

FROXFIELD 150th ANNIVERSARY 1876 - 2026 CE SCHOOL

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150th Anniversary!
SUMMER FAIR

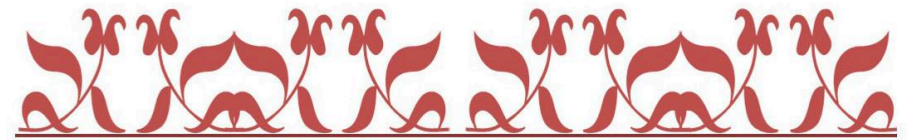
Entertainment from:
The Fabulous Fug Band

A chance for everyone to look around our lovely school

Inflatables **Face Painting**

Hog Roast & Bar **Dog Show**
Raffle

SUNDAY 12TH 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*



July 2026





Sarah Rush with Sue Clegg



Froxfield & Privett Garden Club Open Gardens 2026 at Paloma House



The four soloists - Johannes Gerges, Dominic Skingle, Alice Howell and Rhian Davies - with Mary Snuggs and Sally Jay



The Happy Circus tent, June 15th at the Froxfield school 150 year Celebrations

JULY



2026

Benefice Worship

Sunday 5th July (Green)

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

10am The TenAM, **Steep**

10am Parish Communion **High Cross**

Sunday 12th July (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

Sunday 19th July (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 26th July (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

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

Sunday 2nd August (Green)

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

10am The TenAM, **Steep**

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice.

For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at

steepfroxfeldprivett@gmail.com.

or visit our website **www.steepfroxfeld.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 Choir's recent concert

Cover

Thanks go this month to Chip, who kindly allowed us to use his picture and to Lil Buckle who he owns, for taking the photo in the first place. She says that it was 'taken last year in Rapley Copse, by Broadhanger.' Chip is a bit of a star. What he doesn't know about cardboard boxes isn't worth knowing.

Again, I haven't worked out how to remove the colour splashes around the outside of the vignette. The new version of Photoshop is still baffling me! Any advice gratefully received.

SOLUTION TO JUNE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across – 1 Penitentiary, 8 Exist, 9 Extortion, 11 Charlotte, 12 Thing, 13 Cleopatra, 16 Tibet, 18 Mayor, 19 Speed dial, 20 Idaho, 22 Assailant, 25 Godliness, 26 Guide, 27 Weightlifter.

Down - 1 Philately, 2 Natal, 3 Trent, 4 Notre-Dame, 5 Irritated, 6 Reiki, 7 Beachcombing, 10 Nightclothes, 14 Pardoning, 15 Testament, 17 Brigadier, 21 Addle, 23 Sushi, 24 Ingot.

The poem on page 27 was written a few years ago by Jonquil Bond and she gave Tidda Dobbs permission to send it to us for publication. It is really descriptive.



For the eagle-eyed amongst you, sorry about the random paragraph that crept into last month's magazine. It was from the template and didn't get noticed for removal until too late.

Caroline & Steve

Privett Family Barbeque – Sunday 26 July



food and drink, and good company, too.

All the BBQ favourites, supplied by the excellent Smiths Butchers in West Meon, (with vegetarian options) will be grilled by our expert Privett chefs, and served with a range of relishes and delicious salads. For pudding there will be strawberries/fruit salad, meringues and cream. Local beer, Pimm's, wine and soft drinks will be available at the pay bar.

Although for the last ten years we have been able to avoid increasing prices, we are now faced with increased costs for the food, and so ticket prices this year are £15 (£7 for children 6 – 14, and under 6 come for free).

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;

By contacting Melanie Wright (tel. 07900 020051; email: melanie.wright59@btinternet.com).

It is important for us that you buy or book your tickets in good time so that we know how many to cater for.

We look forward to seeing you – and we look forward to a sunny and delightful day!



This year our Open Gardens was held at Paloma House on the afternoon of Sunday 14 June. We had glorious sunshine and everyone had a wonderful day in the exquisite garden at Paloma. Our thanks go to Matt and Cat for sharing their beautiful parkland garden. The garden looked stunning in a relaxed Country House garden style. Visitors were welcomed with a glass of Pimms to enjoy and the tea tent was extremely busy with a fantastic selection of delicious cakes. Our Plant and Produce Stall was very popular with bargains to be had! The profits for the event will be shared between the Garden Club and Wessex Rivers Trust. Once again, the hard working Committee are to be congratulated on the excellent organisation and running of the day and of course a special thanks to all the visitors who supported us by attending.

By the time that this edition of the Parish Magazine is published we will have enjoyed an afternoon visit to 'The Manor House' at Upton Grey, which members are very much looking forward to. On Wednesday 8 July we will be visiting Hambledon House by kind permission of Capt & Mrs David Hart Dyke. There will be more information on these visits in next month's Parish Magazine.

Our next event is the Summer Show, which will be held on Saturday 15 August at Froxfield Village hall at 2pm. Copies of the Show Schedule will be available from Froxfield Stores shortly.

Entries may be submitted by all residents of Froxfield and Privett and by members of the club whose 2025/2026 subscriptions was paid by 31 July 2026. All horticultural exhibits must be bone fide produce of the exhibitor, grown by them for a period of at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the Show. This does not apply to the Flower Arrangement classes. We will be serving tea and cakes, there will be a Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and Produce Stall and of course a Raffle with profits going to the Garden Club. Gifts of any suitable items will be greatly appreciated. Prize giving will be at 3.30pm.



*A cool misty May dawn, a great stillness,
And - astonishing - the green of the hedgerow
 painted milk-white,
The dainty white flowers of the tall cow parsley,
A nodding bower the full length of the length of the lane,
As if to welcome a village bride.*

*The sun comes up, bathing the drifts of wild garlic,
herb Robert and pink campion.
In it's first and tenderest light,
Breathing the loveliness of swathes of wild bluebells.
The village is a piece of loveliness on earth,
This morning.*



Lying on a bank dark with

The sun comes up, bathing

In it's first and tenderest

Breathing the loveliness of

The village is a piece of lo

This morning.

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- 1 Achieve
- 6 New Testament book of the Bible
- 9 Ron fits man,' (anag).
- 10 Flightless bird of New Zealand
- 12 American singer, songwriter and pianist who died
in 2018, - - - - - Franklin
- 13 The female head of certain orders of nuns
- 15 An animal without a spine
- 18 Preoccupied, dreamy and vague (6-6)
- 21 Broadcast visually
- 22 Defeated
- 24 Habitual repetition of something to be learned
- 25 Purveyor of seafood
- 26 E.g. Bicarb or caustic
- 27 A small worthless object, especially an ornament
(5-5)

- 1 Not vegetable or mineral
- 2 Beverage
- 3 The country's commercial shipping (8,4)
- 4 King - - - , a Shakespearean tragedy
- 5 Drenching
- 7 In Greek mythology, fire-breathing female
monsters
- 8 An unmarried woman
- 11 Gibberish
- 14 Authorisation
- 16 Repeated decorative designs
- 17 Separated; remote
- 19 A mark of disgrace
- 20 Waterproof jacket with a hood
- 23 Stylish

Froxfield Choir says Goodbye to a Very Special Chair.



What a wonderful evening we had on Saturday 20th June. The sun shone on the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Privett as friends and supporters of Froxfield Choir gathered for drinks and picnics before the concert. The programme was warmly received by the audience who enjoyed music by Purcell and Telemann from the brilliant young Istante Collective, whose members include many principal players from the most prestigious European historical performance ensembles. Those at the front of the audience commented on the joy of seeing, as well as hearing, the original Baroque instruments. The first half concluded with Charpentier's Te Deum, with the choir accompanied by four impressive young professional soloists whose singing delighted the audience. They were joined by sopranos from the choir, Sally Jay and Mary Snuggs, for 'Fiat misericordia' before the final chorus. Their beautifully matched voices blended well with the soloists and showed the skill and versatility within the choir's ranks.

Sally and Mary also joined the soloists in the second half of the concert, for 'Suscepit Israel' in Bach's Magnificat. Each of the ten verses of the Magnificat and the Gloria form a continuous whole with the splendour of the writing anticipating the great choruses of the later Mass in B Minor. The choir rose to the challenge of a notoriously difficult work and were ably supported by the instrumentalists.

The summer concert is always the highlight of our choral year, but this year was particularly special as we celebrated Sue Clegg's 13 years leading the choir, and many more singing with the sopranos. She has produced countless concerts over that time, calmly navigating the logistical challenges, negotiating budgets, attracting sponsors, keeping our conductor, Michael Servant, on his toes, welcoming new members and nurturing us all with her infectious enthusiasm and sense of humour.

Froxfield Choir has never been stronger, with 42 singers now on the register and a popular conductor who has been with the choir since 2016. Heartfelt thanks go to Sue from us all. She will be succeeded by Chris Allen, who has sung with the tenors for many years and has the support of all the choir. He has big shoes to fill, but we are confident he will do a great job, and that Froxfield Choir will continue to thrive.

Church News

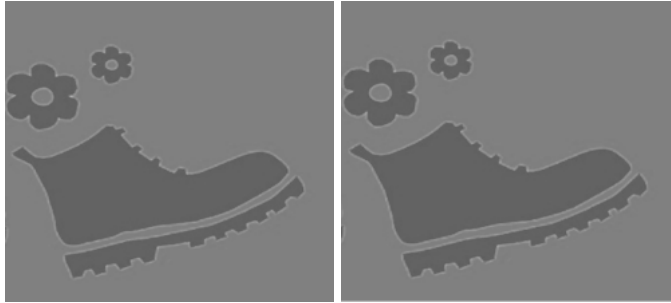


Trinity Sunday coincided with a quite a welcome relief from the heatwave of the previous week - even Holy Trinity was warm! The service was well attended and thanks must go to the team who gave the church a 'tidy up', to Patsy for the beautiful flower arrangement and to Pat and her team for refreshments afterwards.

The next festive occasion followed on quickly as we drove in the opposite direction to join Steep parishioners in the licensing of Sue as our Associate Vicar. We once again welcomed Bishop Jonathan to the benefice and he, together with Catherine, Archdeacon of the Meon, conducted the official service in order that Sue can /..... This time it was fizz and nibbles with our friends from Steep to end this celebratory occasion.

Sadly 'celebration' can take different forms and at the beginning of June we held the funeral service to celebrate the life of Nicky Goss. Nicky had lived in High Cross for a number of years and the service was well attended by her family and friends.

Coming up we have the Benefice Patronal Service in St Peter's, High Cross at 10.00 am on the day of our village fete – Sunday 28 June. It'll be a fitting way to start a village community day. The funds from the fete are split between the church, village hall and school so do please come along and do your bit to keep the Parish of Froxfield thriving!



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month
High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Wednesday 5th August 2026

Wednesday 2nd 2026

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

Drop-In

FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL



a cuppa in a warm space.

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

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

Next Drop - In Dates:

July 11th 2026

August 8th 2026

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Oyez, Oyez!

Join in the UK's biggest fundraising day to keep historic churches looking beautiful, INCLUDING YOURS.





Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot.
Enjoy exercise, meet new people and raise much
needed funds for your church

More info from: Suzanne Tong: tongventhams@gmail.com or 01730 260430



SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2026

Experience a day of exceptional opportunity, discovering the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, seeing beautiful countryside, getting some exercise travelling between the churches and having fun with friends and family while raising vital funds for the restoration of your own church and others in need of repair and restoration Hampshire and the Isle of Wight .

Ride and Stride is a chance for you, your family, and friends to visit churches, chat with church representatives and learn more about the history and heritage of churches plus, you can be sure the sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to our own churches here in Froxfield and Privett and other churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

- Journey between as many churches as you wish
- Design your own route - over 400 churches are due to be open so have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary
- Choose your own method of transport: on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus, or classic car

Curtis Museum continued Thursday Craft Club – Soap Knapping 23rd July

This hands-on activity explores one of the oldest skills in human history and is inspired by real Stone Age artefacts in the Curtis Museum collection. Perfect for curious young archaeologists, crafty makers, and anyone who enjoys getting creative with history.

What to expect:

- Learn how prehistoric people made tools and weapons
- Create your own soap “stone tool” to take home
- A fun, hands-on introduction to archaeology and ancient craftsmanship
- All materials provided
- Craft Club costs £2 per child, and your 5th craft is free.

Thursday Craft Club – Stratigraphy Jars. 30th July. Become an archaeologist for the day and discover how layers of soil can reveal clues about the past! At this week’s Craft Club, children will create their own colourful “stratigraphy jar” using different layers of sand, soil, and materials to explore how archaeologists read the ground like a history book. Inspired by real archaeological digs, this hands-on activity introduces the fascinating idea of stratigraphy - the study of layers that helps archaeologists understand what happened long ago and when.

What to expect:

Learn how archaeologists uncover history layer by layer.

There will also be **Dig Pits** for children to explore, and a **Fossil Handling Box** - an opportunity to handle replica fossils and learn about real ones.



July's Object of the Month from the vaults is a **Farnham Pottery Jug**.

Curtis Museum



OPENING TIMES
Tuesday to Saturday
10am – 4.30pm

01420 82802

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

CURTIS MUSEUM 2026 **Forthcoming events**

We have plenty going on during the

Festival of Archaeology - 18th July - 1st August.

The Time Detective Agency Fact Trail

Step into the shoes of a Time Detective and uncover the clues hidden in the past! Join us at the Curtis Museum for an exciting, interactive family event where young explorers and grown-ups work together to solve historical mysteries through play, puzzles and discovery. Packed with creative activities and archaeological challenges, The Time Detective Agency invites families to investigate, build and dig their way through history. What's in store?

3D Pot Puzzles

Become a finds specialist and reconstruct broken pots using three-dimensional puzzles, just like real archaeologists do in the lab. All materials provided
Explore real archaeological techniques in a fun, creative way
Create your own layered stratigraphy jar to take home
Perfect for curious minds, young explorers, and budding archaeologists!

Thursday Craft Club – Soap Knapping 23rd July. Step back into the Stone Age this Thursday at Craft Club and discover how early humans shaped tools from flint and stone! Using bars of soap instead of sharp flint, children can safely try their hand at “knapping” - carefully carving and shaping their own prehistoric-style tool to take home.

Ride & Stride continued

- Explore and enjoy the Hampshire countryside. There are over 400 churches due to be open so you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome.
- Sponsorship money raised will be divided equally between the church of your choice and Hampshire and the Islands Historic churches trust who award grants to churches for restoration and repair.

The sponsorship money helps to fund repairs to the historic fabric and features of churches as well as urgent repairs such as retaining walls in graveyards, leaky roofs, and the installation of facilities to make Hampshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses of all denominations fit to serve local communities for future generations.

If you can't take part for whatever reason, why not consider sponsoring someone?

I will be taking part along with Ian Hughes and others, but **I am also looking for volunteers to “man” one of the three participating churches in our parish. If you think you can help by sitting in the church for an hour (or two!) to greet any visitors that may be taking part, please get in touch.**

I can't wait to hear from you and to see lots of you there! With grateful thanks

Suzanne Tong: For more information and sponsorship forms: tongventhams@gmail.com or 01730 260430



150th Froxfield CE School
Celebration Concert
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
 Pre-performance picnics available from
sageandseason.co.uk

Photo Orlando Jenkins



THE TROOPER INN
 HOTEL & BAR

On the subject of fundraising, we have launched a campaign to raise funds for a Defibrillator to be installed here at The Trooper Inn. There are 3 Defibs in the Parish 2 in High Cross (The Shop and Village Hall) and 1 in Privett, but these are too far away to be of any use in reality to residents living in Cockshott Lane, Honeycritch Lane, Warren Corner and Barnetside. So it is a valuable resource that would be beneficial to the local residents to the pub and the wider community.

We have partnered with My Community Defib to launch our campaign to raise the funds for the Defib to be installed here at The Trooper. The total cost for the Defib to be installed is £1950 and we have so far raised £220. We have 12 months to raise the funds.

If you would like to donate please follow the below link:

<https://www.mycommunitydefib.co.uk/project/honeycritch-lane-gu32-1-petersfield-gbr>

Dates for the Diary in July

Wednesday 3rd July – ADC Vault Darts

Tuesday 7th July – Petersfield Town Darts League (Joys Jesters v Passfield Predators 8.30pm)

Wednesdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th – ADC Vault Darts

Thursday 9th July – Trooper Classics Car Meet from 6pm

Sunday 12th July – Outside Bar and Hog Roast at the School Fayre on the recreation ground

Tuesday 14th July – Petersfield Town Darts League (Next Tuesday v The Parish 8.30pm)

Thursday 30th – Trooper Quiz Night - £2 per person to enter maximum of 6 players to a team.



We have had a very positive June with an increase in hotel bookings and a slight uptake on customers in the pub. We have however despite the 10% discount offer for village residents during Jun, we have not seen many of you come in and visit us.

We started the month with excellent Live Music from local band Honeypark on Saturday 6th June, it was a fantastic night of Britpop from the band from Chichester and despite being a man down they did not disappoint at all, however it was a very disappointing turnout and had it not been for some hotel guests there would have been 5 people in the pub to watch the band.

We are trying our hardest to put on FREE events for everyone to attend but it has now come to a point where it makes no financial sense to keep trying live music at The Trooper as it is clear this is not what people want to attend. It is a great shame, but we have tried and it hasn't worked. So Honeypark were our last Live Band to come to The Trooper.

On a more positive note we have for this quarter been raising funds at our monthly quiz for Froxfield School, and (as I write this) our last quiz is at the end of June.

We are also proud to be able to sponsor FoFs Summer Fayre on the recreation ground on Sunday 12th July. FoFs approached us and we have offered our mobile bar services for the event and we are also supplying a Hog Roast on the day too. We are very much looking forward to this event and it is especially nice that we have been approached and are able to help out at this event.

Whilst we don't have endless sums of money we do like to sponsor local events and have in the past year sponsored the March for Men with Kev in Petersfield which raised a considerable sum of money for Prostate Cancer and, a Local Darts Player named Dan Rosher as he looks to qualify for the Lakeside World Darts Championship at the end of the year.



Container/Hanging Basket Competition For the Ladies Friendship Group Trophy

Enter as many hanging baskets/containers/tubs as
you wish.

Entry fee 50p per container.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 12th JULY

Judging will take place later in July. The presentation of the trophy for the best entry and photographs of all the entries will be displayed at the show on 15th August.

Entry forms available from Christine Stephens
fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com

Froxfield Village Hall Update



The Village Hall remains busy, with plenty going on over the summer. By the time you read this, the Village Fete will have taken place and we hope it was a great success. The school has also been making good use of the hall with events linked to the circus and Summer Fair.

We're pleased to welcome David Bower to the committee as a Trustee and Parish Council representative. Many thanks also to Anna Boardman, who has volunteered as Deputy Treasurer and will be helping with day-to-day finances and invoicing.

Summer Maintenance

Two important maintenance projects are planned for the summer holidays.

The Main Hall floor will be re-varnished during the week beginning 24 August to keep it in good condition. The Main Hall will be closed for that week while the finish cures, but the Jubilee Hall and kitchen will remain available for hire.

We're also hoping to address the drainage problems at the top of the car park, where winter flooding often causes potholes. The proposal is to create a shallow drainage ditch along the south and west sides of the car park. If you have any comments, or access to plant and machinery that could help, please get in touch.

Looking ahead, we're considering how to make better use of the Balcony Room and balcony. It's a bright, airy space with lots of potential, and we'd welcome ideas on how it could be improved and used more often.

Working Party – Sunday 12 July 2026

Our next Working Party will focus on outdoor jobs including garden maintenance, fence clearing and installing a fire assembly point sign. We'll be working from 9am–1pm, and any help would be greatly appreciated, whether for an hour or the whole morning.

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

For more information, please contact Ted Stephens at ted.stephens@froxfielldvillagehall.co.uk or 01730 266529.

Parish Council News, continued

Also, Government changes to the planning system have removed the planning committee review option for all but the largest application sites. For applications where more than six objections were submitted the Parish Council was able to request the for the application to be reviewed by the committee. Ironically, EHDC's Planning Committee has just been praised in an independent report.

SDNP/26/01199/HOUS Location: Taverne Cottage, Hempland Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NU Proposal: Ground floor rear extension with a first-floor infill incorporating internal modification. It was resolved to OBJECT to the application.

SDNP/26/01091/HOUS Location: Corriegour, Claypit Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DD. Proposal: Existing bedroom window replaced with larger window. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application

SDNP/26/01371/CND Location: Four Winds, Petersfield Road, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1BD Proposal: Section 73 to vary condition 4 of SDNP/23/02699/HOUS to permit use of the detached annexe as a short term holiday accommodation. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application.

SDNP/26/01584/TCA Location: The Pump House, Basing Dean Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NS Proposal: Works to trees. The application contains too little information for the PC to make a decision.

SDNP/26/01654/CND Location: Coleus Training & Boarding Kennels, Privett Road, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1EF. Proposal: Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 of SDNP/24/02818/FUL to allow for substituted plans relating to the replacement dwelling following demolition of the existing dwelling and selected outbuilding. It was resolved to support the application.

The next two parish council meeting dates have been moved to Thursday 9th July at Privett Village Hall and Thursday 10th September at Froxfield Village Hall.

Parish Council News



At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May Councillor Teresa Brown was re-elected as Chair and Councillor David Rymer as Vice-Chair who also continues in his role as head of Planning. Every Councillors has areas of responsibility. A list of these are published on the Parish Council Website.

Check out the website as there is an abundance of useful information uploaded regularly. Each month the South Downs National Park publishes 2 newsletters. The planning quarterly newsletter has information on new homes, enforcement action and affordable housing. The Spring Newsletter has 2 articles on new developments in Petersfield.

The South Downs News not only has interesting articles on nature but competitions and things to do in the month. Other news on the PC website comes from EHDC, HCC and it is always worth keeping an eye on the events calendar for what's on.

Cllr Drew in his new role as a County Councillor has asked us to collect information on potholes that have been reported in the last 3 months ago but have not yet been repaired.

If you have submitted any reports please send me the reference numbers so I can compile a list for Nick. They can be emailed to me on clerk@froxfielddandprivett.org.uk or, if it is easier, you can send me a message via the parish council website.

Other news is that HCC has announced plans for a major expansion of electric vehicle charging points across the county. Around 17,000 new EV charging sockets are planned, focused on areas where residents do not have access to off-street parking.

EHDC are planting new trees in the Central Car Park. Eight trees comprised of cherry, maple and hawthorn will be replacing dying and dead trees that have recently been removed from the car park.



Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Walk and lunch held in April was enjoyed by 15 people and a few dogs. Both the 10k walk and the 5K walk were within the Parish and took in some good views of our countryside, and flowers.

The walk raised just over £500, with the sponsorship monies going to the walkers' choice, between Froxfield Village Hall, Froxfield Church Project and Froxfield School 150 project.

Thanks to Holly Grocott, Gill Martin, Nina Povey and Anne Fenton for preparing and serving the drinks and lunch.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

July: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th: Cricket (Saturdays)

July 11th: Drop In, tea, cake and a chat, 10:30 to 12 noon (Saturday)

July 12th: Hall Maintenance Working party 9am to 1pm (Sunday)

July 17th: Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets £10 on the door Under 14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hot dogs at 80p (Friday)

July 25th: Froxfield Hop Social Dance, 7.30pm for details & tickets see www.swing4all.co.uk/product/froxfield-social-dance (Saturday)

August 1st: Cricket (Saturday)

August 24th to 29th: Main Hall not available for booking due to floor maintenance work. Other rooms available (Monday to Saturday)



June has been a memorable and very busy month in the life of Froxfield Primary and Preschool.

As part of the ongoing 150th anniversary celebrations and fundraising campaign to build a performing arts studio, the children in each class enthusiastically entered a sponsored 'dance a thon' on June 4th. This exciting event went on all day with each class getting a time slot to dance. The children had a wonderful time and looked great wearing their 'dancethon' T-shirts which had been specially designed by Philip Chung. The weather that day was atrocious, but the event was rescued by Lindsay Clegg letting the school borrow his marquee - thank you Lindsay. To make the day even more memorable, the children were joined by the Alton Morris dancers who taught the children some of their dances. Congratulations to FOFS and the staff as well as the dancing children as they raised well over £3k towards the new studio.

On June 10th the 17 children from years 5 and 6, who had attended my Speaking With Confidence after school club, were assessed by a visiting English-Speaking Board assessor in the ESB Awards in Speech. I was so very proud of all of the children who achieved such high marks across the board receiving 3 Merit Plus and 15 Distinctions. As well as learning a poem to recite by heart and reading some pages of dialogue from a book of their choice, the children had to prepare a talk on a topic of their choosing, using visual aids. The topics ranged from Hyenas, Dolphins, and animal photography to Ukrainian Culture, Girl Guiding, Hockey and many more.

Each child taught us all some really interesting new facts - did you know that the Dachshund breed is made up of 5 other breeds of dog or that an elephant can reach higher than a giraffe when standing on their hind legs?

Well done to all the children who took this voluntary award - it can be nerve-racking to speak in public but learning these life skills early will stand them all in good stead as they mature.

The aerial acrobatics were breathtaking, the juggling and balancing acts, truly amazing, and the clowning delighted the children with a finale of spraying the screaming front rows with water - how they loved it! Thanks are due to the Parish Council for giving their permission for the circus to pitch and stay overnight. I am sure the children will remember the night the circus came to Froxfield for the rest of their lives.

On June 18th the school held its annual Sports Day - as ever it ran like clockwork with every child from the preschool to year 6 participating in a range of age-appropriate races. It was a delight to hear the children's enthusiastic cheering for their houses and congratulations to Blue House who won the cup for the most winning points.

At the beginning of July there will be a **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 classical soloists joined by a choir formed from both Froxfield Choir and The Free Radicals. Actress Kate Phillips will be reading poetry and prose celebrating the school and its rural setting.

Tickets and pre-concert picnics are available to book from <https://froxfeld.hants.sch.uk/> and for the picnic: 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 hope to see many of you at the concert and the fete.

Gilly Hollis
Chair of Governors