



Ned Scott with his Silver Medal for Javelin in the European under 18 Athletics Championships.



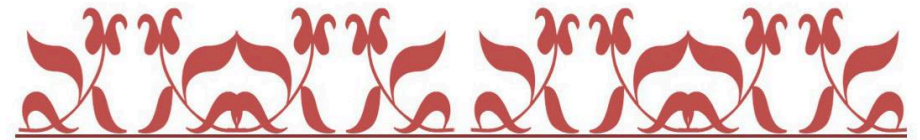
Ciara from Class 2: "My School"



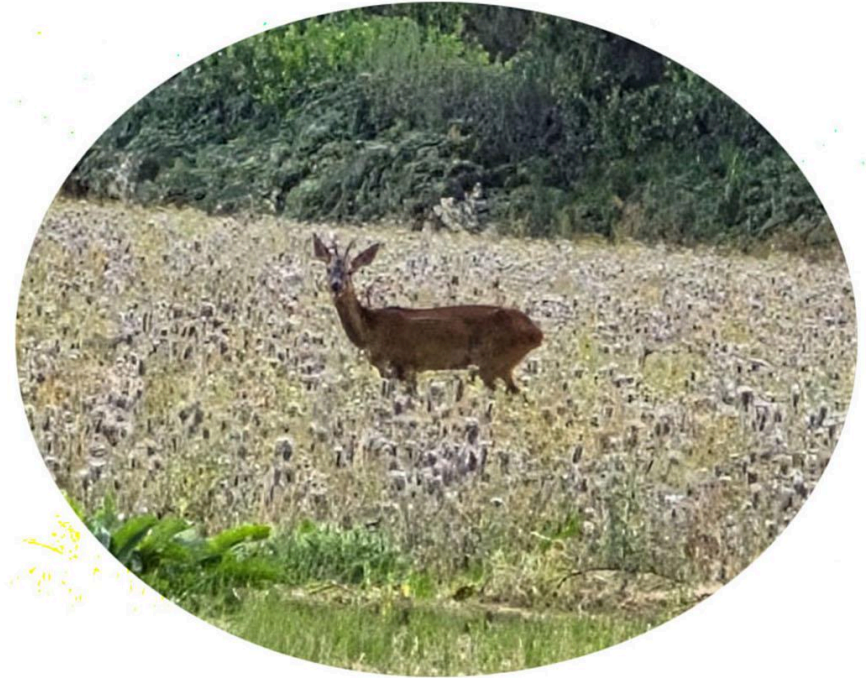
Left hand picture: 'A Summer Afternoon' - this arrangement by Jan Cole won 1st prize & the Elizabeth Cawson Trophy for the best exhibit in the flower arranging classes'



Right hand picture: 'A Decorated Celebration Cake' Tidda Dobbs



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September 2026





'A basket of vegetables and fruit displayed for overall effect' grown by Tidda Dobbs'

SOLUTION TO AUGUST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Boccia, 5 Meteor, 10 Inter, 11 Carcasses, 12 Dentist, 13 Gallant, 14 Whirlpool, 17 False, 18 Daley, 19 Discloses, 21 Foghorn, 23 Bennett, 25 Substance, 26 Olive, 27 Kettle, 28 Easter.

Down - 2 Often, 3 Cordially, 4 Ascot, 5 Marigolds, 6 Trail, 7 Obstacles, 8 Window, 9 Tsetse, 15 Illegible, 16 Ordinance, 17 Felonious, 18 Defuse, 20 Settee, 22 Octet, 23 Breve, 24 Exile.

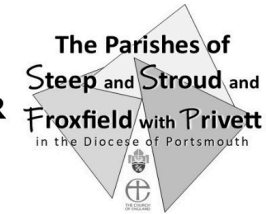
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This picture was taken by Steve the other day in Privett. As is usual, there were probably others about, but they didn't show their faces!

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

3rd	10th	17th	24th	1st
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection

SEPTEMBER



2026

Benefice Worship

Sunday 6th September (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion, (BCP, said), **Steep**
10am The TenAM, **Steep**
10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**
6pm **Hymns and Pimm's, Steep**

Sunday 13th September (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), **Stroud**
10am Parish Communion, **Steep**
(followed by FoSC AGM)

Sunday 20th September (Green)

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

Sunday 27th September (Green)

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

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

West Meon Surgery continued

GP's clinical work is not only in appointments. Typically, each day the GP is involved in a wide range of clinical work supporting patients, for example:

- Reviewing test results
- Actions arising from Secondary Care clinical letters (adding, removing or increasing medication, referrals onto other agencies, additional investigations)
- Sick notes
- Dictating referrals
- Medical form completions
- DWP forms
- Liaising with the Community Nursing Team or other health professionals
- Authorising blood sample forms

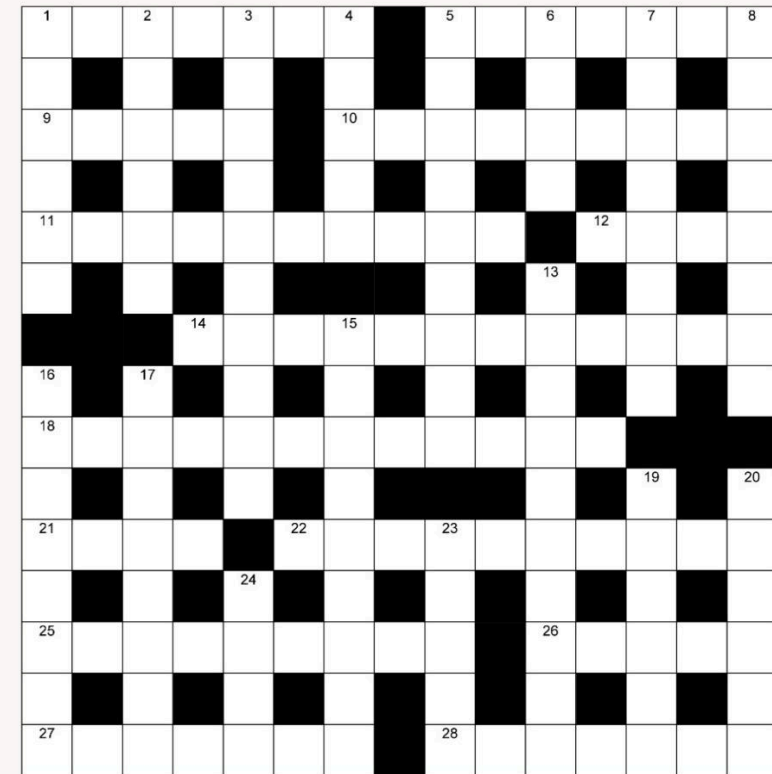
Patients who the GPs have triaged and assessed as clinically urgent will always be seen on the day. However, there are occasions when you might need to go to the urgent treatment centre in Petersfield Community Hospital if you need specific care e.g. suspected broken bones, stomach pain, skin infections and rashes, high temperatures in children and adults.

Or you may be directed to go immediately to A&E in order that you get the right care as soon as possible. In these instances, to come to see the GP or speak to them on the telephone would just be delaying access to the most appropriate care.

We have a mission statement: Passionate about patient care and passionate about developing our team. Everything we do is trying to ensure that you have the best possible care.

If we don't get it right, then please let us know (or your PPG member) so that we can learn and see how we can further improve our services.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Village in Aberdeenshire, famous for its Highland Games
 5 Leaf of a flowering water plant (4,3)
 9 One who endures hardship or pain without showing their feelings
 10 Decorative items displayed purely for their appearance
 11 Oiled or greased
 12 Spoken rather than written
 14 E.g. Sandringham, Windsor Castle and Penshurst Place (7,5)
 18 Very small distance or margin (5,7)
 21 An earnest or emotional appeal for help
 22 Unchanged, untouched or entirely natural
 25 Sir Alan ----- Playwright and director
 26 Large tubs used by people for washing their bodies
 27 Seaside resort in the E. Riding of Yorkshire, famous for its pottery
 28 XVI

Down

- 1 Energetic movement or commotion
 2 A microscopic single-cell organism, which constantly changes shape
 3 Raincoat
 4 A popular red or white wine of north-central Spain
 5 Song by Ralph Vaughan Williams (6,3)
 6 E.g. arm or leg
 7 An unbroken view of a surrounding region
 8 Divulge, reveal
 13 One who is excessively talkative, often a child
 15 'Taunt Lara' (anag).
 16 A neck injury caused by sudden back and forth jerking of the head
 17 Device used to reduce the sound emitted by a mechanical process
 19 A 3-dimensional sculpture of a person or animal
 20 In betting, an outcome which is highly probable (4-2)
 23 Pools of money set aside for specific purposes
 24 Large, long-legged wading bird

Privett Harvest Supper – Saturday 17 October



Welcome this autumn, with its mists and mellow fruitfulness, at the Privett Harvest Supper, at **Privett Village Hall** on **Saturday 17 October** at **7.00 pm**.

We are pleased to maintain this traditional village celebration marking the completion of the harvest and the bounty of the countryside, enjoying the softer and cooler days of autumn this year after the hot and dry summer.

The evening will be everything a village Harvest Supper should be – a lavish spread of local produce, home-cooked food, locally-brewed beer and wine, and convivial company – an opportunity to meet new friends and to catch up with old friends after the summer.

This is always a popular event (last year we were at capacity), so you are advised to buy or reserve your tickets well in advance; and this will also help us to know how many to cater for. There will be a pay bar serving beer, wine, zero-alcohol alternatives, and soft drinks.

For yet another year prices remain as they have been since 2017 (and how often do you hear that!): tickets are £10 per head (with special terms for families – ask Melanie). You can reserve your place and pay for your tickets in advance in one of the following ways:

By going to the 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).

We look forward to welcoming you.

West Meon Sugery continued

We have reduced the length of time patients are waiting for appointments in multiple ways.

- We have an onsite Physiotherapist who should be the first port of call for any musculoskeletal problems
- We have recruited a Clinical Pharmacist who undertakes all the medication reviews
- We have a team of Mental Health specialists who can offer emergency appointments or scheduled appointments over many weeks, either by telephone or in person

These are just examples of how we have increased the capacity for other appointments for both Dr Harris and Dr Morgan.

As well as telephoning us or coming in to see the team and make an appointment, you can also contact us online, describing what the problem is, what you have done (self-help) and what you would like to happen. The GPs review these and then advise the care co-ordinators if they have dealt with the matter that day or whether the patient needs an appointment that day, or in a few days or weeks' time.

We have started to have some clinics starting at 7am so that you can come in for an appointment before going to work. Some patients would like face to face consultations with the GPs whilst others really like the flexibility that a telephone call with the GP gives them. We therefore introduced a small number of face-to-face appointments with a GP and are currently reviewing how effective and efficient these are for the clinicians.

In order to make the GPs more efficient, freeing them up to allow them to concentrate on their consultations, we are using a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) call "Surgery Intellect". This is an NHS licenced product that listens to your consultation, summarises it and codes it directly into your medical record on behalf of the GP. This means the GP can focus on what you say and create a care plan with you. There are safeguards in place to make sure that your conversation is secure and accurately recorded.



WEST MEON SURGERY

Appointments at West Meon Surgery

At the surgery we work with our Patient Participation Group to listen to concerns raised about how you are able to access care at West Meon Surgery. We have agreed with them to communicate more often about the issues we face, the feedback we are receiving from patients, and how we continue to try to improve our service.

The appointments system is of most concern to patients, so let's start with that. We are continuously reviewing this to try to ensure capacity is meeting needs, but sometimes we struggle to keep pace with demand for routine appointments. We have made good progress and will continue to find ways to increase our capacity.

The GPs have multiple appointments each day. For each session, a GP's clinic is made up of:

- Same Day access – these are for patients who are acutely unwell where clinically the patient needs to be seen on the day.
- Online access review – these are the non-urgent medical matters that the GPs must triage and advise the best next step.
- Non Urgent GP telephone call – these are routine matters where clinically it is not urgent for a GP to see them.

When there is only Dr Harris or Dr Morgan, the number of appointments may get altered to try to ensure there is capacity for acute illness on that day.

Alton

u3a
learn, laugh, live

It's never too late to join the u3a

Would you like to learn, laugh and live? Do you have spare time that you would like to fill? Would you like to meet and make new friends? Your local Alton u3a has 85 different interest groups to choose from such as, Art and Craft, Dance and Fitness, Games, History, Literature, Music, Poetry and Wellbeing. We also have social, cultural and weekend activities too. Full details are on our website at <https://alton.u3asite.uk>.

Most of our activities take place at the Alton Community Centre, and we do have some outdoor activities such as cycling, walking and birdwatching. Our monthly talks and coffee mornings are open to all.

Our new annual programme of events for 2026-27 starts in September. New and returning members are welcome to join throughout the year. Depending on what you would like to do*, our membership fees range from £10 to £65 for the year ahead. You may join online via our website or by completing a membership application form that is available from the Alton Community Centre.

Copies of our Annual Programme are available from the Alton Community Centre, Alton Library, the Curtis Museum and Alton Assembly Rooms. If you would like to find out more about a particular group, then you can contact the Group Leader via our website. For general membership enquiries, please contact the Membership Secretary at alton.u3a.members@gmail.com.

* Subject to a space being available in the group. Please check with the Group Leader first before joining.

**Alton u3a is a Registered
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?UIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 26th September
at Froxfield Village Hall**

6.45pm for prompt 7.15pm start

Teams of up to 6

**Tickets £12.50 p.p. to include a Fish or
Sausage & Chips Supper or Vegetarian**

Licenced Bar

Please order your tickets, with your choice of food via
www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk by 20th September

For further information -
teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com Or 01730 828003



Froxfield's Very First



Sunday 6th September 2026

11:30a.m - 4:00 p.m

Kindly Hosted by Jan Cole

Guiles, Froxfield Green, GU32 1DQ

50% of all proceeds to charity

With Cream Teas Cakes & Pimms Savouries

**Served in support of the lychgate repairs
at St Peter on the Green**

**For more information: Suzanne Tong: 01730
260430 tongventhams@gmail.com**



Drop-In

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: September 12th 2026

October 10th 2026 November 7th 2026



Last month's magazine, had an erroneous 'Clergy Corner' in it from Covid time, which I gather confused some of you. Apologies. It was overlooked when using the template to put the magazine together and not removed as it should have been removed. Just kept everyone on their toes....?



There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of dog mess being deposited around the village over the past couple of months.

Without going into too much detail, I would assume it's all the same dog judging by the deposits....

Please could dog owners be reminded that not only is there possibly a large fine for owners guilty of this, but it's revolting for everybody else. It shows a complete lack of respect for fellow villagers. The vast majority of owners clear up after their pets, can this person please have some self respect & do the same? Thank you.

A concerned Parishioner

Clergy Corner: The Great Beginning Again



What comes to mind for you when September rolls round? For me, it carries a faint echo of school days: shopping for uniform and shoes (the ones I liked never fitted my narrow, shallow feet - deeply frustrating to my vain young self). These days it is more about enjoying cooler mornings, and wondering whether my runner beans will produce anything at all before the first frosts. Sadly, no garden show prizes for me this year!

January is often said to be the month of new beginnings, but I'm not so sure. Most of us are still recovering from Christmas then, feeling slightly overfed and under-motivated, and finding our resolutions have become pretty theoretical by the second week.

September, though, feels like a more real fresh start.

School reopens. New courses begin. Holidays are over. And across our parishes there is that unmistakable sense that everyone is getting back to "normal" — if only we could remember what normal was!

September brings harvests to gather, gardens to rescue from the effects of summer (mine has resembled the African savannah), and several committees suddenly realising that meetings are due rather sooner than expected.

Yet what if September offers us something deeper than routine? Maybe it gives us permission to begin again.

The Bible is full of people who had to begin again. Moses receives his calling when he is already eighty. Ruth starts a completely new life in a foreign land. Peter fails Jesus spectacularly — and yet Jesus does not write him off. He gives him another chance.

And then there is us.

We can be good at defining ourselves: "I'm not really a church person." "I'm hopeless at prayer." "I'm too old." "I'm too busy." "I've always been like this." "It's just the way things are."

Clergy Corner continued

But God has an inconvenient habit of disagreeing with us.

The Christian story is full of second chances and unexpected beginnings, where people discover that God is not finished with them yet. Sometimes the change is dramatic, but more often it is quiet and ordinary: picking up the phone, saying sorry, asking for help, making time for someone, or stepping through the church door again — perhaps for the first time in years.

This feels especially relevant in our village churches.

Our churches are not just buildings where things happen. They are places where people begin again: at baptisms and weddings, in moments of grief, at Christmas services, or when someone slips quietly into a pew carrying questions they are not yet ready to voice.

As we move into a new season, perhaps the question is not simply, “What are we going to do?”

But: **“What might God be inviting us to begin?”**

A new friendship? A new act of service? A renewed habit of prayer? A new person to welcome?

The harvest reminds us that growth takes time, often happens unseen, and depends on far more than our own efforts.

So here is my September resolution — and I hope you might join me:

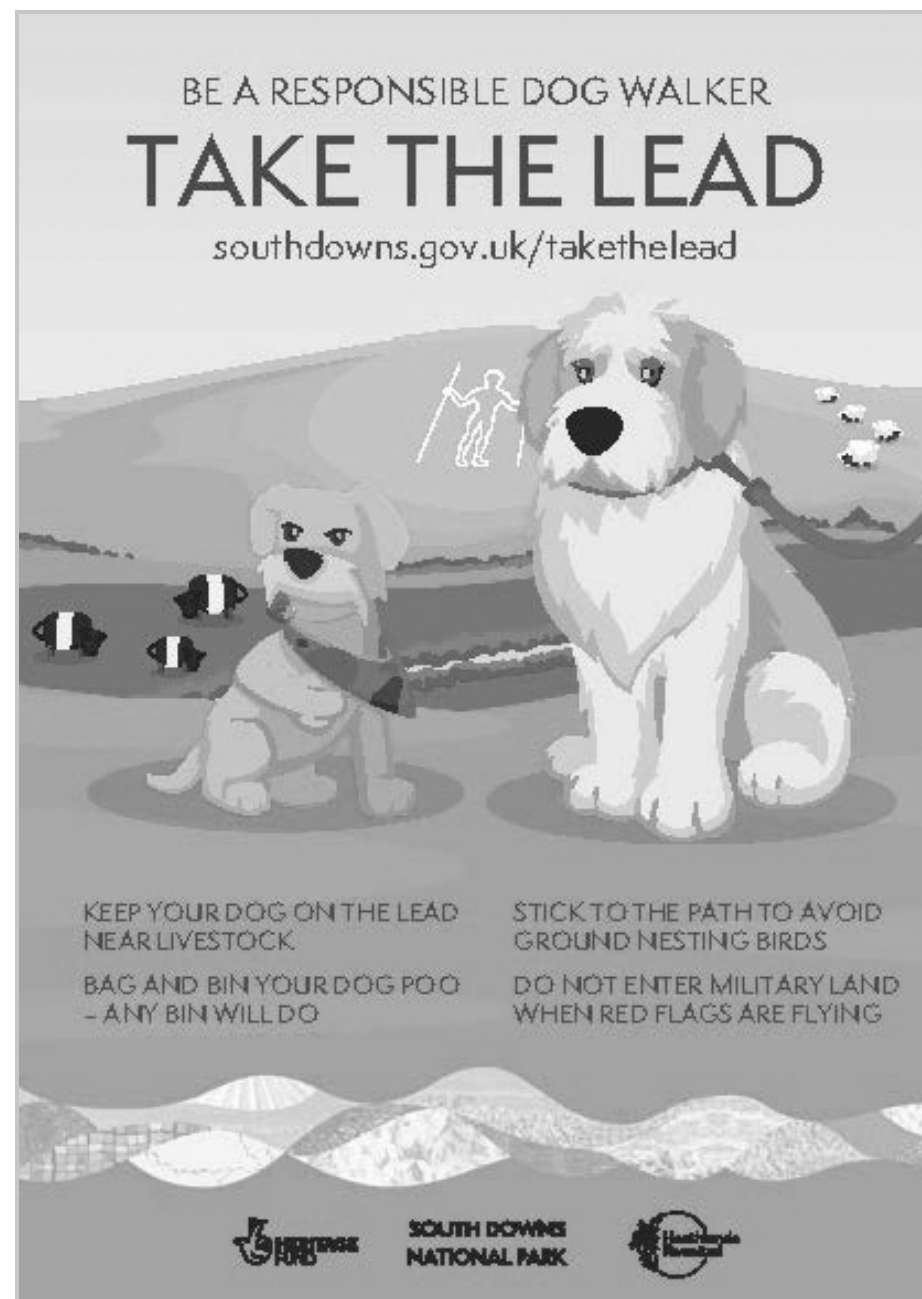
Let’s not assume we know what God is going to do next.

Let’s stay curious.

And let’s be ready to begin again.

Even if the diary is already rather full.

With all good wishes, Susie





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Or Ian Hughes n.ianhughes@btinternet.com or 01730 828344

Do you want to think more about the Christian Faith?

We have a course starting in mid September called **Pilgrim** - it's not about knowing All The Things, but turning up just as you are, ready to ask questions. Let me know if you're interested. susie.collingridge@gmail.com

Thank you so much to all who have prayed for and asked after Revd Sue Jones' daughter who has been seriously ill over past months.

She has been making really good progress, though still has some big challenges to face.



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Wednesday 9th September (note change of date)

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 4th November

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

for more information and travel arrangements.

On Saturday, 15 August, we held our Summer Show at Froxfield Village Hall. The entrants came up trumps yet again, and the judges were very impressed with the high standard of the entries despite it having been a very challenging year for our gardens with excessively high temperatures and no rainfall for weeks on end.

Once more, Froxfield Village Hall was alive with the vibrant spirit of our local community. Visitors enjoyed the afternoon perusing the flowers and produce on display, sampling our delicious teas and cake, and snatching a bargain at the Plant and Produce Stall. A huge thank you to all those who so generously contributed to our cake stall, plant and produce stall and who helped with the logistics of the day.

A reminder that our 2026/27 programme kicks off with our AGM on Tuesday, 13 October, at 7.30pm @ Privett Village Hall, followed by a talk by Kevin Hobbs on 'The Story of Trees and how they change the way we live'. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

Elizabeth Houghton-Connell Chair

Froxfield Village Hall Upcoming Events September

Sat 12th	Drop In, tea, cake and a chat, 10:30 to 12 noon
Fri 18th	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 26th	Quiz Night 6.45pm. Teams of up to 6, Tickets £12.50 p.p.; to include a Fish or Sausage & Chips Supper or Vegetarian alternative; Licenced Bar

Church News



August has indeed been church life quietly ticking along with a lot of people away enjoying their summer break. On the 16th we were delighted to again welcome Adrian (Harbridge) to Froxfield, he treated us to a fascinating and inspirational sermon on St Paul's letter to the Romans, not the easiest part person to preach on. Later Sue and I went down to Portsmouth Cathedral for Choral Evensong at which Susie preached, two inspirational sermons on one day.

This month there are five Sundays so at the end of the month, we look forward to the Benefice service at Steep on 30th August.

Life will undoubtedly resume normality at the beginning of September when the schools return straight after the bank holiday. After this wonderful summer break of six weeks with virtually (none at the moment) no rain and hours of glorious sunshine it has been perfect for restoring energy and returning happy children.

Saturday 12 September is a busy day in the Benefice. It is the annual Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride event, when hopefully all our churches in the benefice will be open and manned, together with the monthly drop-in from 10.30-12 in Froxfield Village Hall. Please do take part in either or both!

At the beginning of October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival at St Peter's High Cross at 10.00 am on Sunday 4th. As always everyone will be made very welcome at any of our services and there's a chance to chat over coffee afterwards.

Lindsay Clegg. (churchwarden)



Froxfield Village Hall Update



The last month has been quite quiet now that the pre-school has broken up for the summer holidays. The Oaks Playscheme have been in residence for their summer run providing holiday relief for carers of children with disabilities. This is a local charity well worth supporting if you can help. Further details can be found their web site <https://www.oaksplayscheme.co.uk/>

Regular yoga and fitness classes have continued throughout the summer, although a couple of sessions moved outside to the playing field due to the hot weather. Looking ahead to the autumn season Ann Daniels is starting a new group, Forever Fit, on Mondays and continues with her Thursday classes for Mind and Body. If this is of interest email to annmarie.daniels@hotmail.co.uk or call 07884 112411. Meanwhile, Holly Gosling continues to offer Yoga classes on Tuesdays and can be contacted by email at hollygiselle@aol.com.

The Garden Club held its annual summer show, which was well attended and brought a wide cross-section of the community together to share a common interest. No doubt there is a fuller report elsewhere in the magazine.

By the time you read this we will hopefully have finished the resurfacing of the main hall floor and everything will be in good order. We are also planning to do some work on the car park to resolve the drainage issues around the playing field gate area, it tends to flood and damage the car park surface. The only viable solution is to provide a shallow open ditch around the edge to catch the water and allow it to soak away.

Recently we have lost a member of the management committee and would always welcome any volunteers who are willing to assist in the running of the hall. If you have time available, please contact Ted Stephens at ted.stephens@froxfeldvillagehall.co.uk or 01730 266529.

Our next planned working party will be on Sunday 11th October.



Important notice: If you would still wish to continue to receive a monthly printed copy of the Parish Magazine, please complete the form below and deliver it, along with a cheque payable to PCC Froxfield with Privett for £15 (or cash), to: Howard Bevis, Froxfield Stores and Post Office, 13

Dellfield, Froxfield, Petersfield, GU32 1EH as he has kindly offered to take in the forms Please note that all orders and payments must be received before 14th December 2026 in order to determine the size of the print run. It causes more work if you send in a late form so we will not be taking in any late applications this year and you will need to view the magazine online instead

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Please note: Please be aware that there will be strict adherence to the deadline this time, It is not fair on those collecting and collating subscriptions, to have them coming in in dribs and drabs after then. Howard has been asked not to take any more forms after the deadline, so please do not blame him if he refuses to take late forms.



"My passport's not biometric - you'll have to sniff my bottom."

This is another one of Nick Newman's wonderful cartoons. His mother Daphne lives in Honeycritch Lane. He kindly gave us a collection, which we will try and put one in each month for a while, space permitting.

3 this month as a Summer bonus and because it's our 175th issue.

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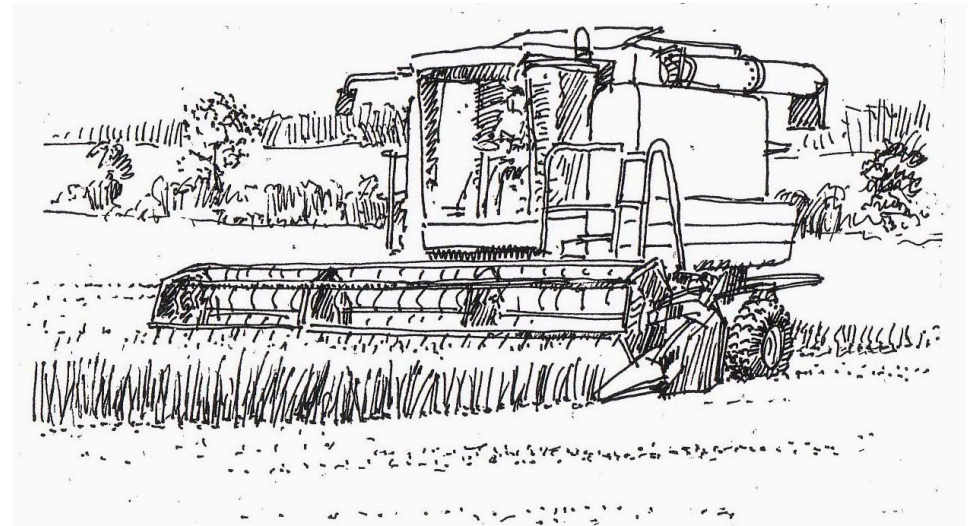
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"I'm downsizing to a flatbread."





THE TROOPER INN
HOTEL & BAR

Since Jamie joined us full time in June as our Head Chef we have been able to have a weekly specials board with different dishes on which seems to have gone down very well with our customers. And we will continue with this when we bring the summer evening menu to an end and start the Autumn Evening Menu on Tuesday 22nd September. Again please keep watching our website and Socials for the Launch of this new menu.

September will also see us return to offering Full Roast Dinners every Sunday from 12-3pm, this will start on Sunday 13th September. Every Sunday we will have Roast Beef and Roast Chicken along with a third choice meat, as well as our burgers, fish and chips and more. Our Roast dinners are always popular so booking a table is essential to guarantee your place at the pub.

One special event taking place during September is on Saturday 26th September we will be having a Steak night. Booking for this is essential. The menu is now available on our website and via our Social Media platforms and orders for Steaks must be received by Wednesday 23rd September at the very latest. We will have a choice of Rump, Sirloin, Ribeye and even T-Bone Steaks to choose from all cooked just how you would like it and can be accompanied with a choice of home made sauces too. Please email on info@skinnerinns.com or call the pub on 01730 827293 to book your table for our first ever Steak night.

Events in September

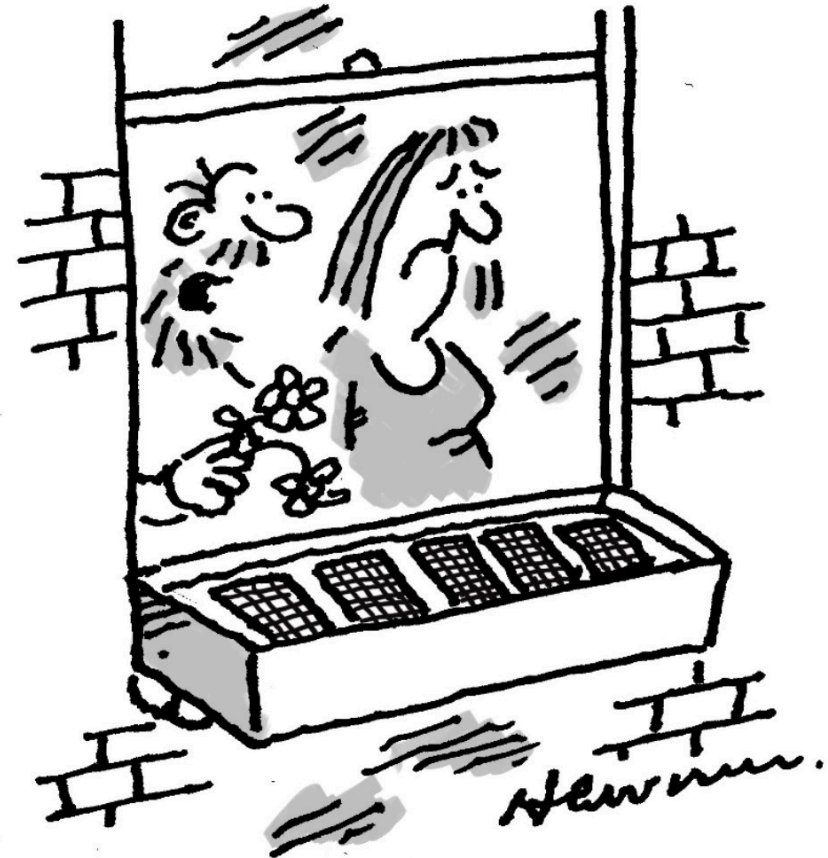
Thursday 10th – Trooper Classics car meet from 6pm

Sunday 13th September – Roast Dinners are back

Tuesday 22nd – New Autumn Menu Launch

Thursday 24th – Charity Quiz Night 7.30pm Start £2 per person with a max of 6 to a team.

Saturday 26th – Steak Night please see website and our Social Media for full details.



"I've replaced the window box with solar panels."



Although August is a holiday month, this year Froxfield school has continued to buzz with activity as the new Performing Arts Studio begins to take shape.

Christopher Pike of Natural Vista Studios, who we governors have appointed to both design and build the studio, has been working every day throughout the school holidays on the building. This morning I called into school to see the progress, I was thrilled to see that the studio walls and wooden beams of the ceiling are in place and Christopher explained that the pitched roof is the next job which will be topped by the curved metal roof, creating the shepherd's hut look that will ensure the building fits perfectly in the rural setting of the school. The space that has been created already feels special and will, I'm sure, be an inspiration to the children as a setting in which to develop all their performance arts skills

Christopher has been assisted by another school parent, Grant Lockford of Lockford Woodworking and also by Sebastian Fry – the three of them have continued to work in the awful high temperatures and were very grateful for the shade provided by the school's magnificent spreading Copper Beech tree. I'm sure that all the very generous donors to this exciting 150th Anniversary project will be as delighted as I am to see the progress that Christopher and his team are making and everyone involved in the school will look forward to seeing the finished building in the Autumn.

Last weekend I was so pleased to see such a lovely display of the children's art work at the Froxfield and Privett Garden Club Summer Show on August 15th. The preschool children's entries were paintings entitled The Beach and the main school children all painted and drew pictures entitled 'My School'. There were three classes: 6 and under; 8 and under and 11 and under.

It is so impressive that so many children took the trouble to make their charming pictures and I thought they were all excellent, however I was especially impressed by Ciara from class two's picture – as was the judge who awarded her first prize. (see picture back cover)

Past pupil Ned Scott has also been successful in winning in his field of expertise. Ned has just won a silver medal at the European Under 18 Athletics Championships in Javelin throwing. This is a huge achievement, congratulations Ned from everyone at Froxfield School. (Pic back cover)

Gillian Hollis - Chair of Governors



August has been a relatively busy month and we have seen an increase in customers joining us for food especially on a Friday and Saturday evening which is nice.

We had a very busy weekend with customers visiting the Tracks Across the Field Event that took place on the weekend of the 15th & 16th August so much so that we ran out of some of our Ales which is both good and bad in equal measures. It was so busy on the Saturday evening for food that weekend I even had to get involved in the Kitchen and was Flipping Burgers all evening!!!!

We are having some new signs professionally painted by Steve Bundy (My brother in law) and these will be appearing over the coming weeks and you may have already spotted our new Trooper Classics Board in the entrance to the pub.

We have also had a new till system installed in the pub over the last few weeks which we are still all getting used to using and we thank all our customers for bearing with us while we find our feet with it. This has however meant there are a few things we can implement for our customers over the next few weeks which we hope will encourage people to come and use the pub a bit more so please keep watching our Social Media channels on Facebook and Instagram for more details as we get everything in place.