.uk](https://sageandseason.co.uk)

Photo Orlando Jenkins



**THE TROOPER INN**  
HOTEL & BAR

Two pubs a day are closing nationally and whilst I am in a better position than some, being a free house and a private landlord not a pub co that owns the property, the bills keep needing to be paid and the trade is declining. I fully understand that there is a cost of living crisis in the country at the moment and people have less money in their pockets to spend on things like a 'Pint at the Pub' after work on a Friday but even if you can come in just once a month just for 1 drink, if everyone in the village did this it would make such a massive difference to us. All my staff bar 1 are residents in the village so our ethos is to keep everything from staff to suppliers as local as possible. So please help support us to support our staff and suppliers too.

**We would like to offer all residents of the parish 10% of their food and drink during the month of June. Tables must be booked by calling The Trooper on 01730 827293. This offer can only be used once per household**

### Dates for the diary

- Every Fri/Sat & Sun 7am – 10.30am – Full English Breakfasts and 9am onwards Coffee and Cake
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Petersfield League Darts 8pm onwards
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> June – ADC Vault Darts 7pm
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Live Music with Honeypark 90's Britpop covers 9pm – FREE ENTRY
- Weds 10<sup>th</sup> June – Sunset Dubz Car meet from 6pm onwards for all things VW
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June – Trooper Classics Car meet for all things Vintage and Prestige whether on 2 wheels or 4
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June – Charity Quiz Night 7.30pm start, £2 per person (max 6 to a team) – This quarter all the entry money is being donated to FoFs



AS I write this May has seen a steady increase in hotel bookings which is always nice to see as we love that people stay with us whether it is for work or down at a weekend to see family or attend a wedding etc.

Unfortunately, though hotel guests don't always transition into pub guests having something to eat and drink of a day or evening.

We have for the last month been opening on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning from 7am serving Full English Breakfasts and from 9am Coffee and Cake. Whilst the coffee and cake has not really seen an increase in customers coming to the pub the first few weeks of serving breakfasts did prove successful (even if it was only small numbers) but the last 3 weeks (at the time of writing) have not been so great and we have most days only served 1 hotel guest. and

Despite advertising and sharing the fact that we are serving breakfasts across multiple Facebook groups for the village and beyond I am at the time of writing this going to give it until the end of June to see if the breakfast trade picks up and the coffee and cake before deciding whether to carry on or not with it. We can also offer all our breakfasts as a takeaway option too.

I will finish this month's piece by saying that for everyone in the hospitality business times are extremely tough and we do not take any of our customers for granted no matter how often they visit us but, I am going to be brutally honest with the village. Things at The Trooper are beyond tough and getting through each week is a careful route that I have to navigate to make sure that we keep the doors open and the lights on but, this is becoming increasingly tougher each week and we are a matter of weeks away from potentially having to close the doors if trade does not pick up, this is not a post I wish to write but it is the harsh reality of running a pub.



Our 150th anniversary celebrations are now well underway and what a wonderful launch they had with our celebration service attended by Bishop Jonathan - Bishop of Portsmouth and Nigel Atkinson the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. Everyone agreed it was in every way the perfect way to start our celebrations for the school's 150 years at the heart of Froxfield.

As part of the celebrations for this impressive milestone in the life of Froxfield School the governors and parents together have planned a number of exciting fundraising events to bring into being a much needed Performing Arts Studio - a lasting legacy that will allow future generations of children the space in which to explore music, drama and dance and develop nascent talents.

So in line with our goal of creating a performance space in the school we have planned two very exciting and completely different performances as part of our anniversary celebrations. We are very much looking forward to the **HAPPY'S CIRCUS** - for one night only on the King George V field in Froxfield on June 16th at 6pm - **Roll Up Roll Up Get your tickets HERE!** <https://froxford.hants.sch.uk/> follow the link to the school website and click on News and Events to buy your tickets on line.

You will also be able to buy your tickets for the very special **CELEBRATION CONCERT** on July 4th in Privett Church at 7.30 pm. This will be a unique occasion bringing together the splendid talents of internationally renowned soloists: Amanda Cook on Classical Guitar; Frederike Sadler on Cello; Matthew Sadler on Trumpet accompanied by Organist Nick Gleed. Tom Lydon Baritone will be joined by a choir formed from both Froxfield Choir and The Free Radicals and actress Kate Phillips (Wolf Hall, The Weir, Miss Scarlet, Peaky Blinders) will be reading poetry and prose celebrating the school and its rural setting.

I would like to take this chance to say how grateful the school is to all these stars of concert, stage and screen for giving up their time for no fee both to promote the importance of the performing arts and to help the school achieve its own performance space.

## 150th Anniversary Celebrations continued

Amanda Wyatt will be providing delicious pre concert picnics which you can enjoy in the beautiful setting of Privett Churchyard overlooking the glorious views of the South Downs.

This special, one off event will prove to be a magical and memorable evening - dont miss your chance and buy your tickets early for both the concert <https://froxford.hants.sch.uk/> and for the picnic: [sageandseason.co.uk](https://sageandseason.co.uk)

Only one week later on July 12 there will be the **Froxfield School Fair on the George V Memorial Field Sunday July 12th** - this event will be a real birthday party for all the school and the village, with fun inflatables, stalls and all the fun of the fair and the school will be open for tours so you can all come and see what a lovely setting it is in which to learn.

I do hope that you will join us at these exciting events and spread the word amongst your friends and families - everyone is welcome!

**Gilly Hollis**  
**Chair of Governors**

### 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](mailto:Tongventhams@gmail.com)

**Next Drop - In Dates:**

**June 13th 2026**

**July 11th 2026**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> 2026**



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Firstly I want to thank everyone who came to join us at the start of May for our live music night with The Trevor John Band and to celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. We had an incredible turnout to see Trevor, and it was truly great to see everyone supporting Trevor in his final few gigs before retirement from live music and supporting us at The Trooper. THANKYOU



We have more live music in June as on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 9pm we have the utterly brilliant Honeypark joining us. Honeypark hail from Chichester and are a 90's Britpop covers band so if like me you are a child of the 90's (or not) and you like all things Oasis and Blur then this is a gig not to be missed.

Honeypark have played for us several times now and are well liked with our customers. It is also our Landlord Chris's Birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup> so why not come and celebrate with Chris and the team. As always, our Live Music nights are completely **FREE** to enter



# BACH MAGNIFICAT and Charpentier Te Deum

Holy Trinity, Privett, GU34 3PE  
Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm

Accompanied by a Baroque ensemble on original instruments  
Tickets £20 (£15 students) available from  
Ticketsource and One Tree Books, Petersfield  
[www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk](http://www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk)



## WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Contact Suzanne Tong on [TongVenthams@gmail.com](mailto:TongVenthams@gmail.com) or 01730 260430  
for more information and travel arrangements.

**Anne Fenton**



Thanks to Howard at the village shop for keeping us all in supplies whilst this crisis is ongoing. He is supplying fresh fruit and vegetables as well. Also on the plus side, you don't have to run the gauntlet of the burnfright that is the supermarket!  
Thank you Howard and Charlotte



## **OPEN GARDEN**

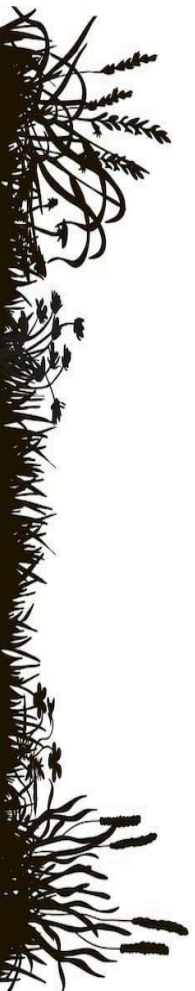
**SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2026**

**2pm-5pm**

**PALOMA HOUSE  
FROXFIELD  
GU32 1DW**

Access via the back gate - what3words:  
hence.lost.ponies

Teas, Pimm's & Plants



### Church News continued

Gilly Hollis thanked those on the flower team for their work in making the church look beautiful for services. She explained that some of the flower arrangers are in their 80's and appealed for new volunteers to step forward and join the team.

The church is run entirely by volunteers. Rev'd Susie brought the meeting to a close by thanking everyone for their dedication and hard work in the running of the churches in the parish.



after the meeting.

### **Open Day**

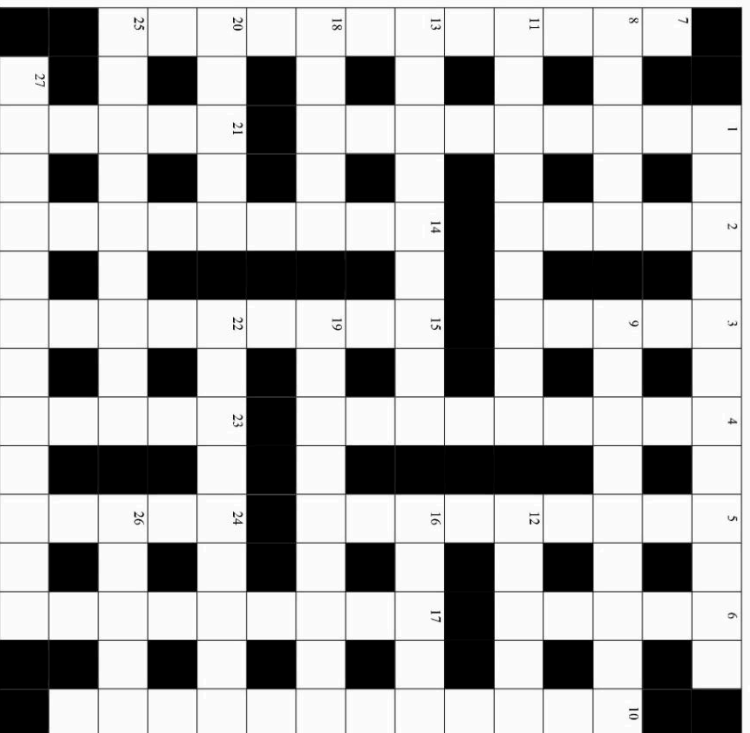
This will be held on Saturday 8th August at the Alton Community Centre in the afternoon. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the u3a, and the activities that we offer. You will be able to meet and talk with our Group Leaders and members of the committee.

### **Annual Programme for 2026-27**

Our new annual programme for the year ahead will be available from mid July. Copies will be available from the Alton Community Centre, Alton Library and the Curtis Museum. Full details will also be available from our website.

Please visit our website at <https://alton.u3asite.uk/> for further information about your local u3a.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



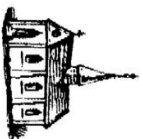
### Across

- 1 Prison for those convicted of serious crimes
- 8 Live
- 9 Obtaining something by force or coercion
- 11 Princess - - - - - -, daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales
- 12 Object, item
- 13 Egyptian queen of the Ptolemaic dynasty
- 16 Former home of the Dalai Lama, now in exile
- 18 The elected head of a town council or borough
- 19 Telephone numbers entered into a phone and accessed by the touch of a button (5,4)
- 20 American state
- 22 Attacker
- 25 Piety
- 26 One who advises or shows the way to others
- 27 'Fit wheel girl' (anag).

### Down

- 1 Stamp collecting
- 2 Relating to the time or place of one's birth
- 3 A river
- 4 Medieval cathedral of Paris (5-4)
- 5 Annoyed
- 6 Japanese healing technique
- 7 Searching for and collecting interesting items on a shoreline
- 10 E.g. Pyjamas
- 14 Forgiving
- 15 One's will; evidence or proof of a fact
- 17 A high-ranking officer in the British army
- 21 Cornuse; (of an egg), become rotten
- 23 Japanese dish of vinegar-flavoured rice, served with raw seafood and vegetables
- 24 A piece of, often precious metal, cast into a bar for further processing

## Church News



The annual parochial parish meeting was held at the beginning of the month. In the absence of any willing volunteer to take up the position of Church warden Lindsay has agreed to continue in post for the time being. Other positions were the election of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) there are still some vacancies. Huge thanks to our treasurer and secretary who have both agreed to stand again.

It's hard to believe this is the article for the 6<sup>th</sup> month in the year – we can only hope that June possibly does turn in to 'flaming' June – currently we are still enjoying a log fire! It would certainly be preferred to have a bit of the sunshine for the main church, village hall and school fund raising activity of the year – the fete on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This date is also when the patronal festival for St Peter's High Cross is held – 10.00 am Benefice Communion – we would be very pleased to see you there.

Further brief outline from the APCM

The PCC is very grateful for all those who have supported/ given to the parish funds during the year, whether through the parish giving scheme, standing orders, regular collections or one-off donations. All the donations are very much appreciated and have enabled the church to carry out work in the parish.

Over the past few months there have been detailed discussions about generosity. During these discussions it was proposed that the PCC revive the practice, (shelved during a time of financial strain) of giving a proportion of unrestricted funds to causes outside of our own church. It was decided that this year a financial gift should be given to Froxfield School in recognition of its 150th anniversary.

Teresa Brown (Tower Captain) thanked Ian Hughes and two members of the district bell ringing team for keeping the bells ringing on Sundays. She appealed for new people to step forward to give bell ringing a go and boost the numbers in the team.



**OPENING TIMES**

**Tuesday to Saturday:**

**10am – 4.30pm**

**01420 82802**

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum)

**Forthcoming events**

**The Curtis Museum is holding two themed trails in June -**

**For Alton's Regency Week -Jane Austen's High Street Trail**

Join a FREE themed trail around the Curtis Museum and find out more about the writer's walks from nearby Chawton to Alton, what she might have seen on her route, as well as her connections with the Curtis family, Friday 19th June to Friday 17th July, 10am - 4.30pm. Drop in from 19th June and throughout Alton's Jane Austen Regency Week to pick up your FREE trail sheet, the trail will continue until Saturday 17th July.

**In honour of Dolls House Day**, (which will be held in the Alton Assembly Rooms on the 27th June) **a Miniature Items Spotter Trail** This trail runs from Tuesday 2nd June - Saturday 27th June, 10am - 4.30pm. FREE ENTRY.

Can you spot the miniature items we have hidden around the museum? If you're up to the task they will reveal a secret word!



**UPDATE on the Allen Gallery from Hampshire Cultural Trust**

**Allen Gallery Redevelopment**

*We're delighted to share that construction has officially begun on site. This is a major milestone for the project and an exciting step towards the venue's transformation. The venue closed at Christmas as planned, and all activity has now successfully transferred to the Curtis Museum while works take place.*

*Alongside this, the wider project continues to make strong progress. Our community engagement programme remains active, with family activities running during school holidays, artist residencies underway with local creatives, and a range of opportunities helping our volunteers stay closely connected and involved throughout the redevelopment.*

*To stay up to date with project-related activities and events, keep an eye on the Curtis Museum website*