

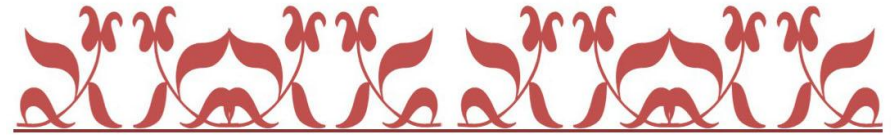
Froxfield School



On July 3 all 107 Children of Froxfield school made a pilgrimage across the fields to Froxfield Green to visit Love's Charity house where the first Froxfield school began before moving to the 'new' school on July 3 1876



This photo is from the School's 150th anniversary church service on 28 April. 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.'



Froxfield and Privett Parish Magazine



August 2026





Froxfield Village
Fete
28th June 2026



Photos :
Courtesy of
Ted Stephens



Hambleton House & The Manor House, Upton Grey
(Garden Club)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD JULY PUZZLE

Across - 1 Accomplish, 8 Acts, 9 Informants, 10 Kiwi, 12 Aretha, 13 Prioress, 15 Invertebrate, 18 Absent-minded, 21 Televiser, 22 Beaten, 24 Rote, 25 Fishmonger, 26 Soda, Knick-knack.

Down - 1 Animal, 2 Coffee, 3 Merchant Navy, 4 Lear, 5 Saturating, 7 Chimeras, 8 Spinster, 11 Gobbledegook, 14 Permission, 16 Patterns, 17 Isolated, 19 Stigma, 20 Anorak, 23 Chic.

AUGUST



2026

Benefice Worship

Sunday 2nd August (Green)

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

10am The TenAM, **Steep**

10am Parish Communion **High Cross**

Sunday 9th August (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

Sunday 16th August (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 23rd August (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

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

Sunday 30th August (Green)

10am Benefice Communion, **Steep**

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**

Power Cuts

Many of you may have experienced a lot of fleeting power outages in the past couple of months, so I wrote to SSEN, saying how it was hugely inconvenient as when it went off, we lost all access to every sort of telephone, internet (which takes about 20 minutes to reset the router.)

I got a very comprehensive reply. Here it is. I would encourage people to write to them to complain, so they can build up a picture of where and when it is happening, or call 105 or email customercomplaints@ssen.co.uk:



'Thank you for contacting Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN). I am sorry to hear you have reasons to complain.

I understand you have contacted us regarding the ongoing power cuts that have affected your property. I am so sorry for the upset caused.

Please be assured that I have investigated this matter for you with the region.

I can confirm that on 20 June 2026, repairs were carried out to the High Voltage Network. A faulty pole and Pole Mounted Transformer (PMT) were replaced which rectified the ongoing issues with the power cuts/auto recloses.

Unfortunately, however, some unforeseen issues had arisen which caused a few additional outages. I have attached details of this below.

01 July 2026 - Auto Reclose. Whilst repairs have been carried out on the network to rectify the ongoing issues you were having, we cannot guarantee you will never have another outage of this nature.

Power Cuts continued

06 July 2026 - A tractor unfortunately made contact with the overhead line. This did cause the line to trip temporarily for safety. Thankfully there were no injuries and while I understand the inconvenience this can cause, there is not much we can do about instances of damage on our network.

07-08 July 2026 - Due to a fault on a different part of the network, our engineers had been carrying out a process called switching, which allowed us to temporarily supply the network via an alternate source, while repairs on our HV network were ongoing. Switching, at times, can lead to temporary reduction in volts and light flickering but allowed us to bring supplies back on much earlier than would have been the case had this fault restoration tool not been utilised. It did also cause a temporary trip in the morning of 8 July also.

I am so sorry for all the upset that these outages have undoubtedly caused. This has been a period of unforeseen events, which are unrelated to the prior outages and repairs which have been carried out.

With regards to your signal whilst the power is off. We have spent a number of years encouraging broadband providers to look into a back-up/contingency plan during the event of a power outage. We appreciate that customers will also lose their phone signal when the power goes out as the masses are connected to the same part of the network. Whilst it is our responsibility to restore the power, it is not our responsibility to ensure phone masses have a back up. I can only recommend that you reach out to your broadband provider to see what assistance they can provide you.

Again, I am so sorry for all the upset caused. If there is anything further you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be happy to assist you with this. If I do not hear from you by 7 August 2026, I will conclude that you no longer require my assistance with this matter and you are satisfied your complaint is now closed.

Kind regards, **Charley Jackson** Customer Relations Advisor
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks'



This year we have also included a children's class, a 'Garden in a Dish', so please encourage your children and grandchildren to enter this. Unlike the other children's classes there will not be an entry organised by one of the schools, so it is down to our children/grandchildren to see what they can make. For those of you interested in the cookery classes, we have included one recipe this year for Tarta de Santiago. This is a delicious gluten free cake that originates from Galicia in northern Spain. Should you have any questions after reading the programme, please contact Christine Stephens at: fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com.

Again, we will be serving our delicious 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. Donations of any suitable items will be greatly appreciated. Prize giving will be at 3.30pm. On the day of the Show Froxfield Village Hall will be open at 8am and the staging of entries must be completed by 10.15am. If you have any queries Please contact our Show Secretary, Christine Stephens on 01730 266529 or email her at fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com. We are very much looking forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Show and despite the hot weather we have been experiencing, we are hopeful of seeing a good range of entries at the show. If you have not entered before – take a look at the schedule and have a go! It's a wonderful community event and great fun! Come along, enjoy all the exhibits of flowers, fruit, vegetables and cookery and enjoy tea and delicious cakes too!

Our next meeting and AGM is on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at Privett Village Hall at 7.30pm and our speaker will be Kevin Hobbs. There will be more information in next month's Parish Magazine.
Elizabeth Houghton-Connell
Chair



On Wednesday 24 June several heat-hardy members braved a delightful afternoon visit to the Manor House, Upton Grey. The temperatures soared but our host, Rosamund Wallinger welcomed us with open arms and gave an interesting talk on the history of the restoration and development of the Gertrude Jekyll garden. Members spent a lovely afternoon enjoying this delightful garden followed by a delicious tea, served by Rosamund, on the terrace.

Our evening visit to Hambledon House, by kind permission of Capt. & Mrs Hart Dyke, was a huge success. We were blessed with a glorious summer's evening and enjoyed an introduction to the garden by Diana Hart Dyke whilst being treated to canapés and drinks before setting off on a tour of this hidden gem situated right in the centre of Hambledon village.

Our plant stall at the Froxfield Fete raised a very pleasing sum for the Village funds. Thank you for your support and generosity in buying and also for donating plants for us to sell.

August brings our lovely annual Summer Show, which opens at 2pm on Saturday 15 August at Froxfield Village Hall. **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.

Copies of the Show Schedule are available from Froxfield Stores and Budgens at West Meon Hut. If Budgens run out, please try Froxfield Stores or alternatively email fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com to request a copy. Anyone wishing to exhibit must submit their entry form and fee to the Show Secretary (Christine Stephens), a Committee Member or to Froxfield Stores (**not to Budgens**) by 5pm on Thursday 13 August.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Complaints Procedure

OUR COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCESS



1. WE'RE HERE TO HELP – YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

We really value your feedback and appreciate the opportunity to put things right when they go wrong. You can get in touch with us by **phone, email, post, via our website or in person** and we'll do everything we can to resolve your issue within two working days. We've made it as easy as possible for you to contact us with a complaint.

2. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

If we haven't been able to resolve your complaint within two working days, we'll continue working closely with you to find the right resolution. If things are not resolved within four days, a dedicated team of specialists will step in to help guide you through the next steps.

3. TAKING IT FURTHER

If we're unable to agree a way forward, or your complaint has been open for eight weeks, you have the option to contact the Ombudsman for an independent review. If you choose not to accept our final resolution, we'll issue a formal deadlock letter which you can use to take your complaint to the Ombudsman.

CONTACT US

- BY PHONE**
Call our complaints team **0800 980 1395**
- ONLINE**
Complete our complaints form online - [ssen.co.uk /complaints](https://ssen.co.uk/complaints)
- BY EMAIL**
Email our complaints team customercomplaints@ssen.co.uk
- BY POST**

SCOTLAND OFFICE: Customer Relations, SSEN Inverlorn House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ	ENGLAND OFFICE: Customer Relations, SSEN 4 Penner Road, Havant, PO9 1QH
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USEFUL CONTACTS

- OMBUDSMAN SERVICES (ENERGY)**

0330 440 1624	enquiries@energyombudsman.org
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- www.energyombudsman.org**
- CITIZENS ADVICE CONSUMER SERVICE**

0808 223 1133 - Mon to Fri, 9am - 5pm.

- citizensadvice.org.uk/energy

WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 5th August

Wednesday 9th September (note change of date)

Wednesday 7th October

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

for more information and travel arrangements.



SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 15th August 2026

Froxfield Village Hall

Teas, Bring and Buy Plant, Cake and Produce stall

Show opens 2 pm

Prizegiving 3.30pm

Entries to be in by 5pm on Thursday 13th August

Contact the Show Secretary - Christine Stephens on 01730 266529
or by email fpgardenclubshow@gmail.com



CURTIS MUSEUM

OPENING TIMES Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm 01420 82802

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

September 2026

The Time Detective Agency Fact Trail runs throughout the Summer Holidays. Become a Time Detective!

There will be three Time Periods to detect - Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern. Collect stamps to mark your progress for a summer packed with time-travelling adventures, **at 10 museums all across Hampshire!** (Check individual venue opening days in advance). Step into history and explore a different era each week as you train to become an official Time Detective Agent. Take part in free family trails, hands-on crafts, and exciting challenges designed for curious minds of all ages!

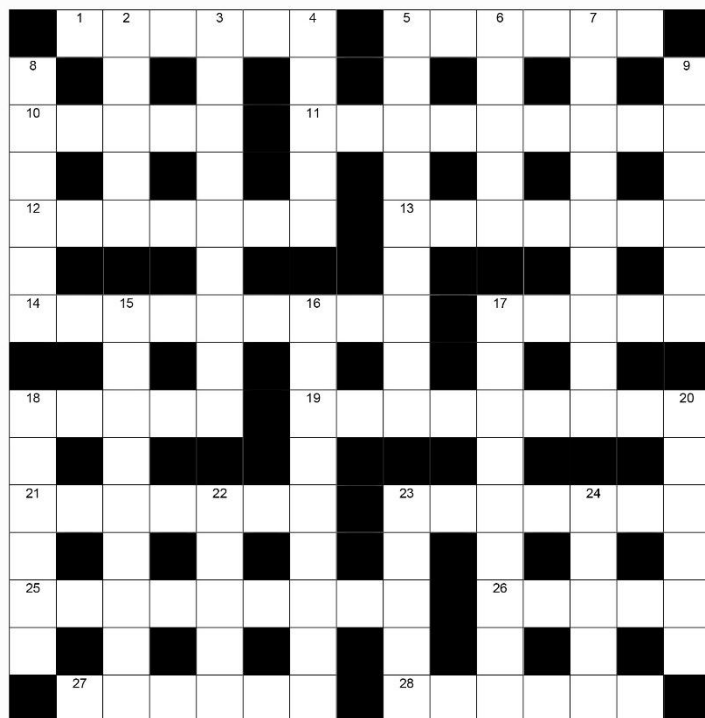
Start your journey by completing your first activity and receive your very own TDA Trainee ID Card Earn Mission Complete stickers at any participating venue Collect 4 stickers to unlock an exclusive Time Detective Agency badge! **FREE event – no booking required!** Drop in, explore, and travel through time all summer long.



During **September**, we're running an **Ancient Romans vs Ancient Britons** trail. Choose your side and design your weapons. **FREE.** This activity runs throughout the autumn term.

Following the success of last year's **Heritage Open Day**, we're doing another HOD, this time with re-enactment group **Herigeas Hundas**, **Butser IX Legion**, and **Experience the Iron Age** joining us to provide live demonstrations, show off medieval skills and trades, and possibly even play some live medieval music. **Saturday 12th September**

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 A ball game, similar to bowls, designed for athletes with severe physical disabilities
- 5 A shooting star
- 10 Bury
- 11 'Scars case,' (anag).
- 12 A medical practitioner who treats oral health conditions
- 13 Chivalrous
- 14 Eddy
- 17 Incorrect
- 18 - - - - - Thompson, former Olympic decathlete
- 19 Reveals information previously kept secret
- 21 A device which warns ships of danger in conditions of poor visibility
- 23 Alan - - - - -, British writer, actor and director
- 25 The tangible matter of which a thing exists
- 26 A fruit
- 27 A container in which water is boiled for making tea
- 28 The most important festival of the Christian church

Down

- 2 Frequently
- 3 In a warm and friendly way
- 4 Berkshire racecourse
- 5 Flowers
- 6 A rough path across open country or through woods
- 7 Things that hinder progress
- 8 E.g. Casement or dormer
- 9 An African bloodsucking fly
- 15 Unreadable
- 16 An authoritative decree or direction
- 17 Involved in crime
- 18 Diminish; mollify
- 20 Sofa
- 22 A group of eight singers or musicians
- 23 A musical note
- 24 Expel someone from their native country

Church News from St Peter's



Use of the 'warm' Holy Trinity, Privett church has continued since our Benefice service there on 31 May. During the past month this beautiful building has been used for 3 celebrations! The first two for very well attended concerts and the last, yesterday 18 July, for the celebration of the marriage of Eleanor Smith, from Privett, and Jordan Davis. What a wonderful day in all respects – the church was bedecked with the most glorious English flowers, the bride looked radiant and it was a very happy occasion. We send our best wishes to the newlyweds.

It's also been a busy time at St Peter's High Cross. We were delighted to welcome back Joanna to lead the service on our patronal festival, St Peter's Day, 28th June, as she celebrated the anniversary to mark 20 years since her ordination as a curate. Today, 19 July, at a joyous Parish Communion service we welcomed the parents, family and friends of baby George Isaac Gale Smith as he was baptised during the service.

We were delighted that Froxfield School used St Peter's for their end of year show – 2 performances and their well-attended leavers service last week.

By the time you read this we will also have welcomed our friends from the Catholic church led by Father Peter Hollis for an evening mass. This too is an annual event and especially welcomed by our local members of their Petersfield congregation.

With five Sundays in August, we look forward to a Benefice Service in Steep on Sunday 30th. Otherwise, church life will tick along with a lot of people away enjoying their summer break. Sundays, 2nd and 16th will be 10.00 am Parish Communion at St Peter's, High Cross and Sunday 23rd Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Froxfield Green.

Lastly a reminder that there is always a warm welcome for everyone at all our services. Plus coffee at the end of nearly all services and a chance to chat and meet new people and old friends.



Now we are One Hundred and Fifty
By Jane Dunster

If you listen, you can hear them.
 Feet shod anyhow in boots, pumps and trainers,
 Distending against their confines -new shoes again!
 Small toes pointing outwards – banana feet!
 Scampering in the snow

Crunching leaves and beechnut cases
 Thudding across the playground playing a game
 Which is not tag
 (Which is tag)
 Slow and sullen as a reprimand
 Proud and stately as a well-deserved commendation.

And voices
 Voices in prayer and disagreement and exultation
 (Exultation? Must be the Larks!)
 Voices beginning to break
 Fourteen next year, too old to be kept at school
 That's not fair, she started it!
 Salt, mustard, vinegar, pepper
 All in together girls this fine weather girls
 When I count to twenty the rope must be empty
 Gooaaaaal!

Carrying gossip, or is it News,
 Stoner's open, Stoner's closed.
 They're building a new school by the new Church
 Jerry's dropped a bomb over East Meon
 (Some sheep killed, and a pig,)
 There's wild boar on the hill, they put it on Instagram
 Hog roast at the Fete, if wet, in the village hall
 They're going to sell the schoolhouse
 They're putting up a library
 They're only taking infants
 They're going to go Primary



If you would like to help contribute with a donation please follow this link
[The Trooper Inn, Alton Road, Petersfield, GU32 1BD](https://www.facebook.com/thetrooperinn)

Events in August

Wednesday 5th, 12th – ADC Vault Darts, if you would like enter please follow the ADC Vaults at The Trooper Facebook page for full information
 Thursday 13th August – Trooper Classics Car Meet from 6pm – This month we are putting on a BBQ Evening for food.
 Sat/Sun 15th/16th – Tracks Across the Field – Vintage Ploughing in the fields opposite The Trooper.
 Thursday 27th August – Monthly Charity Pub Quiz – 7.30pm start, £2 per person to enter with a Maximum of 6 People to a team. Winning team receives a round of drinks on the house. All entry money is donated to our Defib Campaign.



**A date for the diary: Privett Harvest
 Supper in October**

This autumn the Harvest Supper at Privett Village Hall will be held a little later than usual – on the evening of **Saturday 17 October**. Full details, including booking arrangements, will be given in September's Parish Magazine, but make a note in your diary or on your phone now, so as to keep the evening free. A little longer to wait than in previous years, but the wait will be worth it!



July has been a very busy month for us as it always is due to Goodwood Festival of Speed, the hotel is always extremely busy for this and we are always grateful to our guests who return to us year after year to stay with us during FoS.

We have seen a steady increase in the food sales during June and July which is promising as we launched our summer menu at the start of June and saw Jamie join us as our new full time head chef. We are trying to post on our social media profiles every week the specials that Jamie is preparing, and this seems to be working well. Thank you to every one who has visited us during the last 2 months for food.

Our quizzes for the last quarter were raising funds for the Friends of Froxfield School's project to build a performing arts studio so thank you to everyone who came along and supported the quizzes, I am glad to say we raised £150 which was given to the school recently.

We were also very happy to have been involved in being one of the sponsors for the Schools 150 year anniversary Summer Fete on the recreation ground recently where we provided our Mobile Bar service and also provided a Hog Roast and BBQ for the day to. We have donated a percentage of our takings to the school. It is always nice to be able to support local events when we are approached and are always happy to do so.

Our Quizzes for the next quarter will be raising funds to help with our campaign to get a Defibrillator here at The Trooper Inn. We are aiming to raise £1950 to have the Defib installed and serviced for the next 4 years all within this cost. We have teamed up with the My Community Defib to raise the funds needed in the next 10 months.

Now we are One Hundred and Fifty **By Jane Dunster continued**

Old Warren of a place!
Even before it was built,
Bemused by the tangle of lanes,
An Inspector called them circuitous.
Why is that brick on an inside wall?
Was it always that colour?
Someone will know.
Someone will be able to find the ribbons and bells
For the Maypole Dancing.
Someone will know how to sort
Loose screws, tricky locks
Some animal's abandoned meal, or a scraped elbow.

The child who ripened
When Victoria wore black
And maps were pink
Might find us strange at first,
As we would find the past to be
Another Country.
But tell the poet all is well,
There are still blackberries enough in Froxfield.
Still red kites to plunge and soar
Seven sixes are still forty two
And schooldays still some of our best
And in another century and a half,
Someone will still be saying
Only at Froxfield.



Froxfield Village Hall

Feeling the Heat!

Some like it hot, but the last few weeks have been a little *too* hot, even at the Village Hall. A small number of our regular users have cancelled bookings because of the high temperatures, while some daytime hirers have shortened their sessions as the hall warms up during the afternoon.

Fortunately, careful management of blinds, shade and airflow has made a noticeable difference, and we're continuing to learn how best to keep the hall comfortable during these increasingly frequent heatwaves.

Village Fête – Another Fantastic Community Day

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Village Fête such a wonderful success. With the weather on our side, it was fantastic to see so many people enjoying a great afternoon together.

Events like the fête simply couldn't happen without the incredible support of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and pack away, ran a stall, donated prizes or cakes, provided entertainment, volunteered behind the scenes, or simply came along to support the day. Every contribution, however big or small, helped make the event such a memorable occasion.

A very special thank you goes to **Teresa Brown**, who organised the entire event for the second year running. Her dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of planning ensured everything ran seamlessly, creating another fantastic day for the whole village. We are incredibly grateful for everything she does.

We're also delighted that the proceeds from the fête will be shared between **Froxfield Village Hall, St Peter's Church,** and **Froxfield Primary School**, helping to support three organisations that sit at the heart of our community.

Thank you once again to everyone who played a part. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Smart Plant App

We featured this app in a previous issue and figured it would be a good idea to put it in again. Particularly given the recent weather events.



SmartPlant is an app/website that has been set up to sell plants that growers nationwide have been raising for gardens & events that now with Covid 19 are no longer needed & so are 'going to waste'...a friend has bought a bundle & the plants are strong & healthy...it helps growers & what's more, 10% goes to the NHS
www.smartplantapp.com

Buy Plants, Help UK Growers & Our NHS.

COVID-19 may make millions of plants homeless. Give plants a home. Support our Great British Growers and our NHS Heroes
COVID-19 has closed all garden centres and there are now millions of plants and nowhere to sell them. We have created a way for you to buy direct from our growers and donate 10% of every purchase to the NHS.

Share This with A Plant Lover

SmartPlant can help with: Identifying and help with plants of all shapes and sizes. Indoor Outdoor Young Mature
It doesn't matter to the experts; we just want to keep them all healthy.

With thanks to Pippa Chapman for this. It is such a good idea. I hated the idea of all these poor plants going to waste with garden centre closures. With the lockdown, everyone will have more time to work in their gardens! -Caroline

Clergy Corner



"Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven" - lines from the hymn "For the beauty of the earth" which came to my mind when I saw photos of the decorated crosses outside High Cross and Privett churches over Easter: the crown of thorns and a purple cloth on Good Friday, the bare cross on Holy Saturday and then the white cloth and a splendid explosion of colour with daffodils galore on Easter Day.

Huge thanks to Gilly and Rob Hollis for creating these visible reminders of the events of the first Easter and for providing us with such a talking point over WhatsApp and email. The beauties, as well as the trials, of the natural world speak powerfully to us at the best of times and perhaps even more so now whilst normal life is on hold and we live our daily lives under very different conditions. There's little doubt that we are richly blessed with the beautiful surroundings we enjoy in this parish but we also remember the many people for whom life is not at all easy at the moment.

Maybe you are ill or caring for someone who is ill or you are grieving or worried or lonely; if you are and would like someone to talk to please do phone any of the clergy or Lindsay Clegg, our Lay Pastoral Assistant (phone numbers below and on the back of the magazine).

The number of volunteers offering assistance is truly wonderful, as is the amazing work done by all the different NHS workers. Coronavirus has cast a very dark shadow over the whole world but the human response has been quite extraordinary and brought unexpected light to places where there was despair. Howard Bevis and Rob Hollis at Froxfield Stores have massively boosted the local Food Bank with an appeal to our villages which met with an astounding response meaning that many more families will be helped at this difficult time.

So it is that the journey of Easter from the crucifixion on Good Friday, through the quiet of Holy Saturday to the joy of the Resurrection echoes much of what we are living through at present. The darkness of the virus, the waiting and suffering, these will pass and we shall come to the joy of recovery and release.



Froxfield Village Hall continued

Main Hall Closure Reminder

A reminder that the **Main Hall will be unavailable during the week commencing Monday 24th August** while essential floor maintenance is carried out.

The **Jubilee Hall and kitchen will remain available to hire** throughout this period.

Working Party Update

Our fantastic team of volunteers turned out once again for another productive Working Party, tackling a variety of jobs around the hall. Outside, the team weeded, tidied flower beds and cleared accumulated debris from beneath the balcony.

The flower beds along the side pathway have struggled during the recent hot weather and are looking a little worse for wear. The prolonged dry spell has taken its toll, and the watering system is due for an overhaul. In contrast, the window boxes at the front of the hall are looking absolutely magnificent thanks to the dedication and hard work of members of the **Froxfield Garden Club**.

Inside the hall, volunteers carried out a number of repairs to doors and windows. Keeping on top of these smaller maintenance jobs helps ensure the hall continues to look welcoming, safe and well cared for for everyone who uses it.

We're always keen to welcome new members to our Working Party. Whether you enjoy gardening, DIY, painting or simply lending a hand, we'd love to hear from you. Even a couple of hours every few months can make a real difference.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact **Ted Stephens** on **01730 266529** or email ted.stephens@froxfeldvillagehall.co.uk.

Our **next Working Party will take place on Sunday 11th October**, and everyone is very welcome.



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

August	
Sat 1 st	Cricket
Sat 8 th	Drop In, tea, cake and a chat, 10:30 to 12 noon
Sat 8 th	Cricket
Sat 15 th	Garden Club Summer Show, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Sat 15 th	Cricket
Fri 21 st	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14"s free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available, 80p
Sat 22 nd	Cricket
24 th to 29 th	Main Hall not available for booking due to floor maintenance work. Other rooms available.
Sat 29 th	Cricket

As always, thank you to everyone who volunteers their time, supports events and hires the hall throughout the year. Your continued support helps keep Froxfield Village Hall thriving as a welcoming space at the heart of our community.

Ride & Stride continued

- 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
- 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 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

Ride and Stride 2026

Read a book or the paper, enjoy the Peace and Quiet of our churchyards and beautiful and cool churches while waiting for participants to arrive



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

Or Ian Hughes n.ianhughes@btinternet.com

or 01730 828344



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.



I am looking for volunteers to be present at one of the three churches participating in Ride and Stride on Saturday 12th September. Refreshments for visitors will be provided. All you need to do is be present and point them to the paperwork!

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.

More info from: Suzanne Tong: tongventhams@gmail.com

or 01730 260430

Drop In: FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Midday



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:

August 8th 2026

September 12th 2026

October 10th 2026



*"I want the Joneses to think we're millionaires
who've had to leave the country."*

Again with thanks to Nick Newman



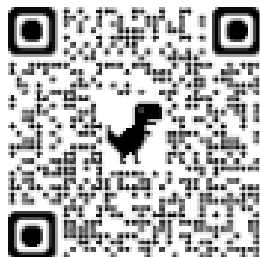
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The end of the academic year is always bittersweet, as the school says goodbye to the oldest children. At the leavers' service, held on Friday 17th July at High Cross Church, each member of Year 6 read a speech they had written themselves. Every one of them spoke about how happy they had been at Froxfield School, whether they had been here for seven years or for just one. The school offers so much to every child who comes through its doors, and it was clear how grateful they were for the strong start it has given them as they move on to the next stage of their education.

It is not only the children to whom we have to say goodbye at this time of year. As Chair of Governors, I am very fortunate to work alongside a wonderfully talented and committed group of fellow governors, and this year we are sad that the time has come to say farewell to one of our number who is stepping down. Edward Sadler has been the school's Foundation Governor since 2015 as well as Vice Chair. His wisdom, experience and dedication has made such an important contribution to the life of the school, and we are deeply grateful for all that he has given the school. I know that we will all miss him – thank you Edward.

Gilly Hollis Chair of Governors



Courtesy of Nick Newman, Daphne Newman's son. Daphne lives in Honeycritch Lane and Nick draws cartons for Private Eye and The Sunday Times amongst other things.



July is always a really busy time in school, but especially this year as we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Froxfield School. Alongside all the usual end-of-year events, trips, reports, performances and preparations for September, there is an added sense of excitement and pride as we look back over the school's long history. It has been a wonderful opportunity for pupils, staff, families and the wider community to come together, share memories and celebrate everything that has made Froxfield School such a special place over the past century and a half.

On Friday July 3rd the actual anniversary of the school's first opening in 1876, the whole school made a pilgrimage from Froxfield High Cross to Froxfield Green to see the site of Love's Charity House, where Robert Love had helped to establish a school for the children of Froxfield. It was a very special way for the children to mark the day and to connect with the beginnings of the school whose life and work continue so strongly today.

The 4th July Anniversary concert in Privett church was an enormous success. The audience were absolutely delighted by the quality of the performances they were able to hear and see. The children's choir brought tears to many eyes, and grateful thanks are due to all the soloists who were magnificent in the quality of their playing, singing and speaking. Thanks also to Froxfield Choir led by Sue Clegg and Michael Servant, and to Steve Sargent and his Free Radicals for forming a new choir especially for the occasion, alongside children from Froxfield School.

One of the most popular items of the evening was a poem read by Kate Phillips and written by Jane Dunster, a teacher at Froxfield School, especially for the event. Jane's delightful poem is printed in full later in the magazine. It was a truly splendid event that was both successful in its fundraising but maybe even more importantly gave the children an unforgettable, unique opportunity to sing alongside adult performers of such high calibre.

The week after the concert, the school parents ran a wonderful Anniversary Summer Fair, The school was open for tours, and Mrs Farrow was delighted to welcome a number of visitors who had been pupils here 50 years ago. One visitor told us about her mother, who had been a pupil at the school 90 years ago. What a joy it is to think that Froxfield School continues to hold such special memories for so many people.

The 150th Anniversary Fundraising campaign has been very successful so far and Chris Pike has made a great start on building the new Performing Arts Studio in place of the much loved but leaky yurt. In addition to our recent fundraising events, we have been fortunate to receive individual donations ranging from £50 to £7,500 from parents and members of the local community and we are now more than halfway towards our fundraising target of £50,000. If you or any member of your wider family might also be in a position to make an individual donation, we would be very grateful to hear from you. You can contact me at gillyhollis@me.com.

To facilitate giving, the governors have established a registered charity — **Froxfield CE Primary School Funding for Excellence Charity**, registered charity number 1215960 — whose charitable purpose is restricted to the school and linked primarily to the building of the Performing Arts Studio. This means that donations can be made from any charitable trusts you may have access to. Gifts can also be made in a tax-efficient way under the Gift Aid Scheme (HMRC charity tax reference ZD65950).