

A poster for Froxfield Fireworks. The background is dark blue with colorful fireworks exploding. At the bottom, there is a large, bright orange and yellow bonfire with logs. The text is in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

**FROXFIELD
FIREWORKS**

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

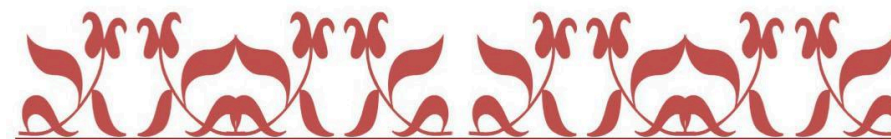
5PM GATES
6PM BONFIRE
6:30PM FIREWORKS

BUY TICKETS



**SOUP,
BURGERS,
SWEET TREATS,
BAR AND MORE**

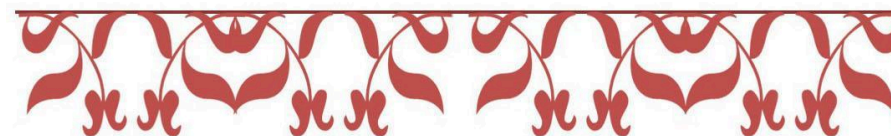
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Suzanne Tong tongventhams@gmail.com



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- Up to date DBS.

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Multi-dog household - £10 per hour per dog.

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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.

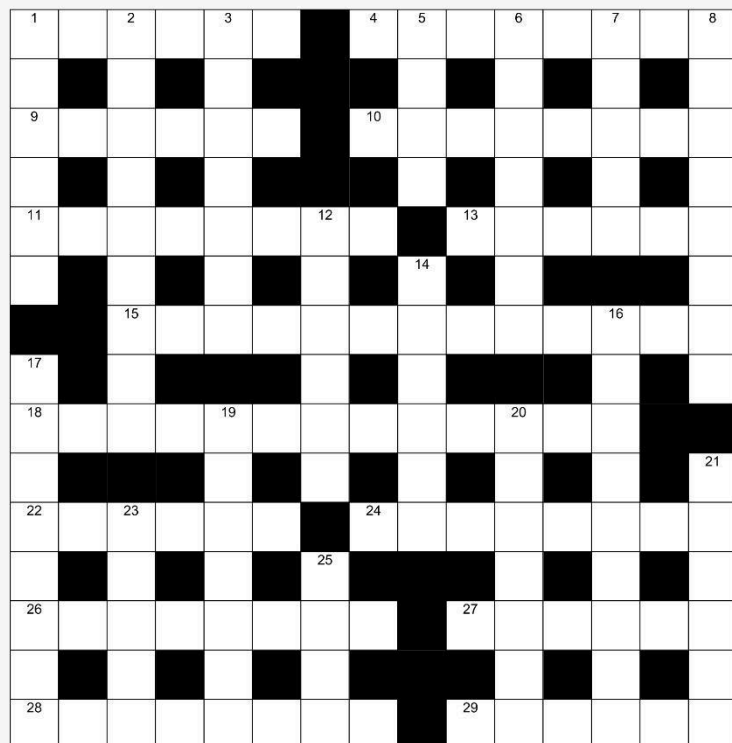
For yet another year prices remain as they have been since 2017 (and how often do you hear that!): tickets are £10 per head (with special terms for families – ask Melanie). You can reserve your place and pay for your tickets in advance in one of the following ways:

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.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 A large enclosure for keeping birds in
 4 Sheath for the blade of a sword or dagger
 9 Assert that someone has done something wrong or illegal, but without proof
 10 Italian flat bread made with olive oil and flavoured with herbs
 11 Aromatic plant of the parsley family, the candied stalks of which are used in cake decoration
 13 Small
 15 Market town in N. Yorkshire, on the River Ure
 18 'Sack polite man' (anag).
 22 Insight and commonsense, judgement
 24 A dense boundary of shrubs, small trees and undergrowth
 26 Egotistic
 27 One who carries out instructions or complies with orders
 28 Voluntary contribution without a reward
 29 Military chaplains

Down

- 1 In computing, a digital representation of a person in virtual reality graphics
 2 Unreadable
 3 Routine, usual
 5 Pleasantly low, but not cold temperature
 6 A portable container for burning charcoal or coal
 7 Berkshire racecourse
 8 A straight line passing through the centre of a circle
 12 Matey, pally or thick as thieves!
 14 Unexpected opportunity
 16 Heavily armed naval warship
 17 Of a horse, whose coat features patches of white and brown, but not black
 19 Idea
 20 A branch of mathematics
 21 Snow White's seven little friends!
 23 A loud warning device
 25 A word used to indicate entry

Who's who in The Church

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Social Media:

Web: www.steepfroxfield.com

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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.

Cover

This month's cover picture is of the pond by Hurst farm in Privett, taken by Steve. Really tranquil.

SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Braemar, 5 Lily pad, 9 Stoic, 10 Ornaments, 11 Lubricated, 12 Oral, 14 Stately homes, 18 Hair's breadth, 21 Plea, 22 Unaffected, 25 Ayckbourn, 26 Baths, 27 Hornsea, 28 Sixteen.

Down - 1 Bustle, 2 Amoeba, 3 Mackintosh, 4 Rioja, 5 Linden Lea, 6 Limb, 7 Panorama, 8 Disclose, 13 Chatterbox, 15 Tarantula, 16 Whiplash, 17 Silencer, 19 Statue, 20 Odds-on, 23 Funds, 24 Ibis.



*"I hope they don't build Jerusalem
on England's green and pleasant land!"*

Another great cartoon from Daphne Newman's son, Nick. You'll see other ones by him in the Sunday Times or Private Eye.



CURTIS MUSEUM

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday

10am – 4.30pm

01420 82802

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

The Ghastly Funfair

Family Fun, Games, Prizes - from the team who brought you the Museum by Torchlight.

On Halloween night, the Curtis Museum transforms into a marvellously macabre funfair, filled with ghostly games, frightful fun and mysterious surprises around every corner. Collect your tokens and try your luck at our spooktacular fairground stalls. Test your skill, win gruesome goodies and remember... it's a prize every time! Meet peculiar characters, discover curious treats and enjoy a delightfully eerie evening as you wander through the museum by torchlight. Whether you're a daring ghost, a wicked witch, a mischievous monster or a brave explorer, there's fun for all the family at this hauntingly entertaining Halloween event.

Get your tokens, try your luck and see what lurks around the next corner... if you dare! Suitable for families and children of all ages. Fancy dress warmly encouraged!

31st October, 4.30 -7pm. Free entrance

Mediaeval Monster Hunt

Autumn Half Term - 24th - 31st October.

Track down dragons, unicorns, manticores and other medieval monsters in this family-friendly hunt through the Curtis Museum! £2.75 per Monster Hunter Pack, with a reward on completion.

Jean Dow continued

She adored her work and the friendships it developed and throughout retirement she still talked medicine with great enthusiasm and read the BMJ, imparting advice to younger family members who chose the same career path willingly

She had 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren, all of them in regular contact with their mum, granny, and great grandmother. They all got to realise the ticking offs were an opportunity to provoke a response!

Jean had many talents - her cooking was outstanding, she developed a love of fly fishing on the Itchen through her husband, Gardening, crocheting, entertaining family and friends, and she could read books on the most in depth historical matter. Even the downstairs toilet is a testament to her wallpapering skills 50 years ago!

She was also a great raconteur – we all heard the story of Persian carpet many times over, but it was still told with great enthusiasm 50 years after the event!

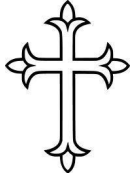
Her one failing was dog training, the 4 pets she had in later years were consistently out of control!

Most of all, there was something magnetic about her personality that meant she had this incredible circle of friends and relatives who remained loyal through 28 years of her retirement. By modern terminology she was a superb 'networker', postcards, letters with newspaper cuttings leaving Dene Cottage to friends on a regular basis.

In the last 11 months she became less mobile, but the mind remained intact.

She passed away in the evening of the 27th August in the house she had known for 75 years, just as she wanted

R.I.P.



Jean Dow

This is an adapted version of Jean's obituary, as kindly given to us by her son, Hamish

Jean Dow was bought up on a farm outside Shoeburyness in Essex with her elder sister Toody and younger brother Roy.

At the outbreak of the second world war, at 12 years old, mum became an evacuee – sent away to Derbyshire, with ironically, evacuees from London sent to a village only 3 miles away from home.

After a year or so she returned home.

At Westcliff high School for girls, the headmistress said medicine was the only profession with equal pay, so that is why Jean chose a career in medicine!

She went off to medical school in 1945 – just one of three girls, with Margaret and Ann becoming lifelong friends.

She met her husband at St Georges at Hyde Park corner shortly after graduation in 1950 and 2 years later they were married. They went on to form a unique partnership in medicine with her husband being the ever calm reassuring physician.....whereas she was much more direct and analytical, reportedly being the only one who stood up to the Surgeons'!

Jean first came down to Privett in 1951, getting off the train at Privett railway station. Electricity and mains water had yet to arrive at Dene Cottage

There then ensued a 12 year career break to raise 4 children - in the 1950's, there were no part time jobs in medicine for women much to my mums frustration.

In 1965, she started work again, this time at UCH – going into radiology, apparently on the advice of her husband, as in his words, mum would be better suited to a “less patient facing role”!

UCH was followed by Atkinson Morley, St James's and then St Georges

CURTIS MUSEUM continued



do you have
what it takes
to become a
Medieval
monster
Hunter?



Object of the Month

We continue our display of objects from the Allen Gallery Collection. October's piece is a brown 18th Century Bellarmine 4-gallon salt-glazed stoneware bottle which belonged to WH Allen himself. There will be a **Collections Study Day** looking at similar works, with **Nigel Jeffries**, leader of the Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) ceramics team.

Wednesday 14th October. £23 per person, to include a light lunch. More details and booking form on our website.

Dotty the Dodo has a new Autumn Facts Trail to follow. Until 28th November. FREE.

TALK - ***Fire Safety in the Home***

The Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery present a talk by Josh Grant, Alton Fire Station Watch Manager

Thursday 8th October. 7 for 7.30pm in Room 7, Alton Community Centre.

Free to Friends, £2 for guests. Tea/coffee provided.



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OCTOBER



2026

Benefice Worship

Sunday 4th October (Green)

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

10am **TenAM Together, Steep**

10am **Harvest** Communion, **High Cross**

Sunday 11th October (Green)

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

6.30pm **Harvest festival, Stroud**

Sunday 18th October (Green)

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

10am **PET Service, High Cross**

Sunday 25th October (Green)

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

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

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

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

4pm **Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering, 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

FROXFIELD CHOIR LOOKS AHEAD TO 2027

2026/27 promises to be a big year for Froxfield Choir, culminating in the magnificent Bach B Minor Mass in June.



It is an ambitious work, so we are looking forward to rehearsing it throughout the year, while also preparing for other concerts and services.

Please save the following dates and keep an eye out for news on our website, www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk, and via Instagram and Facebook.

We are always keen to welcome new singers. Please contact Lesley Howe via the website if you would like to come along to a Thursday evening rehearsal in Froxfield Village Hall. We're a friendly bunch, and we like to think we make a pretty good sound too!

Dates for 2026/27

Saturday 5 December, 7:30pm. Concert at St Peter's, High Cross. Music will include Britten's Ceremony of Carols and a new work by our resident composer, Michael Orchard.

Thursday 17 December, 7:30pm. Join us to sing carols at The No Name pub.

Saturday 19 December, 6:30pm. Service of Lessons and Carols, Holy Trinity, Privett - for many of us it's the official start of Christmas!

Sunday 14 March, 2027, Evensong at St Peter's, High Cross. Time tbc.

Saturday 19 June, 2027, 7:30pm. Summer concert - Bach's B Minor Mass.

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass

Clergy Corner: Vicar's Musings

Gratitude



I love October in our part of the world. The Hangers turn golden. The fields around our parishes have struggled through the summer drought, but now the harvest is safely gathered in. Extra apples are appearing in buckets outside people's gates, and the evenings are drawing in. Even the first pumpkins are beginning to make their appearance. I love seeing the amazing designs people carve into theirs.

Harvest gives us a wonderful excuse to stop and notice all this – and to say **thank you**.

Thank you for the food we enjoy; for farmers and growers; for gardens and allotments; for the rain and sunshine that we sometimes complain about, but which together make things grow (even for my very, very few runner beans!). And thank you for all the people whose work, much of it unseen, enables our communities to flourish.

But harvest is also a reminder that abundance is not equally shared. For some people, the rising cost of food and household bills means that simply making ends meet remains a daily struggle. So our harvest celebrations are not just about filling our churches with beautiful displays of fruit, vegetables and flowers. They are also about turning gratitude into generosity – sharing what we have with those who have less.

That theme of gratitude has been particularly on my mind recently.

I read of a recent consultation organised by the Save the Parish campaign. There was much discussion about the pressures facing parish churches across the country: clergy and congregations stretched increasingly thinly, growing expectations and fewer resources. There was also concern that some decisions being made by senior leaders in the Church can sometimes add to those pressures rather than relieve them.

Against that background, I found myself feeling especially grateful for our own Bishop, Jonathan.

Clergy Corner: Vicar's Musings continued

He understands something very important about places such as ours: **presence matters**. He trusts us to know our own communities and recognises the value of having clergy who actually live among the people they serve.

We are fortunate that our Ministry Team all live locally. We are about much more than taking services on a Sunday. Sue, Pippa, Graham, Lindsay and I love bumping into people in the village, getting to know the faces, the families and the stories, sharing celebrations and sorrows, being alongside people when life is difficult, and becoming part of the community rather than simply arriving to provide a service. I am so grateful that our diocese continues to invest in our villages in this way.

And, of course, the Christian life of our communities has never depended on one church or one priest alone.

We have a wonderful history of Christians working together locally through PACT – Petersfield Area Churches Together. Some of the things which we now regard as an established part of life in Petersfield began because Christians from different churches looked at the needs around them and decided to do something about them.

PACT was involved in initiatives which eventually led to the Petersfield Housing Association and Butser Homestart, supporting people who needed somewhere secure to live and young families who needed a helping hand. And there is the Food Bank, together with the annual Christmas lunch – practical, down-to-earth expressions of Christian care which make a real difference to people's lives.

These things can become so familiar that we forget how remarkable they are.

They began with people asking a very simple question: **What can we do, together, for the people around us?**

That feels like a particularly good question to ask at harvest.

Even if we sometimes struggle, we have received much. We have much for which to be thankful. And gratitude, when it is genuine, tends to make us look outwards. It prompts us to ask not simply "*What have I got?*" but "*What can I share?*"



Our new Garden Club year commences with the AGM on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at Privett Village Hall at 7.30pm. After the usual brief Club business meeting our speaker for the evening will be Kevin Hobbs who will be sharing his expertise on 'The Story of Trees & how they change the way we live'.

Kevin Hobbs is a UK based professional grower and plantsman with over thirty years' experience in the horticulture industry. He is the author of 'The Story of Trees and Herbaceous Perennials'. Kevin is an excellent speaker and the evening promises to be of great interest to all.

Our Membership subscription is £15 for the year, we host six meetings a year, a Spring Show and a Summer Show. We also hold an Open Garden event each year and organise trips to visit gardens of interest.

If you would like to join our friendly club, come along on 13 October and meet the Committee and our members. Guests and non-members are always very welcome at any event @ £5 per meeting.

Elizabeth Houghton-Connell Chair

Love's Charity

Founded in the 18th century by Robert Love to educate the children of Froxfield, the charity exists to this day. The interest of the capital currently benefits children at Froxfield school: residential trips, forest school and this Christmas it will be contributing to the cost of transport to Wintershall Live Nativity. The charity is also open to individual requests which must have an educational link. The child must be primary school age and living in the parish of Froxfield and Privett. Please contact Alice Dickens on alicedickens@btinternet.com or 07958 918616 for further information.

Froxfield & Privett Parish Council continued

SDNP/26/02316/LIS Location: Spencers Cottage, Stoner Hill Road, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1DY Proposal: Removal of modern floor finishes throughout Ground floor; comprising parquet-effect laminate, faux tile and carpet and replacement with a traditional sandy-coloured rustic sandstone floor, (original building). Alterations including removal of the existing 1960s brickwork surround and oak shelving, removal of the wood-burning stove, and reinstatement of the open fireplace in Sitting room. Removal of the existing living room log-burning stove and reinstatement of the open fireplace. Relaying of the existing External worn paving and modest extension of the patio footprint to the south and west of

SDNP/26/03325/PA3R Location: Stocks Farm, Stocks Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NZ: Proposal Prior Approval application pursuant to Schedule 2, Class R of Part 3 the Town and Country Class B8 (Storage and Distribution). The parish council submitted detailed comments on technical matters an showing concern for traffic travelling to and from the site along the very narrow Stock's Lane. These comments can be found under the above reference on the SDNP website.



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesdays of each month
High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett
Wednesday 7th October

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

Clergy Corner: Vicar's Musings continued

So as we celebrate harvest this year, I hope we will give thanks not only for the food on our tables and the beauty of the countryside around us, but also for the people who make our communities what they are – those who volunteer, organise, visit, cook, give, pray, welcome and quietly get on with helping others.

And perhaps, in the spirit of harvest, we might each find one small way to add to that abundance.

After all, the Christian story is one of a God who gives generously. We are blessed not simply so that we can count our blessings, but so that we can become a blessing to others.

With every blessing, **Canon Susie Collingridge** Vicar



Tuesday 13th October

Privett Village Hall
7.30pm

AGM & talk by Kevin Hobbs

**'The Story of Trees: And How
They Changed the Way we
Live'**

Non-members are very welcome £ 5

www.fpgarden.club

Froxfield & Privett Garden Club: Summer Show 2026 report

Froxfield and Privett Garden Club held its recent Summer Show at Froxfield Village Hall on 15 August. Despite the high temperatures and the lack of rain over the past few months there was a wide range of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Unsurprisingly, the total number of entries was significantly less than last year although it was only slightly below that for 2023 and 2024.

Chairman Elizabeth Houghton-Connell welcomed everyone and gave a brief resume of the club's activities over the summer months. She complimented exhibitors on how well they have coped with the very difficult growing conditions.

The most popular classes were for Annuals and a single Dahlia. In the vegetables the small tomato class was the most popular. The flower arrangement classes provided a variety of entries. The large arrangements on the theme of 'Summer Afternoon' were the dominant feature of the end wall of the hall. The trophy for the best arrangement in the show went to Jan Cole for her arrangement in this class.

This year the Banksian Medal for the most points over both our Spring and Summer Shows was won by Christine Stephens for the first time because of her wide range of entries in both shows.

This year Froxfield Primary School celebrated its 150th Anniversary. The pictures by the children on the theme of Your School showed many of the features of the school, not only its buildings but also the large tree and the hopscotch in the playground.

Many visitors, including local councillor Nick Drew who regularly supports our events, joined us to enjoy tea and cake whilst viewing the exhibits.

As the Summer Show concluded Elizabeth took the opportunity to thank the exhibitors for producing outstanding exhibits and the committee for their hard work in staging a very successful Show.



Calling all residents to join your councillors for a short stretch at a litter picking session at 2pm on Saturday 3rd October starting from Froxfield and Privett Village Halls. Hopefully it will be a sunny day and many of you will turn out to help. There will be plenty of litter picking tools available but bring your own high viz vest if you have one.

It won't have gone unnoticed that signs have gone up on the Memorial Ground reminding dog owners to pick up. It is usually a small number of individuals who don't clean up after their dogs so please think of the children who play there.

The roadside hedges have grown well this year and the hedge cutting started straight after harvest. Where some haven't been cut and are encroaching on the road making the lack of visibility dangerous, please use the contact form on the parish council website to email the clerk. She likes clear instructions as to where the hedges are.

The following planning applications were discussed in August and September

SDNP/26/02150/HOUS Location: The Starting Gate, Filmore Hill Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NX Proposal: Demolition of existing rear extension. New rear extension. New fenestration. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals

SDNP/26/02490/HOUS Location: The Pump House, Basing Dean Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NS Proposal: Two Storey Rear Extension and Associated Alterations. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals.

SDNP/26/02757/TCA Location: Carpenter Cottage, 12 Hempland Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NU Proposal: Removal of small hawthorn tree on property boundary. It was resolved to SUPPORT the proposals.

Froxfield School continued

Founded in 1978 as one of the first major - and toughest - mass runs, this event pre-dates the first London Marathon and was founded well before both the Great North and Great South Runs. Well done to all the children for participating.

Froxfield school is really grateful to the support it receives from local independent schools and this term the children in years 5 and 6 will be having swimming lessons at Churchers College. Learning to swim is such an important life skill for all children to achieve and we are very thankful to Churchers College for offering Froxfield school children the use of their pool.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in sending a child to Froxfield school please come and see round the school, meet the teachers and some of the older children at the open morning on Saturday November 7th.

Gilly Hollis; Chair of Governors

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: October 10th 2026

November 14th 2026 December 12th 2026

FROXFIELD AND PRIVETT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - SUMMER SHOW - 15th AUGUST 2026

THE BANKSIAN MEDAL – MOST POINTS FROM SPRING AND SUMMER SHOWS
THE FRUIT BOWL - BEST EXHIBIT IN THE FRUIT CLASSES
THE MIKE BAKER ONION TROPHY- BEST EXHIBIT IN ONION CLASSES
THE MADDEN TANKARD – BEST EXHIBIT IN TOMATO CLASSES
THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE – BEST EXHIBIT IN FLOWER CLASSES
THE SID HAWKIN'S MEMORIAL CUP - BEST EXHIBIT IN DAHLIA CLASSES
THE DEE KIDDLE CUP FOR COOKING BEST EXHIBIT IN COOKING CLASSES
THE ELIZABETH CAWSON TROPHY FOR THE BEST FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP'S HANGING BASKET TROPHY

Christine Stephens
Nina Povey
Christine Stephens
Elizabeth Houghton-Connell
Vivienne Godfrey
Marion Gimson
Gilly Hollis
Jan Cole
Vivienne Godfrey

	Fruit	First	Second	Third
1	3 Apples - Dessert	Joanna Farrell	Tidda Dobbs	Christine Stephens
2	3 Apples - Cooking	Carol Rule	Christine Stephens	Tidda Dobbs
3	2 of any other Fruit	Nina Povey	Christine Stephens	Patsy Langmead
4	10 Berries	Mike MacKillop-Hall		
	Vegetables			
5	3 Beetroot	Jane Rothery	Les Watson	
6	3 Carrots		Jane Rothery	
7	3 Courgettes	Christine Stephens	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Tidda Dobbs
8	5 Potatoes	Les Watson	Tidda Dobbs	
9	6 Runner Beans	Marion Gimson	Les Watson	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell
10	3 Onions	Christine Stephens	Les Watson	

11	5 Shallots	Tidda Dobbs		
12	3 Tomatoes - Ordinary	Tidda Dobbs		
13	3 Tomatoes – Multi coloured	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	Les Watson	Tidda Dobbs
14	3 Peppers	Christine Stephens		
15	4 Fresh Herbs	Christine Stephens	Tidda Dobbs	Jane Rothery
16	2 of any vegetable	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	Tidda Dobbs	
17	Box or basket of vegetables & fruit	Christine Stephens	Tidda Dobbs	
18	1 Cucumber		Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	
19	Oddest shaped vegetable	Tidda Dobbs		
	Flowers			
20	3 stems of an annual	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Jane Rothery	Jan Cole
21	3 Dahlia blooms	Marion Gimson		
22	1 Dahlia bloom	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	Christine Stephens
23	1 Rose – single bloom	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Vivienne Godfrey	Joanna Farrell
24	1 stem Multiflora Rose	Vivienne Godfrey	Pippa Chapman	Les Watson
25	1 Hydrangea bloom	Ellie Irvine	Vivienne Godfrey	Mike Channing
26	3 different flowering shrubs	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Christine Stephens	Carolyn North
27	3 stems of any other Flower	Madeleine McWilliam	Les Watson	Jane Rothery
28	A collection of 6 different Flowers	Patsy Langmead	Jane Rothery	Madeleine McWilliam
29	3 Hosta leaves	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	Vivienne Godfrey	Jane Rothery

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30	Flowering Pot Plant	Pippa Chapman		
31	3 Penstemons	Jane Rothery		
32	3 stems of Grass	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Francesca Viggiani	Jane Rothery
33	3 Fuchsia heads	Jane Rothery	Christine Stephens	
Flower arrangements				
34	Summer Afternoon	Jan Cole	Marion Gimson	Christine Stephens
35	Bright and Bold	Carolyn North	Christine Stephens	Teresa Brown
36	Miniature arrangement in a jug	Madeleine McWilliam	Sophia Scott	Marion Gimson
Childrens classes				
37	Beach	Louis	Eleanor	Jack
38	Sport			
39	A picture of your school			
	Age 6 and under	Ciara	Piper	Lenny
	Age 8 and under	Zelie	Isla and Effie (joint 2 nd)	
	Age 11 and under	Eli	Sylvie	Mollie
40	A Garden in a Dish			
	Age 6 and under			
	Age 8 and under			
	Age 11 and under			

	Cookery			
41	A jar of Jam	Jan Cole	Joanna Farrell	Christine Stephens
42	A jar of Jelly	Christine Stephens	Patsy Langmead	Mike MacKillop-Hall
43	A decorated celebration cake	Gilly Hollis	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	
44	Tarta de Santiago	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	Nina Povey	Joanna Farrell
45	A fruit strudel	Christine Stephens	Elizabeth Houghton-Connell	
46	Focaccia	Mike Channing	Christine Stephens	Des Houghton-Connell
47	Novice class – 3 Muffins			
Photography				
48	Garden Art	Shuna MacKillop-Hall	Christine Stephens	Janet Chesterman
49	Fruit and Vegetables	Tidda Dobbs	Carolyn North	Christine Stephens



The new academic year has got off to a great start. The reception class is full and the children are all settling in to BIG school happily – it really helps that 13 of them have come from our preschool so they are already familiar with both the teachers and the school building. The preschool numbers are up again this year – a reassuring fact for us governors as we are responsible for looking years ahead and ensuring that the school budget is viable in the future. The local authority provides the school with an annual budget based on the number of children on roll so it's vital for the school's ongoing success that it remains full.

We have already had a full governor meeting this term to which we welcomed two new members of our team – Harry Thomas who has recently moved into Stoner Hill Road with his wife and new baby, and also Sophia Scott, a long time resident of Froxfield and a local farmer. I am thrilled that both these new governors have joined froxfield School Governors and I know their respective experiences of working in the financial and the agricultural worlds as well as being local to Froxfield will be a great benefit to all the children in the school.

The Performing Arts Studio 150th anniversary build project continues to move forward with impressive pace. The outer building is now complete and it looks wonderful and sits so well in the playground setting. We governors were able to take a look around inside the new building and we are all delighted with the great space that has been created and built by Christopher Pike with the help of another parent Grant Lockford of Lockford Woodworking.

Although the term has only just begun, 18 of our Key Stage 2 children have already participated in the Butser Hill Challenge. The Butser Hill Challenge is a timed fell run on the highest point in the South Downs National Park. The race is open to all junior school children.



Meet the Doctor

East Meon Village Hall

Wednesday 14th October 13.30 - 16.30

...and meet the West Meon Surgery team



THE TROOPER INN
HOTEL & BAR

We are excited by the flavour difference this will give to our food and is the first investment we have made with Trailblazer with more to follow in hopefully the near future, our next investment will definitely be a first for any pub in the Petersfield area.

We are also updating our opening hours in line with the launch of our new menus, and the hours are as follows as you will see we have increased our food hours for dinner on a Friday and Saturday evening and have extended our hours for lunch on a Sunday too.

Monday – Closed All Day

Tuesday – 4.30pm – 10pm (Food 5pm – 8pm)

Wednesday – 4.30pm – 10pm (Food 5pm – 8pm)

Thursday – 4.30pm – 10pm (Food 5pm – 8pm)

Friday – 11am – 11pm (Brunch 11am – 12pm, Lunch 12pm – 3pm & Dinner 5.30pm – 9pm)

Saturday – 11am – 11pm (Brunch 11am – 12pm, Lunch 12pm – 3pm & Dinner 5.30pm – 9pm)

Sunday 12pm – 6pm (Lunch 12pm – 4pm)

We look forward to as many of you reading this as possible to visit us and try our new menu

Thanks
Chris & the Trooper Team



We have had a very busy weekend as I write this with guests staying with us or visiting us on their way to Goodwood Revival and we are honestly always truly humbled by the fact many of our guests return to us year after year for the event.

We have launched our new Autumn Evening Menu on Tuesday 22nd September and our new Lunch Menu on Friday 25th September. We do hope if you have already visited us you are enjoying the new items on the menu.

We also (by the time you read this) have a new loyalty scheme for residents of Froxfield and Privett that you can download via a QR code on your next visit to the pub. Once signed up this will give all residents 10% off their food and drinks bill. This is something that I have wanted to do for a long time but didn't know the best way to implement it but, with our new till system this has made it easier with a virtual discount card that can be redeemed every time you visit us.

On Monday 14th September I and head chef Jamie travelled to Belfast to visit a manufacturer to look at some equipment we are considering purchasing for the pub. We did come away with a purchase for the kitchen (not what we originally were looking at!!!). From Tuesday evening and every evening until Saturday each week, we will be [#livefirecooking](#) we believe this is a first for any pub certainly in Petersfield. We have recently purchased our [Trailblazer BBQ](#) Ember Counter top charcoal BBQ unit for our kitchen, and we are excited to have learnt we are the first commercial kitchen anywhere in the world to have one, and will be utilising it to cook all our Burgers, Steaks, Gammon, Kebabs and to toast our Flatbreads and Burger Buns too.



Village Autumn Events in Privett Village Hall

We shall be tasting 2 red wines, 2 white wines, a rosé wine, and a sparkling wine, all from vineyards (including local vineyards) which are forward-thinking in adapting to the “nightmare” of change stalking the wine industry. We will learn about these far-ranging changes now taking place in wine-growing regions.

A simple “Ploughman’s” will be served to accompany the tastings.

Tickets for this interesting event are £15 per head, and are available now from the **PVH website** or by **contacting Melanie Wright** (see details above). More details will be available in November’s Parish Magazine.

Christmas Wreath-making and table decorations – Saturday 12 December from 9.30am

This is a note for your diary, and full details will be given in November’s Parish Magazine and on the PVH website (details above). It is sufficient to say that last year we had to put up the “sold out” sign, such was the demand for this popular morning and lunchtime event.

Winter Walk – Saturday 9 January at 10.30am

Another date for the diary, with full details in December’s Parish Magazine and on the PVH website. This is another seasonal favourite - a bracing walk in the neighbourhood of the village to disperse both the winter gloom and the Christmas excesses, followed by a soup and bread and cheese lunch at the village hall.

Village Autumn Events in Privett Village Hall



There are a number of events planned for the village in Privett Village Hall throughout Autumn and into the Winter.

Harvest Supper Saturday 17 October at 7.00pm

A traditional village Harvest Supper – with 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: 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)

A curated Wine Tasting Saturday 21 November at 6.00pm

This will be a Wine Tasting provided by West Meon Wine Society with an interesting theme: “*Nightmare in the Vineyard*”. The world of viticulture is undergoing radical reassessment as climate change affects vineyards in Europe and beyond. Who would have thought that Sussex and Hampshire would have developed thriving and world-class wines?



POPPY COLLECTION IN FROXFIELD AND PRIVETT – 2026

The hub system of poppy collection is here to stay now, and there will be a number of collection points where the Froxfield and Privett community can buy poppies.

These will be:

Froxfield Drive – Kate Adams will host the hub.

Froxfield Green – Jane de Halpert will host the hub.

Froxfield Stores, Dellfield, High Cross

Fawley Farm Feeds, Fawley Farm The Old Dairy Tea Room, Fawley Farm

The Trooper and White Horse/No Name – as before.

Froxfield School – restricted to supporting staff and students, as before.

High Cross and Froxfield Green churches – will have poppy boxes available in November services.

Thus we will have about 7 static hubs within easy reach of residents for all to contribute to the Poppy Collection. Please support this arrangement. The start date for the collection will be 23 October, and the Annual

The Remembrance service will be at Froxfield Green on Sunday 8 November. Poppies will be available until 11 November.

Many thanks for your support. Jeremy de Halpert and Michael Farrell

Froxfield Village Hall Update



Since the last update we have undertaken a couple of major maintenance jobs.

The main hall floor resealing was completed during the last week in August using a super-hard lacquer to give high-quality surface and re-sealing all of the gaps between boards. Whilst this was expensive to do it should extend the life of the floor by at least 5 years if it is carefully looked after. Keeping the main hall in good condition is key to driving up hire usage and it is notable that there has been an uptick in birthday party and private hires of late.



The car park drainage project has made good progress, the first stage of putting in a pipe to carry water away from the hall building has been completed. Mike Guy kindly helped with digging and pipe laying. The next step will be to make the shallow ditch by the hedge.

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



Our next major fund-raising event is Bonfire Night on Sunday 1st November, a highly anticipated event featuring a spectacular fireworks display. The evening will also feature food stalls, games, and family-friendly entertainment. Please come along and support the village hall, with all monies raised to be used for hall maintenance and upgrades.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

October	
Sat 10th	Drop In, tea, cake and a chat, 10:30 to 12 noon
Sun 11th	Working Party, 9.00 to 13.00
Fri 16th	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
November	
Sun 1st	Bonfire Night at the village hall.